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The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Feb 12, 2023

FIRST READING: God allows us to make choices, but we are not to choose injustice or sinfulness (Sirach 15:15-20).

PSALM: Happy are those who observe God's commands (Psalm 119).

SECOND READING God's wisdom is mysterious and hidden (1 Corinthians 2:6-10).

GOSPEL: Jesus has come not to abolish but to fulfill the law and the prophets (Matthew 5:17-37).

LITURGICAL REFLECTION: THE GLORY OF THE DIVINE WAY

Today's readings draw us into ageless, vibrant depths. Followers of God's law, we belong to ancient traditions. Children of God, we marvel at the freshness of creation. The Old Testament readings, from Sirach and the Psalms, celebrate the rich blessings we receive when we observe God's commands—not because we are slaves to the law, but because the law gives life in abundance. Saint Paul's Letter to the Corinthians confirms the glory of divine law, but warns that God's ways tend to be unpopular and misunderstood in this world. Paul speaks of the ancient wisdom of God, which is mysteriously both "hidden" and "revealed." God does not have secret codes that we earthly mortals cannot understand; in love, God reveals the glory of the divine way in Jesus. Saint Matthew's Gospel emphasizes the importance of living in God's law, enlivened by a deep and personal relationship with Jesus. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

WEEKLY PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR

SUN	02/12	Holy Name/ KOC Coffee & Donuts Recruiting after Masses
MON	02/13	
TUES	02/14	
WED	02/15	
THURS	02/16	
FRI	02/17	
SAT	02/18	3:00PM CONFESSIO
SUN	02/19	



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK: (Feb 13th– Feb 19th)

MON	2/06. 7:50AM.	+ James Marshall – (Mom & Family)
TUES	2/07. 7:50AM.	+ (B) Terri Spinda – (Husband, Ed & Family)
WED	2/08. 7:50AM.	+ Sr Ann Magdaline of the Blessed Sacrament O.C.D.
THUR	2/09. 7:50AM	For Good Health Hilda Berg – (Anna Udouch)
FRI	2/10. 7:50AM	+ William Kolega – (Darren & Cheri Gritzer)
SAT	2/11 4:00PM	+ (B) Ryan Lorditch & Ken Shank – (Family)
SUN	2/12. 7:30AM.	+ (A) Josh Shank – (Family)
 10:30AM.	+ Donald Delusa – (Chuck & Helen Sorchilla)

Sunday Feb 12, 2023

Stewardship Reflections: Stewardship is our response to God with our time, talent and money; because of our relationship with him that already exists through his Son, Jesus Christ. Christian stewards strive to be people of integrity. They practice their God-given gift of free will to choose right over wrong, good over evil. Great joy will be ours if we do choose to commit to God by the way we live our lives. The concept of stewardship helps us to live out the fundamental choice to put God first.

Stewardship is not meant to be a mere external exercise. It means seeing everything as a gift from Him. In the week ahead let us examine the state of our hearts to ask ourselves if we have chosen to allow stewardship to become a way of life for us. Only then we will experience its true depth and heart-changing possibilities. The choice is ours.

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LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS (Feb 4th & Feb 5th 2023)

Weekly	\$ 4,201.00
Building Fund	\$ 597.00
Fuel	\$ 1,765.00

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



April Showers Special
 Benefits: St. Therese Church-Decker Ave.
 Winning Number Pays on First Pick 3 Drawing at 7pm
 Not eligible for Wild Ball or Bonus Drawing

Saturday, April 15, 2023
 One Complete Roll of Each
\$20, \$10 and \$5 PA Lottery Scratch Off Tickets
Plus - \$1,000.00

Not responsible for typographical errors. All unsold tickets become the property of St. Therese Church. Donation \$10.00
Void after 30 days
 SGCS# - 22-298

Take a chance on **Lottery Scratch Off Tickets plus \$1000.00**

Winning number determined by the Pick 3 drawing at 7PM Saturday, April 15th.

One complete Roll of each \$20, \$10 and \$5 PA lottery Scratch off Tickets, plus \$1,000.00. **Cost is \$10.**

Call or stop by the rectory office **during regular business hours 9-2PM ONLY**, to make arrangements to pick them up.



After all Masses this weekend 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.

Lenten Piroghi Project - begins next week **Feb 23rd**, and will continue for 6 weeks.

Piroghi will not be made during Holy Week.

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

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

All piroghis will be made fresh and sold on Fridays at the Social Hall from 10-12

First come first served.

WE WILL BE TAKING ORDERS on the sign-up sheet in the back of Church. While supplies last.



Our Lenten Piroghi Project is a BIG fundraiser for the Church. We are looking for anyone who has some spare time and wants to stop over and pinch piroghi's, help make dough, be a runner, or help clean up, please feel free to stop over. Anytime you have, no matter how little, it is greatly appreciated.



Families and the Gospel - (Matthew: 5: 17-37)

To experience the peace which Christ promises we must shed our grudges, jealousy and feelings of being misunderstood, unappreciated or ignored. Peace and anger don't mix. Today's gospel warns, if you want peace in your heart and home, get rid of your anger. Anger is too costly.



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 19th**
after the 7:30 Mass.



KOC are selling Seminarian Tickets for the month of June. Cost is \$20.00. Winning number determined by the Pick 3 of the PA Lottery drawing at 7PM. Call Dennis Pingatore @ 814-535-6833 to purchase a ticket

Community News & Events



Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser: to benefit **Marissa (Horrell) Muennink**, who was recently diagnosed with an Aggressive Glioblastoma Brain Cancer

A Spaghetti Dinner, including garlic bread and toss salad will be held on:

Sunday, February 19th from 12-3 PM
at the **Ferndale Fire Hall** 618 Westinghouse Ave.
Dinner tickets to be purchased in advance.
Call Michaela Dickert 814-242-7507 ,
Courtney Grimme 814-257-9454,
or Salon Visions 1758 Lyter Drive, 255-4175
Walk-in welcome for Bake Sale, 50/50 and raffle drawing.

Craft Show St. Clement Church will host their 2nd Annual Spring Ahead Craft Show on **Saturday, February 25, 9am-2pm** and **Sunday, February 26, 11am-3pm**. Candles, jewelry, hand-knitted, sewn, household and personalized items, jams, jellies, etc. will be available at the sale. They will also have hot food, a bake sale and beverages available for purchase. The event also includes a 50/50 drawing and basket raffle. All are welcome

MAINTENANCE MAN - St. Francis of Assisi is looking for a Maintenance man to do day-to-day upkeep at the Activity Building, Church, Rectory and former Convent. Anyone interested please contact the Parish Office at (814)539-1632. It's a part-time job opportunity. Diocesan clearances for protecting God's Children is necessary.



The **West End Improvement Group** will host an **ACTIVE Assault Community Training Demonstration on Feb 28th** at Grace Lutheran Church, 246 Chandler Ave, beginning at 6PM. Corporal Thomas Owens with the Stonycreek township Police and former Commander of Cambria County SERT will be the evens instructor. What should you do if you are ever faced with an active shooter situation? Join us and learn things that could save your life. Event is free and open to the public. For questions, please call 814-248-8989 or 814-322-5558.

SUPPORT PRO-LIFE



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

ABORTION - Abortionist's lead people to believe that abortion is a safe procedure which provides an easy way out of a troubled situation. But is it really as simple as that? Abortion is not a "safe" procedure, though one often hears that phrase, "safe, legal abortion."

Certainly, it is never safe for the baby, who often suffers before he or she is killed. Also, abortion is often damaging to the mother. Five to ten percent of women who have abortions will never be able to achieve a pregnancy, or carry a child to term, no matter how badly they want to do so.



Happy Valentine's Day!