

# ST. THERESE OF THE CHILD JESUS

THE CHURCH OF THE FRANCISCANS  
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## Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 16, 2024

FIRST READING: I have lifted high the lowly tree (Ezekiel 17:22-24).

PSALM: Lord, it is good to give thanks to you (Psalm 92).

SECOND READING: Whether we are at home or away, we aspire to please the Lord (2 Corinthians 5:6-10).

GOSPEL: It is the smallest of all seeds, and becomes the largest of plants (Mark 4:26-34)

LITURGICAL REFLECTION: In the Gospels, Jesus compares the kingdom of God to a mustard seed. This smallest of seeds, when sown in the ground, grows into the largest of plants, putting forth branches that give shelter and shade from the heat of the day. This Gospel imagery continues the teaching of the prophet Ezekiel in the first reading when God promises to plant a cedar on the mountain heights. This cedar plant will, by God's care, become a large cedar in which birds of every kind dwell and find shade in its branches. God promises to bring low the high tree, and lift high the lowly tree, wither up the green tree, and make the withered tree bloom. God's mighty hand will accomplish all these marvelous works.

As we ponder the word of God today, we hear the call to walk by faith and not by sight. Our journey of faith begins in the grace of God, who plants the seed and nourishes and sustains the gift of faith in our lives. The daily challenge is learning to let go of self-dependence and to grow in childlike trust in Jesus as we pray in faith, "speak to me, Lord."

Question: What does it mean to walk by faith in friendship with Jesus?

### WEEKLY PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR

SUN	6/16	Happy Father's Day
MON	6/17	
TUES	6/18	
WED	6/19	
THURS	6/20	
FRI	6/21	
SAT	6/22	3:00PM . . . . .Confession
Next Sun	6/23	



Happy  
Father's  
Day!

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK: - (June 17<sup>th</sup>– June 23<sup>rd</sup>)

MON	6/17 . . . . .	7:50AM. . . . .	+ Father's Day Triduum
TUES	6/18 . . . . .	7:50AM. . . . .	+ Father's Day Triduum
WED	6/19 . . . . .	7:50AM. . . . .	+ (WA) Bill & Catherine Schultz – (Daughter, Barbara)
THUR	6/20 . . . . .	7:50AM. . . . .	+ Henry Gorczycki Sr. – (Helen Delic)
FRI	6/21 . . . . .	7:50AM . . . . .	+ (A) Joe Girgos – (Family)
SAT	6/22 . . . . .	4:00PM . . . . .	+ Anna & Don Kris – (Family)
SUN	6/23 . . . . .	7:30AM. . . . .	+ Chandler Pentrack – (Chuck DiFalco)
		. . . . .10:30AM. . . . .	+ Sue Ellen Dadey – (Brian & Theresa Subich)



**Sunday, June 16, 2024**

**Stewardship Reflections:** As we enter back into Ordinary Time, our readings today remind us that heaven is our true home and that we cannot make it there without God's assistance. In our First Reading, the prophet Ezekiel foretells the coming of the Kingdom of God. It is through a newly planted cedar that God will bear fruit. As he says, "Birds of every kind shall dwell beneath it... And all the trees of the field shall know that I, the Lord, bring low the high tree, lift high the lowly tree."

We can see that Jesus is the cedar that will become refuge for all people. He will humble the proud, lift up the lowly and produce good fruit in the weakened. It is God who does the wondrous works. As Christian disciples, we hope to reside in the branches of heaven, along with our family and friends. We cannot do this on our own. As our other readings mention, it is through the total surrender, complete faith and actively living out our faith as a witness to Christ that we can hope in eternal life.

As we settle into Ordinary Time, let us not become complacent, but keep our hearts and minds fixed on the Kingdom of God.

**LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS  
(June 8<sup>th</sup> & June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024)**

Weekly ..... \$ 2,880.00  
Building Fund ..... \$ 346.00

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

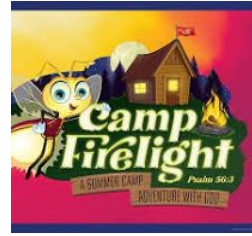


**Sincere Condolences** - The St. Therese Community would like to offer our sincere condolences to the family of **Jane Bross** who was called to her eternal reward this week. May God grant His eternal rest to **Jane** and peace and consolation to her family.



The St Therese's Community would like to welcome our newest member, **Zamarah Rae**, daughter of **Michale & Jona Kane** who was baptized Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup>. **Welcome Zamarah** and may you grow in God's love and grace.

**PARISH COUNCIL NOMINEES** - We are accepting nominations for positions on the Parish Council. Nominees must be a Catholic in good standing, confirmed and at least 16 years of age. You may nominate someone or nominate yourself. Please fill out a slip in the vestibule and put it in the collection bucket. This would be a great way to get involve in the Church.



**VBS**

We will celebrate our Vacation Bible School on **July 15-19, 2024. Time is 9-11:30AM**. Anyone in grades **K-5 is welcomed to attend**. Registration forms are in the vestibule and are due by **July 7<sup>th</sup>**. The theme of this year's VBS is **Camp Firelight**. It is an exciting journey where they learn to trust God no matter what situation life brings, know God is always with them.

**Religious Ed Registration News**



Children entering grade 1 will need a registration form completed and must provide a copy of their baptismal certificate. Any other students entering our program will also need to complete a registration form and provide a copy of their baptismal certificate.

In the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown the sacrament of Confirmation is a three-year program in preparation for receiving the sacrament. This will include **all students in the ninth grade** - those in our Religious Education Program, students enrolled in Bishop McCort High School, and home-schooled children. **Bishop McCort students and home-schooled children will need to complete a registration form.**

If your child is entering second grade at Divine Mercy or is home schooled, they are required to participate in the **2<sup>nd</sup> Grade religious education program to make their First Confession & Holy Eucharist.**

Registration forms are in the back of the church. They can be put into the collection basket or returned to the rectory by the end of August.

Any student leaving our Religious Education Program is asked to notify the Rectory.



**Father's Day Triduum**

There will be a Father's Day Triduum beginning on **this Sunday June 16<sup>th</sup>** for all living and deceased fathers and grandfathers of the parish. Cards, envelopes, and spiritual bouquets are available in the Church vestibule.

## Catholic Ministries Drive

**Encountering Christ.** Thank you to the **38** families who have pledged to date a total of **\$10,085.00** towards our target amount of **\$24,902.00**. Please prayerfully consider making a pledge according to your means so we will be able to reach that target. You have until Dec 31<sup>st</sup> 2024 to pay your pledge in full. **All funds over our target will be returned to St. Therese and will be used for the Church Roof. However, if we do not make our goal, the Church will make up the difference.**



### Looking for help with college?

St. Therese's Knights of Columbus council #10409 are here to help by offering again this year a \$500 Fr Bernard Karmanocky Essay Scholarships to the members of St Therese and St. Anne's Parishes (only). You must be either a senior in High School, or planning to attend or attending a 2-4 years program, or trade school. The essay must consist of 500 words and the topic for this year's scholarship is:

**"The meaning of the Eucharist"**

**All entries must be postmarked by August 11<sup>th</sup>**

Please submit your essay to:

Dennis Pingatore  
115 Stans Lane  
Johnstown, Pa 15909



It has come to our attention that someone is texting and emailing some people from St Anne & St Therese and pretending to be Fr Bernard Karmanocky and then asking for help. If you respond then they proceed to ask for gift cards. **This is a SCAM. Fr Bernie would never text or email you for anything of value.** Please pass this information on to all your friends and family members.

### **Families and the Gospel** - (Mark 4:26-34)

Parenting is a lot like the story of the farmer in the gospel parable today. All growth is the Lord's work. We have no control over the process. In fact, the farmer doesn't even understand it, for the seed grows even when he sleeps. As parents we can influence our children but nothing, we do can guarantee results.

### NEED A HAND?

The seminarians are raising money to go on a pilgrimage with youth and are asking for donations. They are offering themselves to mow lawns and/or wash your car. No need to provide tools. No specific asking price. Just a donation.

For more information, please contact Ricardo at 555-218-0298.

**GOB SALE - St. Francis of Assisi Gob Sale** on Saturday, June 30th from 9:00 AM - 12:00 noon at St. Francis Activity Center. Cost is \$2.00 a piece

**Outdoor Masses:** All the faithful of the Altoona-Johnstown Diocese are invited to our **outdoor Masses every Sunday evening at 7 PM at the beautiful Shrine of Our Lady of the Alleghenies.** The Outdoor Masses will continue now through Labor Day weekend- September 1, 2024. Please bring a lawn chair. In the event of inclement weather, the Mass will be celebrated in the Basilica of St. Michael the Archangel



**BASKET PARTY - The Trojan Rec Cheer is holding a Basket Party on June 23<sup>rd</sup> at the St.**

Therese **Social Hall** doors open at Noon and drawing begins at 2.35PM. Donation is \$10 and includes a light lunch and tickets. Tickets are available at the door.

**Electronic Devices-** Just a friendly reminder, to please refrain from using all electronic devices during liturgical celebrations. Thank-you



**Happy Father's Day to all Father's, Step Father's, Grand Father's and God Father's,  
God Bless you all.**

*"A father is neither an anchor to hold us back, nor a sail to take us there, but a guiding light whose love shows us the way." - Unknown*