

# ST. THERESE OF THE CHILD JESUS

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

November 19, 2023

**FIRST READING:** — The woman who fears the LORD is to be praised (Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31).

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** — Blessed are those who fear the Lord (Psalm 128).

**SECOND READING** — Brothers and sisters, you are children of the light (1 Thessalonians 5:1-6).

**GOSPEL** -- Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities (Matthew 25:14-30 [14-15, 19-21]).-

### LITURGICAL REFLECTION CHANGE OUR LIVES

The letters of Paul to the Thessalonians are among his earliest writings, and are driven by his belief and the belief of the entire early Christian community that the return of Christ was imminent, and that devoting time or attention to anything else was foolish. As time progressed, this fervor subsided a bit. Today we may wonder, when we hear these readings about the coming end-times, if we should take them to heart, if we really believe that Christ still may come upon us as a “thief at night” (1 Thessalonians 5:2). Does this mean that we are to stop our long-range goal-setting, get rid of our yearly calendars and planners, or stop putting money in the college education fund? Of course not. What it does mean is that we need to change our lives, living like children of the light and illuminating the world around us with the light of the gospel. Then, on that day, when the details of our daily living become unimportant, we will be ready to find our peace and security in Christ Jesus.

### WEEKLY PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR

SUN	11/19	
MON	11/20	7:00PM . . . . Choir Rehearsal
TUES	11/21	
WED	11/22	
THURS	11/23	
FRI	11/24	
SAT	11/25	3:00PM . . . . Confession
Next Sun	11/26	



### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK: (Nov 20<sup>th</sup> – Nov 26<sup>th</sup>)

MON	11/20 . . . . .	7:50AM. . . . .	+ (A) Stanley Barczak – (M/M Peter Maleniak)
TUES	11/21 . . . . .	7:50AM. . . . .	+ (B) James Marshall – (Mom & Family)
WED	11/22 . . . . .	7:50AM. . . . .	+ Sophie Mulvehill – (Nephew, Tom & Debbie Mulvehill)
THUR	11/23 . . . . .	9:00AM. . . . .	+ (B) George Seigh – (Son, Mike & Kim)
FRI	11/24 . . . . .	7:50AM. . . . .	+ Joan Loncar – (Jim Kiepart)
SAT	11/25 . . . . .	4:00PM . . . . .	+ Mary Findley – (Rita & Ed Hanechak)
SUN	11/26 . . . . .	7:30AM. . . . .	+ Pro Populo
		. . . . .10:30AM. . . . .	+ Deceased Members of Catholic Daughters



## Sunday Nov 19, 2023

**Stewardship Reflections:** Today's readings challenge us to live not for the 'here and now', but rather with eternity in mind. We are reminded that we will be called one day to give an account for the gifts God has given us - our physical, intellectual, and material gifts - as well as the gift of time itself. We must examine our lives to determine whether we are making the best use of our gifts with the time we have been given to use them.

Let us embrace the stewardship way of life, using all the gifts entrusted to us - Time, Talent and Treasure - in such a way that at the end of our life on this earth, we will hear those words from our Father: "Well done, my good and faithful servant... Come, share your master's joy."

### LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS (Nov 10<sup>th</sup> & Nov 11<sup>th</sup> 2023)

Weekly ..... \$ 3,413.00  
Building Fund ..... \$ 123.00

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



### 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 this weekend, Nov 19<sup>th</sup>. **Deadline to order is TODAY, Nov 19<sup>h</sup>.**



### 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!

### Religious Education News



The Children's Thanksgiving Liturgy will be held **Sunday, Nov 19<sup>th</sup> at the 10:30AM mass**. Students will **not report to class but are to report to church for this liturgy**. Please bring your Non-perishable item and place them on the altar.

There will be **NO Religious Ed Classes on Sunday, Nov 26<sup>th</sup>**. Classes will resume on Dec 3<sup>rd</sup>



**Thanksgiving Day Liturgy - Mass on Thanksgiving Day, November 23<sup>rd</sup>** will be held at 9:00AM. Please bring a non-perishable item or monetary donation for our food pantry. Boxes will be in the vestibule before Masses



**Children's Christmas Party -** All children 13 & younger from St. Therese & St. Anne Parishes are invited to attend **Breakfast with Santa** on **Saturday, Dec 16<sup>th</sup>** in the **St. Therese Church Hall**. Doors open at 10:00AM. Please complete the form and drop it in the collection basket. **Forms are available in the back of church. Registration deadline is Dec 3<sup>rd</sup>**. Sponsored by the KOC #10409 & Christian Mothers.

The **St Therese Holy Name Society** and the **Knights of Columbus** would like to Thank everyone who attended the Holy Name Remembrance Mass on Sunday. Please continue to pray for the well-being of all parishioners of St Therese and St Anne's and our Priests that guide us.



**Gift Card Tree -** Starting this weekend we will be selling chances on a beautiful \$200 worth of Gift Cards Tree before Mass in the vestibule until **Dec 10<sup>th</sup>**. Chances are \$1 each or 6 for \$5.

Dear Parishioners,



WHAT CAN I OFFER THE LORD FOR ALL HE HAS DONE FOR ME?

Thanksgiving puts people in motion, with some travelling many miles to be with family. The Lord's intervention in our lives puts us in motion as well. The ten lepers are healed as they travel to the priests, on the way they are healed. Only one is so excited and returns to give thanks and exults in Christ's goodness and love. Whenever Christ appears and intervenes, He sets us in motion and we too become excited and want to return and thank God for His blessings and interventions in our lives. His goodness always sets us in motion to come to the Eucharist (to give thanks). May the appearances and passings of the Lord in your lives excite you, put you in motion to always return and give thanks (Eucharist).

On behalf of Fr. Balestino and myself have a blessed and exciting Thanksgiving.

*F. Balestino*

*Fr. Balestino*

**Families and the Gospel - (MT 25: 14-30)**

As the man in today's gospel entrusted his servants with his money, so God has "entrusted" our family to us. Like the good servants we are expected, not to play it safe, but to invest ourselves selflessly and totally invest ourselves in each other.



There is  
*always*  
something  
to be  
*Thankful*  
for! 



**Stocking for Soldiers**

Our sister Church St Anne's Christian Mothers will again be participating in "**Stocking for Soldiers.**" Stocking and instructions on how to fill will be available in the back of the church. Filled stocking will be accepted until Dec 10<sup>th</sup>. Please consider this worthwhile program to let our servicemen & women know how much they are appreciated.

**November 23, 2023: Thanksgiving (LK 19:41-44)** As we gather to give thanks this week, we must also ask how well we share with "the least." Happiness is secured not by having, but by sharing.

**ABORTION: Intercessions for Life:**

"For all mothers, especially those who are young or alone, beaten or addicted, that God might heal their broken hearts and seal that with His love...

*We Pray to The Lord*

 **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.

*May the Lord bless you and keep you;  
May the Lord make his face shine on  
you and be gracious to you;  
May the Lord turn his face toward you  
and give you peace*