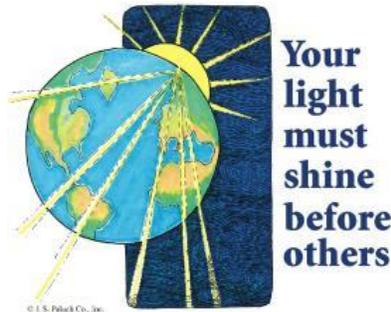


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The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Feb 5, 2023

FIRST READING: If you share your food with the hungry, provide housing for the homeless, then light shall break forth upon you (Isaiah 58:7-10).

PSALM: One who is just is a model for the righteous (Psalm 112).

SECOND READING My message to you, says Paul, was not clever words of wisdom but the proclamation of Christ crucified (1 Corinthians 2:1-5).

GOSPEL: You are the salt of the earth, the light of the world (Matthew 5:13-16).

LITURGICAL REFLECTION: THE LIGHT OF SERVICE

The prophet Isaiah inspires us with these words: “Light shall rise for you in the darkness, and the gloom shall become for you like midday.” All of us celebrating the liturgy today praise God for these words of encouragement. Surely each of us knows the gloomy side of life, but today’s readings propose a brilliant antidote to misery: the light of service. Isaiah focuses on physical suffering, telling us to provide food, clothing, housing, and equal opportunity to those with limited resources. Moving beyond material needs, Saint Paul demonstrates how to proceed humbly when attending to people’s spiritual needs. Saint Matthew’s Gospel stirs us to bold action: whatever gifts we have, we must put them at the service of our communities. As Christians, we must engage with one another without holding back, letting our light shine before all. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

WEEKLY PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR

SUN	02/05	
MON	02/06	
TUES	02/07	7:00PM Knights of Columbus Meeting
WED	02/08	
THURS	02/09	
FRI	02/10	
SAT	02/11	3:00PM CONFESSION Holy Name/ KOC Coffee & Donuts Recruiting Social
SUN	02/12	Holy Name/ KOC Coffee & Donuts Recruiting Social

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK: (Feb 6th– Feb 12th)

MON	2/06.	7:50AM.	+ Betty Sestrich – (Elizabeth Dukery)
TUES	2/07.	7:50AM.	Sr Celine of the Eucharist O.C.D.
WED	2/08.	7:50AM.	+ Teresa Lill – (Jim & Kim Murray)
THUR	2/09.	7:50AM	+ M/M Joseph Cisz – (Daughter, Joan Cisz)
FRI	2/10.	7:50AM	+ Betty Quinn – (Dr Joseph Shorlin)
SAT	2/11	4:00PM	+ Living & Deceased members Gentile/David Families
SUN	2/12.	7:30AM.	+ Sam Manganello – (Wife, Carole)
	10:30AM.	+ Holy Name



Sunday Feb 5, 2023

Stewardship Reflections: Caring for our brothers and sisters in need is a "must do" for the Christian steward. Note, too, that the instructions from the prophet Isaiah require action; to share, to shelter, to clothe, and to hang in there with your family members, even the demanding ones.

The Gospel passage from Matthew sends us out on our stewardship way with a bang as Jesus declares to us, His disciples, that we are the "salt of the earth" and the "light of the world." But, He adds, salt no longer gives flavor if allowed to go stale. Light cannot bring its blessed brightness if left hidden. This is the stewardship way of life. The more we give ourselves away, the more we will find ourselves, and "light shall rise" for us in the form of more of His grace in our lives and more of His joy and His peace in our hearts. Catholic Stewardship Consultants, Inc. 2019/7/05)

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS (Jan 28th Jan 29th 2023)

Weekly \$	3,301.00
Building Fund \$	50.00
Fuel \$	15.00

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



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



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 10:30 Mass.

Families and the Gospel - (Matthew: 5: 13-16)

Today's gospel challenges us to be a "light" to our family. Parents shine their guiding light, not in front but behind them, inviting their children to follow their "good deeds."

After all Masses Feb 11th & 12th 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.

KOC Council #10409 - This month's meeting will be held Tuesday, Feb 7th at 7PM in the Church Hall.

St Therese 2022 Catholic Ministries Drive Updated

In order to reach our goal of \$20,392, a payment was made from our church funds for \$6,507.00. We are grateful to everyone who pledged and may God Bless your generosity.

Community News & Events



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. Please call the Central City parish office (814-754-5224) by February 14th.

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.