

# ST. THERESE OF THE CHILD JESUS

THE CHURCH OF THE FRANCISCANS  
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## Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Oct 1, 2023

**FIRST READING:** — When the wicked turn away from their wickedness they have committed and do what is right, they shall surely live (Ezekiel 18: 25-28).

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** — Remember your mercies, O Lord (Psalm 25).

**SECOND READING** — Consider others as better than yourselves; look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others (Philippians 2: 1-11 [1-5]).

**GOSPEL** -- Tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God ahead of you (Matthew 21: 28-32).

**LITURGICAL FAMILIAR INSIGHTS** -- Spiritual teachers tend to repeat themselves, and to repeat other teachers. Maybe there really aren't that many different truths to tell. Just a lot of slow, sleepy human beings—like us—who need to hear the basics over and over. Consider today's readings. People complain God isn't "fair," and Ezekiel answers that God is more than fair. People choose their own fates, and people can change. Even evildoers can turn, do right, and live. "Actions speak louder than words." A fresh new insight? Hardly. Paul tells the Philippians that he would truly be encouraged if those who claimed to be believers would, in fact, look to others' interests and not their own. "The proof of the pudding is in the eating." A novel idea? I don't think so. In Jesus' story of the farmer and his sons, everyone knows that the one who said he wouldn't work—but did—is way ahead of the one who said he would work—but didn't. "Talk is cheap." Heard that before?  
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### WEEKLY PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR

|          |      |  |
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| MON      | 10/2 |  |
| TUES     | 10/3 | 7:00PM . . . . . Knights of Columbus Meeting                     |
| WED      | 10/4 |  |
| THURS    | 10/5 | 11:30AM . . . . . Christian Mothers Rosary, Mass & Meeting       |
| FRI      | 10/6 | 9:00AM . . . . . Making Apple Strudel                            |
| SAT      | 10/7 | 3:00PM . . . . . Confession                                      |
|          |      | . . . . . 4-8 PM . . . . . Oktoberfest Wheel Raffle 5:30 -7:30PM |
| NEXT SUN | 10/8 | 11-4:30 . . . . . Oktoberfest                                    |



### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK: (Oct 2<sup>nd</sup> – Oct 8<sup>th</sup>)

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| MON  | 10/2 | 7:50AM . . . . . + Regis Bender (one month mind) – (Raymond Link)             |
| TUES | 10/3 | 7:50AM . . . . . + Sophie Mulvehill (one month mind) – (Son, Patrick & Terri) |
| WED  | 10/4 | 7:50AM . . . . . + (A) Joseph Gorka – (Kim & Gary Weakland)                   |
| THUR | 10/5 | 7:50AM . . . . . + Intention Dantis   |
|      |      | . . . . . 12:00PM . . . . . + Christian Mothers                               |
| FRI  | 10/6 | 7:50AM . . . . . + Michael & Margaret Friedman – (Doris & John)               |
| SAT  | 10/7 | 4:00PM . . . . . + (B) Jean Barbalish & (A) Steven Barbalish – (Yvonne)       |
| SUN  | 10/8 | 7:30AM . . . . . + Peggy Murray – (Therese & John Lumely)                     |
|      |      | . . . . . 10:30AM . . . . . + Holy Name                                       |





## Sunday Oct 1, 2023

**Stewardship Reflections:** Today's readings challenge the modern-day disciple to imitate more fully both the actions and attitudes of Christ. This is, after all, the point of our stewardship way of life.

St. Paul encapsulates the actions and attitudes we must strive for in the Second Reading, from the Letter to the Philippians. "Do nothing out of selfishness or out of vainglory; rather, humbly regard others as more important than yourselves, each looking out not for his own interests, but also for those of others." In other words, Paul continues, "Have in you the same attitude that is also in Christ Jesus." Whether we are at work or school or within our own homes, our actions should be focused on others first in imitation of Christ, Who is always perfectly focused on others.

We are called to a high and holy standard — living as Christ's disciples every day and with every person the Lord places in our path. But we can move towards this goal in "baby steps." We can even take a step backward from time to time because our Father is merciful and kind. What matters is that we keep baby-stepping along, assured of the grace we need to more closely imitate the actions and attitudes of Christ. This is the beauty of the stewardship way of life.

### LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS (Sept 23<sup>rd</sup> & Sept 24<sup>th</sup> 2023)

Weekly ..... \$ 3,083.00  
Building Fund ..... \$ 15.00

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



We need a few more volunteers to work in the kitchen serving food, Saturday, and Sunday. This also is a great opportunity for the children that need service hours for school or confirmation. This is a big fundraiser for OUR CHURCH and we need many hands to make it a success. Please call the office Mon - Fri 9-2 to volunteer.



**Novena to Honor St. Therese of the Child Jesus** will conclude Today, Sunday, Oct 1<sup>st</sup>, the Feast of St. Therese. Mass Schedule -- Sunday Masses at 7:30AM, 10:30AM, and 7:00PM will be the closing of the Novena. Cake & coffee will be served after all the Masses on Sunday.



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**A BIG THANK-YOU** to all who helped with the piroghi & gob projects. These projects would never happen if it was not for all your Help. A special thanks to all who prepare meals and those that bake all the goodies for our volunteers. **We truly have the BEST Volunteers ever!!**

### Apple Strudel Help Needed -

**Oct 6<sup>th</sup> - Friday 9:00AM** -make apple strudel at the Social Hall.

**KOC Council #10409** - will hold their monthly on Tuesday, Oct 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7PM in the Church Hall.

**Christian Mothers Rosary, Mass, & Meeting** - will be held on Thursday, Oct 5<sup>th</sup> starting at 11:30Am with the rosary.



**Blessing of Animals**...In keeping with the Franciscan tradition, the Blessing of Animals will take place on Saturday morning, **Oct 7<sup>th</sup> at 10:00AM** in front of the Grotto. All are welcome!!



### Looking for new Choir Members...

Anyone interested in joining the Senior Choir? We would be happy to have you!!  
Choir practice is on Monday's at 7PM. If you have any questions, please call Barb @ 255-6563



It has come to our attention that someone is texting and emailing some people from St Anne & St Therese and pretending to be Fr Bernard Karmanocky and then asking for help. If you respond then they proceed to ask for gift cards. **This is a SCAM.** Fr Bernie would never text or email you for anything of value. Please pass this information on to all your friends and family members.

**Congratulations to the newly-elected officers of the Christian Mothers:**

|                |                 |
|----------------|-----------------|
| President      | Carol Watson    |
| Vice President | Dorothy Lengyel |
| Secretary      | Gail Bala       |
| Treasurer      | Helen Sorchilla |

Throughout the year, the Christian Mothers have many fundraisers and we thank you for your continued support. These fundraisers are used in different areas of the parish. We are extending an invitation to you to join us as a member of the Christian Mothers. Our meetings are the first Thursday of the month beginning with the rosary at 11:30AM. Mass at Noon and meeting follows in the Church Hall. Please join us and see what the Christian Mothers is all about.

**Families and the Gospel - (MT 20:1-16a)**

Today Jesus is saying to us: "Why are you idle? Go into my vineyard." Family, where "the last will be first," is the "vineyard" entrusted to us in today's gospel. Successful families are constructed by "laborers," who work hard on family relationships, and not by couch potatoes.

**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 July 31<sup>st</sup>, we have collected **\$15,525.00 of our \$21,083.00 Goal**. Please consider making a pledge to the Ministries Drive. You have until Dec 31<sup>st</sup> 2023 to pay your pledge in full.

**Community News & Events**



**SPAGHETTI DINNER BENEFIT FOR GALE BALA**  
- Will be held on **Sunday, October 1, 2023 from 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM**. Dinner includes Spaghetti & Meatballs, Salad, Roll, Dessert and a Beverage. Adults dinners are \$10.00 and children dinners are \$5.00. There will also be a Basket Raffle and 50/50 tickets. We will be offering eat-in or take-out!

*Lord, make me a channel of your peace;  
Where there is hatred, let me sow love:  
Where there is injury, pardon;  
Where there is doubt, faith;  
Where there is despair, hope;  
Where there is darkness, light;  
And where there is sadness, joy;  
O divine Master,  
Grant that I may not so much seek to be  
consoled as to console;  
To be understood, as to understand;  
To be loved, as to love;  
For it is in giving that we receive,  
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,  
And it is in dying that we are born to Eternal  
Life*



Saint Francis Feast Day Oct 4<sup>th</sup>



"Sometimes the Smallest things take up the most room in your hearts"

**ABORTION: The Pope Teaches...by Pope Francis**  
"Openness to life is at the center of true development," he said. "If personal & social sensitivity I welcoming a new life is lost, other forms of welcome useful to social life will dry up. Welcoming life tempers moral energies & makes people capable of helping each other.

**Divine Mercy Prayer Group** next get together will be **Wed. Oct. 11th 3pm and 6:30pm** (for those who work) at St. Andrew Church meeting room. Best 1 Hour spent! Bring a friend. Will be praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet, discussing entries from the Diary of St. Faustina, Scripture, and Catechism of the Catholic Church. Info call Cathy 814-288-1126 or Lolly 814-659-8717



# St Therese Church Oktoberfest



**Upper Decker Avenue**

**SATURDAY, OCT 7<sup>th</sup>  
4:00PM – 8:00PM**

**SUNDAY, OCT 8<sup>th</sup>  
11:00AM – 4:30PM**

## MENU

|                     |                         |
|---------------------|-------------------------|
| GERMAN POTATO SALAD | HALUSKI                 |
| PIGS IN THE BLANKET | PIROGHI                 |
| KOLBASSI            | HOTDOGS with SAUERKRAUT |

## DELICIOUS HOME BAKED DESERTS

ASSORTED PIES      GERMAN APPLE STRUDEL



BEER    WHITE CLAW    SODA    WATER    COFFEE

## ENTERTAINMENT

INSTANT BINGO – THEME BASKETS



### SATURDAY

5:30 – 7:00—Meat Raffle Wheel

### SUNDAY

12:30 – 3:30PM - Dancing to the music of  
the Rhythm Masters

4:00PM – Theme Basket Raffle Drawing

