

ST. THERESE OF THE CHILD JESUS

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Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 14, 2024

FIRST READING: Amos said, “The LORD took me from following the flock, and said to me, Go, prophesy to my people” (Amos 7:12-15).

PSALM: Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation (Psalm 85).

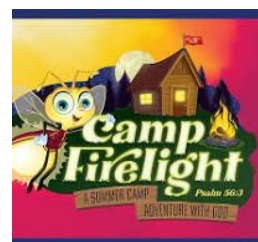
SECOND READING: The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing (Ephesians 1:3-14 [3-10]).

GOSPEL: Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out two by two (Mark 6:7-13).

LITURGICAL REFLECTION: In today’s Gospel, Jesus calls the Twelve Apostles and begins to send them out two by two. This was a key moment for the disciples, as their life with Jesus is transformed into their vocation. It is the moment when the disciples become apostles, sent by Jesus to continue his ministry of teaching, healing and self-giving love. To serve Jesus required complete detachment from the world. A disciple is called to trust that God’s providential love provides for the journey. Rather than being concerned with and distracted by the demands of material possessions, a disciple of Jesus fixes his or her gaze on the mission of sharing the life-giving message of the Gospel with those in physical and spiritual need. What are you called to be detached from as a disciple of Jesus?

WEEKLY PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR

SUN	7/14	
MON	7/15	9-11:30AM. . . . Vacation Bible School
TUES	7/16	9-11:30AM. . . . VBS
WED	7/17	9-11:30AM. . . . VBS
THURS	7/18	9-11:30AM. . . . VBS
FRI	7/19	9-11:30AM. . . . VBS
		4:30PM Set up for the Basket & Burger Bash
SAT	7/20	4-8 PM St Therese Summer Basket & Burger Bash
		3:00PM Confession
Next Sun	7/21	11-4PM St Therese Summer Basket & Burger Bash



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK: - (July 15th– July 21st)

MON	7/15	7:50AM. Mother John of the Cross O.C.D.
TUES	7/16	7:50AM. + Kathryn Gorczycki – (Marilyn & Joe Yeager)
WED	7/17	7:50AM. + Mike Delich – (Mary Kay Voytko)
THUR	7/18	7:50AM. + Kevin Gritzer – (Aunt Patty & Family)
FRI	7/19	7:50AM + (B) John Cynar – (Wife & Family)
SAT	7/20	4:00PM + (A) Stella David– (Daughter, Dolores, Bill & Billy)
SUN	7/21	7:30AM. + Rosemary Bunda– (Children, Jerry & Carole)
	10:30AM. + (A) Dolores Opacic – (Daughter, Elizabeth)



Sunday, July 14, 2024

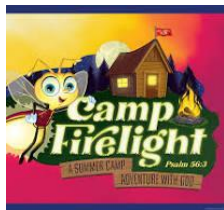
Stewardship Reflections: Our readings today provide examples of people who trusted in the Lord. It is a reminder for us to live our day-to-day lives in total surrender to His care.

When we live our lives doing the will of God, there will be days that are hard. Just because we are doing what the Lord is asking of us, doesn't mean every day will be perfect. As a matter of fact, we might be led to rejection or suffering because of what we believe. The moment we are faced with that conflict, we are called to respond as Amos did - not by turning our back on God, but rather, remaining faithful to Him. God has a plan, even in the darkest moments. We are called to trust in his ways.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS (July 6th & July 7th 2024)

Weekly \$ 3,293.00
Building Fund \$ 875.00

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



VBS

Vacation Bible School on July 15-19, 2024.
Time is 9-11:30AM

Summer Baskets & Burgers is coming FAST!! Please drop off your **baskets and Bake Sale items**, All day next Friday July 19th and no later than Sat morning so we can have them all set up. We are going to set up the tents, tables and chairs Friday evening, July 19 around 4:30PM if you can lend a hand. We are still in need of volunteers for certain booths if you can please call the rectory this week.

The Holy Name Mass is today, Sunday, July 14th at 10:30. No Meeting.

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.

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 2nd 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.

Families and the Gospel - (Mark 6: 7-13)

Jesus sent out His apostles without a lot of "things" because THINGS distract. We collect, argue about and protect our "things." Garage sales only transfer "things." We even ignore each other because we have "things" to do. What "things" are separating you from your family?

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 11th

Please submit your essay to:

Dennis Pingatore

115 Stans Lane

Johnstown, Pa 15909

Catholic Ministries Drive

Encountering Christ. Thank you to the **48** families who have pledged to date a total of **\$10,585.00** 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 31st 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, that needs to be replaced. Keep in mind, if we fall short of our goal, we will pay the balance out of our Parish Funds.**

Community News & Events

An Anointing Mass will be held TODAY, July 14th at 2PM at St. John Gualbert Church. All those inflicted with a serious illness are invited along with their care givers.

Saint Anne Triduum - We will celebrate and honor Saint Anne, the mother of Mary, our Blessed Mother, with our annual Triduum which will take place at St. John Gualbert Cathedral.

Wednesday, July 24th, 6:00PM -

Vespers Guest Homilist: Deacon Don Gibboney

Thursday, July 25th, 6:00PM -

Mass Guest Homilist: Deacon Chris Connor

Friday, July 26, 6:00PM -

Mass Guest Homilist: Deacon Mark Komula.

With the conclusion of our Triduum on Friday, it will be followed by a cookie social at the St. John Activities Center.

ST. ANDREW ADORATION CHAPEL, 1621 Ferndale Ave, Johnstown: In this blessed time of Eucharistic Revival in our Church, consider visiting and/or committing to an hour at our Perpetual Adoration Chapel. We are always seeking adorers and substitutes. The chapel is open Sunday morning immediately following the 10:30 Mass and remains open until 7:20 AM -Saturday morning each week. Consider giving one hour to our Lord by spending time with Him. One does not need to be a member of St Andrew Parish in order to visit or commit in any way. Currently, we are most in need of committed adorers on Tuesday, 12 AM (midnight) - 1AM, and Thursday morning 1:00 AM - 2AM, Many hours only have one Adorer, and it is preferable to have two each hour. If you feel called by Our Lord to sign up for an hour, or have any questions, please call [814-288-4324](tel:814-288-4324) Ext 5 or call or text Terri Roy @ [815-255-5645](tel:815-255-5645) visit <https://standrewjtown.weadorehim.com/en/schedule>,

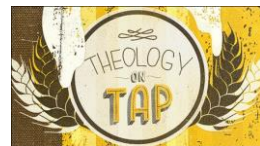


Blue Mass

TO HONOR THE WORK OF ALL PUBLIC SAFETY PERSONNEL

HOLY FAMILY PARISH, 425 Bridge Street, Seward, will host A Blue Mass. You are invited to join us as we honor ALL who serve as First Responders in ANY capacity in our area at our 4th Annual "Blue Mass" on Friday, **July 19, 2024**, at 7:00 PM. Immediately following the Mass, Emergency Response Vehicles, Equipment, and K9 Officers and their handlers will be blessed. Please call Holy Family at 814.446.5759 for additional information or details. This Mass coincides with the 47th Anniversary of the Johnstown Flood of 1977. All who were impacted by the flood are encouraged to join together in prayer to help remember all who suffered loss and those who served the community during that terrible disaster.

Basket Raffle-St Bartholomew Parish in Wilmore will be having their annual basket raffle on **Sunday, July 28th from 12-2 PM**, with over 300 baskets, hot food, and more. Contact 814-495-9298 to purchase tickets early and visit the raffle ahead of time. Check out the St Bartholomew Facebook page for more information



Young Adult Group (18-39): Our next Theology on Tap is **July 31st** at 6pm with Bob Sutton speaking on "Why do Catholics do that? - Where is that in the Bible?" at the Boulevard Grill. We will continue meeting every month on last Wednesdays for Theology on Tap and second Fridays for other events. Young adults of all faiths aged 18-39 are welcome to join us! For more information contact Geoffrey Stumpo at (814) 659-7415 or geoffstumpo@gmail.com.

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

St Therese Church

Basket & Burger Bash



July 20th & July 21st
4-8PM 11AM-4PM

Live Entertainment

Saturday 5-7:30PM-
Cajun Norm Presents The Foundry

Sunday 1-3PM - Bo Moore

Sunday-4PM

Themed Basket & Cash Raffle Drawing
Games



Menu

Craft/Bistro Style Burgers

Pulled Pork Sandwiches

Fresh Cut French Fries

Funnel Cakes - Pizza

Water - Soda - Beer - Seltzers