

ST. THERESE OF THE CHILD JESUS

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Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 28, 2024

FIRST READING: Elisha feeds a hundred people with twenty barley loaves (2 Kings 4:42-44).

PSALM: The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs (Psalm 145).

SECOND READING: Paul urges the Ephesians to live in a manner worthy of the call they received (Ephesians 4:1-6).

GOSPEL: Jesus feeds a large crowd with five barley loaves and two fish (John 6:1-15).

LITURGICAL REFLECTION: In the opening verse of the Gospel, John states that the signs that Jesus has performed have had a huge impact on the people. Crowds are now seeking after him. There is no indication that they have come out of faith in Jesus. Therefore, the impression is given that they are coming in hope that they might witness some miracle. Nor is there any mention that the people are hungry or that Jesus has been teaching them at some length. This leaves the impression that Jesus' desire to feed the people is rooted in something other than the crowd's request or need for food. What stands out then is the sign of God's power in the person of Jesus that in the text leads the people to want to make Jesus their king. In John, the connection is made stronger by focusing primarily on the bread. The miraculous nature of what has taken place is highlighted by the fact that twelve baskets of leftovers are collected. John also makes it clear that the people understand the nature of what has taken place. They see what has taken place as a signal that the time of completion is near. The fulfillment of the feasts of Passover and Unleavened Bread has finally arrived, and the people move to make Jesus their king. Have you ever wished that you could have lived at the time of Jesus to hear him preach, witness one of his healings, etc.? To what extent do you think you would have gone to experience the person of the living Jesus?

WEEKLY PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR

SUN	7/28	
MON	7/29	
TUES	7/30	
WED	7/31	
THURS	8/01	11:30AMChristian Mothers Rosary, Mass & Meeting
FRI	8/02	
SAT	8/03	3:00PMConfession
Next Sun	8/04	

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK: - (July 29th– Aug 4th)

MON	7/29	7:50AM	+ Jean Krupa – (Joseph Balog)
TUES	7/30	7:50AM	+ Fran Yuras – (Cass Kasper)
WED	7/31	7:50AM	+ Bill & Jane Bross – (Family & Friends)
THUR	8/01	7:50AM	+ (WA) Bill & Olga Labuda – (Daughter, Marie & Paul Nikonow)
		12:00PM	+ Christian Mothers
FRI	8/02	7:50AM	+ (A) Julia Skala – (Husband, Casey & Family)
SAT	8/03	4:00PM	+ Jason Mulvehill– (Sister, Claire)
SUN	8/04	7:30AM	+ Cassie & Runt Radnotti – (Son, David)
		10:30AM	+ (A) Zach Bretz – (Family)



Sunday, July 28, 2024

CONGRATULATIONS
to our WINNERS!

Grand Prize Drawing

- 1st Prize - \$1,000 - Dave Vitovich
- 2nd Prize -- \$ 500 - Brian Petrusic
- 3rd Prize -- \$ 300 - Mike Koslin
- 4th Prize -- \$ 100 - Patricia Penrose
- 5th Prize -- \$100 - Marcia Slisz

We would like to thank everyone for making this Raffle drawing a Success!!!



We would like to give a BIG shout out to those involved in the Summer Basket & Burger Bash on another successful event! All your hard work paid off in the end. Special Thanks to Amy & Mandy for organizing and soliciting for the Basket Raffle. Let's not forget all the GREAT people who donated those beautiful Baskets, large and small, they were all so nice. Don McIntosh & his crew for the delicious burgers & Pulled pork, the FUNNEL CAKE Crew, it was YUMMY!!, to all the ladies who helped make the bake sale a success, you ladies out did yourself, what a variety of scrumptious items. To the pizza workers, thanks for all your help, you guys are awesome! Also, we would like to give a shout to **The Johnstown Inn** who provided the sauce for the pizza booth. It was very much appreciated. Thanks to all the ticket sellers, instant bingo workers, basket runners, the kids' games workers and the KOC for running the Chuck o Luck. A special thank s to Marilyn, & Anne "Our Bankers" for all the long hours & keeping everyone straight. I also am appreciative of all the volunteers who set the tables and tents up and took them down so quickly, Nascar would have been proud! Last but certainly not least, A Big Thank you goes out to the persons that made cash donations, most of the food items, soda, and water, that really helps defray some of the costs. This fundraiser would not have been a success without all your help. You are all **SIMPLY THE BEST!!**

Stewardship Reflections: Our readings today remind us that we are called to give God everything we have. We are inspired by the servant and the little boy, who didn't have much but gave the very best of what they had and all that they had for God. In turn, He multiplied their gifts above and beyond what they could have imagined. God will do the same for us today. We must allow Him to do so.

We must ask ourselves, what is our very best, and are we giving it to God? It can be easy to give God the bare minimum. It is convenient and doesn't cause us to stretch ourselves. Yet, a key component of living as a good steward is constantly re-evaluating our lives, particularly our relationship with God, to ensure we are not just 'scraping by', but rather, giving God our entire lives.

As we evaluate our lives, we should ask ourselves - "how am I giving God my time, using my talents, and sharing my treasures?" As we begin a new week, let us spend some time evaluating our relationship with God by asking, "what is my very best, and am I giving it to God?"

**LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS
(July 20th & July 21st 2024)**

Weekly	\$ 3,730.00
Building Fund	\$ 60.00

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



The 2nd Annual Blood Drive in honor of Dan Hutchison will be held in the St. Therese Social Hall on Friday, August 9th from 11:30AM - 5:00PM. For an appointment, please visit RedCrossBlood.org and St. Therese or call 1-800-733-2767

KOC Council 10409 is having CPR, AED and First Aid Training on Sept 21st from 9AM - Noon in the Church Hall. Training is open to anyone 12 years and older. Cost \$15 per person. Contact Joe Hochstein at 814-536-0455 or Brian Mikolich at 814-418-4570 to register and pay fee.

Christian Mothers will hold their Monthly Rosary, Mass & meeting this Thursday, Aug 1st starting at 11:30AM.

Families and the Gospel - (John 6: 1-5)
In today's gospel Phillip worried about "enough food" for the crowd. What is ENOUGH? When does our ENOUGH deprive another family of their fair share? Jesus performed today's miracle because one child was willing to share and risk living with less. Can your family live more simply so that other families can simple live?

Festival -- St Benedict Church in Carrolltown will be sponsoring our Parish Festival on Saturday, and Sunday, July 27, and 28. **Entertainment everyday** - with large basket auction, games, rides, food booths, beer tent, live music, petting zoo, ethnic foods and refreshments; **Fireworks Saturday at 10 p.m., Chicken Dinner - Sunday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. \$15, dine-in or take-out.**