

# ST. THERESE OF THE CHILD JESUS

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

October 15, 2023

**FIRST READING:** — On this mountain the LORD will make for all peoples a feast of rich food and choice wines (Isaiah 25:6-10a).

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** — I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life (Psalm 23).

**SECOND READING** — God will supply whatever you need (Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20).

**GOSPEL** -- I have prepared my banquet, and everything is ready. Come to the feast! (Matthew 22:1-14 [1-10]).

## LITURGICAL

### GOD REVEALED TO THE NATIONS

What wonderful images we have today of the reign of God! Isaiah speaks to us of a great feast—a heavenly feast—a feast of abundance with rich foods and choice wines. It is the Lord's own affair, Isaiah explains, when God will unite all nations, dry every tear, and destroy death forever. Then, too, will the entire earth rejoice in the Lord and bask in God's saving grace. Jesus speaks of heaven in terms of a feast as well. Here, the kingdom of heaven is likened to a king's wedding feast given for his son. This is a feast of abundance also, with the fattened cattle prepared just so. But many of the people invited don't want to come, so the king invites anyone who would honor his son by their presence there. And Paul tells us that whether we live abundantly or in humble circumstances, we can do all things in the Lord who strengthens us.

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## WEEKLY PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR

SUN	10/15	
MON	10/16	7:00PM . . . . Senior Choir Rehearsal
TUES	10/17	
WED	10/18	
THURS	10/19	
FRI	10/20	
SAT	10/21	3:00PM . . . . Confession
Next Sun	10/22	

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## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK: (Oct 16<sup>th</sup> – Oct 22<sup>nd</sup>)

MON	10/16	7:50AM. . . . .	+ Sophie Mulvehill – (Cass Kasper)
TUES	10/17	7:50AM. . . . .	+ Louella Skaknik – (St Therese Counters)
WED	10/18	7:50AM. . . . .	+ Joan Loncar – (Peach Pundzak)
THUR	10/19	7:50AM. . . . .	+ Nancy Schultz (7-month mind) – (Fawn Slonka)
FRI	10/20	7:50AM. . . . .	+ Velma Peskuric – (Daughter, Dorothy)
SAT	10/21	4:00PM . . . . .	+ (A) William Mikesic – (Nancy & Rich Bender)
SUN	10/22	7:30AM. . . . .	+ Frank Karmanocky – (Jerry & Kris Bunda)
		. . . . .10:30AM. . . . .	+ (B) Pearl Forgas – (Daughter, Terri & Patrick Mulvehill)



## Sunday Oct 15, 2023

**Stewardship Reflections:** How easy it is, especially in these times, to be consumed by the cares and distractions of the "here and now," forgetting about what matters most - living for the Kingdom of Heaven. The stewardship way of life, with its emphasis on the virtuous use of our Time, Talent, and Treasure, allows us to embrace daily life and all its demands - with eternity in mind.

How do we keep focused on the Kingdom of Heaven? St. Paul shares his secret for an eternity-driven life. In our Second Reading from his Letter to the Philippians, Paul says, "I know how to live in humble circumstances; I know also how to live with abundance. In every circumstance and in all things, I have learned the secret of being well fed and of going hungry, of living in abundance and of being in need." In other words, Paul has learned to live the stewardship way of life.

What is the secret? It is this: "I can do all things in him who strengthens me." How? Through this: "My God will fully supply whatever you need, in accord with his glorious riches in Christ Jesus." It is so simple! But it is not easy. It takes both courage and humility to live this way. God will supply these to us if we ask.

So let us embrace the stewardship way of life today! Let us put God first with our Time, our Talents, and our Treasure, knowing that we can do all of this through Christ Who gives us strength. God is calling us today to live with eternity in mind. If we do this, we will be feasting now and forever!

### LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS (Oct 7<sup>th</sup> & Oct 8<sup>th</sup> 2023)

Weekly	.....	\$ 3,154.75
Building Fund	.....	\$ 161.00
... Fuel	.....	\$ 62.00

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



St Therese Food Pantry's cupboards are getting bare. We are in need of the following items. Cereal, peanut butter, jelly, hamburger helper, spaghetti sauce, vegetables, boxed potatoes side dishes. Your help in this matter would be greatly appreciated.

### Frozen Pigs in the Blanket Sale

We have a few dozen Pigs in the Blanket for sale. They will be first come first served. Cost is \$20 a dozen. Call the rectory office at 814-539-7633, Monday 10-2 if interested.

### Families and the Gospel - (MT 22:1-14)

Today's gospel speaks about "unworthy wedding guests." What makes a "worthy" guest? Presence and presents are not enough. The greatest gift we can give is support to the couple as they voyage through life together because marriage naturally contains within it the fields of disappointment. Think of the weddings you have attended. Have you been a "worthy guest?"

### Christ is Risen! Come and Listen

Are you Lonely?

Do you know the Meaning Of your Life?

Do you want to have a deeper relationship with Christ Come and Listen!

Catechesis for Adults and Youth (12 and up)

Free Babysitting provided

Beginning October 3rd Sundays and Tuesdays

7:00PM In St. Anne's Church Basement

No Catechesis this Sunday Oct 15<sup>th</sup>



### 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

### 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 \$16,225.00 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

The West End Improvement Group will host the Annual Basket Party on Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup> at the Social Hall. Doors will open at 11AM drawing will begin at 1PM. Tickets are \$8.00 which includes lunch and 25 tickets. Proceeds benefits surveillance camera upgrades, flowers, gardens, and community projects. Any question or to donate a basket, please call 248-8989, or 322-5558.