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St. Theresa is a home that welcomes, a charity that nourishes, a church that evangelizes and a community where friends can meet.

DAILY MASS

Monday—Saturday
8:30 am

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 4:00 pm
(Spanish) 6:00 pm
Sunday 7:30 am
9:00 am
11:00 am

Nov.—Easter 5:00 pm

ROSARY

Mon-Sat 7:50 am
Sunday 6:50 am

ANOINTING (SICK)

Weekend Masses—as needed

CONFESSION

Tuesday: 12:00-12:30 pm
Saturday: 9:00—9:30 am
or call for appointment

HOLY COMMUNION

(sick & homebound)
Call Parish Office

EMERGENCY SICK CALLS FUNERALS

CALL 352-245-2458

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

8am—4 pm M-Th

8 am—Noon Fri

SOUP KITCHEN

11 am—1:00 pm Daily

FOOD PANTRY

9 am—12:00 pm M-F

SOCIAL SERVICES

MONDAY—FRIDAY

9 am—1 pm

THRIFT SHOP

MONDAY—SATURDAY

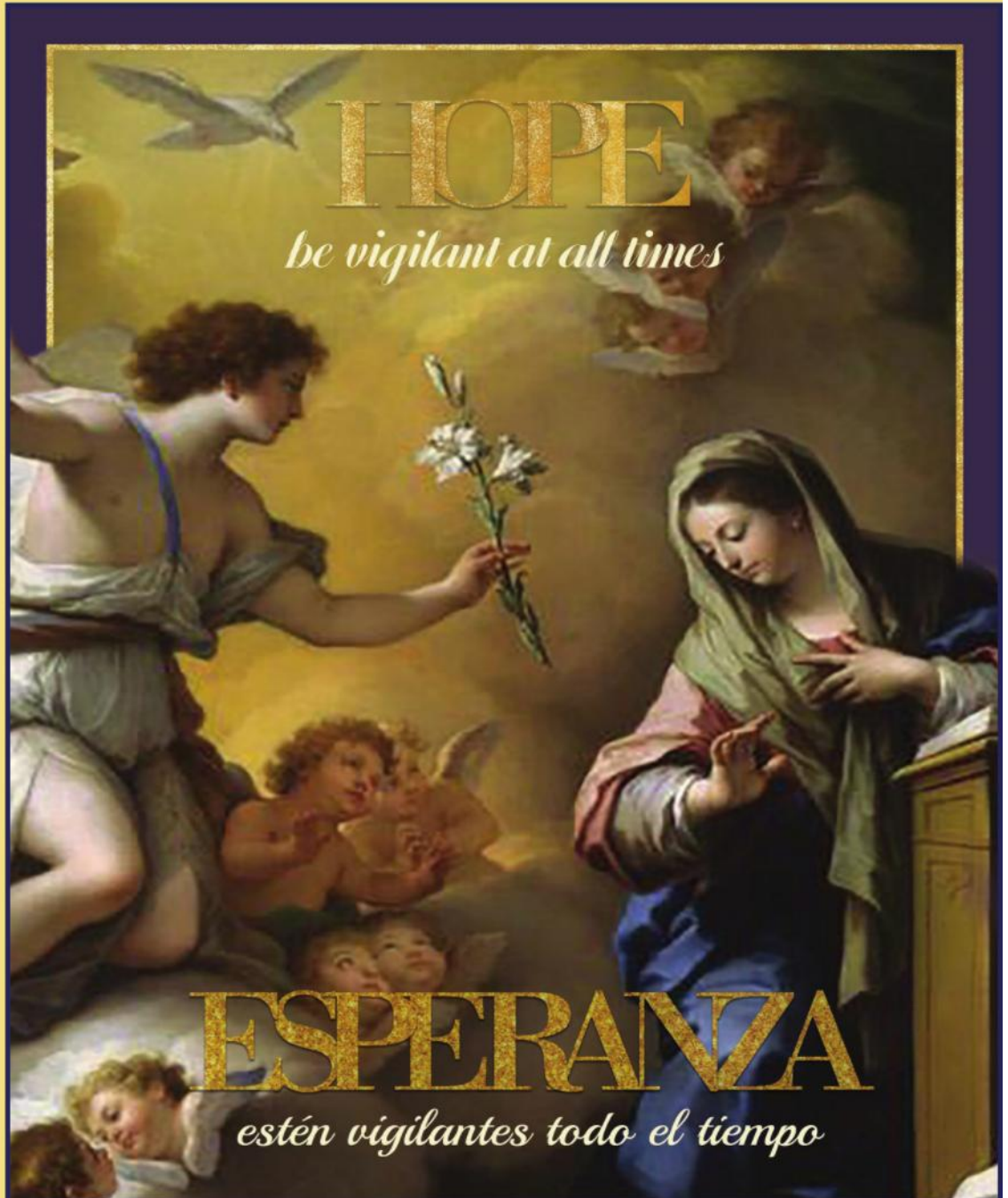
9 am—2:30 pm

GIFT SHOP

Saturday &
Sunday (after weekend
Masses)

First Sunday of Advent

December 1, 2024



It's Worth the Drive (Vale la pena el viaje)

St. Theresa Catholic Church



Mark Your Calendars
UPCOMING EVENTS
 Próximos Eventos

Sat NOV 30	FOR	REQUESTED BY
8:30 am	† Paul La Vacca	Janet Delfini
4:00 pm	† Patricia Stiezel	Clara Leon
6:00 pm (español)	Adriana Gomez— Special Intentions	Yolanda Garcia
Sun DEC 1		
7:30 am	Joe & Theresa Kelley Wedding Anniversary—Special Intentions	Joe & Theresa Kelley
9:00 am	St. Theresa Parishioners	
11:00 am	† William Hennessy	Margaret Hennessy
5:00 pm	St. Theresa Youth	
Mon DEC 2		
8:30 am	† Richard Yard	Helen Yard
Tues DEC 3		
8:30 am	† Leona Partlow	Louis, David, Hilda Matos
Wed DEC 4		
8:30 am	† Joe & Melany Guerreiro & Tanya Brown	Paula Brown
Thurs DEC 5		
10:00 am	† Edward Barry	Julie Barry
Fri DEC 6		
8:30 am	† Jay & Janice English	Bob & Fran Clark-Fiorentino
Sat DEC 7		
8:30 am	† Gerry (Gary) Howard	Margery Howard
4:00 pm	† Deceased Members of K of C Council 8012 & Assembly 2068	Knights of Columbus
6:00 pm (español)	St. Theresa Parishioners	
Sun DEC 8		
7:30 am	† Cecelia Stankovitz	Tom & Diane Mizerek
9:00 am	† Gary Bubenhofer	Rob & Cheryl Mundy
11:00 am	† Ed Kelly	Joan Kelly
5:00 pm	St. Theresa Youth	

Date / Time	Event	Location
Sun. Dec 1	Name Tag/Groceries SUNDAY	Church
Fri. Dec 6 9 am to 1 pm	ANGEL CHRISTMAS GIFT—Deadline—Drop off Gifts	Social Services
Fri. Dec 6 6:15 pm	SACRED HEART NOVENA & MASS	Church
Mon. Dec 9 8:30 am, 12 pm, 4 pm, 6 pm	IMMACULATE CONCEPTION Holy Day Masses	Church
Wed. Dec 11—5 pm	ADVENT PENANCE / RECONCILIATION	Church
Sun. Dec 15 after Masses	GIFT SHOP RAFFLE—Last day to participate	Gift Shop

The Immaculate Conception
Of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 Monday, December 9

HOLY DAY MASSES

8:30 am, 12:00 pm, 4:00 pm.

6:00 pm (Spanish / español)

Our prayers for the repose
 of the souls of
SANDRA GRABCZYNSKI
RUTH TOSCANO
REST IN PEACE

**AN ADORATION CANDLE IS LIT
 FOR**
DAN ALVEY
 Month of **DECEMBER 2024**
 From: *The Alvey Family*

NAME TAG SUNDAY - DECEMBER 1, 2024

Get to know your fellow parishioners! We will have **Name Tag Sunday** every 1st weekend of each month. If you have a name tag from any group you belong to, please wear it.

THE SANCTUARY LAMP IS LIT FOR
MARY MORITZ
 November 30—December 6, 2024
 From: *Dave & Georgiann Matthews*



FROM FATHER TOM



As we are in the **Year of the Eucharist**, I want to share a reflection by **Bishop Barron**.

“In the spring of 2007, I was privileged to be a scholar in residence at the North American College in Rome. During that period, I had the opportunity, on three occasions, to distribute Communion at Mass in St. Peter’s Square.

Standing on one side of a partition, I watched as scores of people came forward to receive the Eucharist. In the: typically, Italian style, things were a tad disorganized, and the faithful were compelled, in the press of the crowd, to stretch out their hands toward me. I saw all sorts of hands—old and young, dirty, and clean, lined and unlined—reaching out for the bread of life. When I would move along the partition, some would cry out to me plaintively, “Padre, Padre, per favore” (Father, Father, please).

*Never before in my priesthood, though I had distributed Communion to thousands, had I had the sense of carrying food to those who were desperate for it. Those faithful in St. Peter’s Square embodied a truth that is deep in our Catholic tradition, though too infrequently stated: the Eucharist is not a luxury but a **necessity**, for without it we would, in the spiritual senses, starve to death.”*

As Catholics, we are blest to have this precious sacred gift. May we feel this hunger and desperate need for the Lord Jesus. Receive Him worthily and visit Him often in our Adoration Chapel. To Jesus be the glory!

*Love and Blessings,
Fr. Tom*

THRIFT STORE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



Are you looking for a way to make a meaningful difference in our community? Our Church’s thrift store is in need of volunteers, and we’d love to have you join us! We are especially seeking those

comfortable working the register and assisting with checkouts, but there are plenty of other ways to lend a hand. Whether it’s through collections, sorting, pricing, or placing items, every contribution helps us make a big impact. Stop by the store and speak with store manager, *Julie*, about getting started. Our hours are Monday through Saturday, 9 AM to 2:30 PM.



Happy birthday to Fr. Tom, Lynn, Chris and RJ! We enjoyed your cakes!

REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR

EACH DAY ADD AN ITEM TO A BOX.
ON CHRISTMAS EVE DONATE THE CONTENTS TO A
FOOD BANK.

- December 1 - box of cereal
- December 2 - peanut butter
- December 3 - stuffing mix
- December 4 - boxed potatoes
- December 5 - macaroni and cheese
- December 6 - canned fruit
- December 7 - canned tomatoes
- December 8 - canned tuna
- December 9 - dessert mix
- December 10 - **can applesauce**
- December 11 - canned sweet potatoes
- December 12 - cranberry sauce
- December 13 - canned beans
- December 14 - box of crackers
- December 15 - package of rice
- December 16 - package of oatmeal
- December 17 - package pasta
- December 18 - spaghetti sauce
- December 19 - chicken noodle soup
- December 20 - tomato soup
- December 21 - can corn
- December 22 - **can beef**
- December 23 - **can chicken**
- December 24 - **can Vienna sausage**



DEL PADRE TOM



Como estamos en el Año de la Eucaristía, quiero compartir una reflexión del Obispo Barron.

«En la primavera de 2007, tuve el privilegio de ser becario residente en el North American College de Roma. Durante ese período, tuve la oportunidad, en tres ocasiones, de distribuir la Comunión en la Misa en la Plaza de San Pedro.

De pie, a un lado de un tabique, observé cómo decenas de personas se acercaban a recibir la Eucaristía. En el típico estilo italiano, las cosas estaban un poco desorganizadas, y los fieles se veían obligados, en medio de la multitud, a extender sus manos hacia mí. Vi todo tipo de manos -viejas y jóvenes, sucias y limpias, con o sin rayas- tendidas hacia el pan de vida. Cuando avanzaba por el tabique, algunos me gritaban quejumbrosos: «Padre, Padre, per favore» (Padre, Padre, por favor).

Nunca antes en mi sacerdocio, aunque había distribuido la Comunión a miles de personas, había tenido la sensación de llevar alimento a quienes lo necesitaban desesperadamente. Aquellos fieles de la Plaza de San Pedro encarnaban una verdad muy arraigada en nuestra tradición católica, aunque enunciada con demasiada infrecuencia: la Eucaristía no es un lujo, sino una necesidad, pues sin ella, en el sentido espiritual, nos moriríamos de hambre».

Como católicos, tenemos la bendición de contar con este precioso don sagrado. Que sintamos esta hambre y necesidad desesperada del Señor Jesús. Recíbanlo dignamente y visítenlo a menudo en nuestra Capilla de Adoración. A Jesús sea la gloria.

Amor y bendiciones
Padre Tom

ROSES FROM HEAVEN GIFT SHOP

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE



One entry for each **\$15** you spend between now and **Sunday, December 15, 2024** in the Gift Shop. You do not have to be present to win.

1st prize: **Lighted Nativity in glass enclosed glitter lantern**

2nd prize: **Magi King Nutcracker;**

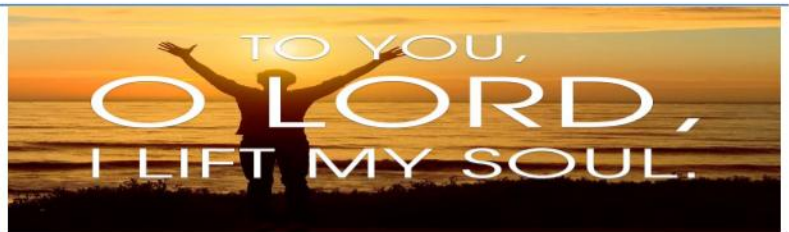
3rd prize: **Engraved "This House Believes" stone block**

4th prize: **Jesus is the Reason for the Season plaque**

PRAYER MINISTRY - DIAL A PRAYER

We are beginning a new Ministry, perfect for those who spend most of the day at home, but available to anyone. We are beginning a prayer line. If an individual needs prayer, they can call and have someone pray for them. We will issue you the phone.

You are on call for a week or longer if you prefer. We will train and assist you. If this is something you would like to do, please call the office (352) 245-2458. Thank you.



"At this Christmas when Christ comes, will He find a warm heart? Mark the season of Advent by loving and serving others with God's own love and concern." – St. Teresa of Calcutta

My Take



“Ask and it will be given to you.” Matthew 7:7

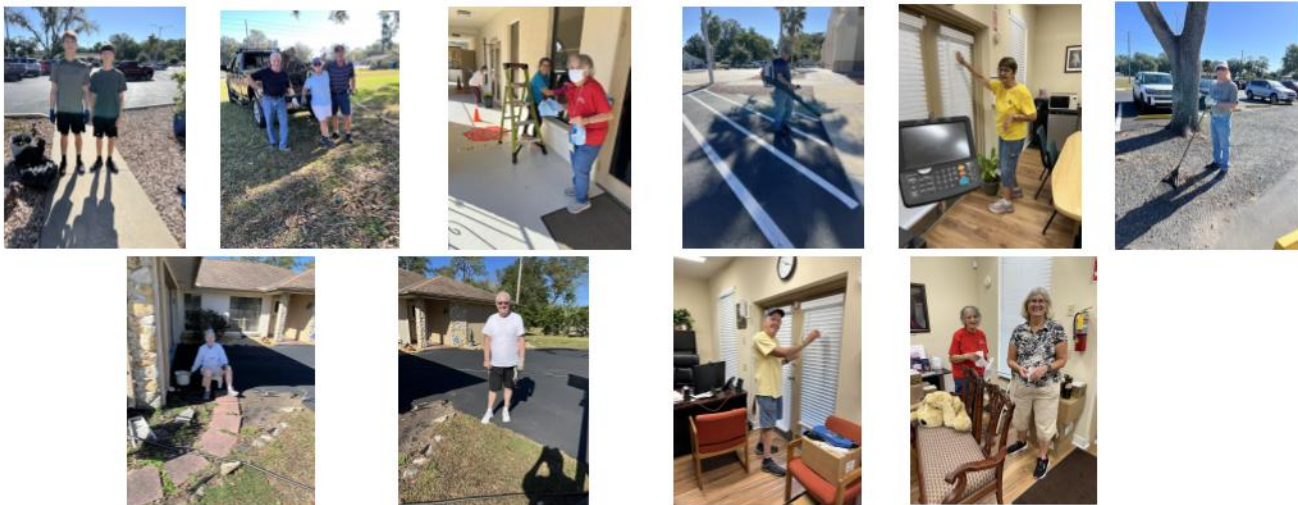
Last week, I sent out a Flocknote asking for volunteers to help beautify St Theresa in preparation for Advent. Eighteen people responded! Some washed windows, one swept the ceiling around the main building, others picked up leaves and debris, and some did our favorite job of all, weeding. I can’t thank this crew enough.

At St Theresa, we love our volunteers. St Theresa would not be able to be the church and community service provider that it is without them. Most people don’t realize that St Theresa only has 12 paid staff and most of them are part-time. Some volunteers have been here for years, others are new and others are snowbirds. The wonderful thing is there is such a variety of ways a person can volunteer: working in the soup kitchen or food pantry, serving lunch for a funeral reception, serving during mass, putting stamps on post cards, cleaning grounds and on and on.

Volunteering doesn’t have to involve being at St Theresa one day a week or more, for multiple hours. Volunteering can involve helping once a quarter. Let us know what your skills and capabilities are, and we can help facilitate a way you can volunteer. Volunteering doesn’t even have to be on the campus of St Theresa. There are many who, when we put in a request for candy for Halloween, deodorant for the women’s prison or food for the food pantry have responded in a big way. I always brag about St Theresa having the most generous parishioners.

Volunteering gives us a variety of benefits: we can follow in the footsteps of Christ by serving others with the gifts and treasure God has given us, we can find our way to be closer to God, and we can feel the joyfulness one gets helping others.

Marcia Wheatley, Operations Manager



SOCIAL SERVICES— During this Holiday Season, our **Social Service Benevolence Ministry** would greatly appreciate any donations to assist our less fortunate neighbors with rent, utility and other household bills. Please use the envelopes located in the church pews. God Bless all of you for what you continue to do for this ministry.

FOOD PANTRY



Thanks for all your generous donations to our food pantry! We are experiencing a greater need with the upcoming holidays that are quickly approaching..

Please consider helping our St. Theresa parish provide food for our guests during the holidays. We welcome grocery store **Gift Cards** from **Winn Dixie & Publix** in any amount. Donations of food items (e.g. canned vegetables, etc.) are also greatly appreciated ! Bring them to drop off at Mass.

Mí opinión



«Pedid y se os dará». Mateo 7:7

La semana pasada, envié un Flocknote pidiendo voluntarios para ayudar a embellecer Santa Teresa en preparación para el Adviento. ¡Dieciocho personas respondieron! Algunos lavaron ventanas, uno barrió el techo alrededor del edificio principal, otros recogieron hojas y escombros, y algunos hicieron nuestro trabajo favorito de todos, deshierbar. No puedo agradecer a este equipo lo suficiente.

En Santa Teresa, amamos a nuestros voluntarios. Santa Teresa no sería capaz de ser la iglesia y el proveedor de servicios a la comunidad que es sin ellos. La mayoría de la gente no se da cuenta de que Santa Teresa sólo tiene 12 empleados pagados y la mayoría de ellos son de medio tiempo. Algunos voluntarios han estado aquí por años, otros son nuevos y otros son snowbirds. Lo maravilloso es que hay una gran variedad de maneras en que una persona puede ser voluntaria: trabajando en la cocina de sopa o despensa de alimentos, sirviendo el almuerzo para una recepción funeral, sirviendo durante la misa, poniendo sellos en las tarjetas postales, la limpieza de los terrenos y así sucesivamente.

El voluntariado no tiene por qué implicar estar en Santa Teresa un día a la semana o más, durante muchas horas. Ser voluntario puede implicar ayudar una vez al trimestre. Háganos saber cuáles son sus habilidades y capacidades, y podemos ayudar a facilitar una manera en que usted puede ser voluntario. El voluntariado ni siquiera tiene que ser en el campus de Santa Teresa. Hay muchos que, cuando ponemos en una solicitud de dulces para Halloween, desodorante para la cárcel de mujeres o alimentos para la despensa de alimentos han respondido de una manera grande. Siempre me jacto de que Santa Teresa tiene los feligreses más generosos.

Ser voluntario nos da una variedad de beneficios: podemos seguir los pasos de Cristo sirviendo a otros con los dones y tesoros que Dios nos ha dado, podemos encontrar nuestra manera de estar mas cerca de Dios, y podemos sentir la alegría que se siente al ayudar a otros.

Marcia Wheatley, Gerente de Operaciones

A PRAYER FROM OUR PRO LIFE CORNER



Heavenly Father, Thank you for the precious gift of life. Help us to cherish and protect this gift, even in the midst of fear, pain, and suffering. Give us love for all people, especially the most vulnerable, and help us bear witness to the truth that every life is worth living.

Grant us the humility to accept help when we are in need, and teach us to be merciful to all. Through our words and actions, may others encounter the outstretched hands of Your mercy. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. AMEN. (Every Life is Worth Living, © 2015, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Washington, DC. All rights reserved.)

If you have any questions or would like to join our committee please call me - Pat Pratt - at 386 - 566- 8654 .



Patricia Bielicki	Dianna Rohweder
Joseph Gerena	

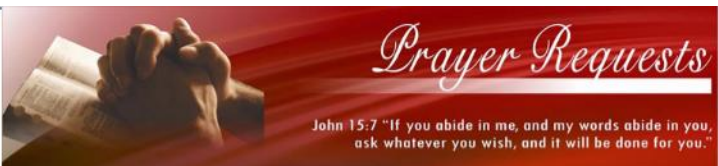


2nd Sunday of Each Month
September thru May
After the 7:30 and 9:00 AM Masses
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Donations Accepted



First Sunday Of Advent

December 1, 2024

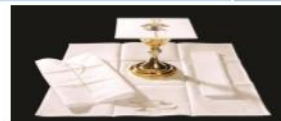


Prayer Requests

John 15:7 "If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you."

Please Pray for our sick, homebound parishioners, friends & others in need. Call the Office to make changes.

Roger Anderson	Kelly Forti	Carolyn Roberto
Nancy Bauer	Julie Grosner	Timothy Ross
Jesse Benoit	Rosemary Gurick	Francine Sothen
Denise Billeter	Sammy Harris	Lori Spurlock
Peggy Bulson	Robert & Clair LaDow	Frances Stonewell Family
Ron Capcsos	Shirley Laurie	Phil Sturgill
Joni Choiniere	Joanne Metzger	Eleanor Sullivan
Thomas Cunningham	Genevieve Nix	Pam & Paul Sullivan
Lilly Chimenti	Jane Oelstrom	Sandra Sutter
Lucy DeLuca	Gary Pearson	Joan Ward
Gene Dever	Don Pellegrino	John Zaborny
Mike Devost	Jeremy Perkins	
Eric Duchesne		



Our beautiful Altar at St. Theresa has beautiful linens that need care. Occasional "substitute" help is needed for the **Altar Linen Ministry**. If you have an hour or two to help once every other month or so, please call **Mariellen** for further information (770) 845-7338. Thank you.



HOLIDAY GIFT CARDS

are available from the Knights of Columbus Sacred Heart Council #8012. Please contact **Robert Horhota** at rhorrhota@sbcglobal.net 352-687-0845 (h); 352-789-3942 (c) for a Holiday Gift Card Order form with listing of all available cards.

CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE 2024



Gifts must be here no later than **Friday, December 6**. Gifts must be unwrapped and put in a bag or box with the Angel Tag inside so the tags will not get lost, along with gift receipts for clothes. Please

bring your gifts to the Social Services Office Monday through Friday between the hours of 9 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Thank you.

ST. THERESA ADORATION CHAPEL



If you would you like to deepen your prayer life and personal relationship with Jesus Christ, please consider adoring one hour a week in St. Theresa's Adoration Chapel. We have a critical need for adorers on the following days

and hours: **Thursday: 6 pm. Saturday: 8 pm. Sunday: 7 pm and 9 pm.**

In addition, if you would like to be an adorer or substitute, please contact **Nancy High 941-518-2194**. Blessings.

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