

# ST. THERESE OF THE CHILD JESUS

THE CHURCH OF THE FRANCISCANS  
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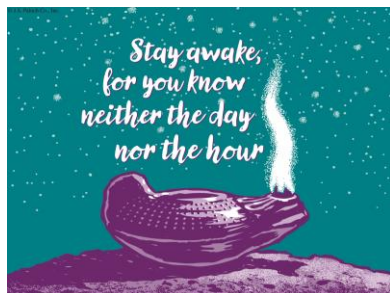
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## Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 12, 2023

**FIRST READING:** — Wisdom is easily discerned by those who love her (Wisdom 6:12-16).

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

**SECOND READING** — Since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 [13-14]).

**GOSPEL** --: Stay awake! You know neither the day nor the hour (Matthew 25:1-13).

**LITURGICAL REFLECTION**      **EXPECTING THE UNEXPECTED** - If it ever crossed your mind that Jesus was somewhat lacking in a sense of humor, today's Gospel should belie any such notion. Jesus' story of the five wise and five foolish bridesmaids is downright hilarious. The circumstances of the story were surely familiar to Jesus' listeners, just as they are—if we think about it—to us. Weddings never, ever start on time. There's always a delay. Buttons pop off at the last minute. Flowers wilt. Cars full of wedding guests get caught in traffic. Soloists contract laryngitis. Brides or grooms or priests show up late! So the only reasonable way to approach a wedding is with a sense of humor, to realize that something probably will go awry, and, when that happens, to smile about it. Jesus tells this funny story to encourage us to be watchful, yes; to be ready, yes. But he doesn't tell it to make us dour and somber. The heavy-hearted tremble, wavers, lose sight of their place and purpose, and fall asleep. The lighthearted know that the unexpected will happen—is bound to happen—so they are awake in their place and ready in their purpose when it comes.

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### WEEKLY PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR

SUN	11/12	10:30AM . . . . Remembrance Mass Holy Name & KOC
MON	11/13	7:00PM . . . . Choir Rehearsal
TUES	11/14	8:00AM . . . . Peeling Potatoes for Piroghis
WED	11/15	
THURS	11/16	8:00AM . . . . Piroghi Project
FRI	11/17	10-12PM . . . Piroghi Pick up Social Hall
SAT	11/18	3:00PM . . . . Confession
Next Sun	11/19	

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### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK: (Nov 13<sup>th</sup> – Nov 19<sup>th</sup>)

MON	11/13 . . . . .	7:50AM. . . . .	+ Kevin Gritzer – (Pat Gritzer)
TUES	11/14 . . . . .	7:50AM. . . . .	+ Frank Karmanocky – (John & Doris Gritzer)
WED	11/15 . . . . .	7:50AM. . . . .	+ Ronald Gombar – (John & Doris Gritzer)
THUR	11/16 . . . . .	7:50AM. . . . .	+ James Udouch – (Wife, Anna)
FRI	11/17 . . . . .	7:50AM. . . . .	+ Douglas Baldwin – (Brother-in -Law Joe)
SAT	11/18 . . . . .	4:00PM . . . . .	+ Willaim Kolega – (Wife, Dorothy)
SUN	11/19 . . . . .	7:30AM. . . . .	+ Pro Populo
		. . . . .10:30AM. . . . .	+ Stephen Forgas – (Aunt Terri & Unkie Pat)



## Sunday Nov 12, 2023

**Stewardship Reflections:** Wisdom is a central theme in our readings today. It is one of the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit and it is key to living the stewardship way of life in our complex world. As Christian stewards, we should rely on this gift and ask the Holy Spirit to increase it within us.

Jesus makes a very clear point in our Gospel passage from Matthew. He tells the parable of ten virgins awaiting the arrival of the bridegroom who will welcome them in to the wedding feast. Five of the virgins were foolish and five were wise. The foolish virgins failed to bring oil along with their lamps when they went to meet the bridegroom. The wise ones, however, had prepared and brought sufficient oil to keep their lamps lit when the bridegroom came. The foolish virgins, caught off guard, ran off to buy more oil, but they were too late. The door to the wedding feast was locked to them. Jesus cautions, "Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

The stewardship way of life - with its daily and weekly commitments to giving God the best of our Time, Talent and Treasure - is the "oil" that we keep with us at all times. When we have this plan in place and we rely deeply on the Holy Spirit to guide us through the twists and turns of each day, we are free, we are ready to answer the Bridegroom when He calls us. We live in wisdom.

### LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS (Nov 4<sup>th</sup> & Nov 5<sup>th</sup> 2023)

Weekly	.....	\$ 4,302.00
Building Fund	.....	\$ 640.00
Fuel	.....	\$ 20.00

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 **Peter Kutchma** who was called to his eternal reward this week. May God grant His eternal rest to **Pete** and peace and consolation to his family.



**Parish Advent Christmas Project**  
Return your unwrapped gift to us no later than **Sunday, Nov 26<sup>th</sup>**



### Nut Roll & Poppy Seed Rolls -

Will be baked on Saturday, Dec 16<sup>th</sup> just in time for Christmas. Pick up will be **Dec 17<sup>th</sup> after Sunday morning Masses**. An order sheet will be in the vestibule the weekends of Nov 12<sup>th</sup> and Nov 19<sup>th</sup>  
**Deadline to order is Sunday, Nov 19<sup>h</sup>.**

## Piroghi Project Thursday, Nov 16<sup>th</sup>

- 1) Tuesdays-peeling potatoes starting at 8:00AM
- 2) Thursdays-8:00AM make potato balls and dough, and assemble & cook piroghi.

### to order:

- 1) **Sign-up sheets:** Place your order after Mass this weekend, **Saturday & Sunday, Nov 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>**

Pick up orders: Friday November 17<sup>th</sup>, 10-12PM



### Christmas Cookie Sale -

It is that time of the year again! The Christian Mothers will be having their annual Christmas Cookie Sale on **Saturday Dec 9<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 10<sup>th</sup>**. We are once again calling out to the bakers of the parish. Would you be willing to bake some cookies? Your help will be greatly appreciated. You may make as many dozens as you like. Please deliver your cookies to the Church Hall by 9AM on Saturday, **Dec 9<sup>th</sup>**. Cookies will be sold after all Masses Sat & Sun. Thank You in advance for all your support throughout the year!

### **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

**Sundays and Tuesdays 7:00PM at St. Anne's Church Basement**

### **Families and the Gospel - (MT 25:1-13)**

The bridesmaids in today's gospel were considered "foolish" because they let their lamps go out. Do not be foolish. Pay attention to the small acts necessary to keep the flame alive in all your relationships.

## Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown

Catholic Charities' mission is to provide service to people in need, advocate for justice in social structures, and call the entire church and other people of good will to do the same. We live out our Catholic identity by providing support and social services so people and families can build a better future story. Please donate to your local Catholic Charities today.

Your donation stays within our Diocese, making a difference for our neighbors in need.