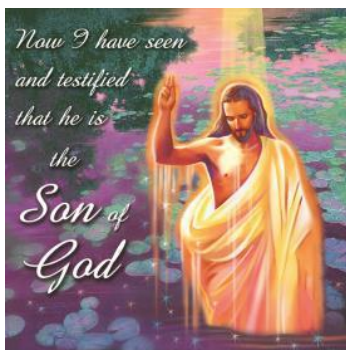


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The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jan 15, 2023

FIRST READING: The glory of the Lord shows through Israel, a light to all nations, that salvation may reach to the ends of the earth (Isaiah 49:3, 5-6).

PSALM: I am here to do as you ask, O Lord (Psalm 40).

SECOND READING All those who call upon the name of the Lord are called to be holy (1 Corinthians 1:1-3).

GOSPEL: John the Baptist testifies: The one who comes after me, on whom the Spirit comes down and remains, is the Son of God (John 1:29-34).

LITURGICAL REFLECTION: OUR STRATEGIC GOAL

As a Church, we now move into Ordinary Time. “Ordinary” comes from the Latin root for “order,” which is why we line the Sundays up on the calendar and count them—with “ordinal” numbers—one by one. The orderly way we proceed through the liturgical year reminds us that our faith offers a strategic goal for our lives: eternal happiness with God, who is love. Today’s readings share stories of believers who order their daily activities toward the goal of sharing God’s love. Isaiah embraces his role as God’s servant and works to bring glory not only to Israel, but to the entire world. In a similar way, Saint Paul identifies himself as Christ’s witness in the world and reminds the Corinthians of their life goal: “to be holy.” The Gospel shows us John the Baptist, servant and witness, attentive to God’s loving orders, the divine plan for salvation.

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WEEKLY PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR

SUN	01/15	
MON	01/16	
TUES	01/17	
WED	01/18	
THURS	01/19	
FRI	01/20	
SAT	01/21	3:00PM CONFESSION
SUN	01/22	

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK: (Jan 16th– Jan 22nd)

MON	1/16. 7:50AM. + (B) Genevieve Trotz – (Family)
TUES	1/17. 7:50AM. + Jim Marshall – (Bob Hamryszak)
WED	1/18. 7:50AM. + Timothy Babik – (Family)
THUR	1/19. 7:50AM + Intention Dantis
FRI	1/20. 7:50AM + Laverne Bobby – (Darby & Emile Sprucz)
SAT	1/21 4:00PM + Peggy Murray – (Theresa & John Lumley)
SUN	1/22. 7:30AM. + (B) Mary Findley – (Daughter & Family)
 10:30AM. + Bernie Forgas – (Daughter, Terri & Patrick)

Sunday Jan 15, 2023

Stewardship Reflections: John the Baptist recognized the holiness of Jesus and the response due to Him when he encountered Christ in person at the Jordan River. What a powerful description of our Lord and the place He should rightfully have in each of our lives. He deserves to be first, above all other priorities and plans in our lives. Let us examine our daily lives and encourage our children to do the same. Does the way I spend my time reflect that God comes first? Do prayer and weekly Mass, regular confession, and time with my family "rank ahead" of everything else on my calendar? Do I use my talents, skills, and energy to serve my family, parish and community in thanksgiving? Do I spend my money and use my material possessions to glorify God? These are questions worthy of our high calling as Christian stewards. What will our response be?

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LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS (Jan 7th & Jan 8th 2023)

Weekly	\$ 4,398.00
Building Fund	\$ 281.00
Christmas	\$ 5,075.00

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

2023 Envelopes & Calendars- Adult and children's envelopes & calendars are available in the vestibule, please stop by and pick yours up. If you have a relative or neighbor who are unable to attend, please drop their envelopes & a calendar off for them. They will be happy to see you!

We are asking during the month of January to write your name on your collection envelope to assist in posting. Thank you

Families and the Gospel - (John 1:29-34)

Can you say "I have testified Jesus is the Son of God?" If you aren't talking about Jesus in your family, you aren't testifying. If you are not walking your talk, your children will see your words as meaningless.

**Please Note Date Change due to
Sewer line work.**



On February 11th & 12th 2023 the Holy Name and Knights of Columbus #10409 will host a coffee and Donuts

Social for the purpose of recruiting new members, in the Church Hall after all masses. This is a time for the men of Church to stop by and see what the Holy Name and or the Knights of Columbus is all about.

Your 2022 yearly contribution statements are in the back of the church. Please stop by and pick them up. Thank you!

ABORTION: "Human life must always be defended from its beginning in the womb and must be recognized as a gift of God that guarantees the future of humanity.

Every time a child is born, so is a mother



Support Pro-Life

Community News & Events

CASH BASH - FEBRUARY 11th at St. Francis Activity Center! Tickets are \$25 and includes food and non-alcoholic beverages. \$200 given away every half hour, \$500 at 7:30 and 9:00. We will also have qualifiers, 50/50, baskets, door prizes and much more! For tickets, please contact Fran King at (814)536-3667.

CASH BASH



Cash Bash has been set for the **Lower Yoder Volunteer Fire Department for Saturday, February 18th at St Therese Social Hall.** Doors open at 4PM and raffle starts at 5PM. **Tickets are only \$15** each which includes a spaghetti dinner, adult beverages (21 years or older), soda and water. Prizes given away EVERY 15 minutes. For questions, please call 814-961-4148. Come out and show your support for the Lower Yoder Volunteer Fire Dept.

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"Faith is taking the first step even when you don't see the whole staircase."
