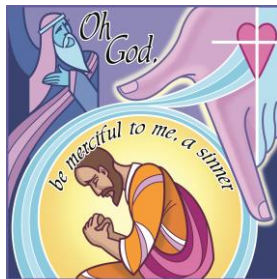


# ST. THERESE OF THE CHILD JESUS

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## Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Oct 23, 2022**

**FIRST READING:** The LORD is a God of justice who hears the cry of the oppressed, the orphan, the widow, the lowly (Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18).

**PSALM:** The Lord hears the cry of the poor (Psalm 34).

**SECOND READING –** The crown of righteousness awaits me (2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18).

**GOSPEL:** The tax collector stood at a distance, beat his breast, and prayed, “O God, be merciful to me, a sinner” (Luke 18:9-14).

### LITURGICAL REFLECTION- MADE RIGHT BEFORE GOD

Although the opening lines of today’s first reading claim that the Lord “knows no favorites” (Sirach 35:15) and is “not unduly partial toward the weak” (35:16), the remainder of the passage makes it clear that the Lord does indeed pay special attention to the weak, the oppressed, and the orphans and widows. The psalmist reiterates: “The Lord hears the cry of the poor” (see Psalm 34:18). In the Gospel, Jesus claims that a tax collector is more justified in his prayer for mercy than the Pharisee, whose prayer was an account of his own righteous deeds. Jesus’ point could not have been clearer: tax collectors in the Jewish society of Jesus’ day were not just lowly; they were considered outcasts and cheaters. They collected taxes for the hated Romans and almost certainly collected enough to assure a generous income for themselves. Tax collectors were among society’s outcasts; didn’t this one just admit his own sinfulness? How could a tax collector be “justified” (that is, made right) before God, while the Pharisee was not? Why would God even listen to the prayer of a tax collector? This surely was a surprise, upsetting common assumptions about righteousness. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

### WEEKLY PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR

SUN	10/23	11-4:30PM . . . . .	Oktoberfest Social Hall
MON	10/24		
TUES	10/25		
WED	10/26		
THURS	10/27		
FRI	10/28	10:00AM . . . . .	Liturgy Committee Meeting Rectory Lounge
SAT	10/29	3:00PM . . . . .	Confession
SUN	10/30		



### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK: (Oct 24<sup>th</sup> – Oct 30<sup>th</sup>)

MON	10/24. . . . .	7:50AM. . . . .	+ (A) Bill Labuda – (Daughter, Marie & Paul Nikonow)
TUES	10/25. . . . .	7:50AM. . . . .	+ Bill Wess – (Bob Hamryszak)
WED	10/26. . . . .	7:50AM. . . . .	+ (B) Frank Gorchesky – (Family)
THUR	10/27. . . . .	7:50AM . . . . .	+ Damien Lovas – (Wife, Darlene)
FRI	10/28. . . . .	7:50AM . . . . .	+ M/M Joseph Cisz – (Daughter, Joan Cisz)
SAT	10/29. . . . .	4:00PM . . . . .	49 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary Bill & Dolores Gentile
SUN	10/30. . . . .	7:30AM. . . . .	+ (B) Sr. Catherine Paff – (Gritzer Family)
		. . . . . 10:30AM. . . . .	+ (A) Dr. Paul Wooley – (Janet Turjan)

# Sunday Oct 23, 2022



*They're going fast!! Get your Thanksgiving Day Special Tickets for a chance to win a complete rolls of \$20, \$10 \$5 PA instant lottery tickets plus \$1,000.00. Ticket cost are \$10 for two numbers. Tickets will be sold before Mass. Please contact the rectory at 814-539-7633 Mon - Fri 9AM-2PM for more ticket information.*

**Stewardship Reflections.** One of the wonderful aspects of stewardship spirituality is its balanced approach to all areas of life. As stewards, aware of our total dependence on God for everything, we come to Him in awe and gratitude and with an awareness of the great dignity He has given us. The tax collector approached God recognizing who he truly was (a sinner) and asked simply for mercy, leaving all the rest up to God. This is how a good steward prays — with trust, with complete openness to God's will, with a listening mind and heart, and ready to serve as God leads.

Trustworthy stewards practice humility, giving glory to God for all things great and small. The good steward knows he needs God, and that God has chosen to need him in advancing the Kingdom. Catholic Stewardship Consultants, Inc. 2019/7/05)

## LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS (Oct 15<sup>th</sup> & Oct 16<sup>th</sup> 2022)

Weekly	.....	\$	3,835.50
Fuel	.....	\$	20.00
Building Fund	.....	\$	125.00

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



**Sincere Condolences** - The St. Therese Community would like to offer our sincere condolences to the family of **George & Verna Licastro**, who were called to their eternal reward this month. May God grant His eternal rest to **George & Verna** and peace and consolation to their family. George and Verna were the aunt & uncle to Karen Revesz & Diane Taylor.



**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 September 30<sup>th</sup>, we have collected **\$13,860.00** 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.

## OKTOBERFEST

Don't forget to stop over at the Social Hall this weekend for some **delicious food, entertainment, Large Wheel Raffle (Saturday evening), Themed Baskets, Instant Bingo,** and much more!!!

Saturday - 4:00PM - 8:00PM  
Sunday - 11:00AM - 4:30PM



**HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!!!**

In the upcoming weeks, we will be placing envelopes in the back of the church for the new **Glass Etched Doors** going into the Chapel/ Sacristy. These doors will be in memory of the Franciscan Sisters of Millville, who dedicated years of service to our parish. Sr Romaine, Sr Terrance, Sr Celine and let us not forget our beloved Sr Catherine, just to name a few. Any donation will be appreciated.

## Turkey Day Scratch for Cash

St Therese Holy Name will be selling chances on a roll of \$5.00 scratch off tickets and \$200.00 Only 250 will be sold. Tickets are \$5.00. Winning number will be taken from the 7PM PA Pick 3 Lottery on Thursday, November 24, 2022

## Families and the Gospel - (Luke 18:9-24)

### A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar

Listen to Jesus in today's gospel: "who humbles himself will be exalted." It is not the occasional big events, but the daily humble routine of family life which creates bonds and relationships which last a lifetime.

Liturgy Committee will meet on **Friday, Oct 28<sup>th</sup>** at 10AM in the rectory lounge.

## Community News & Events

Friday, October 28 at 7:00 PM in the Basilica of Saint Michael the Archangel

### **FAITH UNDERSTOOD ~**

Special guest speaker Paul Zuccarelli ~ Allow his experience to restore your faith! Paul suffered nine cardiac arrests after surgery and was dead for two hours. He was graced to witness heaven during this time. **Come and hear his amazing testimony of God's love and saving grace.** There is no charge ~ free will offering accepted.

\*please note that handicap restroom facilities are not available in the basilica at this time\*

### **Fall Basket Party**

St Elizabeth Ann Seton Windber

**"Walk Through Basket Party"**

**Oct 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> 12PM - 5PM**

**Nov 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> 12PM - 5PM**

Tickets are \$5 for 15 ticket and can be purchased in the church hall. Drawing will be held live on our public Facebook page. St Elizabeth Ann Seton Church (SEAS) Limited **take-out ONLY** food menu and homemade baked goods will be available for purchase. For more info call 814-467-7191



### **Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser Basket Party**

St Michael Sportsman Club 270 Main St.

November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Doors open at 12:30Pm

Drawing at 3:30PM

Tickets are \$10 includes tickets and a meal. Basket party benefits Anthony "Cheed" Bonk, who was severely injured in a motorcycle accident. "Cheed" is a member of St Andrews Church and is also a Knight of Columbus member.

Anyone interested in making a donation or a basket, please leave a message for Kathy 814-242-6558 or Jenna 814-792-5925.

All proceeds will go toward his expenses.



### **Food for Veterans Distribution**

A Food distribution will be held in the Johnstown area for all Veterans and Military families in need at Hiram G Andrews. Dates are as follow: Oct 28<sup>th</sup>, Nov 28<sup>th</sup>, and Dec 29<sup>th</sup> from 1-3PM. For more information, please call 1-844-VLP VETS

**ABORTION;** . The Pope Teaches by Pope Francis  
"Every unborn child, though unjustly condemned to be aborted, has the face of the Lord, who even before his birth, and then as soon as he was born, experienced the rejection of the world," he said. "And every old person even if infirm and at the end of his days, carried with him the face of Christ. They must not be thrown away!"



"Sometimes the Smallest things take up the most room in your hearts"

### **Save your Soles for Other Souls-**

St Francis of Assisi shoe drive officially starts September 6<sup>th</sup>. 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. 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.

Blessed are the poor in spirit,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are they who mourn,  
for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek,  
for they will inherit the land.

Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for  
righteousness,  
for they will be satisfied.

Blessed are the merciful,  
for they will be shown mercy.

Blessed are the clean in heart,  
for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers,  
for they will be called children of God.

Blessed are they who are persecuted for the  
sake of righteousness,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.



# St Therese Church Oktoberfest

Upper Decker Avenue

**SATURDAY, OCT 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
**4:00PM - 8:00PM**

**SUNDAY, OCT 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
**11:00AM - 4:30PM**

## **MENU**

**GERMAN POTATO SALAD      HALUSKI**  
**PIGS IN THE BLANKET      PIROGHI**  
**KOLBASSI/SAUERKRAUT**  
**HOT DOGS/SAUERKRAUT**



## **DELICIOUS HOME BAKED DESERTS**

**ASSORTED PIES      GERMAN APPLE STRUDEL**  
**APPLE DUMPLINGS**



**BEER   WHITE CLAW   SODA   WATER   COFFEE**

## **ENTERTAINMENT**

**INSTANT BINGO - THEME BASKETS**

### **SATURDAY**

**5:30 - 7:00—Meat Raffle Wheel**

### **SUNDAY**

**1 - 3:30PM - Dancing to the music of  
the Tom Katz**

**4:00PM - Theme Basket Raffle Drawing**

