

# ST. THERESE OF THE CHILD JESUS

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## The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jan 22, 2023

FIRST READING: You humble of the land, seek justice and humility, and the Lord will be your protection (Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13).

PSALM: The Lord blesses the humble and gives them the heavenly kingdom (Psalm 146).

SECOND READING God chose the weak of the world, those who count for nothing, so that whoever boasts should boast in the Lord (1 Corinthians 1:26-31).

GOSPEL: Jesus taught from the mountain: Blessed are the poor in spirit (Matthew 5:1-12a).

### LITURGICAL REFLECTION: THE PEOPLE OF GOD'S KINGDOM

In our Gospel reading from Matthew, we hear the Beatitudes, the stirring opening to the Sermon on the Mount. Jesus is proclaiming the coming of the kingdom of God, and begins by considering what kind of people will enter and participate in this kingdom. They are the poor in spirit, the meek, the clean of heart, the peacemakers. We hear both Zephaniah and Paul echo this, as God specifically chooses the weak and the lowly to be God's agents in ushering in the reign of God. By living with humility and integrity, their hearts are open to being transformed by the grace of God. We too are called to live in this way. Jesus invites us to be people with open hearts, to receive God's blessing. And working through us, God may bless all of creation. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

### WEEKLY PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR

|              |              |  |
|--------------|--------------|--|
| <b>SUN</b>   | <b>01/29</b> |  |
| <b>MON</b>   | <b>01/30</b> |  |
| <b>TUES</b>  | <b>01/31</b> |  |
| <b>WED</b>   | <b>02/01</b> |  |
| <b>THURS</b> | <b>02/02</b> | <b>1:30AM . . . . . Christian Mothers Rosary, Mass &amp; Meeting</b> |
| <b>FRI</b>   | <b>02/03</b> |  |
| <b>SAT</b>   | <b>02/04</b> | <b>3:00PM . . . . . CONFESSION</b>                                   |
| <b>SUN</b>   | <b>02/05</b> |  |

Blessings of the Throat after all Masses



### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK: (Jan 30<sup>th</sup>– Feb 5<sup>th</sup>)

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| <b>MON</b>  | <b>1/30 . . . . . 7:50AM . . . . .</b> | <b>+ Teresa Lill (one month) – (Joann Spisak &amp; family)</b>      |
| <b>TUES</b> | <b>1/31 . . . . . 7:50AM . . . . .</b> | <b>+ James Marshall – (Mom &amp; Family)</b>                        |
| <b>WED</b>  | <b>2/01 . . . . . 7:50AM . . . . .</b> | <b>+ (B) Nick Subich – (Wife, RoseAnn)</b>                          |
| <b>THUR</b> | <b>2/02 . . . . . 7:50AM . . . . .</b> | <b>+ Logan &amp; Franklin Teplitz – (Grandparents)</b>              |
|             | <b>. . . 12:00PM . . . . .</b>         | <b>+ Christian Mothers</b>  |
| <b>FRI</b>  | <b>2/03 . . . . . 7:50AM . . . . .</b> | <b>+ James Marshall – (Mark Friedman)</b>                           |
| <b>SAT</b>  | <b>2/04 . . . . . 4:00PM . . . . .</b> | <b>+ Agnes Mash – (Jan McAuliff)</b>                                |
| <b>SUN</b>  | <b>2/05 . . . . . 7:30AM . . . . .</b> | <b>+ James Marshall – (Aunt Doris &amp; Uncle John)</b>             |
|             | <b>. . . . . 10:30AM . . . . .</b>     | <b>+ William Kolega – (Daughter, Theresa &amp; Grandson, Mason)</b> |

## Sunday Jan 29, 2023

**Stewardship Reflections:** Many think the Sermon on the Mount is the absolute epitome of Jesus' teachings. It tells us how we are to live our lives and the attitudes we are to have. Jesus gives a more accurate perspective of Who He is. He begins the Beatitudes (meaning "blessings") with "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." In a sense we are all "poor in spirit." We must have the guidance and strength provided to us by the Lord to live in the poverty of spirit, a spirituality of simplicity. Living God-centered lives is at the very core of stewardship. Being a disciple of Christ is being a steward of our many gifts and blessings. Some scholars believe that Jesus may have given this sermon often during His ministry. The first Christians were fond of quoting and referring to what the Lord said on this occasion. Jesus provides us with the secret of living a good life. If we rely on Him and follow Him, we will be blessed. Are you truly living with His message in your heart?

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### LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS (Jan 21<sup>st</sup> Jan 22<sup>nd</sup> 2023)

|               |       |             |
|---------------|-------|-------------|
| Weekly        | ..... | \$ 3,502.00 |
| Building Fund | ..... | \$ 25.00    |

**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 **Thomas Delic** who was called to his eternal reward this past week. May God grant His eternal rest to **Tom** and peace and consolation to his family. **Thomas** is the son of Helen Delic.

**Christian Mothers** will hold their Monthly Rosary, Mass & meeting this Thursday, Feb 2<sup>nd</sup> starting at 11:30AM.



**Thank You!! Thank You!!**  
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Special thanks go out to the group of "**Nutty Rollers**" who came Thursday & Saturday to make our Christmas nut and poppyseed rolls. We couldn't do it without all you help!!!! Thank you also to everyone who donated money, nuts, Crisco, sugar & flour.

**Our sale was a huge success netting a profit of \$3,251.**

Thanks also to everyone who purchased.  
Karen & Marilyn

**Families and the Gospel** - (Matthew: 5: 1-12)  
It is in our family where we learn to be merciful and comforting to others. The Beatitudes of the Kingdom of God begin at home and depend on you. Parents lead the way.

END OF YEAR  
**GIVING**  
STATEMENTS

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



Starting this weekend, we will be selling chances on a \$150.00 gift card filled Easter Tree before all Masses.

Chances are 1 for \$1 or 6 for \$5, Drawing will be held on Sunday, February 19<sup>th</sup> after the 10:30 Mass.

## Community News & Events



### **Choosing Catholic Education...Why?**

As we celebrate Catholic Schools Week January 29 - February 5, you may be asking yourself, why. Why choose a Catholic Education for my children? There are many reasons ... choosing to educate in a faith-based environment where daily prayer is embraced, small class sizes in a welcoming atmosphere with dedicated instructors who go beyond the norm for their students are just a few. Give your child the opportunity that will last a lifetime, schedule a tour today by calling Bishop McCort Catholic High School (814) 248-3869. Divine Mercy Catholic Academy (814) 961-3622 or St. Peter Catholic School (814) 445-6662.

### **Open House dates and times:**

**Divine Mercy East and West - Jan 31, 2023**  
from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

**Bishop McCort Catholic High School -**  
February 1, 2023 from 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Please support our Catholic Schools by donating today.

**Class on Southern Italian Folk Customs** - All Saints Parish in Boswell (Somerset County) will offer a one session class on southern Italian folk customs on Monday February 6th at 7:00 PM in their parish hall. The presenter will be Melissa Marinaro, curator of the Italian American Program at the Heinz History Center in Pittsburgh. The presentation will cover topics such as crafts, food, and agricultural practices and will showcase many objects from the history center that speak to the customs and traditions of southern Italians in Western Pennsylvania. The class is free but those interested are asked to please register by calling the parish office at 814-629-5551. All are welcome.



**Pysanky Egg Decorating** - Queen of Angels Parish in Central City will be offering a class on pysanky egg decorating on Monday February 27th in the parish activity center in Central City beginning at 6:00 PM (738 Sunshine Avenue). Using the traditional process of wax-resist dyeing, participants will each make an egg of their own. The class is free but is limited to twenty-five adult students. A great way to create something beautiful and traditional for Easter, please call the Central City parish office (814-754-5224) by February 14th.

**CASH BASH**



**Cash Bash** has been set for the **Lower Yoder Volunteer Fire Department** for **Saturday, February 18<sup>th</sup>** 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.

**ABORTION:** "All human beings, from their mother's womb, belong to God who searches them and knows them, who forms them and knits them together with his own hands, who gazes on them when they are tiny shapeless embryos and already see in them the adults of tomorrow whose days are numbered and whose vocation is even now written in the "Book of Life."

--John Paul II

"Babies are bits of stardust, blown down from the hand of God"



### *The Beatitudes*

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

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

*Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.*

*Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.*

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

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

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

*Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

*Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me.*

*Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.*

### **Happy Groundhog Day**



**No matter how long the winter,**