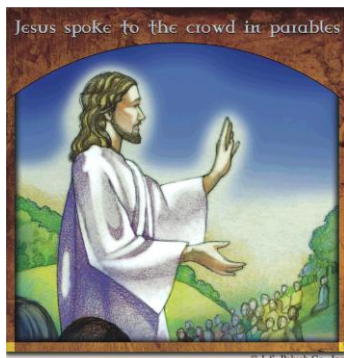


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Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 23, 2023

FIRST READING: You taught your people that those who are just must likewise be kind
(Wisdom 12:13, 16-19).

PSALM: Lord, you are good and forgiving (Psalm 86).

SECOND READING: The Spirit comes to aid us in our weakness (Romans 8:26-27).

GOSPEL: Jesus proposes parables to the crowds, teaching them of the reign of God
(Matthew 13:24-43 [24-30]).

LITURGICAL REFLECTION: GOOD SEEDS Today Jesus continues to speak to his followers using parables. What a rich treasure we are given today in three parables about the kingdom of heaven! The kingdom is likened to a man sowing good seed in his field, a mustard seed, and yeast mixed with flour. As they did last week, today the disciples press Jesus for an interpretation of one of the parables—the parable of the man sowing good seed. Lest we think that these parables are simply amusing little anecdotes, Jesus’ interpretation should be seen for what it is—a warning. Wailing and grinding of teeth in a fiery furnace await those who are children of the evil one. This parable points to the struggle for today’s believer. Sometimes, through sin, we sow weeds and prevent the love of Christ from blossoming. Let today’s Gospel help put us back on track. Let us recommit ourselves to preparing for the last days, the harvest, by blossoming as the good seeds we were created in love to be.

WEEKLY PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR

SUN	07/23	11AM -4PM . Summer Burger & Basket Bash
MON	07/24	
TUES	07/25	
WED	07/26	
THURS	07/27	
FRI	07/28	
SAT	07/29	3:00PM CONFESSION
SUN	07/30	

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK: (July 24th – July 30th)

MON	7/24.	7:50AM.	+ Karl Komara – (Wife, Elaine)
TUES	7/25.	7:50AM.	+ Kevin Gritzer – (Mick & Joyce Muto)
WED	7/26.	7:50AM.	+ (A) Stella David– (Daughter, Kathy & Ed)
THUR	7/27.	7:50AM	+ Michael & Margaret Friedman – (Family)
FRI	7/28.	7:50AM	+ Paul Bargeman – (Pam)
SAT	7/29	4:00PM	+ Bernie & Theresa Conway – (William Moriholtko)
SUN	7/30	7:30AM.	+ (A) Thomas Friedman – (John & Doris Gritzer)
		. . . 10:30AM.	+ Sonja Girgos – (David & Terri Radnotti)

Sunday July 23, 2023

Stewardship Reflections The day will come when we will have to give an account for what we have done with the gifts of time, talent, and treasure that He entrusted to us. We will be judged by God for the part we played, or did not play, in the building of His kingdom.

We must turn to the Holy Spirit continuously to guide us in our daily lives as Christian stewards. God sees and treasures and "grows" our offerings of time, talent, and treasure in ways we cannot begin to imagine. Faithful stewards of the gifts entrusted to us, "will shine like the sun in the kingdom of [the] Father."

(www.CatholicSteward.com, 6/11/2020)

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS (July 15th & July 16th 2023)

Weekly	\$ 4,073.00
Building Fund	\$ 65.00

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



KOC is sponsoring a Blood Drive in honor of **Dan Hutchison on August 11, 2023 from 11:30Am - 5PM in the church Hall.** For an Appointment, Please visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter **StThereseor** call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).



Looking for help with college?

St. Therese's Knights of Columbus council #10409 are here to help by offering again this year a \$500 Fr Bernard Karmanocky Essay Scholarships to the members of St Therese and St. Anne's Parishes (only). You must be either a senior in High School, or planning to attend or attending a 2-4 years program, or trade school. The essay must consist of 500 words and the topic for this year's scholarship is:

"What does it mean to be a Christian Today"

If you have any questions, please contact Dennis @535-6833. **All entries must be postmarked by August 18th** Please submit your essay to:

Dennis Pingatore
115 Stans Lane
Johnstown, Pa 15909

Religious Ed Registration News

Children entering grade 1 will need a registration form completed and must provide a copy of their baptismal certificate.

Any other students entering our program will also need to complete a registration form and provide a copy of their baptismal certificate.

In the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown the sacrament of Confirmation is a three-year program in preparation for receiving the sacrament. This will include **all students in the ninth grade** - those in our Religious Education Program, students enrolled in Bishop McCort High School, and home-schooled children. Bishop McCort students and home-schooled children will need to complete a registration form.

If your child is entering second grade at Divine Mercy or is home schooled, they are required to participate in the 2nd Grade religious education program to make their First Confession & Holy Eucharist.

Registration forms are in the back of the church. They can be put into the collection basket or returned to the rectory by the end of August.

Any student leaving our Religious Education Program is asked to notify the Rectory.

Our Catholic Ministries Drive - Together We Serve-

Your sacrificial gifts of prayer and treasure will make an immediate impact on ministries that care for the poor, strengthen family life, nurture our youth, and provide leadership development for clergy and laity. 100% of your gift goes directly to these ministries! As of March 31st, we have collected \$8,895.00 of our \$21,083.00 Goal. Please consider making a pledge to the Ministries Drive. You have until Dec 31st 2023 to pay your pledge in full.

Families and the Gospel - (MT 13: 24-43)

Parents plant values in their children anticipating the tiny seeds of honesty, respect, commitment, and fidelity will grow with their child and one day become "a safe haven" to many.

Community News & Events

Is God Calling You to Become a Deacon?

Do you believe that God might be calling you to discern the Ordained Ministry of Christ the Servant, as a Permanent Deacon in the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown? If so, you and your wife (if married) are invited to join Bishop Mark and Deacon Michael Russo at the "Bishop's Night of Vocations" on Wednesday, October 4th at 7 p.m. at the US Hotel Tavern, Hollidaysburg. Reservations for this event are required and can be made by contacting Jessica at (814) 361-2000. The deadline for reservations is **Aug. 4th**. For more information on the Permanent Diaconate please visit us online at www.dioceseaj.org/Diaconate/ or by contacting Deacon Michael Russo, Director at (814) 288-3036. All are welcome!



2023 Outdoor Masses: All the faithful of the Altoona-Johnstown Diocese are invited to our **outdoor Masses every Sunday evening at 7 PM at the beautiful Shrine of Our Lady of the Alleghenies!** Outdoor Masses will continue through Labor Day weekend- September 3, 2023. Please bring a lawn chair. In the event of inclement weather, the Mass will be celebrated in the Basilica of St. Michael the Archangel

CAR CRUISE/BLOCKPARTY - On **Sunday July 30th** Queen of Angels Parish in Central City will be sponsoring a Classic and Antique Car Cruise from 1:00 PM until 5:00 PM at their St. John site (164 Wheeler Street - Central City). Live oldies music will be provided by Americana from 2:00 PM until 5:00 PM. The parish will be preparing and serving burgers, hot sausage, beer, soft drinks, and other refreshments. All who have a classic or antique car, or those who simply take pleasure in music and an evening out are welcome to come and enjoy a day of cars, food, and camaraderie. **All proceeds benefit a local child who recently received a heart transplant.** Any questions can be directed to the parish office at 814-754-5224.



Bishop

Mark's Blessing for Young People -- All young people entering or returning to college, as well as those entering the military, along with their families, are invited to a special Mass with Bishop Mark at **7PM** at the Shrine of our Lady of the Alleghenies in Loretto on Sunday, **August 6th**. Bishop Mark will offer a special blessing and gift for each of these students.



PARISH FESTIVAL - at Saint Benedict Church in Carrolltown, on **Friday,**

Saturday, and Sunday, July 28, 29, and 30. We will have a Chicken Dinner with homemade chicken noodle soup, Sunday July 30, 11 am to 2 pm. There will be entertainment provided everyday - with live bands, beer tent, bingo, large basket auction, games, bake sale, ethnic foods, refreshments, petting zoo, and fireworks. \$10,000 in cash prizes to be awarded July 31 thru August 4.



BASKET PARTY - The Trojan Rec Cheer is holding a Basket Party on **August 6th** at the St. Therese Social Hall from 1-4PM. Doors open at Noon and drawing begins at 2.35PM. Donation is \$10 and includes a light lunch. For tickets or info call Georgia at 814-242-2083.

Every Child is someone's whole World



ABORTION: We are by no means blind to the sufferings of mothers and the problems confronting some families, but Abortion and Infanticide are not the solution. We shall always support every effort to alleviate human suffering and to solve personal and family problems, but we **insist that a solution MUST respect the life of the innocent, defenseless, unborn child.**"

St Therese Church

Summer Basket

&

Burger Bash



July 22nd & July 23rd
4-9PM 11AM-4PM

Live Entertainment

Saturday 5-8PM-Cajun Norm

Sunday 12-3PM - Bo Moore

**Themed Basket Drawing held on
Sunday @ 4PM**



Menu

**Burgers - Fresh cut French Fries -
Funnel cake**

Pizza - Pulled Pork

Water - Soda - Beer

Available for purchase