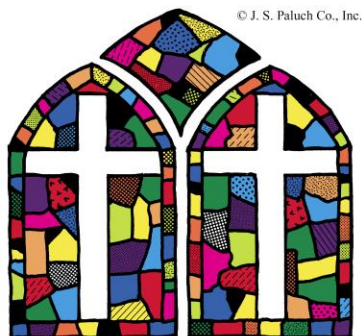


# ST. THERESE OF THE CHILD JESUS

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

Sept 10, 2023

**FIRST READING:** — Warn the wicked, trying to turn them from their ways (Ezekiel 33: 7-9).

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** — If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts (Psalm 95).

**SECOND READING** — Owe nothing to anyone, except mutual love (Romans 13: 8-10).

**GOSPEL** -- If two agree about anything for which they pray, it shall be granted (Matthew 18: 15-20).

### **LITURGICAL REFLECTION** - A MESSAGE OF LOVE

In the final verses of today's Gospel reading Jesus says that when two or three are gathered in his name, "there am I in the midst of them" (Matthew 18:20). So we understand that fraternal correction is always undertaken with Jesus present to us. Likewise, encouraging the good in others is not only the right thing for us to do, it is a necessity. The Lord tells the prophet Ezekiel that if he "does not speak out" to dissuade a person from evil, then he too will be held responsible. We live in a "do your own thing" age when moral objectivity is often ignored. Clearly when the message we share with others is one of love, our motives cannot ever be misinterpreted. As St. Paul writes, "Love does no evil to the neighbor; hence, love is the fulfillment of the law" (Romans 13:10).

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### **WEEKLY PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR**

TODAY	9/10	10:30AM. . . . . Holy Name Mass and Rosary to follow
MON	9/11	
TUES	9/12	
WED	9/13	
THURS	9/14	9:00AM . . . . . Making Pigs in Blanket Social Hall
FRI	9/15	
SAT	9/16	3:00PM . . Confession
NEXT SUN	9/17	

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### **MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK: (Sept 11<sup>th</sup> – Sept 17<sup>th</sup>)**

MON	9/04 . . . . .	7:50AM. . . . .	+ Michael Beblar – (Jeff & Mary Beth Konieczny)
TUES	9/05 . . . . .	7:50AM. . . . .	+ James Marshall – (Mom & Family)
WED	9/06 . . . . .	7:50AM. . . . .	+ (B) Josephine Turturica – (Sister)
THUR	9/07 . . . . .	7:50AM. . . . .	+ Frank Karmanocky – (Neo- Catechumenal Way Community)
FRI	9/08 . . . . .	7:50AM. . . . .	+ (A) Kevin Gritzer – (Mom & Dad)
SAT	9/09 . . . . .	4:00PM. . . . .	+ (WA) John & Agnes Podolka – (Family)
SUN	9/10 . . . . .	7:30AM. . . . .	+ Karl Komara – (Wife, Elaine)
		. . . . .10:30AM. . . . .	+ Frank Karmanocky – (Chuck DiFalco)



## Sunday Sept 10, 2023

**Stewardship Reflections:** Stewardship is also about being stewards of relationships. True love means seeking the good of the other. Love sometimes requires us to speak up when it would be easier to remain silent. Other times, love calls us to keep our mouths shut when we would prefer to "put someone in their place." Love is not taking to Twitter or Facebook to vent our frustrations about someone who has offended us. But neither is allowing a brother (or sister) to sin against us without speaking up. Jesus teaches us to confront the offending person directly and discretely, with the goal of restoring the relationship if possible. This is how we steward our relationships even through rocky waters.

(CatholicSteward.com 7/10/2023)

### LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS (Sept 2<sup>nd</sup> & Sept 3<sup>rd</sup> 2023)

Weekly	.....	\$ 3,756.00
Fuel	.....	\$ 1,125.00
Building Fund	.....	\$ 551.00

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 **Luella Skakunik**, who was called to her eternal reward this week. May God grant His eternal rest to **Louella** and peace and consolation to her family.



**Sincere Condolences** - The St. Therese Community would like to offer our sincere condolences to the family of **Sophie Mulvehill**, who was called to her eternal reward this week. May God grant His eternal rest to **Sophie** and peace and consolation to her family. Sophie was the mother of Patrick (Terri) Mulvehill.

### Our Catholic Ministries Drive - Together We Serve-

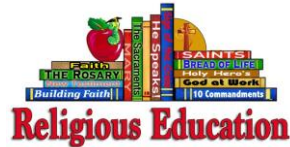
Your sacrificial gifts of prayer and treasure will make an immediate impact on ministries that care for the poor, strengthen family life, nurture our youth, and provide leadership development for clergy and laity. 100% of your gift goes directly to these ministries! As of July 31<sup>st</sup>, we have 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.

**Holy Name Mass Sunday, Sept 10<sup>th</sup>** at 10:30AM. Following the Mass, everyone is cordially invited to attend the Rosary, for the benefit and blessings for all parishioners living and deceased.

### Congratulations to the winners of the St Anne's Christian Mothers ticket!!

#548	Sandy Lasure	(Winner)
#547	Susan Langerholc	(#below)
#549	Bill Mishler	(#above)

Thank you to all who supported us by purchasing a ticket!



A **Parent Meeting** is scheduled for next **Sunday Sept 17 at 9:45AM** in the Church Hall.

We would appreciate at least one Parent attend.

**First CCD Class will be held on Sept.24 at 9AM**

### Ushers & Greeters



Are you a people person? Are you someone who likes to lend a hand? I might have the "job" for you! We are looking for a few ushers- greeters. Someone to greet parishioners and guests, pass out bulletins and help collect at the offertory. Please stop by the vestibule and fill out a slip, and drop in in the collection basket.



**Pigs In Blanket Help Needed** - If you are available on **Thursday, Sept 14<sup>th</sup>-9AM** making pigs social hall

We will be making piroghis for the Novena on **Thursday, Sept 21<sup>st</sup>**.

### Piroghi Sign up Sheet

**Sign-up sheets:** will be in the vestibule after all Masses this weekend and next weekend, **Saturday & Sunday, Sept 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> & Sept 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>**

### Families and the Gospel - (MT 18: 15-20)

The key word in today's gospel is "listen." We cannot change another person; not alone, not with others and not with a whole Church. All we can do is state our position and "if he listens to you" then he / she can take the steps necessary to change themselves. Change comes from within.