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Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Aug 18, 2024

FIRST READING: Wisdom has built her house; she has dressed her meat, mixed her wine, yes, she has spread her table. (Proverbs 9: 1-6).

PSALM: Taste and see the goodness of the Lord (Psalm 34).

SECOND READING: Be filled with the spirit, giving thanks always and for everything (Ephesians 5: 15- 20).

GOSPEL: I am the living bread that came down from heaven (John 6: 51-58).

LITURGICAL REFLECTION: This Sunday's Scriptures are especially timely, as the United States has embarked on a Eucharistic Revival. The media has been full of stories of processions and liturgies, of monstrance's raised and heads bowed, as Catholics have reaffirmed faith in the Blessed Sacrament. We have seen dramatic images from around the country of people falling to their knees in devotion. It's helped to remind us that the bread of life is also the bread of love. We have been blessed these months with many opportunities to realize anew the singular power of this extraordinary gift: Christ himself, coming to us in something as simple as bread. "This," Jesus explains, "is the bread that came down from heaven." But as much as this Sunday's readings are an affirmation of faith, they are also an invitation. "Taste and see," the psalmist says, "the goodness of the Lord." "The one who feeds on me," Jesus adds, "will have life because of me ... whoever eats this bread will live forever."

WEEKLY PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR

SUN	8/18	
MON	8/19	
TUES	8/20	
WED	8/21	
THURS	8/22	
FRI	8/23	
SAT	8/24	3:00PMConfession
Next Sun	8/25	

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK: - (Aug 19th– Aug 25th)

MON	8/19 7:50AM	+ Kevin Gritzer– (Aunt Patty & Family)
TUES	8/20 7:50AM	+ Frank & Sue Karmanocky – (Family)
WED	8/21 7:50AM	+ Jim Golias – (Sister, Bea & Family)
THUR	8/22 7:50AM	+ (A) Regis Bender – (Mark Friedman)
FRI	8/23 7:50AM	+ John Pencola (3-month mind) – (John & Doris Gritzer)
SAT	8/24 4:00PM	+ (B) Mike & Don Delich – (Marilyn, Jeanne & Families)
SUN	8/25 7:30AM	+ James Marshall – (Gritzer Family)
 10:30AM	+ (A) Ryan Lorditch – (Family)



Sunday, Aug 18, 2024



Stewardship Reflections: Jesus said to the crowd, "Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life..." We can hardly blame the crowd for their shock at this statement - eating the Flesh and drinking the Blood of our Lord should cause us a bit of shock. Yet how easy it is to show up at Mass Sunday after Sunday, receiving the Eucharist as simply part of a weekly routine.

If we really spent time contemplating the gift our Lord is offering us in this sacrament, we would be awestruck at the love and power in this gift. Through it, our Lord is giving us the very best He has to give - Himself. Not even the greatest theological scholar or the holiest of saints can fully understand this mystery.

The Eucharist is the ultimate inspiration for a stewardship way of life. When we contemplate this gift of God, we will want to make a joyful return to Him. Mass will become anything but routine and we will live each day as His passionate disciples.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS (Aug 10th & Aug 11th 2024)

Table with 2 columns: Collection Name, Amount. Weekly: \$4,033.00; Building Fund: \$126.00

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 Julia Boltz who was called to her eternal reward this week. May God grant His eternal rest to lia and peace and consolation to her family.



The St Therese's Community would like to extend our sincerest congratulations on the Baptism of Luka Langerholc, Son, of Matthew & Amy (McGough) Langerholc, who was baptized on Sunday, Aug 4th. Luka, may you grow in God's love and grace.



CONGRATULATIONS Luke Molnar who received the Sacrament of Confirmation last Sunday, Aug 4th. Congratulations and God's Blessing on you

We would like to extend a great Big Thank You to our Knights of Columbus council #10409 for purchasing new chairs for the Social Hall and for the new tables for down in the Church Hall. And, to the Christian Mothers for purchasing the carts to store the new chairs. Your financial support that you offer our parish is extremely appreciated. May God's Blessing be with you all.



American Red Cross

Thank you for your donation.

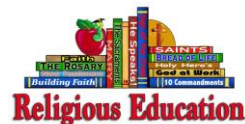
The KOC council #10409 along with the Hutchison Family would like to thank everyone who came out to support our Blood Drive in honor of Dan. In only a few hours we were able to collect 18 units!! We would also like to thank all the volunteers who made the drive run so smoothly, thanks for all your help.

Catholic Ministries Drive

Encountering Christ. Thank you to the 54 families who have pledged to date a total of \$11,335.00 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.

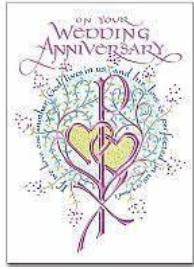


Chrisitan Mothers will be taking orders for "RADA" thru the month of August. Catalogs can be found in the back of Church. Please submit your order with payment in the collections jar, or to any Christian Mother. Many items have been discounted in this catalog. If you have any questions, please call Helen Sorchilla 535-1141



There will be faculty meeting in the Church Hall on TODAY Sunday, August 18th at 6PM for all grades. Please be present so we can discuss the up-coming year

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.



Bishop Mark Barchak and the Family Life Office cordially invite all couples celebrating 1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60+ years of marriage in 2024 (and their families) to attend the Annual Wedding Anniversary Liturgy. Couples may attend **Sunday, September 8th in ALTOONA at Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament** or **Sunday, September 15th in JOHNSTOWN at St. John Gualbert Cathedral.** Both locations are handicap accessible. Liturgies in each location begin at 2:00 p.m. Most Rev. Bishop Mark will be the celebrant and homilist at each celebration. **Tuesday, August 27.**

The Westmont Johnstown Girl Scout Service Unit # 4651 is collecting items to make birthday cake kits for children in need. Items being collected include: 9x13 aluminum cake pan with lid, Funfetti cake mix, Funfetti icing, case of Sprite cans, box of candles, Walmart gift card, Dollar Tree gift card. We will use the gift cards to purchase any items needed to complete the kits. The kits will be assembled by the Girl Scouts in September as their service project in honor of National Month of Service. Any donations are greatly appreciated and will be collected in the box labeled in the back church until September 1. Contact Kristen Battaglia at 814-322-8555 with any questions. Thank you!



St Therese Food Pantry needs a few items
 Canned whole corn
 Canned soups: Chicken, Tomato, Vegetable beef
 Knorr Side Dishes Rice or Noodles
 Boxed potatoes
 Pasta: elbow, rigatoni or spaghetti
 Taco seasoning packets
 Ketchup and or mustard
 spaghetti O's, Chef Boyardee raviolis'

The Lazer Room a division of the Jodat Technologies Co, INC, a regional commercial manufacturer, is offering to contribute a percentage of 20% of gross sales when used by our parishioners. The Lazer Room can personalize almost anything, wood, glass metal, stone. Please pick up a flier in the back of the church or go on line to <https://thelazerroomstore.com> or <https://www.etsy.com/shop/TheLazerRoom>. Do not forget to use the code - (St Therese) **STC20**

Families and the Gospel - (John 6: 51-58)
 In today's Gospel Jesus speaks of eating His flesh and blood. Parents can identify with this, for they often feel devoured by all the demands of family life. This is unavoidable for children grow in the soil of sacrificial love. Parenting is not part time work. It is a consuming lifetime commitment.

Community News & Events

Holy Name Parish, Ebensburg is inviting parishes to their upcoming speaker series with Fr. David Michael Moses on Wednesday, **September 4 at 7:00PM.** Fr. David is from the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston and is very popular on social media and works extensively for Pro-Life Efforts. On **September 23 and 24 at 7:00PM,** Fr. Dan Reehil from the Diocese of Nashville will be giving a parish mission. He was a former Wall Street banker who had an amazing reversion experience back to the Catholic Church. He is now the exorcist for the Diocese of Nashville. On **Monday, October 7 at 7:00PM** Jessica Cox will be giving a talk on her Catholic Faith. This remarkable woman is a motivational speaker, martial artist, and airplane pilot, and she does all this with no arms. Please mark your calendars now and take part in these three missions.

ST. FRANCIS FISH FRY -
 St. Francis of Assisi will have a Fish Fry on **Friday, September 13th,** at the Activity Center, corner of D Street and Barron Avenue. A LUNCH SPECIAL (Fried Fish Sandwich and French Fries, NO SUBSTITUTIONS) will be offered from 11AM until 1:00 PM (TAKE OUT ONLY). The full menu will be served from 2:00PM - 6:00PM, eat-in or takeout. Meals will be served while supplies last. ****DEBIT/CREDIT CARDS ARE ACCEPTED!****



DO YOU BELIEVE IN MIRACLES?

Tim Francis, a national speaker out of Fort Worth, Texas, who gives parish missions on Eucharistic Miracles and how the science has led people to faith, will be speaking at Saint John Gualbert Cathedral on **Saturday, September 14th** following the 6 PM Mass from 7:30-10:00 PM and Sunday, September 15th following the 5 PM Mass from 6:30-9:00 PM. He will also be speaking on Monday, September 16th from 6:00-8:30 PM at Saint Francis University in the Immaculate Conception Chapel.

A Women's Day of Reflection

St. Benedict Parish, Johnstown will be hosting Award Winning Author and Speaker, Liz Kelly for A Women's Day of Reflection, "Jesus Approaches: What Contemporary Women Can Learn about Healing, Freedom & Joy from the Women of the New Testament" This one-day event will be held **from 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM September 28, 2024**. The day will start off with taking a fresh look at the encounters that women had with Jesus while you grow in confidence and skill praying with Scripture and making the Gospel your own. The day will include Mass, Adoration, opportunities for confession and fellowship and the opportunity to strengthen the tether between your heart and the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

This event is Free and open to all, A Lunch and Refreshments will be served so an RSVP is required. A love offering will be taken.

For more information contact St. Benedict Rectory at (814) 266-9178 or Deacon Michael Russo at 814-288-3036 or email at michael.russo@atlanticbb.net.

ABORTION; "The greatest destroyer of love and peace is abortion, which is war against the child. The mother doesn't learn to love, but kills to solve her own problems. Any country that accepts abortion is not teaching its people to love, but to use any violence to get what they want.

~ Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta ~

**A person's a person,
No matter how small.**

-Dr. Seuss



"Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are they who mourn,
for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek,
for they will inherit the land.

Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for
righteousness,
for they will be satisfied.

Blessed are the merciful,
for they will be shown mercy.

Blessed are the clean of heart,
for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children of God.

Blessed are they who are persecuted for
the sake of righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when they insult you and
persecute you
and utter every kind of evil against you
falsely because of me.

Rejoice and be glad,
for your reward will be great in heaven."

Back to School Prayer

Heavenly Father,
Thank you for the gift of my child/children You
have entrusted to my care. Please watch over
them as they begin a new school year. Bless their
teachers, school administrators, bus drivers,
school support staff, friends and classmates.

Keep them safe every day. I pray they may feel
Your presence and know that You are always with
them. Help them recall my loving words of
support for them. Give them wisdom to make
good choices, and an openness to learn new things.
Fill them with knowledge and positive thinking.
Help them overcome obstacles and shield them
from negativity.

Surround my child/children with good friends who
also know and love You. Help them treat each
other with kindness, fairness, and respect. May
they treat each person they encounter as
another child of God. Grant them the Grace to
place their trust in You so they may know Your
peace. Amen

