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Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 31, 2022

FIRST READING: Do not spend your life toiling for material gain (Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23).

PSALM: If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts (Psalm 90).

SECOND READING Christ has raised you to new life, so seek now what is above (Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11).

GOSPEL: Be on guard against all greed, for your life does not consist of earthly possessions, but of the riches of the reign of God (Luke 12:13-21).

LITURGICAL REFLECTION- THE CENTER OF A MEANINGFUL LIFE

Today's readings invite us to reflect upon some of life's deepest questions, and to explore the meaning of faith. We hear of the universal human search for meaning in our lives in the book of Ecclesiastes. In Luke's Gospel, we hear Jesus' parable about one who foolishly seeks ultimate security through the accumulation of wealth. In Colossians, faith in the crucified and resurrected Christ is proclaimed as the path to a richly purposeful and meaningful life. The path of Christian faith places our work, our sufferings, and our limitations within the larger picture of God's purposes for all of us. In Jesus, God is revealed as our companion in human suffering and limitation. God's love is at the center of a meaningful life. We place our trust in this loving God, who created us to share in this love, and to share this love with others. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

WEEKLY PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR

SUN	7/31	
MON	8/01	
TUES	8/02	7:00PM Knights of Columbus Meeting Church Hall
WED	8/03	
THURS	8/04	11:30AM Christian Mothers Rosary, Mass & Meeting
FRI	8/05	
SAT	8/06	3:00PM Confession
SUN	8/07	

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK: (Aug 1st – Aug 7th)

MON	8/01. 7:50AM. + (WA) Bill & Olga Labuda – (Daughter, Marie & Paul Nikonow)
TUES	8/02. 7:50AM. + M/M Joseph Cisz – (Daughter, Joan Cisz)
WED	8/03. 7:50AM. + Agnes Labuda Mash– (Tom Nikonow)
THUR	8/04. 7:50AM + Catherine Schultz – (Daughter, Barbara & Bill Pavlik) 12:00PM + Christian Mothers
FRI	8/05. 7:50AM + Betty Gorentz – Pat & Dean Jordan
SAT	8/06. 4:00PM. + Deceased Members of Dukery & Pavlosky Family – (Family)
SUN	8/07. 7:30AM. + Pro Populo 10:30AM. + (A) Zach Bretz – (Family)

Sunday July 31, 2022

Stewardship Reflections - Saint Paul reminds us how to make decisions so that we can make the best use of the gifts we have been given, "think of what is above, not of what is on earth." Too many people in our materialistic world set priorities that are focused on wealth, status and power. How foolish and naive! Jesus makes it clear that life is not about "stuff," "Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist of possessions." Don't be ashamed of living differently from the people around you. Be confident as you set priorities based on what is above. Christian stewards are wise in God's eyes. You will be rich in what matters most. What matters most to you? (Stewardship Reflection, Catholic Stewardship Consultants, Inc. 2019/7/05)

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS (July 23rd & July 24th 2022)

Weekly	\$	3,637.50
Building Fund	\$	50.00

Thank you and May God Bless you for your continued support of St. Therese Church.



Congratulations and God's Blessings for **Magdalena O'Connor** who will receive our Dear Lord for the very first-time, Sunday, July 24th

We pray that Magdalena will stay close to Jesus by receiving him in Holy Communion often.

CASH BASH



The Knights of Columbus council #10409 and the St Therese Christian Mothers are teaming up for Our First **CASH BASH** here at St Therese, **Sept 10th** Only 300 tickets will be sold for this event. Money will be given away every 15 minutes. Food and drinks will be supplied. Tickets will be sold for \$25. Qualifiers and 50/50 will be sold throughout the night.

This Sunday's Mass at 10:30 for Nicholas Subich is being offered by **Jim & Sue Ellen Dadey**. Sorry for any confusion this may have caused.



We are still looking for the Winner of the St Therese Money Raffle # 2942. Check your tickets.



Weather permitting, Fr Karmanocky will have Sunday Mass at 10:30 outside in the breezeway.

Please bring your lawn chair

Our Catholic Ministries Drive -Forward In Faith-
Your sacrificial gifts of prayer and treasure will make an immediate impact on ministries that care for the poor, strengthen family life, nurture our youth, and provide leadership development for clergy and laity. 100% of your gift goes directly to these ministries! As of June 30th, we have collected **\$9,385.00** of our **\$20,392.00 Goal**. Please consider making a pledge to the Ministries Drive. You have until Dec 31st 2022 to pay your pledge in full.

Looking for help with college?



St. Therese's Knights of Columbus council #10409 are here to help by offering again this year a \$500 Fr Bernard Karmanocky Essay Scholarships to the members of St Therese and St. Anne's Parishes (only). The essay must consist of 500 words and the topic for this year's scholarship is:

"The Eucharist"

Summit and Center of Catholic Life

If you have any questions, please contact Dennis @535-6833. **All entries must be postmarked by Sept 15th**. Please submit your essay to:

Dennis Pingatore

115 Stans Lane

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The Knights of Columbus will hold their monthly meeting this Tuesday, Aug 2nd at 7PM in the Church Hall.



The Laurel Highland Chapter will conduct a degree of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity on Wednesday, **August 17th at 7PM**. The ceremony will be held here at St. Therese. There will be a social in the church basement following the ceremony. New candidates must be 18 years and older to join.

Christian Mothers will hold their Monthly Rosary, Mass & meeting this Thursday, Aug 4th starting at 11:30AM.

Families and the Gospel - (Luke 12: 13-21)
In today's gospel Jesus teaches us: "One's life does not consist of possessions." We spend so much time working to obtain more stuff; we don't have time for the people in our lives. What is enough? Are the words of Jesus, "You fool", meant for us?