

ST. THERESE OF THE CHILD JESUS

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Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sept 1, 2024

FIRST READING: Moses directs the people to observe the commandments of the Lord
(Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8).

PSALM: The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord (Psalm 15).

SECOND READING: Welcome the word that you have received and become doers of the word,
not hearers only (James 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27).

GOSPEL: You disregard God's commandment but cling to human tradition
(Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23).

LITURGICAL REFLECTION: St. James invites us to *“humbly welcome the word”*. This *“word”*, of course, is Christ [see John 1:1]. The best start for humbly welcoming this word is silence. Yet the silence needed here is not just a lack of audible noise. Internal silence is needed. Some people can very easily pray for an hour surrounded by external silence, yet the whole time they're stuffing human words into their hearts, minds, and souls by reading or carrying on an internal monologue. These human words exclude the divine word. The divine *“word,”* who became flesh and dwelt among us [see John 1:14], is the measure—the standard—against which every person will be judged. The divine Word made Flesh judges each human person, not only scribes and Pharisees. In prayer we have to dispose ourselves by silence and patience to hearing this divine Word. We must not only allow Him to speak to us, but also to judge the works of our lips and hearts.

WEEKLY PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR

MON	9/02	.. Office will be closed today
TUES	9/03	7:00PM Knights of Columbus Meeting
WED	9/04	
THURS	9/05	11:30AM Christian Mothers Rosary, Mass & Meeting
FRI	9/06	
SAT	9/07	3:00PM Confession
Next Sun	9/08	10:30AM. Holy Name Mass

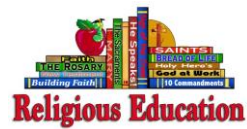


MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK: - (Sept 2nd– Sept 8th)

MON	9/02	7:50AM. + (A) Sophia Mulvehill (1year)– (Son, Patrick & Terri)
TUES	9/03	7:50AM. + (B) Reginal Lengyel – (Wife & Family)
WED	9/04	7:50AM. + Edward Pavlosky – (Sisters)
THUR	9/05	7:50AM. + Dom Kurtz – (Kristi Lengyel)
	 12:00PM + Christian Mothers
FRI	9/06	7:50AM + Jean Krupa – (John & Betty Gritzer)
SAT	9/07	4:00PM + Jason Mulvehill – (Sons, Ayden, Kristopher & Sarah)
SUN	9/08	7:30AM. + (B) Kevin Gritzer – (Mom & Dad)
	 10:30AM. + Holy Name



Sunday, Sept 1, 2024



A **Parent Meeting** is scheduled for Sunday, **Sept 15th at 6:00PM in the Church Hall.** We would appreciate at least one Parent attend. **First CCD Class will be held on Sunday, Sept.22nd at 9AM**

Stewardship Reflections: Our readings today call us to pause for a moment and consider how we respond to God's love for us each day. It begins by rising each day with a prayer of thanksgiving, offering our daily tasks as a prayer to the Lord, seeking ways to share our gifts and talents with others, saying a prayer of thanksgiving before meals, sharing words of affirmation to a loved, or taking time to reflect on how much God loves us and how we can best love Him in return.

This is how we ought to live our lives as Christian stewards - by recognizing our lives as a gift and an opportunity to love God in response to how He has loved us.

So let us look inward at our hearts and ask ourselves why we live our faith the way we do. Let us strive to pray with meaning, attend Mass with attention, serve others out of love for God and recognize just how blessed we are. It is in these simple moments that we love extraordinarily and honor God wholeheartedly.

**LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS
(Aug 24th & Aug 25th 2024)**

Weekly	\$ 3,221.00
Building Fund	\$ 83.00
Fuel	\$ 13.00

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

Holy Name Society monthly meeting will be held on **Tuesday, Sept 3rd starting at 6PM** in the Church Hall. All men interested in joining the Holy Name are welcomed to the attend.

KOC Council #10409 - This month's meeting will be held **Tuesday, Sept 3rd at 7PM** in the Church Hall

Christian Mothers will hold their Monthly Rosary, Mass & Meeting on **Thursday, Sept 5th** starting at **11:30AM.**

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.**

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.

Families and the Gospel - (Mk 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23) In today's gospel Jesus warns "what comes from within can defile" a person. Families need to worry about "outside influences" but also about "inside influences." The values our children carry for a life time are learned at home. Habits of the Hearth are the most powerful influences on a child. That's the good news! That can also be the bad news!



ABORTION: If abortion isn't murder, why is it a Double Homicide when a pregnant woman is killed?

"Babies are bits of stardust, blown down from the hand of God"

Community News & Events

Divine Mercy Prayer Group cordially invites **EVERYONE** to our Anniversary Celebration
1 Hour Adoration ***Benediction***Recitation
of the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy
Thursday Sept. 12th 3pm
St. Anne Church 533 Woodland Ave.
Light Refreshments to follow in Church Hall
Info: Cathy (814)288-1126 or Lolly (814)659-8717

The office will be closed **Monday, Sept 2nd** to observe Labor Day.

