

ST. THERESE OF THE CHILD JESUS

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Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Sept 24, 2023

FIRST READING: — Turn to the LORD who is generous in forgiving (Isaiah 55:6-9).

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: — The Lord is near to all who call upon him (Psalm 145).

SECOND READING — Live your lives in a way worthy of the gospel of Christ (Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a).

GOSPEL — The last will be first, and the first will be last (Matthew 20:1-16a).

LITURGICAL DIRECTION: Isaiah tells us something that we already know, and yet seem to forget every now and then. He tells us, essentially, that God is God and we are not. When we are confused and troubled and can't figure everything out, it might be wise to recall Isaiah speaking on the Lord's behalf and explaining that God—who is on a much more, well, Godly wavelength than we are—moves in ways we can't even imagine. Saint Paul, by comparison, has everything figured out. Kind of. At least he understands his calling in life—to magnify Christ in everything he does. That should give all of us the direction we need. Jesus gives us direction, too, explaining to us once again in the parable of the workers in the vineyard that the last will be first, and the first, last. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

WEEKLY PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR

MON	9/25	
TUES	9/26	
WED	9/27	
THURS	9/28	9:00AM Making Pigs
FRI	9/29	
SAT	9/30	3:00PM Confession
NEXT SUN	10/1	7:00PM Closing of the Novena



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK: (Sept 25th – Oct 1st)

MON	9/25	7:50AM + James Udouch – (Wife Anna)
		9:00AM + William Kolega – (Jean Tittle)
		7:00PM + Carol David – (Sister, Kathy & Ed)
TUES	9/26	7:50AM + Nancy Schultz – (Natalie Schultz)
		9:00AM + Michael & Margaret Friedman – (Family)
		7:00PM + Frank Karmanocky – (Wife, Sue & Family)
WED	9/27	7:50AM + M/M Joseph Cisz – (Daughter, Joan)
		9:00AM + Ted Figart – (Shank Family)
		7:00PM + Michael J. Beblar (3 month mind) – (UncleTom, Michelle & the Boys)
THUR	9/28	7:50AM + Kevin Gritzer – (Albert & Mary Cay Faloso)
		9:00AM + Barbara DiFalco – (Shank Family)
		7:00PM + Frank Krupa – Casey & Julie Skala)
FRI	9/29	7:50AM + Intention Dantis
		9:00AM +Christie Carpenter – (Shank Family)
		7:00PM + Joseph Gorka – (Russak Family)
SAT	9/30	9:00AM + (WA) Bob Macy – (Wife, Bea)
		4:00PM + Pavlosky & Dukery Families – (Betty Dukery)
		7:00PM + (B)Teresa Lill – (Daughter, Lorraine & Bryan)
SUN	10/1	7:30AM + James Marshall – (Mom & Family)
		10:30AM + Edward Skufca – (Family)
		7:00PM + Pro Populo



Sunday Sept 24, 2023

Stewardship Reflections: As stewards, the way we prioritize our time will often be at odds with the world's priorities. Jesus offers us a glimpse of the "Godly logic" of the Father. The laborers were relying on human logic and human calculations. Christian stewards can grumble and complain too. When we compare ourselves to others and believe that not everyone is contributing as much as we are to the parish, the neighborhood, or even within our family, we do not think clearly. We must remember that it is a great privilege to have been called by the Father to work in His vineyard. Living the stewardship way of life brings us meaning, depth and purpose. Let's embrace this Godly thinking and thank Him for calling us to this way of life (CatholicSteward.com 7/10/2023)

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS (Sept 16th & Sept 17th2023)

Weekly	\$ 3,587.00
Fuel	\$ 710.00
Building Fund	\$ 124.00

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 **Thomas Haynal**, who was called to his eternal reward this week. May God grant His eternal rest to **Thomas** and peace and consolation to his family.



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



Novena to Honor St. Therese of the Child Jesus

Saturday, Sept 23rd and will end on Sunday, Oct 1st, the Feast of St. Therese.

Mass Schedule -

Weekday Masses 9AM and 7PM; Saturday Masses at 9AM, 4PM, and 7PM;

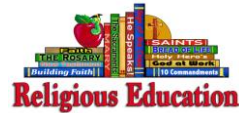
Sunday Masses at 7:30AM, 10:30AM, and 7:00PM.

Fr. Lee Havey, C.P. from St Ann's Passionist Monastery Scranton Pa, will conduct our Novena.



St. Therese's Mass of Anointing of the Sick -

This sacrament of the sick will be celebrated during a Mass, **Sept 24th** at 2PM at St. Therese. Anointing is intended for those faithful whose health is impaired by sickness or age. Physical, emotional, or spiritual illnesses are opportunities to celebrate this sacrament. Pews will be reserved in the front of the church for those who are unable to walk up to the altar.



TODAY, Sunday Sept 24th at 9AM CCD students should report to the Church. Respected classrooms are as follows:

1st Grade - Rectory

2nd Grade - Chapel

3rd & 4th Grade - Convent

5th & 6th Grade - Classroom above Chapel

7th & 8th Grade - Convent

9th & 10th Grade - Church Hall

11th Grade - Rectory Lounge



The Knights of Columbus # 10409

We would like to **CONGRATULATE** our \$500.00 Scholarship winner for 2023:

Megan Rager

We would also like to Congratulate the following runners up:

Makenna Oswalt

Addison Oswalt

George Churilla

Leah Petrone



Blessing of Animals...In keeping with the Franciscan tradition, the

Blessing of Animals will take place on Saturday morning, **Oct 7th** at 10:00AM in front of the Grotto. All are welcome!!

PLEASE NOTE TIME CHANGE - Pigs In Blanket

Thursday Sept 28th -9:00AM - make pigs





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 question please call Barb @ 255-6563

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 31st, 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 31st 2023 to pay your pledge in full.

Community News & Events



Come to the Church of the Transfiguration on, **TODAY, Sunday, Sept 24th** and enjoy an easy and quick Sunday dinner. We take your order from 10-1:30PM. You do not even have to get out of your car. Follow directions and pay for your dinner. It is \$8.00 a meal that includes hot Spaghetti, two meatballs, bun, salad, and dessert.

Holy Family Parish, Portage, Basket Party

to be held on **Sun., Oct. 1 at 2 PM**. Doors open at 11:30 AM. Tickets are \$5 for 25 chances on baskets and 1 Door prize chance. Chances on larger value prizes will be Available. Complimentary cake and coffee. Other food and soft drinks will be available to purchase the day of the Party. **Pre Ticket Sales** will be available in the Parish Hall before and after all weekend Masses, **Beginning September 16** to the day of the party and on Tuesday and Thursday beginning September 19 from 6 to 8 PM.



Steeler Ticket Lottery: The Church of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary is currently selling tickets for the Steelers vs. the Baltimore Ravens Game at 1:00 PM on Sunday, October 8th, 2023. **Tickets cost \$10 and include seating for 4 persons at the game on the 40-yard line**, ten seats up, transportation to the game by way of the Steeler bus, and \$200 of mad money. The winners are determined by the **PA Lottery evening 3-digit drawing on September 29th**. Those who have either the number below or the number above the winning number will receive \$100 each. **What an amazing deal!** Tickets are going fast, so if you would like to purchase some tickets, please call the parish rectory @ 814-536-6110. Thank you for your support.

Young Adult Group (18-35): Our young adult group continues to grow and succeed. Our regular monthly Theology on Tap meeting remains the last Wednesday of every month. Mid-September we also had a bonfire and Rosary. More events will be scheduled in the future. Our September 27th session is from 6-8pm at The Boulevard Grill located 165 Southmont Boulevard. Our September guest speaker is Fr. Brian Norris. Upcoming speakers include Bishop Mark Bartchak (October) and Fr. Malachi Van Tassell T.O.R. (November). Please help spread the word and pray for us. Young adults of all faiths aged 18-35 are welcome! For more information contact Geoffrey Stumpo at (814) 659-7415 or geoffstumpo@gmail.com. Please try to RSVP so we can prepare accordingly. Thank you to KOC All Saints Assembly 954 for their sponsorship.



ABORTION: Pope Francis spoke out strongly on abortion, denouncing it as a product of a "widespread mentality of profit, the "throwaway culture", which has totally enslaved the hearts and minds of so many" and stating that **"every unborn child, though unjustly condemned to be aborted, has the face of the Lord"**

OKTOBERFEST

OCT 7TH & 8TH

We are looking for Volunteers for the following:

Making Pigs in the Blanket

Sept 28th at 9AM

Apple Strudel will be made on Friday

Oct 6th at 9AM

We are asking for and really do appreciate the following:

Theme Basket (at least \$25.00 in value) for the basket raffle. If Basket making is not your specialty you can make a monetary donation, we will make it for you!



\$5, \$10, & \$25 gift cards for the Wheel raffle
(Saturday Night)

Bakers of the Parish-we are asking once again for your delicious homemade pies.

