

# ST. THERESE OF THE CHILD JESUS

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## Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sept 18, 2022

FIRST READING: The Lord never forgets the sins of those who take advantage of the poor (Amos 8:4-7)

PSALM: Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor (Psalm 113)

SECOND READING - Pray to the Lord, who wants everyone to be saved (1 Timothy 2:1-8).

GOSPEL: Be trustworthy in all things. Serve God, the only master, not mammon (Luke 16:1-13 [10-13]).

### LITURGICAL REFLECTION- PRIORITIES

Make a choice. God or money, material things, earthly pleasure. This is what Jesus asks us to do in today's Gospel. The Pharisees and scribes, and many people, want it both ways. God and wealth. But Jesus knows that "no servant can serve two masters." It is not that wealth is inherently bad, but the pursuit of it to the exclusion of what is good and righteous is. Our faith is meant to guide and shape the way we live. If we are followers of Jesus Christ, we will treat others, especially the poor and vulnerable, fairly and justly. We will live with devotion to God and let our lives speak the truth of God's love for all. We will put first things first, or more precisely, put God and God's ways first, assured that when we do, everything else will fall into place.

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### WEEKLY PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR

<b>MON</b>	<b>9/19</b>	
<b>TUES</b>	<b>9/20</b>	
<b>WED</b>	<b>9/21</b>	
<b>THURS</b>	<b>9/22</b>	
<b>FRI</b>	<b>9/23</b>	<b>St Therese Novena Starts</b>
<b>SAT</b>	<b>9/24</b>	<b>3:00PM . . . . . Confession</b>
<b>SUN</b>	<b>9/25</b>	

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK: (Sept 19<sup>th</sup> – Sept 25<sup>th</sup>)

<b>MON</b>	<b>9/19. . . . . 7:50AM. . . . .</b>	<b>+ Rosemary Loncella – (Beverly Bross)</b>
<b>TUES</b>	<b>9/20. . . . . 7:50AM. . . . .</b>	<b>+ Dolores Opacic – (Doris &amp; John Gritzer)</b>
<b>WED</b>	<b>9/21. . . . . 7:50AM. . . . .</b>	<b>+ Laverne Bobby – (Mary &amp; Jerry Urbas)</b>
<b>THUR</b>	<b>9/22. . . . . 7:50AM . . . . .</b>	<b>+ John Mikolich – (Dan &amp; Marge Hutchison)</b>
<b>FRI</b>	<b>9/23. . . . . 7:50AM . . . . .</b>	<b>+ Walter &amp; Angeline Hamryszak – (Son, Bob)</b>
	<b>. . . . . 9:00AM . . . . .</b>	<b>+ Carl Pavlosky – Neil Dorian</b>
	<b>. . . . . 7:00PM . . . . .</b>	<b>+ Anna Kris – (Karen &amp; John Czerak)</b>
<b>SAT</b>	<b>9/24. . . . . 9:00AM . . . . .</b>	<b>+ Jason Mulvehill – (Parents, Terri &amp; Patrick)</b>
	<b>. . . . . 4:00PM. . . . .</b>	<b>+ (A) Kenneth Ditko – (Wife &amp; Family)</b>
	<b>. . . . . 7:00PM . . . . .</b>	<b>+ Daniel Miller Jr – (Sharon, Kyra &amp; Illyana)</b>
<b>SUN</b>	<b>9/25. . . . . 7:30AM. . . . .</b>	<b>+ John Jedrzejek – (Wife, Florence &amp; Family)</b>
	<b>. . . . . 10:30AM. . . . .</b>	<b>+ Chuck Dzendzel – (John &amp; Nancy Kovalcik)</b>
	<b>. . . . . 2:00PM . . . . .</b>	<b>+ Pro Populo</b>
	<b>. . . . . 7:00PM . . . . .</b>	<b>+ William Mikesic – (Jim Kuharyk &amp; Family)</b>

## Sunday Sept 18, 2022

**Stewardship Reflections.** We know the “bad steward” in today’s gospel was clever and energetic. He put thought, prudence, and creativity into the plans he made for his self-serving ends and carried out his plans with great success. What if we would put that kind of effort in to our own tasks as good stewards of all God’s gifts to us? We are called to be trustworthy and responsible in obeying God’s laws of charity, honesty, and justice. We are called to be the advocate and voice of the poor in our faith and civic communities. That’s our lesson and our challenge.

Will we be able to give a full account of our stewardship at the end of our earthly journey to our merciful Master? (Catholic Stewardship Consultants, Inc. 2019/7/05)

### LAST WEEK’S COLLECTIONS (Sept 10<sup>th</sup> & Sept 11<sup>th</sup> 2022)

Weekly . . . . . \$ 4977.00  
Fuel . . . . . \$ 331.00

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



**Congratulations to Mike & Kathy Antal** who will celebrate their 40<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on September 29<sup>th</sup>. May God Bless them with many more years together.



### Novena to Honor St. Therese of the Child Jesus

Opens this **Friday, Sept 23<sup>rd</sup>** and will end on **Saturday, Oct 1<sup>st</sup>**, the Feast of St. Therese.

#### **Mass Schedule -**

Weekday Masses at 7:50AM, 9AM and 7PM;  
Saturday Masses at 9AM, 4PM, and 7PM;  
Sunday Masses at 7:30AM, 10:30AM, and 7:00PM.

**Fr. Joe Sedley, C. P., from St Paul of the Cross Monastery, Pittsburgh,** he will conduct our Novena.

### St. Therese's Mass of Anointing of the Sick -

This sacrament of the sick will be celebrated during a Mass, **Sept 25<sup>th</sup>** at 2PM at St. Therese. Anointing is intended for those faithful whose health is impaired by sickness or age. Physical, emotional, or spiritual illnesses are opportunities to celebrate this sacrament. Pews will be reserved in the front of the church for those who are unable to walk up to the altar.

**Mark Your Calendars:** We will be making piroghis for the Novena on **Thursday, Sept 29<sup>th</sup>**.

- 1) Tuesdays- grate cheese, peel onions & potatoes starting at 8:00AM
- 2) Thursdays-7:30AM make potato balls and dough, and assemble & cook piroghi.

Donations of Robin Hood flour (regular), butter, eggs, potatoes, onions and monetary gifts are always appreciated.

### Two ways to order:

- 1) **Sign-up sheets:** Place your order after Mass next weekend, **Saturday & Sunday, Sept 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>** on the sheets in vestibule.
- 2) **Call in orders:** to **539-7633** Monday, September 26<sup>th</sup> from 9AM-11AM.

**Pick up orders:** Friday September 30<sup>th</sup>, 9-12PM



**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 August 31<sup>st</sup>, we have collected **\$9,760.00** of our **\$20,392.00** Goal. Please consider making a pledge to the Ministries Drive. You have until Dec 31<sup>st</sup> 2022 to pay your pledge in full.

**A big thank you** from the Knights of Columbus



#10409 and Christian Mothers to everyone who helped with and/or attended our first Cash Bash. A special thank you to Don McIntosh for being our head chef and preparing the food.

We are happy to report that all proceeds from the Cash Bash, in the amount of **\$4,000.00**, were turned over to Father Bernard to benefit the St. Therese Renovation Fund. All leftover food was donated to the Family Kitchen.

We appreciate your support for both the Knights and the Christian Mothers, as well as our beloved parish and are looking forward to our next joint event to benefit our church.

Dear Parishioners,  
May the Lord give you His peace

For many years the Franciscan Sisters of Millville labored in our parish, working with our children in the CCD program and helping out in many ministries such as visiting the sick and shut-ins, counseling adults and troubled children, working in the sacristy, cleaning the linens and maintaining the altar and sanctuary and a host of other activities. To commemorate their years of service we are considering replacing the wooden doors leading into the chapel and sacristy with glass etched door, similar to the ones we have at the entrance of the church. In the future we will enclose special envelope in the bulletin for donations to help pay for these doors. Any donation would be greatly appreciated.

In Christ,



## Oktoberfest 2022

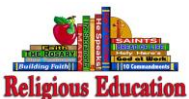
Our annual Oktoberfest has been set for **Saturday, Oct 22<sup>nd</sup> and Sunday, Oct 23<sup>rd</sup>** in the Social Hall.

We are asking for and would appreciate the following donations:

**Theme Basket (at least \$25.00 in value)** for the basket raffle. If Basket making isn't your specialty you can make a monetary donation we will make it for you!

**\$5, \$10, & \$25 gift cards for the Wheel raffle (Saturday Night)**

**Bakers of the Parish**-we are asking once again for your delicious homemade pies.



First day of CCD is Sunday Sept  
5<sup>th</sup> at 9AM

## Community News & Events

**Families and the Gospel - (Luke 16:1-13)**  
Despite all our time saving gadgets, we still have less leisure and family time. To solve this, we created the Myth of Quality Time. Don't be fooled: Quality Time is Quantity Time. Jesus counsels us today, we "cannot serve two masters" and expect to be happy. Dedicate time to your family. No one in their final hours regretted not spending more time at work.

**Annual Rosary Devotion with Mary in Loretto** - Hosted by the Basilica of St. Michael Legion of Mary, in service to the Altoona-Johnstown Legion of Mary Curia, we will offer the annual Rosary Devotion on **Sunday September 25 at 2 PM** in the Basilica. The theme this year is "The Holy Family" in the Eucharistic Revival. Families from the Basilica of St. Michael parish will lead each decade. Our Children's Choir will lead the music! All are invited to attend.



### The Catholic University of America

Thank you for your generous contributions to last week's collection for the Catholic University of America! Your investment enables Catholic University to advance its work of preparing the next generation of leadership, both religious and lay, of our Church and nation.

### Save your Soles for Other Souls-

St Francis of Assisi shoe drive officially starts September 6th. Please place your new, or gently worn shoes in the box located in the back of the church. Please, no moldy, ripped or worn-out shoes. There is also a drop off box located at the activities center of St. Francis on Barron Avenue. All types of shoes are needed. Collect shoes from family, friends and co-workers. We are having a tremendous start and Thank You to those of you who have already contributed. Call Carol at 814-536-0152 if any questions.

