

# ST. THERESE OF THE CHILD JESUS

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## The Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Feb 19, 2023

FIRST READING: Take no revenge and cherish no grudge; love your neighbor as yourself.  
(Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18).

PSALM: Our God shows mercy and graciousness (Psalm 103).

SECOND READING You are the temple of God, and holy (1 Corinthians 3:16-23).

GOSPEL: Offer no resistance; love your enemies (Matthew 5:38-48).

### LITURGICAL REFLECTION: DISCIPLES TOGETHER

Today's readings reflect on our communal identity as disciples. Before we begin Lent together in a few days, we take time to appreciate what God has done by giving us our family of faith. In Leviticus, God tells Moses to "speak to the whole Israelite community" and give them instructions for living in love. Moses passes along the message—to each and every believer—that God's people must strive together for holiness. Saint Paul echoes this message, insisting that we are indeed God's holy children. As temples of the Spirit, we belong to Christ and to one another. This mutual belonging is a blessing and a challenge. In Matthew's Gospel, Jesus sets a high bar for Christian community: his followers must love not only those who are easy to love, but also the people who upset us. Together, let us ask God to give us this kind of love. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

### WEEKLY PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR

SUN	02/19	
MON	02/20	
TUES	02/21	8:00AM . . . . Peeling Potato's
WED	02/22	Ash Distribution 7:50AM & 5:00PM
THURS	02/23	8:00AM . . . . Piroghi Project
FRI	02/24	10-12PM . . . . Piroghi Pick-up
SAT	02/25	3:00PM . . . . CONFESSION
SUN	02/26	

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK: (Feb 20<sup>th</sup>– Feb 26<sup>th</sup>)

MON	2/20. . . . .	7:50AM. . . . .	+ Michael Mikolaj – (Cass Kasper)
TUES	2/21. . . . .	7:50AM. . . . .	For Good Health of Hilda Berg – (Anna Udouch)
WED	2/22. . . . .	7:50AM. . . . .	+ (A) Pauline Pappas – (Sons)
		. . . . . 5:00PM . . . . .	+ Laverne Bobby – (Charlotte Lieb)
THUR	2/23. . . . .	7:50AM . . . . .	+ Thomas Delic – (Mike Cavallucci)
FRI	2/24. . . . .	7:50AM . . . . .	+ Bob Harkleroad & Marie Decker – (Dave & Beth Thomas)
SAT	2/25 . . . . .	4:00PM . . . . .	+ Rebeca Alwine – (James & Laverne Bobby)
SUN	2/26. . . . .	7:30AM. . . . .	+ Thomas Friedman – (Joseph Kresefsky)
		. . . 10:30AM. . . . .	+ (B) Zach Bretz – (Family)

## Sunday Feb 19, 2023

**Stewardship Reflections:** In the ancient passage from Leviticus, we find practical instruction in how to be Christian stewards, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself. I am the Lord." The first few verses of our second reading give us a reminder that the call to holiness is possible because we have the Holy Spirit already dwelling within us! Giving away the best of our time, our talents and treasure to God appears utterly foolish in the eyes of many.

Matthew gives illustrations of extreme actions of how we should give of ourselves and our things. Jesus teaches that these kinds of actions and attitude will make us "children of [our] Heavenly Father." If your lifestyle and your priorities look a little foolish to the world around you, know that you are probably doing it right in God's eyes. You will have a peace that the world around you desperately needs. With God's grace and the Holy Spirit dwelling in us, we can confidently press on in the stewardship way of life. Catholic Stewardship Consultants, Inc. 2019/7/05)

### LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS (Feb 11<sup>th</sup> & Feb 12<sup>th</sup> 2023)

Weekly	.....	\$ 4,539.50
Building Fund	.....	\$ 406.00
Fuel	.....	\$ 497.00

**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 **Theresa Stenger** who died unexpectedly this week. May God grant His eternal rest to **Theresa** and peace and consolation to her family.



This Wednesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> is the start of our Lenten Journey. There will be **morning Mass at 7:50AM & 5:00PM & distributions of ashes.**

### **Fasting and Abstinence**

Wednesday, Feb 22<sup>nd</sup>, when the Church begins the forty-day journey toward the Triduum (the Three Days) with the annual discipline of fasting, praying and giving alms. **Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup>** are days of fast and abstinence along with **all Fridays during lent**. Fasting refer to only one full meal, with two small meals and no eating otherwise for the day. The church directs the holy Fast to all those 18 years until their 60<sup>th</sup> year.

**Lenten Reading Material** -- is available in the vestibule. Please help yourselves. These booklets will assist you in making the most of your Lenten journey.



**Stations of the Cross** - will be held every Friday during Lent at 4PM except Good Friday.



Take a chance on  
**Lottery Scratch Off Tickets plus \$1000.00**  
Winning number determined by the Pick 3 drawing at 7PM Saturday, April 15<sup>th</sup>.  
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.

**Lenten Piroghi Project** - begins this week **Feb 23<sup>rd</sup>**, 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.**



### Office Access Closed

Due to the sewer work at the rectory and in the office, **the office will be closed to walk in traffic this week, Feb 20-24.** Office staff will be on hand for telephone and email inquiries. For emergencies, please call the office before stopping, by arrangements can be made for access. Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.



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

**Mandeville Collection** - will be taken up on Ash Wednesday, Feb 22<sup>nd</sup>. This appeal supports the Diocese of Mandeville, Jamaica. Your generosity gives hope to those who face the challenges of poverty in their daily lives. There are envelopes in your boxes.



**ST. Francis of Assisi, Johnstown** will hold a **Fish Fry on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 22** from 2:00 PM until 6:00 PM at the Activity Center. Eat in or take-out. Takeout orders can be placed on Tues., Feb. 21 and Wed., Feb. 22 from 9:00 AM until 1:00 PM by calling 814-539-3518. Meals will be served while supplies last!

### Immaculate Conception Parish Summerhill

**Fish Fries** will be held on the following Fridays during Lent Feb 24, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup> and Good Friday April 7<sup>th</sup> from 4-6:30PM at the New Germany Grove Hall

NO Phone orders

Dine -in now open Adults \$15.00 Children 6-11 \$7.50 and under 6 Free

Fish sandwich Meal \$8.00 includes Baked Potato and cole slaw.

Thank you for your continued support!

## 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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.

**St Ann Elizabeth Seton- FISH FRY...Friday Feb 24<sup>th</sup> TAKE OUT ONLY!!!** All Orders Must Be Phoned In! No Orders will be taken at the Church!!! When ordering, please be patient and listen to the entire prompt menu. Please do not press "4" until you hear the prompt. During our Fish Fry, our phones line could be very busy. Please be patient if you hear a busy signal please try again. The office phone will not be accepting any orders or be answered during the Fish Fry Hours. Pick up will be at the 7th Street entrance (big brown doors) to the Church Hall. We will follow the same format as last year's Fish Frys. You will be given a pick-up time & order # when you phone in your order. Pick-up order times are spaced to comply with social distancing. To avoid any congestion in the entrance way, Please be on time.

## Ash Wednesday Distribution

around town

**St Anne - 7:00AM**

**St Clements- 9:30AM & 6:30PM**

**St. Francis - 9:00AM & 5:30PM**

**St John Gualbert**

**7:00AM, 12:05PM, & 6:00PM**

**St Patrick- 9:00AM & 6:00PM**

# CRAFT FAIR

**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



The Church of the Transfiguration will be offering a delicious Swiss Steak Dinner take-out only on Sunday, Feb 19, 2023 from 10am-2:00PM at our school hall, 209 Third St, Conemaugh. Dinner includes a Delicious Swiss Steak in its own gravy, green beans, mashed potatoes, dinner roll, salad and dessert. Cost is only \$13 each. They go fast so come early.



**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 28<sup>th</sup>** 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.

**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

## SUPPORT PRO-LIFE



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

**ABORTION** - "For all mothers, especially those who are young or alone, beaten or addicted, that God might heal their broken hearts and seal that with His Love.

We Pray to the Lord

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## What Should You Give Up (or Add In) for Lent?

*Things to Give Up* Grudges \* The Need to be in Control \* Lazy Habits \* Excuses \* Gossip \* Jealousy \* Fear of Failure \* Judging Others \* Pessimism \* Complaining \* Anger \* Pride \* Lying \* Pornography \* Facebook \* Swearing \* Procrastination \* TV \* Intolerance \* Only Talking to God When You Need Something \* Wastefulness \* Online Trolling \* Your Comfort Zone \* Overscheduling \* Clothes You Do Not Wear \* Trying to Make Everyone Happy \* Assumptions

*Things to Add In* Attend Stations of the Cross \* Go to Daily Mass \* Write a Note to Someone Who Has Made a Difference in Your Life \* Pray the Rosary Every Day \* Receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation \* Help an Elderly Neighbor \* Write to Nursing Home Residents \* Cook a Meal for Someone \* Volunteer to be an Usher, Eucharistic Minister, Lector, Greeter or Altar Server \* Watch EWTN \* Pray for Strangers \* Thank Someone Every Day \* Buy an "Extra" to Give Away \* Send an Anonymous Gift to Someone \* Get Involved in Parish Activities \* Keep a Gratitude Journal \* Read Spiritual Books and Literature \*

*For every act of mercy, love, forgiveness and care, we receive the same.*

*Luke 6:36-*