

ST. THERESE OF THE CHILD JESUS

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Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sept 3, 2023

FIRST READING: — The name of the LORD has become like fire burning in Jeremiah’s heart
(Jeremiah 20:7-9).

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: — My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God (Psalm 63).

SECOND READING — Be transformed; renew your mind; discern what is good (Romans 12:1-2).

GOSPEL — Those who lose their lives for Jesus’ sake will find them (Matthew 16:21-27).

LITURGICAL REFLECTION - THE CROSS OF JESUS The perception of a cross changed dramatically after Jesus’ crucifixion. Before that event, death on a cross was not only horrible, it was degrading. It was a penalty reserved only for the most wretched of criminals. The word “glory” would not have found its way into the same sentence containing the word “cross.” But all that changed with Jesus. Over time, believers began to venerate and honor the cross. They painted, sculpted, and carved images of it. Many lost their own lives for their association with it. Today our reverence for and relationship with the cross recalls little of the contempt originally associated with it. As it has been through the ages, it is our perception of the cross that determines how we follow Jesus.

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WEEKLY PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR

TODAY	9/03	
MON	9/04	... Office will be closed today
TUES	9/05	7:00PM Knights of Columbus Meeting
WED	9/06	
THURS	9/07	11:30AM Christian Mothers Rosary, Mass & Meeting
FRI	9/08	
SAT	9/09	3:00PM .. Confession
NEXT SUN	9/10	10:30AM. Holy Name Mass and Rosary to follow



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK: (Sept 4th – Sept 10th)

MON	9/04	7:50AM	+ Frank Krupa – (Ed & Jean Krupa)
TUES	9/05	7:50AM	+ Fr Robert Washko – (Christian Mothers)
WED	9/06	7:50AM	+ Julia Skala – (Ed Kaplaniak & Horner Families)
THUR	9/07	7:50AM	+ (WA) John Cynar – (Wife, Joann)
		12:00PM	+ Christian Mothers
FRI	9/08	7:50AM	+ (A) Nick Subich – (Wife & Family)
SAT	9/09	4:00PM	+ Jason Mulvehill – (Sons, Kristopher & Ayden)
SUN	9/10	7:30AM	+ Frank Karmanocky – (Carole Manganello)
		10:30AM	+ Holy Name



Sunday Sept 3, 2023

Stewardship Reflections: Dying to self and living for Christ and others is tough and the work of a lifetime. But it is the only work that really matters and that truly satisfies. St. Paul teaches how we get back to the path of discipleship in those moments of discouragement and temptation. As modern-day stewards we must discipline ourselves, body, mind, and spirit, through a consistent prayer life, continuous formation in our Catholic faith, and setting aside anything in our life that is not pleasing to God. This is not impossible with the grace of God. We can simply ask God for it. Let us make the tough choice to lose our life for Christ's sake, in grateful response to His love. (CatholicSteward.com 7/10/2023)

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS
(Aug 26th Aug 27th 2023)

Weekly \$ 3,701.00
Building Fund \$ 10.00

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

The office will be closed Monday, Sept 4th to observe Labor Day.



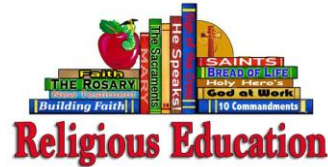
KOC Council #10409 - This month's meeting will be held Tuesday, September 5th at 7PM in the Church Hall.

Christian Mothers will hold their Monthly Rosary, Mass & meeting this Thursday, Sept 7th starting at 11:30AM.

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 **\$10,325.00 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.

Holy Name Mass will be next **Sunday, Sept 10th** 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.



A **Parent Meeting** is scheduled for **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**



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.



Sept 21st Piroghi Project - Social hall
Sept 23rd-Oct 1st St Therese Novena
Sept 24th - First Day CCD 9AM
Oct 7th & 8th - Oktoberfest

Families and the Gospel - (MT 16: 21-27)
Relationships live in a careful balance. If a person changes, the balance is altered requiring a shift in the relationship. In today's gospel Jesus announced a change and Peter resisted. Sometimes, those we count on for support may actually get in the way. Jesus told Peter: "You are an obstacle to me."

Community News & Events

Mums for Moms! Support pro -life work in Johnstown and receive a beautiful mum as well. For a donation of \$6 to Birthright you will receive a voucher to be exchanged for a 6" mum at SEADS greenhouse in Westmont. SEADS is a nonprofit organization providing Sustainable Employment for Adults with Disabilities. This is a wonderful way to celebrate the sanctity of life and enjoy the upcoming Fall season. For more information please call: Mary Kay @ 814-535-8231.