



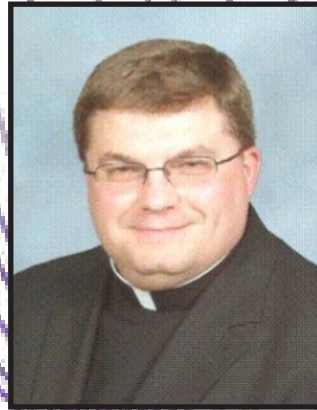
ST. THECLA

CATHOLIC CHURCH

The Lantern

Sunday January 17, 2016
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Welcome to St. Thecla



Fr. Brian Cokonougher

Masses: Saturday: 4:00 P.M. Sunday: 8:00 A.M., 10:00 A.M., 12:00 P.M., & 7:00 P.M.

Daily Mass: Monday - Thursday 7:45am and Friday 9:00am

Reconciliation: Saturday: 3:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M. or by appointment

Adoration: Tuesdays: Immediately Following Morning Mass until 7:00pm

Website: www.stthecla.com **Vicariate Website** cmvic.net



Week-at-a-Glance

January 17th - January 24th

SUNDAY, January 17th

Faithful Families 12:00-3:30pm/C,AC,School

MONDAY, January 18th

Martin Luther King Day
No School
No Religious Education

TUESDAY, January 19th

Adoration 8:30am-7:00pm/Chapel
No Religious Education
Homework Club 4:00-5:00pm/MC
Winter Sports Pictures Gym
Baptism Class..... 7:00-9:00pm/CL
Boy Scout Meeting..... 7:00-8:30pm/AC
First Reconciliation Service..... 7:00-8:30pm/C,GS
SVDP Meeting..... 7:00-9:00pm/SL

WEDNESDAY, January 20th

Seniors Group Mtg..... 10:00am-2:00pm/CL
Homework Club 4:00-5:00pm/MC
Encounter 7:00-9:00pm/C,GS

THURSDAY, January 21st

Homework Club 4:00-5:00pm/MC
SVDP District Mtg 6:30-9:00pm/AC

FRIDAY, January 22nd

SATURDAY, January 23rd

Basketball.....All Day/Gym
Chili Cook-Off..... 5:00-7:00pm/AC

SUNDAY, January 24th

4th Grade Hosted Masses 8,10,12 Masses
D of I Winter Card Party 1:30-4:30pm/AC

Liturgical Minister Schedule

January 23rd & 24th

Saturday, January 23rd

4:00pm

Presider: Fr. Brian Cokonouger
Sacristan:
Lectors: Harold Sampson
Sue Sampson
Servers: Natalie Crossen
Maria Vitale
Adeline Acre
Ava Acre

Sunday, January 24th

8:00am

Presider: Fr. Brian Cokonouger
Sacristan: Bob Maurer
Lectors: Bob Maurer
Servers: Andrew Rusu
Sam Wenzel
Gabe Lueck
Bernie Dave

10:00am

Presider: Fr. Radek Zablocki
Sacristan: Tom Genord
Lectors: Michelle Manders
Servers: Anthony Cusmano
Jenna DeSantis
Brendan Kaminski
Sean Hollowaty

12:00pm

Presider: Fr. Radek Zablocki
Sacristan:
Lectors: Lisa Volpari
Servers: Laura Grembi
Lily Hotts
Katelyn Spica

7:00pm

Presider: Fr. Brian Cokonouger
Sacristan: Mark Taylor
Lectors: Ray Taylor
Servers: Lizzie Schram
Nicki Schram

From the Pastor's Desk

January 16 & 17, 2015

I would like to thank everyone for the wonderful welcome to St. Thecla! I am honored to be here and I am thankful to God for the opportunity to serve your pastor. I thought that I would begin by telling you a little about myself.

After living in Roseville through my grade school and junior high years, my family moved to Yale, where I graduated from high school in 1987. After attending St. Clair County Community College for two years I entered Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit to study for the priesthood. I was ordained on May 22, 1999. I first served as an associate pastor at St. Joan of Arc (St. Clair Shores) and Corpus Christi Parish (Detroit). Then, in 2003 I was assigned as the pastor of St. Jude Church (Detroit) before moving to Port Huron in 2005 to become the pastor of Holy Trinity Parish.

My parents John and Betty still live in the Yale area with my brother Daniel. I have one other brother, Joseph, who lives in Texas with his wife Nicole and their children. In addition to my parish responsibilities, I also serve as an adjunct spiritual director at Sacred Heart Major Seminary. For fun I like to play the trumpet, study Spanish, and go to Detroit Tigers games and Detroit Symphony Orchestra concerts. I am bringing with me a cat named Fernando that I adopted from the Humane Society 5 years ago.

Please pray for me and for our community as we begin this New Year together.

St. Thecla, Pray for us.

God Bless,

Fr. Brian

Readings of the Week

Sunday

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 62:1-5; Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10; 1 Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-11

Monday

1 Sm 1:1-8; Ps 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19;
Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday

1 Sm 15:16-23; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21,
and 23; Mk 2:18-22

Wednesday

Saint Fabian, Pope and Martyr; Saint
Sebastian, Martyr
1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Ps 144:1b, 2,
9-10; Mk 3:1-6

Thursday

Saint Agnes, Virgin and Martyr
1 Sm 18:6-9, 19:1-7; Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a,
10b-11, 12-13; Mk 3:7-12

Friday

1 Sm 24:3-21; Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6, and 11;
Mk 3:13-19

Saturday

Saint Vincent, Deacon and Martyr;
Saint Marianne Cope, Virgin
2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27; Ps 80:2-3,
5-7; Mk 3:20-21

Next Sunday

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15;
1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27; Lk 1:1-4,
4:14-21

Prayer and Worship

**Let Us Remember In Our Prayers Those
Who Are Serving In Our Armed Forces.
May God Bring Them Safely Home.**

- Dennis Szurkiewicz Air Force - San Antonio
- Jacob FeyersArmy Diver- Kuwait
- Joshua FeyersArmy - Ft. Bragg, North Carolina
- Spc. Richard A. Giles Army - Iraq
- Sgt. Bill Janus Army - Iraq
- Sgt. Daniel Keough Army - Afghanistan
- Sgt. Mark Keough Army - Iraq
- Pvt. Nicholas Kraft Army - Iraq
- SSG Zachary MacFarland..... Army - Ft. Stewart
- SSG Lori MacFarland..... Army - Ft. Stewart
- Captain Sarah Miles Army - Afghanistan
- Pvt. Michael Maher Army, Honor Guard
- PFC Brian Paret..... Army - Afghanistan
- Spc. Kevin Remillard Army - Iraq
- 2nd Lt. Daniel York Army - Iraq
- PO 3 Michael Cobbett Navy - USS Vanberggrift
- Seaman 3 Joshua Corbett..... Navy - USS Underwood
- Dallas Franklin..... Navy - USS John F. Kennedy
- Kelso SH.SR Navy - USS Simpson
- N3 Kevin MacFarland, Jr Navy - USS Rushmore
- CTTC Adam MacFarland..... Navy - Pensacola
- CTM3 Eva MacFarland Navy - USS Gridley
- CPO Erik RickNavy - California
- Kristin RupkusFort Sam - Texas
- Nina RupkusFort Sam - Texas
- CSSN David Sitarski..... Navy - USS Oscar Austin
- ACN Daniel Walkowski Navy Ceebee - Afghanistan
- Paul Koss Marines - Afghanistan
- Major Jeffery Sierpien Marines - Cherry Point, N.C.
- SSG Wade SnyderSpec. Forces - Ft. Bragg
- Sarah Zalewski..... Peace Corp. - Benin, Africa

A Special Remembrance for Our Beloved Departed on the Anniversary of Their Burial.

1 Year Anniversary

Florence Polakowski	Age: 89	January 3, 2015
Margaret Hoef	Age: 81	January 4, 2015
Cesarina Morelli	Age: 92	January 7, 2015
Stanley Kaminski	Age: 82	January 9, 2015
Janice Szymanski	Age: 88	January 9, 2015
MaryAnn Teres	Age: 90	January 12, 2015
Gerald Kirejczyk	Age: 63	January 12, 2015
Octavio Benacquisto	Age: 86	January 16, 2015
Barbara Asher	Age: 66	January 18, 2015
Harry Munro	Age: 92	January 18, 2015

5 Year Anniversary

Ellen Washington	Age: 82	January 5, 2011
Irene Lema	Age: 94	January 5, 2011
Thomas Shedlock	Age: 69	January 7, 2011
Margaret Lisowski	Age: 88	January 12, 2011
Irene Polakowski	Age: 89	January 13, 2011
Mary Gawel	Age: 86	January 24, 2011
Yvonne Lafave	Age: 60	January 26, 2011
Jacqueline Mostakas	Age: 72	January 30, 2011
John Weiss	Age: 49	January 31, 2011

10 Year Anniversary

Joseph Coppola	Age: 35	January 3, 2006
Michael Rogers	Age: 36	January 7, 2006
Antonio Guzman	Age: 50	January 13, 2006
Deborah Maisano	Age: 53	January 13, 2006
Steve Aiello	Age: 74	January 21, 2006

20 Year Anniversary

Joan Sigon	Age: 78	January 1, 1996
Meghan Meagher	Age: SB	January 1, 1996
Peter Paczek	Age: 86	January 3, 1996
Virginia Carson	Age: 79	January 10, 1996
Dolores Ennis	Age: 73	January 15, 1996
Antoinette Maliszewski	Age: 82	January 16, 1996

*"Give them eternal rest, O Lord, and may your light
shine on them forever."*

St. Michael's Prayer Warriors

Come join us to pray every Thursday at 3:30pm in the Covent Chapel. We intercede for our priests, our parish and the Catholic Church during these days of so much spiritual warfare.



Please notify the Parish Office (586)791-3930 when a parishioner enters the hospital or to have the Eucharist brought to anyone homebound.

If you would like to add a loved one to our intercessory
prayer list

Please call 791-3930 ext 412

Prayer and Worship

Mass Intentions

January 17th - January 24th

SUNDAY, January 17th

- 8:00am +Sylveena & Irving Jennings by, Mullaly Family
 +Richard Stanley by, William Fritz
 +Terena Potter by, Husband Jim
- 10:00am +Francis Neveau by, Wife
 +Anthony Chubitowski by, Wife
 +Dolores Ennis by, Michael & Charlene Ennis
- 12:00pm Maria Gammicchia by, Friends
- 7:00pm +Helen Hazuka by, Patricia Munafo
 For and end to abortion and respect for all life
 For the protection of our armed forces and for peace in the world

MONDAY, January 18th

- 7:45am +Helen Gerner by, Sally MacKool

TUESDAY, January 19th

- 7:45am +Eleanor Hug by, Money Counters

WEDNESDAY, January 20th

- 7:45am +Helen Gerner by, Jerry Wolschon

THURSDAY, January 21st

- 7:45am St. Thecla Parish & School

FRIDAY, January 22nd

- 9:00am All Souls in Purgatory

SATURDAY, January 23rd

- 4:00pm +Joseph & Mary Krist by, Family

SUNDAY, January 24th

- 8:00am +Stanley & Wanda Krolczyk by, Family
- 10:00am +Grace Ales by, Marie
 +Patrick Ennis by, Music Ministry
- 12:00pm +Clark Lemmon by, Wife Sue & Family
 +Charles Ng by, Family
 + Cyril Ng by, Family
- 7:00pm For and end to abortion and respect for all life
 For the protection of our armed forces and for peace in the world

Suffering In Christ

Please Pray For Those Who Are Sick.

Kathleen Agents	Lukas Family	Elda Volpari
Ann Augustiniak	Paul Lunarde	Joseph Volpari
Mark Barger	Janet Marola	Michael Voss
Herbert Barron	Mr Jerome McKeown	Clint Weiskirch
Audrey Baumgart	Mrs. Jerome McKeown	Robert Williams
Robert Baumgart	Mary Anne Michie	Helen Zaagsma
Barbara Baty	Peggy Milner	Gil Zanger
Bignall Family	Daisy Mousalli	
Maureen Blair	Joseph Mousalli	
Sarah Boitnott	Daniel Mularski	
Jordan Burkey	Selma Mularski	
Mary Ann Buvack	Roseanne Myhre	
Joseph Caramagno	Stacey Nester	
Tony Cera	Barbara Novik	
Marco Ciocchetti	Anthony Nowaczewski	
Catherine Dichtel	Martina Pardue	
Laverne DiGirolamo	Claire Pfaendtner	
Mary Dulcamaro	Patricia Pfaendtner	
Thomas Estapa	Dolores Pickett	
Kathy Gibbs	Kathleen Rutter	
Diane Gordon	Virginia Sayer	
Don Gordon	Bernadette Schoenherr	
Nancy Gordon	Doris Serra	
Audrey Hamlin	Gail Sowinski	
Robin Jenkins	Josephine Stearns	
Jessica Kilanowski	Richard Stolicki	
Pat Koppelberger	Deb Tworek	

Please Call the Parish Office at 586-791-3930 to Add or Remove a name from the Prayer List

Sacrament of the Sick

Please call the Parish Office at the initial stages of illness. In the case of an emergency please call the Parish Office.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

For those 16 & older seeking full sacramental participation in the Roman Catholic Church, please call Jeanine Walker in the Faith Formation Center (586) 792-0550

Marriage

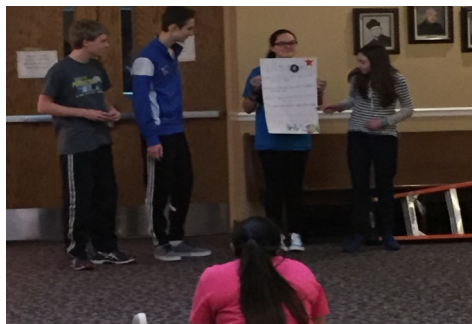
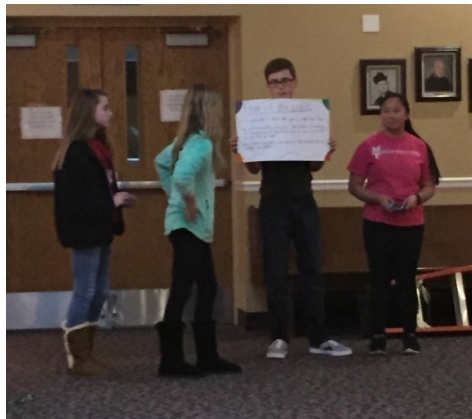
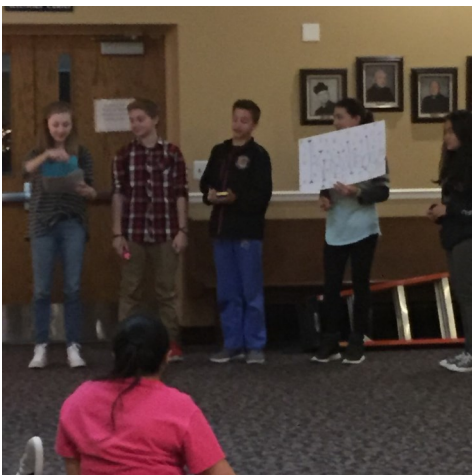
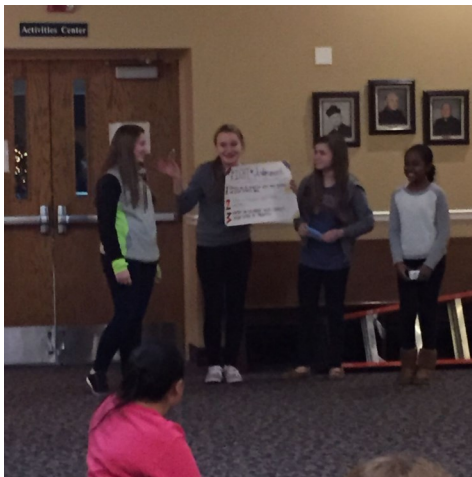
At least one party of the couple to be married must be a registered parishioner and active member of the parish for at least 3 months prior to filling out an application.

(Engaged couples should not be registered under his/her parents.) Contact the Parish Office to fill out a Wedding Application to be submitted to one of the priests, after which a date will be agreed upon.

Baptism

Parents must be registered & active members of the parish for at least 3 months prior to the arrangements of their child's baptism. Please contact the Parish Office prior to the birth of their baby. Birth parents & sponsors are required to attend a preparation class.

Faith Formation



Faith Formation

2016 is here.....and so begins the process of preparing for Confirmation. All of our Confirmation candidates attend a series of workshops and a retreat as they ready their hearts for the Holy Spirit!!

The first workshop was wonderful!! Together, we explored the 7 Gifts of the Holy Spirit and had group discussions and presentations. We also talked about how great a need there is for true Disciples in this world.....and St. Thecla's 8th graders are definitely up for the challenge!!

Please keep our candidates in your prayers as they journey toward Confirmation.

May they have the strength of the SPIRIT, the power of PRAYER and the force of FAITH.....to live in SERVICE, to LOVE with all their hearts and to let God lead them, always.....AMEN

Together in Faith,
Jeanine



Virtue of the Week

Respect

Definition:

Respect means treating others as you want to be treated. Respect is recognizing and responding to the God-given dignity of each person.

Scripture Reference:

Matthew 7:12 - Do to others whatever you would have them do to you.

This week our students are learning about the virtue of .Respect They are learning and discussing:

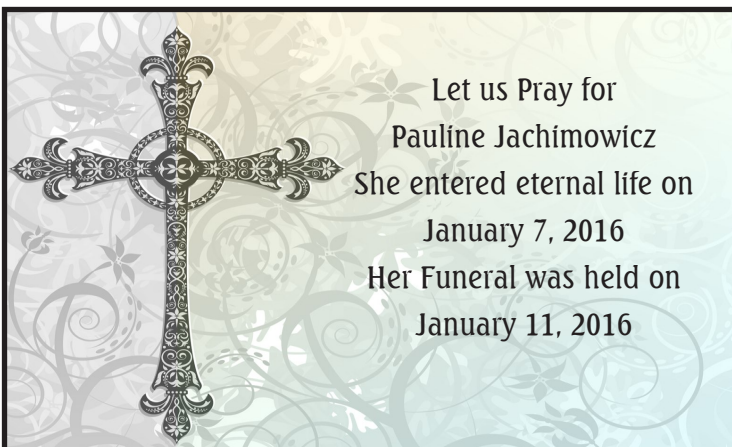
- How Jesus' teaching, often called the Golden Rule, is a timeless and universal call to value the dignity of each human person.
- That respect is intrinsic to our beliefs as Catholics in the God-given dignity of each person.
- The story of Our Lady of Guadalupe, and how the Blessed Mother and Saint Juan Diego embody the value of respect.

What You Can Do:

Reflect on the words of Jesus in Matthew 7:12. consider how you want to be treated and then extend that treatment in an intentional way to each person you meet this week.

Pay attention to the level of incivility that is all too prevalent in our culture. Monitor your language and consider how you speak to and about others, especially those with whom you disagree. How can you make your words kinder and more compassionate?

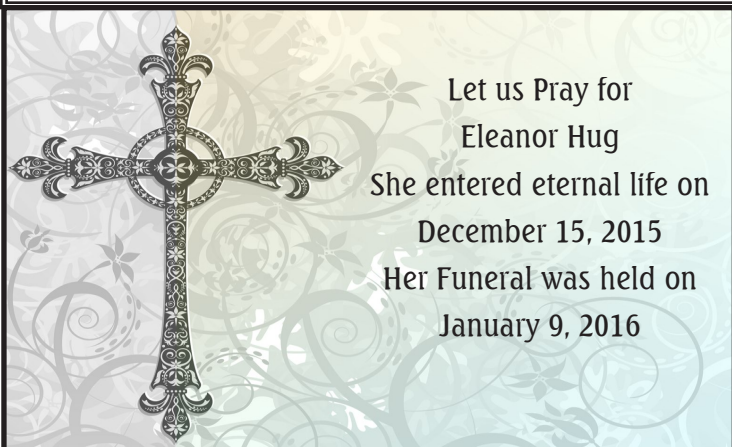
In Our Parish



Let us Pray for
Pauline Jachimowicz
She entered eternal life on
January 7, 2016
Her Funeral was held on
January 11, 2016

Father of mercies,

God of all comfort, hear our prayers for the souls of the of the faithful departed. Console them in their sorrowful exile from the kingdom prepared for them from the creation of the world. We make our prayer for them through Jesus Christ, Your Son, who loved them and delivered Himself up for all of us.
~Amen.



Let us Pray for
Eleanor Hug
She entered eternal life on
December 15, 2015
Her Funeral was held on
January 9, 2016

SAVE THE DATE FOR MCREST July 31 – August 7, 2016

We are excited to announce that once again the St. Thecla Parish will be hosting MCREST. Mark the week of July 31 to August 7 on your calendars and be ready to commit your time to this important event for our community. We will need lots of support from the St. Thecla community. While most of the Chairpersons from last year will be coming back, we will be needing a Chair for Setup/Take down and a Co-Chair for the Food Committee. Contact Dave Schweiger at 586-996-1130 or dlschwgr51@gmail.com if you have any questions. Our kickoff meeting for 2016 will be held sometime in February. Look forward to seeing you there.

Dave Schweiger and Cheryl Cannon,
St. Thecla MCREST 2016 Coordinators

St. Thecla St. Vincent de Paul Year in Review

Our results for St. Thecla St. Vincent DePaul during our last fiscal year of October 1, 2014 through September 30, 2015 were recently filed with the Archdiocesan Council of Detroit. We share this information so you are aware of our revenues, expenses and results.

Beginning balance 10/1/14	\$ 731
Donations from parishioners & poor box	13,154
Fundraising-t-shirt sale	509
Total received & beg. balance	\$14,394

Spending on those we serve:

Beds	\$ 2,818
Rent/mortgage payments	4,621
Utilities	4,313
Bus fare/gasoline	60
Other	410
SVDP downtown sharing	150
Total	\$12,372

Ending Balance **\$2,022**

Number of People Served by:

Face to face contact	42
Telephone contact	195
Total Served	237
Number Referred to Agencies	25

Number of Volunteer Hours logged	1,127
Number of Active St. Thecla members	8

Of the \$13,154 in donations collected, \$5,000 is from one individual whose donation represents 38% of our donations. Additionally, we were able to help 20 families (65 people) purchase clothing and household items with \$2,295 in SVDP gifts cards for use at the SVDP store. These gifts cards are earned by two volunteers working at the SVDP store on Gratiot. For each hour they work, we get \$10 in gift cards. We truly thank them for their many hours of service.

We were also successful in securing Michigan energy assistance program grants administered through SVDP Detroit for electric and gas bills in amount of \$12,832 assisting 12 families (35 people) who were either shut off or near shut off.

We thank all of you who support us in our work with those in need. You have always been generous when asked to donate and we appreciate it very much. If you have questions or would like to join our work, please feel free to contact me at 586-846-3343.

Cheryl Cannon
President

In Our Parish

Parish Life Commission presents our:

“CHILI COOK-OFF”

**Next Saturday, January 23, 2016,
5:00 p.m., in Activity Center**

Well, here’s my final reminder - - We need **YOU** now to volunteer to make your own 5/6 quart family Slow-Cooker recipe of Chili - - Yes, it’s my final article because next Saturday, 01-23-2016, right after the 4:00 p.m. Mass, our “CHILI COOK-OFF” will begin!

I’m assuming everything will turn out OK - - I’m a little concerned however, because as of writing this article we only have 4 people that have confirmed that they will make their own Chili for our event.

If 4 is the way it stays, that’ll be a pretty anemic participation! But – I’ve run into this before in other endeavors I’ve been involved in at St. Thec’s and at the last minute everything came together! **SO, THIS IS THE LAST MINUTE 6 WHERE ARE YOU??**

The secret to getting votes for “The World’s Best Chili” is variety. Don’t be afraid to experiment ... Red Hot Chili covered with ‘Redi Whip’ spitzed all over the top! If that’s too radical, make it Mild Chili with ‘Redi Whip’!! Or maybe your own recipe might be even better. There will be 3 prizes awarded in the usual way - from most votes \$100, 2nd most \$75, and 3rd \$50!

Yes, there WILL be votes! Every paid \$7.00 admission, 13 years old +, will receive one ballot good for one vote for your choice of “The World’s Best Chili”!! Each Chili station will have small tasting cups and spoons for you to sample all the Chili’s available and make your choice for the best. Voting will be finalized between 6:45 and 7:00 p.m. Other admissions are 4 to 12 years old are \$3.00 each, (No Voting Privilege), and 3 years and less are “FREE”!!

After you have voted, go to the kitchen window and get a big plate for Hot Dogs, Buns, Chili (for Chili Dogs), Shredded Cheddar Cheese, Chopped onions, Sour Cream with Chives, Chips, Your choice of Any Chili left, Coffee, Pop, and Alka Seltzer, “Oops, delete that last one”!!

And if you’ve been reading the bulletins, you’ll know you’ll have your own 4 ft X 2 ½ ft space to decorate. This year’s theme is the “Soup-er Bowl” !! Use your imagination - no prize is given, but the better the decorations, the better your Chili tastes!

Any questions?? Call me direct 791-3019, If I’m not home, my 116 pound “Bull Mastiff” won’t answer, so leave a message!!

Recurring Events

Senior Group

Meetings on the 1st & 3rd Wednesday of the Month from 10:30am to 2:30pm in the Convent Library. Cards, Dice, and goodies/lunch

Questions: Call Dave & Carole Stiteler at 586-226-2805

Men’s Fellowship

Meetings on the 2nd & 4th Saturday at 8:00am in the Convent Library

Baptism Class

January 19th, 7pm in the Convent Library

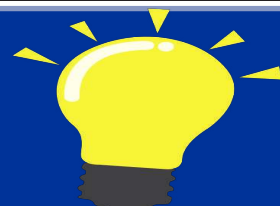
Bible Study

Every Thursday from 12:00-1:00pm in the Convent Library.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Second & Fourth Tuesdays of the Month
2:00-3:00pm in the Convent Library

DID YOU KNOW?



Annual contribution statements will be mailed within the next two weeks for all those donors who gave \$200 or more in offertory contributions for 2015. If you gave under \$200 and would like a statement, please complete this form and drop it in the collection basket. Again, if you gave at least \$200 in 2015, you do not need to call or request a statement, as they will automatically be mailed.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____

Envelope #: _____

Winter Card Party

Hosted by the Daughters of Isabella, Circle 683

Sunday, January 24, 2016

1:30 – 4:30 p.m.

St. Thecla Activity Center
20762 South Nunneley Road
Clinton Township

Lunch, Dessert, Door and Table Prizes

Tickets are available at the door

Donation \$8.00

586-791-6177 or 586-791-9012

In Our Parish

BABY SHOWER FOR COMPASSION PREGNANCY
Sunday, February 28, 2016 @ 1 p.m. in the Activity Center



Your Christian Service Commission is hosting a baby shower to benefit Compassion Pregnancy, a nonprofit Christian organization dedicated to the sanctity of human life. With the love of Jesus, they minister to women and provide many services.

An unwrapped baby gift (newborn to 2 years old) and/or donation are appreciated. Please RSVP by February 24, 2016 to grantique1936@gmail.com or by phone so we have a lunch count. For any questions or to RSVP by phone, please call Maureen at 586-791-3013 or 586-791-3878.

If you are unable to attend, but would like to donate a baby gift, please leave in the Gathering space the weekend of February 27-28.



SVDP & the Christian Service Committee would like to thank everyone who bought and supported the SVDP shirt sale to benefit the needy in the Clinton Township area.

A special thanks to Susan Gore, Janet Wampuszyc, Dawn Baron, Janet Piscopo, Pat Guzzardo, Maureen McKernan and Maureen McCarthy for all of your assistance with the sale.

Thank you Father Doug for your support and use of the church facilities, and finally thank you Nancy Long for allowing us to use Your specially designed logo to benefit SVDP.



ST. THECLA'S SPRING
MOM-TO-MOM SALE
Saturday, March 12th, 2015 8:30 am to 1 pm;**
Admission: \$2.00

Strollers after 11:00 am
 Concessions Available

145 Tables!!!

Come to find a huge selection of clothing, toys, strollers, toddler beds, porta-cribs, car seats, books, videos, layettes, costumes, etc. etc. for the kids in your life, *at bargain prices.*
 Please NO denominations over \$20.00

Wake Service Ministers Needed

While Commitment Weekend resulted in many new Liturgical Ministers in several areas, we are still in very dire need of Wake Service Ministers. This ministry invites men and women who are comfortable guiding liturgical celebration in absence of a priest or deacon. They also should be able to relate to those who mourn and need to be comforted. This ministry involves following a set rubric set by the church, but the mourning family can change prayers, readings, and hymns that pertain to their loved one. If you think you have the charism to visit and comfort grieving families and lead in prayer the sacred liturgy of the Church in the funeral home, please contact Dave Schweiger at 586-996-1130.

In Our Parish

Eucharistic Adoration • Music • Compelling Testimonies Prayer
Teams • Fellowship • Confession

Once a month, St. Thecla hosts an amazing opportunity for all to hear someone's story. There are also many other opportunities to stir your soul: music, adoration, silence, prayer partners, confession, benediction, and fellowship. Each time we've done this, we are amazed at the responses from the unlikeliest of people. In this environment, the Holy Spirit has a way of stirring people in beautiful ways.



Encounter now has something for all ages! Parents: no babysitter? Too tired to help your child with homework at 8:30? We have you covered!

Children of all ages are welcome to come play and study. We will have volunteer babysitters and homework helpers on hand to keep your children happy and diligent in their work.

Please reserve spaces for your children by calling the parish office at 585-791-3930

January 20th at 6:30pm

Encounter Moments by:
Joe Ciamataro

Ordinary people have extraordinary encounters every day.
---Even YOU

In Our School



hecla Catholic School

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Accomplishments
Activities
Arts
Amen

OPEN HOUSE • January 31, 2016
Preschool - 8th Grade • 11:00 am - 2:00 pm

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- ★ FINANCIAL AID AVAILABLE!!

St. Thecla School-Faith, Education and Love for One Another

In Our School



St. Thecla Catholic School Early Childhood Program

Offering Little Disciples ^(18 months-3 years), 3 Year Old
Preschool and 4 Year Old Pre-Kindergarten

About Our Program

The Early Childhood Program is designed to provide developmentally appropriate educational experiences in a Catholic environment, which encourages each child to make decisions, explore, discover, be creative, and solve problems. We strive to provide children a well-rounded learning environment, including language skills, math, and the arts. Every child's potential is limitless when nurtured in a loving, Christian environment of learning, prayer and play. Your child's education is our priority.

Besides your own loving caring homes, there is no better learning environment than St. Thecla Catholic School Early Childhood Program.

Join Us for
Little Disciples,
Every other Thursday
(January 21st) from
8:40-10:10 AM

Attend our
Open House on January
31st

5 Day, Full Day Programs
offered for both 3 and
4 year olds!

Before and
After Care
is Available

Come Visit and See Why,
St. Thecla is
**THE ANSWER TO YOUR
PRAYERS**

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In Our School

Congratulations to the First Place Forensics Team and Miss Pryor!



Candy Cane Carnival fun with Santa



Barnes and Noble Fundraiser was a great showcase for our school and thank you Special Readers!



Happy New Year from St. Thecla Catholic School.
Thank you Parishioners for all of your support for our school!

MAY GOD BLESS ALL OF YOU WITH GOOD HEALTH,

PEACE, JOY, AND LOVE THROUGHOUT 2016!

Each week, we will do our best to update you on Student Council events, happenings in our AWESOME SCHOOL, & share a prayer with you. The eighth graders who head the Student Council are called the Student Committee.

As we sadly say farewell and many thanks to our Beloved Pastor, Father Doug Bignall, we warmly welcome our new Pastor, Father Brian Cokonougher. How blessed we are to have such devoted servants of Christ to lead us and to shepherd us!

The Student Committee, the Student Council, and I thank each and every person who donated food, toys, and clothing to help bring the Spirit of Jesus into the hearts and homes of others this Christmas. Thank you so much for your generosity and many kindnesses!

Saint Nicholas and Santa Claus paid us a visit on Friday, December 18th, to wish Father Doug the best, to present gifts to many, and to pray for our school and parish through this new year. They, along with the Student Council, did a wonderful job of sharing the Spirit of Christmas!

Thank you to Mr. and Mrs. Nicoella and to the students who attended the Charity Christmas Dance on Friday, December 18th! Because of your generosity, we were able to donate our proceeds to the Food Pantry.

CONGRATULATION AND MANY THANKS to Mrs. O'Neill for directing and presenting another magical Christmas Show! AWESOME JOB!!! Students, you did a GREAT JOB, as well! ALWAYS KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS!

CONGRATULATIONS to the top three spellers of our School Spelling Bee who did a PHENOMENAL JOB of showcasing their amazing spelling skills:

FIRST PLACE: DEVEN SHETH

SECOND PLACE: BROOKE BROWN

THIRD PLACE: LUKE BROWN

Thank you, Ms. Karwoski, for organizing and running the Spelling Bee!

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT WE COLLECT NONPERISHABLE FOOD ALL YEAR LONG! THANK YOU!

Prayer Intentions for this week:

We continue to pray for healing and courage for Father Doug Bignall, as he faces several upcoming surgeries. May the Divine Physician give him the strength and healing he needs at this time and in the future. Let us pray to the Lord. Lord, hear our prayer!

We continue to pray for the healings of Miss Knoche's father, Mr. Knoche; Miss Pawlik's mother, Mrs. Pawlik; Mrs. Maloney's mother, Mrs. Shymanski; Ms. Karwoski's brother; and Mr. Karapuz's father-in-law. Let us pray to the Lord. Lord, hear our prayer!

We pray for the good health and well-being of our new Pastor, Father Brian Cokonougher.

We pray for blessings upon every St. Thecla School & Parish Family, that they will be blessed with good health, peace, and love throughout this New Year!

God's blessings to all of you!
Miss Pryor & the Student Committee

St. Thecla Rewards Programs

To get rewards you need Points, which you can earn by entering the codes found on the packaging of your favorite Coca-Cola brands.

Coca-Cola	Diet Coke	Coca-Cola Zero	Sprite
Dasani	Powerade	Minute Maid	Fanta
Fresca	Pibb Xtra	Mello Yello	Barq's
Seagram's	Tab		Fuze

Codes are located under caps, inside the tear-off on 12-packs and on multi-pack wraps.



Please turn in your codes, soup labels and box tops in the Gathering Space. If you have questions, please email sttheclahomeandschool@gmail.com

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Address: _____

City: _____

Zip: _____

Phone: _____

E-Mail: _____

Please complete and bring to the parish office or place in the collection basket. All parishioners over the age of 18 should be registered under their own name in parish records.