



# BASKETBALL

Coordinator: Mr. Mark Longo, Ms. Carreen Longo  
Grades 3 - 8

St. Therese Parish is proud to offer boys and girls basketball programs for the children of our school and parish. Our teams play in the Bergen County CYO, which is governed by the Archdiocese of Newark. Teams are offered at the Pee Wee (Grades,3 & 4), Junior Varsity (Grades 5 & 6) and Varsity levels (Grades 7 & 8). Practices begin in November and are held 2x weekly in the St. Therese gym. We play games against other parishes in Bergen County, and most of the games are held on weekends from early December through early March. As a CYO program, our coaches respect priorities of family, school and religious education commitments, and do our best to be flexible with our players. We adhere to the CYO Code of Conduct designed to encourage teamwork, sportsmanship and faith formation.

## **Eligibility:**

Students of the Academy of St. Therese, or parishioners of St. Therese Parish who are registered and attending CCD from Grades 3 through 8 are eligible to play. Second graders who wish to play are welcome to join our Pee Wee program and “play up” on a space available basis. Children from neighboring parishes that do not offer CYO basketball may be eligible to play (space permitting) with approval from the CYO.

## **Team formation:**

Players are placed on teams based on a combination of ability and age. We work to place our players on the team that will give them the best opportunity to develop their individual skills and have a positive experience. Once teams are established and assessed, we place each team in the bracket with similarly skilled and experienced teams to create well-matched, competitive games for all.

## **Coaches:**

Coaches are volunteers from our parish, all are trained in Protecting God’s Children, and many have had children come through the program or played at St. Therese themselves

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