

# ST. THERESE OF THE CHILD JESUS

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## Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 5, 2023

**FIRST READING:** — Do we not have one father? Did not the one God create us?  
(Malachi 1:14b — 2:2b, 8-10).

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** — In you, Lord, I have found my peace (Psalm 131).

**SECOND READING** — You have received not a human word but the word of God  
(1 Thessalonians 2:7b-9, 13).

**GOSPEL** —: Call no one your father on earth; you have but one Father, the one in heaven  
(Matthew 23:1-12).

### **LITURGICAL REFLECTION** Living Out Our Faith

Living out our faith requires more than just words or rituals. It's about the way we connect with others and lead by example. In 1 Thessalonians 2:7b-9, we see the apostles' dedication to sharing their faith through loving relationships, akin to a mother's care for her children. This serves as a model for us in how we can convey the message of faith—through genuine, heartfelt connections. Similarly, Jesus emphasized the importance of faithful leadership and sincerity in religious matters. He urged leaders to avoid hypocrisy and to remain true to their beliefs, setting a genuine example for others. In essence, the readings for the 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A remind us that faith isn't just a private matter; it's about how we treat others and the authenticity we bring to our relationships. True faith shines through in our actions, care for one another, and our commitment to living by the values we profess.

### **WEEKLY PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR**

MON	11/06	7:00PM . . . .	Senior Choir Rehearsal
TUES	11/07	7:00PM . . . .	Knights of Columbus Meeting
WED	11/08		
THURS	11/09		
FRI	11/10		
SAT	11/11	3:00PM . . . .	Confession
Next Sun	11/12	10:30AM . . . .	KOC & Holy Name Remembrance Mass



### **MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK: (Nov 6<sup>th</sup> – Nov 12<sup>th</sup>)**

MON	11/06	7:50AM . . . .	+ John Cynar – (Wife & Children)
TUES	11/07	7:50AM . . . .	+ Robert Berg – (Anna Udouch)
WED	11/08	7:50AM . . . .	+ (B) Karl Komara – (Wife, Elaine)
THUR	11/09	7:50AM . . . .	+ (WA) George & Pauline Pappas – (Sons)
FRI	11/10	7:50AM . . . .	+ Frank & Anna Kopco – (Niece)
SAT	11/11	4:00PM . . . .	+ (B) Sylvia Delich – (Children & Grandchildren)
SUN	11/12	7:30AM . . . .	+ Sr Marie Catherine of the Sacred Heart OCD
		10:30AM . . . .	+ Holy Name



## Sunday Nov 5, 2023

**Stewardship Reflections:** There is no question that Jesus had a way with words. The Word of the Lord is filled with what we are very familiar with in our society - sound bites which convey so much meaning. The last verses of today's Gospel from St Matthew contain one of those short statements which carry so much more meaning. Jesus says, "The greatest among you must be your servant. Whoever exalts himself will be humbled; but whoever humbles himself will be exalted."

True humility will be ultimately exalted by God. Our society teaches us to strive to reach the top, but Jesus is reminding us that we need to regard others as more important than we are. We have two choices in life perhaps - to be self-exalters, or to be God-exalted. Is there any doubt as to what we as Christians should pursue?

### LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS (Oct 28<sup>th</sup> & Oct 29<sup>th</sup> 2023)

Weekly	.....	\$ 5,783.00
Building Fund	.....	\$ 60.00
Fuel	.....	\$ 25.00

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 **Delores Forgas** who was called to her eternal reward this week. May God grant His eternal rest to **Dee** and peace and consolation to her family.



**Knights of Columbus** along with the **Holy Name** will host a Remembrance Mass for all deceased Members on **Sunday, Nov 12<sup>th</sup>** at 10:30 Mass. Refreshment will be served following the Mass in the Church Hall. Everyone is invited attend.

### Parish Advent Christmas Project is Back

Volunteers will be in the vestibule before and after all masses beginning **This Sunday Nov 5<sup>th</sup>** to assist you.



1. Take a star from the Christmas tree
2. Give your name and phone # to the person taking the information.
3. Place your star on the outside of your **unwrapped gift**.
4. **Return your unwrapped gift** to us no later than **Sunday, Nov 26<sup>th</sup>**

Please ask our volunteers if you have any questions concerning this project.

The **Knights of Columbus** will hold their monthly meeting **this Tuesday, Nov 7<sup>th</sup>** at 7PM in the Church Hall.

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**Mark Your Calendars:** We will be making piroghis on **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.

Donations of Robin Hood flour (regular), butter, eggs, potatoes, onions and monetary gifts are always appreciated.

### to order:

- 1) **Sign-up sheets:** Place your order after Mass **this weekend, Saturday & Sunday, Nov 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>** & next weekend **Nov 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>**

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

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### **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 23: 1-12)

In today's Gospel Jesus describes the vocation of parents: "The greatest among you will be your servant." Children take our blood, genes, strength, name, patience, and resources. A parent's servitude begins at the moment of conception. The Lord is present in each of our acts of selfless service

### Community News & Events



The **West End Improvement Group** will host the **Annual Basket Party** on **TODAY 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.

# Crusher Hockey Bingo

**Divine Mercy Prayer Group** next get together will be Wed. Nov. 8th 3pm and ,6:30pm, for those who work. All are welcome to stop-in for our 1 hour of praying the Chaplet, discussing the Diary of St. Faustina and Scripture and Catechism of the Catholic Church. Hope to see you. Info call Cathy 814-288-1126 or Lolly 814-659-8717

**DIVINE MERCY CATHOLIC ACADEMY 4TH ANNUAL Turkey Raffle** Please join us at St Benedict School Cafeteria/ DMA East Campus for the 4th Annual Turkey Raffle benefiting the DMCA Athletic Association. The event will be held on **Friday, November 10th**, with doors opening at 6:00 PM. The event is \$15.00 admission which includes beverages, soda, beer and a full meal. We will have Basket Raffle, Qualifiers, Extra Chances at Money Drawings and Turkeys and Hams. Lots and Lots of Turkeys!!! Please contact the school office at 814-961-3622 for tickets. We would love to see you there!



**Visitation Parish** is having its annual **Turkey Raffle on Saturday November 18<sup>th</sup>** at 1127 McKinley Avenue. Doors open at 6 PM and the raffle starts at 7 PM. The cost is \$5.00 which includes a hot buffet and cold brew. We will have lots of fun & prizes such as a lottery tree, a cash prize of \$300, a Google Chromebook 14 laptop computer and much more! Please come and join the us for a fun evening of food and prizes! We look forward to seeing you!



**ST. CLEMENT CHURCH  
PANCAKE BREAKFAST BAKE SALE  
& BASKET RAFFLE  
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11<sup>th</sup> 7:00 AM-NOON  
ALL YOU CAN EAT PANCAKES! ADULTS:  
\$7.00 CHILDREN 12 & UNDER: \$5.00**

**Saturday, Nov 18<sup>th</sup>**

**\$25 Entry, includes games, Drinks & Snacks  
Extras: Lotto Tree, Specials, Pull Tabs &  
Food for purchase.**

**6PM-9PM Doors open at 5PM**

**Must be 21 to attend**

**Bishop McCort HS Student Union**

**Contact Amy @ 814-242-6355 for tickets.**

**Hope to see you there!**

St. Francis of Assisi Parish Johnstown will host the **Exhibit of Eucharistic Miracles of Blessed Carlo Acutis** from Thursday, November 9th through Thursday, November 16th at the Activity Center, located at 134 Barron Avenue, Johnstown, PA 15906, from 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM and 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM each day. **NO ADMISSION FEE.** A donation box will be available. Coffee and refreshments will also be available.

**ABORTION:** Abortion interferes with God's plan - a plan He willed before He created the universe. Abortion is in violation of God-given life." Richard Halverson.



**"A Person's a person no matter how small"  
-Dr. Seuss**



Some People Dream the Dream

Some People Live the Dream

Some People Defend the Dream

**GOD BLESS THE DEFENDERS**