

# ST. THERESE OF THE CHILD JESUS

THE CHURCH OF THE FRANCISCANS  
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## Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sept 8, 2024

FIRST READING: Say to those whose hearts are frightened: Be strong, fear not! Here is your God (Isaiah 35:4-7a).

PSALM: Praise the Lord, my soul! (Psalm 146).

SECOND READING: Show no partiality as you adhere to the faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ (James 2:1-5).

GOSPEL: Jesus makes the deaf hear and the mute speak (Mark 7:31-37).

LITURGICAL REFLECTION: We may feel that our ears are blocked from hearing the Lord speak. Even though we may not lie, we may sometimes refrain from speaking the truth; which could amount to cowardice! But to receive the Lord's Word and Speak the Truth, we need to go with the Lord, "aside in private away from the crowd". We need to find it in us and in our day to step aside, and turn to the Lord; so that we too can hear him say: "Ephphatha!" Amen!

On this day of the Nativity of Our Blessed Mother Mary, we Thank her for her intercession for us. We ask her to continue to keep us under the mantle of her protection. Through Jesus Christ Our Lord, Amen!

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### WEEKLY PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR

MON	9/09	
TUES	9/10	
WED	9/11	
THURS	9/12	
FRI	9/13	
SAT	9/14	3:00PM . . . . .Confession
Next Sun	9/15	6:00PM. . . . . Parent – Teacher meeting CCD Church Hall

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### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK: - (Sept 9<sup>th</sup>– Sept 15<sup>th</sup>)

MON	9/09 . . . . .	7:50AM. . . . .	+ (WA) John Cynar– (Wife, Joanne)
TUES	9/10 . . . . .	7:50AM. . . . .	+ Jane Bross (3Months) – (Children & Grandchildren)
WED	9/11 . . . . .	7:50AM. . . . .	+ (WA) Henry & Kay Gorkczycki – (Rose Karmanocky)
THUR	9/12 . . . . .	7:50AM. . . . .	+ (B) Anne Seminsky – (Chuck DiFalco)
FRI	9/13 . . . . .	7:50AM . . . . .	+ Dominec Petrore – (Rita Kessel)
SAT	9/14 . . . . .	4:00PM . . . . .	+ (A) Nick Subich – (Family)
SUN	9/15 . . . . .	7:30AM. . . . .	+ (B) Kevin Gritzer – (Mom & Dad)
		. . . . .10:30AM. . . . .	+ Pro Populo



# Sunday, Sept 8, 2024

**Stewardship Reflections:** "Thus says the Lord: say to those whose hearts are frightened: Be strong, fear not!" Our readings today offer us a message of hope - God is with us and wants to heal us. May this message come ablaze in our hearts so that we might live with unwavering faith.

The prophecy in our first reading and the story in our Gospel overwhelm us with comfort and peace because we have a compassionate God who sees our physical needs. Yet if we reflect further on these readings, we see that God uses these moments of physical healing as opportunities to restore something much deeper - our souls.

This week let us seek God to heal our souls and transform our hearts. Let us pray that our eyes and our ears might "be open" to His workings, words, and promptings in our lives.

### LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS (Aug 31<sup>st</sup> & Sept 1<sup>st</sup> 2024)

Weekly	.....	\$ 5,003.00
Building Fund	.....	\$ 626.00
Fuel	.....	\$ 695.00

**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 **Eileen Suttmiller**, who was called to her eternal reward last week. May God grant His eternal rest to **Eileen** and peace and consolation to her family.



**Sincere Condolences** - The St. Therese Community would like to offer our sincere condolences to the family of **Thomas Antinoro**, who was called to his eternal reward this past week. May God grant His eternal rest to **Tom** and peace and consolation to his family.

**Mark Your Calendars:** We will be making piroghis for the Novena on **Thursday, Sept 19.**

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

Donations of Robin Hood flour (regular), butter, potatoes, and monetary gifts are always appreciated.

**To Order: Sign-up sheets:** will be in the vestibule after all Masses next weekend, **Sept 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>**

Piroghi Pick up will be on Friday Sept 20<sup>th</sup>, from 10:00-12:00PM

### Congratulations to the winners of the St Anne's Christian Mothers ticket!!

- #983 **Robert Christian** (Winner)
- #982 **Denise Lakatos** (#below)
- #984 **Benita Socha** (#above)

Thank you to all who supported us by purchasing a ticket!



### Novena to Honor St. Therese of the Child Jesus

Opens on **Monday, Sept 23<sup>rd</sup>** and will end on **Tuesday, Oct 1<sup>st</sup>**, the Feast of St. Therese.

#### Mass Schedule -

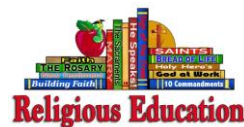
Weekday Masses at 7:50AM, 9AM and 7PM;  
Saturday Masses at 9AM, 4PM, and 7PM;  
Sunday Masses at 7:30AM, 10:30AM, and 7:00PM.

Sunday, Sept 29<sup>th</sup> at 2PM Anointing of the sick

We are happy to have him join us in our Novena.

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

**KOC Council 10409** is having **CPR, AED and First Aid Training** on **Sept 21<sup>st</sup> 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.

Holy Name will host a rosary after the 10:30AM Mass Today, in remembrance of deceased members. Everyone is cordially invited to stay.

**Families and the Gospel** - (Mk 7: 31-37)  
 Because the deaf man in today's gospel recognized his disability, he could seek help from Jesus. Deafness abounds in families: in our children ("Oh dad, not that again") in parents ("It is just a stage") and in spouses ("Are you listening?"). Before Jesus can enter your home and heal, you must first recognize your deafness.



**ABORTION: Did you Know**

- 18 Days a baby heart begins to Beat
- 43 Days brain coordinates movement
- 7 Weeks a baby can hiccup
- 8 Weeks organs can function
- 10 Weeks can feel pain
- 12 Weeks a baby can smile, suck their thumb and make a fist
- Over 2 million couples wait to adopt- including of all races & those with special with special needs.

**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. 12<sup>th</sup> 3pm**  
**St. Anne Church 533 Woodland Ave.**  
 Light Refreshments to follow in Church Hall  
 Info: Cathy (814)288-1126 or Lolly (814)659-8717

**PUBLIC ROSARY**

Praying for Our Country, Police, Fire Fighters, First Responders, Healthcare Workers **Thursday, September 12<sup>th</sup> - 6:30 PM**  
**St. Clement Church**



**DO YOU BELIEVE IN MIRACLES?**  
 Seeing is Believing

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 14<sup>th</sup>** following the 6 PM Mass from 7:30-10:00 PM and Sunday, **September 15<sup>th</sup>** following the 5 PM Mass from 6:30-9:00 PM. He will also be speaking on Monday, **September 16<sup>th</sup>** from 6:00-8:30 PM at Saint Francis University in the Immaculate Conception Chapel. Same presentation each night choose one.  
[www.Sciencetestsfaith.com/pa](http://www.Sciencetestsfaith.com/pa)

**ST. FRANCIS FISH FRY -**

St. Francis of Assisi will have a Fish Fry on **Friday, September 13<sup>th</sup>**, 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!\*\***



**CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA:**

This weekend the diocese will take up the National Collection for The University of America. By giving to the collection, you are supporting future Catholic leaders, both religious and lay, who are being formed by an exceptional, faith – rooted education. Please give generously.



Fall Festival at St Patrick **Sept 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>** -  
 Join us for our Fall Festival Sept 20-21 8AM-PM Gigantic Basement Sale, Bake Sale, Gobs, Pies! Hot food including: BBQ Pulled Pork, Haluski, Hot Sausage Sandwich, Burgers, and Hot Dogs! Hope to see you there!



**Grandparents Day - Sept 8<sup>th</sup>** -- Whether they go by Grammy & Pappy, Grandma & Grandpa, Nana & Pop Pop, Meemaw & Peepaw- there is no question that Grandparents are the Greatest. Make sure you take a moment out of your day today to let them know how special they are.



**A Catechesis for Adults and Youth**  
 Come and Listen!

Beginning Sept 16<sup>th</sup> Mondays & Wednesdays @7PM  
 St John Gualbert Cathedral Activity Center  
 110 Adams St.  
 Free parking and babysitting

# OKTOBERFEST 2024

OCT 12<sup>TH</sup> & 13<sup>TH</sup>

Meeting Monday Sept 9 @ 6PM

We are looking for Volunteers for the following:

## Piroghi Project

Tuesday, Sept 17<sup>th</sup> peeling potatoes  
Thursday, Sept 19<sup>th</sup> making piroghi's

Apple Strudel will be made on Friday  
Oct 11<sup>th</sup> at 9AM

We are asking for and really do appreciate the following:

Theme Basket (at least \$30.00 in value) for the basket raffle. If Basket making is not 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.

