

ST. THERESE OF THE CHILD JESUS

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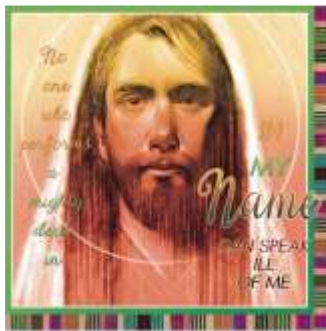
OFFICE HOURS WEEKLY

Monday – Friday

9:00AM---2:00PM

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Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Sept 29, 2024

FIRST READING:

Moses said, "Would that all the people of the LORD were prophets!"
(Numbers 11:25-29).

PSALM:

The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart (Psalm 19).

SECOND READING:

— Come now, you rich. The wages you withheld from the workers who harvested your fields are crying aloud (James 5:1-6).

GOSPEL:

Whoever is not against us is for us (Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48).

LITURGICAL REFLECTION: PROCLAIM THE WONDER OF GOD

The gift of the Spirit is given freely, not according to human expectations, but according to the generosity of God. Joshua wants Moses to stop Eldad and Medad from prophesying in the camp, when they were not with the others as the spirit was bestowed on them. Moses, so close to God's mind in the matter, wishes everyone could possess the spirit of God and proclaim it to the nations.

Psalm 19 celebrates the perfection of God's law, and how it brings joy and delight. It is better than the finest gold or the sweetest honey. Moreover, God gives the wisdom of the prophets to everyone, especially the simple and lowly ones, even to children. It is the "little ones" who proclaim the wonder of God to all.

WEEKLY PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR

MON	9/30	.....Saint Therese Novena 9AM -and 7PM
TUES	10/01	7:00PM .....Closing of the Novena to honor St Therese
WED	10/02	11:30AM .....Christian Mothers Rosary, Mass & Meeting
THURS	10/03	8:00AM .....Piroghi Project
FRI	10/04	
SAT	10/05	3:00PM .....Confession
NEXT SUN	10/06	



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK: (Sept 30th – Oct 6th)

MON	9/30	..... 7:50AM. + Jean Krupa – (Bob & Lori Wagner)
		..... 9:00AM. + (B) Teresa Lill – (Daughter, Lorraine & Bryan)
		..... 7:00PM. + Dom Kurtz – (Son, Domenick & Mary)
TUES	10/1	..... 9:00AM. + Mary Zeisman – (Family)
		..... 7:00PM. + Dominec Petreore – (Tom Dadey & Karen Stoykovich)
WED	10/2	..... 7:50AM. + Bob Gritzer – (Elizabeth Opacic)
		..... 12:00PM. + Christian Mothers
THUR	10/3	..... 7:50AM. + Larry Forgas – (Marty & Norma Hammer)
FRI	10/4	..... 7:50AM. + Kevin Gritzer – (Aunt Patty & Family)
SAT	10/5	..... 9:00AM. + Anna & Donald Kris – (Family)
SUN	10/6	..... 7:30AM. + Michael Savering – (Marilyn & Dennis Alberter)
		..... 10:30AM. + (A) Ken Shank Sr. – (Family)



Sunday, Sept 29, 2024

Stewardship Reflections: Our readings this week encourage us to not only be good stewards of all that God has given us but also to rejoice in the good stewardship of others.

We oftentimes look at another's strengths as our weaknesses whether it be in parish life, in the workforce, or even in our own families. We are left with a bitter heart and a negative attitude when we become jealous of another. Jesus is calling us to cut out those sinful thoughts and attitudes from our lives. The next time we witness someone being a good steward of God's gifts - rejoice! And continue to examine how you are using your gifts and talents to ensure you are being a good steward of what God has entrusted to you.

This week when we witness other people in our lives using the gifts God has given to them, instead of becoming jealous or critical, say a prayer of thanksgiving and take time to reflect on what God has gifted you and how you can offer it to Him for His glory

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS (Sept 21st & Sept 22nd 2024)

Weekly	.....	\$ 2,727.00
Building Fund	.....	\$ 30.00
Fuel	.....	\$ 10.00

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 **Angela Komara**, who was called to her eternal reward this week. May God grant His eternal rest to **Angela** and peace and consolation to her family.

St. Therese's Mass of Anointing of the Sick -

This sacrament of the sick will be celebrated during a Mass, **Sept 29th** at 2PM at St. Therese. Anointing is intended for those faithful whose health is impaired by sickness or age. Physical, emotional, or spiritual illnesses are opportunities to celebrate this sacrament. Pews will be reserved in the front of the church for those who are unable to walk up to the altar.



Novena to Honor St. Therese of the Child

Jesus will conclude on **Monday, Oct 1st**, the Feast of St. Therese. Mass Schedule -- Saturday Masses at 9AM, 4PM, and 7PM; Sunday Masses at 7:30AM, 10:30AM, and 7:00PM. Monday 7:50AM, 9AM and 7PM will be the closing of the Novena. Cake & coffee will be served after all the Masses on Monday.

Volunteers Needed to deliver Novena Roses - consider helping by delivering 1 or 2 roses to our homebound members at the close of the Please Novena? Flowers will be delivered on Tuesday, Oct 1st. Please call the rectory at 539-7633 if you can help with this worthwhile project.



Oktoberfest 2024

Our Annual Oktoberfest has been set for Saturday, Oct 12th and Sunday, Oct 13th 2024

We are asking for and would appreciate the following donations:

Theme Basket (at least \$30.00 in value) for the basket raffle. If Basket making isn't your specialty you can make a monetary donation, we will make it for you!

\$5, \$10, & \$25 gift cards for the Wheel raffle (Saturday Night)



Bakers of the Parish-we are asking once again for your delicious homemade pies.

Mark Your Calendars: We will be making piroghis for the **OKTOBERFEST ONLY** on **Thursday, Oct 3**

- 1) Tuesdays- peel potatoes starting at 8:00AM
- 2) Thursdays-7:30AM make potato balls and dough, and assemble & cook piroghi.

We appreciate all of your help!

Christian Mothers Rosary, Mass, & Meeting - will be held on **Wednesday, Oct 2nd** starting at 11:30Am with the rosary.



Holy Name Society monthly meeting will be held on **Tuesday, Oct 8th** at 6PM in the Church Hall.

KOC Council #10409 - This month's meeting will be held Tuesday, **Oct 8 at 7PM** in the Church Hall, due to the closing of the Novena.



Blessing of Animals...In keeping with the Franciscan tradition, the Blessing of Animals will take place on Saturday morning, **Oct 5th** at

10:00AM in front of the Grotto. All are welcome!!

Holy Name will be raffling off chances to win two pictures. One: a framed print of the Stain glass window of the Choir loft and the second a diamond painting of the Altar at Christmas time. Tickets will be sold starting at Oktoberfest. Chances are \$2 a piece or 3-for \$5.



Please help us Celebrate this year's upcoming Marian Celebration which is scheduled to take place on Sunday, October 6th at 3:00 pm at St. Benedict Church in Johnstown,

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.**



A Catechesis for Adults and Youth

Come and Listen!

Beginning Sept 16th Mondays & Wednesdays
@7PM

St John Gualbert Cathedral Activity Center
110 Adams St.

Free parking and babysitting

Community News & Events



MUSIC BINGO BASH - The St. Francis Fundraising Committee will be sponsoring a Music Bingo Bash **Saturday, Oct. 5. at the St. Francis Activity Center. Doors open at 5 pm.** Food will be served at 6 pm. Admission \$20. Includes dinner, nonalcoholic beverages and dessert. 5 Bingo cards. Beer bracelet is \$7.00. Qualifiers, 50/50 and cash giveaways every half hour! Tickets available in the vestibule before and after Masses. Or you can call Fran at 814-536-3667.

Families and the Gospel - (Mk 9:38, 45, 47-48)

The words in today's gospel, "Whoever gives a cup of water in the name of Christ will not lose their reward" hits us at home. As parents we gain our "reward" when we bring water to a frightened child in the middle of the night, or Kool Aid to parched five-year olds, or hold ice chips to the fevered lips of a spouse. It is that simple and that sacred. In our homes we give until it hurts "in the name of Christ."

*Lord, make me a channel of your peace;
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
Where there is injury, pardon;
Where there is doubt, faith;
Where there is despair, hope;
Where there is darkness, light;
And where there is sadness, joy;
O divine Master,
Grant that I may not so much seek to be
consoled as to console;
To be understood, as to understand;
To be loved, as to love;
For it is in giving that we receive,
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
And it is in dying that we are born to
Eternal Life*



Saint Francis Feast Day Oct 4th

ABORTION; Every baby only comes once and it is so important that we treasure each and every one of them. Every child's beginning starts from home, to be more precise, starts from womb. It is so important for our society to support, respect, care for, and look after the pregnant women and couple who try to have babies. It is not about us. The future of the world depends on the future of our generations. To make our planet better or worse, we have to make our choice wisely.