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Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Oct 13, 2024

FIRST READING:

I pleaded, and the spirit of wisdom came to me. All good things together came to me in her company (Wisdom 7:7-11).

PSALM:

Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy! (Psalm 90).

SECOND READING:

Indeed the word of God is living and effective (Hebrews 4:12-13).

GOSPEL:

It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for one who is rich to enter the kingdom of God (Mark 10:17-30 [17-27]).

LITURGICAL REFLECTION: We may feel that, in our society, we personally could by no stretch of the imagination be called rich and so the story does not apply to us. But we can cling to other things besides money. I might profitably ask myself today if there is anything at all in my life which I would find it very difficult to give up if God asked it of me. It might be a relationship, it might be a job or position, it might be good health.

To be a disciple Jesus means that he is asking me to follow him unconditionally, without any strings, ready to let go of anything and everything (although he may not actually ask me to do so). It is the readiness that counts. The man in the story did not even seem to have that. And still Jesus looked at him with love...

WEEKLY PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR

SUN	10/13	11-4PM	Oktoberfest Social Hall
MON	10/14		
TUES	10/15		
WED	10/16		
THURS	10/17		
FRI	10/18		
SAT	10/19	3:00PM	Confession
NEXT SUN	10/20		



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK: (Oct 14th – Oct 20th)

MON	10/14	7:50AM	+ Kathryn Gorczycki – (Marilyn & Joe Yeager)
TUES	10/15	7:50AM	+ Anthony Petrone – (Mike & Kim Seigh)
WED	10/16	7:50AM	+ Mike Delich – (Ann Figart)
THUR	10/17	7:50AM	+ Edward Pavlosky – (Wife & Family)
FRI	10/18	7:50AM	+ Eileen Suttmiller – (John & Doris Gritzer)
SAT	10/19	4:00PM	+ (B) Pearl Forgas – (Daughter, Terri & Patrick Mulvehill)
SUN	10/20	7:30AM	+ Jane Bross – (Children & Grandchildren)
		10:30AM	+ Sue Ellen Dadey – (Eric & Michelle Stiffler)



Sunday, Oct 13, 2024

Stewardship Reflections: In our Gospel today we hear the story of a man who ran up to Jesus and asked Him what he must do to reach eternal life. Jesus said, "You are lacking in one thing. Go, sell what you have, and give to the poor and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." It says the man went away sad because he had much.

We might cringe when we hear this story because it is sad - this man was so close to becoming an active disciple of Jesus, but instead turned away. We also might cringe because it could be deeply applicable to our lives. If we look at our own lives, we can most likely think of something that we tightly carry with us. Maybe it is possessions - material goods or money - like Jesus references in our Gospel. Or maybe it is something less material - like status, pride or control. As we go through life, it can be hard not to cling tightly to things of the world.

May we consider what it is that is holding us back from radically loving Jesus. Pray for the grace to overcome, don't pass by the opportunities to surrender, and create moments to detach. It might seem difficult, but the outcome will be more than we could have ever imagined - peace on earth and treasure in heaven.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS (Oct 5th & Oct 6th 2024)

Weekly	\$ 4,357.00
Building Fund	\$ 795.00
Fuel	\$ 125.00

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

OKTOBERFEST

Don't forget to stop over at the Social Hall this weekend for some **delicious food, entertainment, Large Wheel Raffle (5:30PM Saturday evening), Themed Baskets, Instant Bingo**, and much more!!!

Saturday - 4:00PM - 8:00PM

Sunday - 11:00AM - 4:30PM



HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!!!



A Catechesis for Adults and Youth

Come and Listen!

Mondays & Wednesdays @7PM

St John Gualbert Cathedral Activity Center

110 Adams St.

Free parking and babysitting

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 this weekend in the Vestibule and over at the Social Hall. Chances are \$2 a piece or 3-for \$5.

Catholic Ministries Drive

Encountering Christ. Thank you to the 54 families who have pledged to date a total of \$11,420.00 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.**



World Mission Sunday, observed on Oct 20th this year, is not just another Sunday, it is a powerful reminder of our call to be missionaries. The collection taken up on that day is unique as it is mandated by the Code of Canon Law and is essential for the survival and growth of the Church in mission territories.

These Funds support the pastoral and evangelizing work of the Church, including building churches, providing healthcare and education and training future priests, and religious. In places where resources are scarce, your generosity makes a profound difference. As we reflect on the theme "Go and invite everyone to the banquet," let us remember that our participation and support help invite countless souls to the feast of God's love.

Special Collection for Hurricane Disaster Relief

-- As a second severe storm approaches the southeast United States, we are aware of how seriously Hurricane Helene has impacted our brothers and sisters. Subsequent storms threaten further grave damage. For this reason, **Bishop Mark has asked us to take up a special collection this weekend (Oct 12 & 13) & next weekend (Oct 19 & 20)** to provide relief for victims of the recent hurricanes. Kindly continue to remember these storm victims in your prayers. May the One who calms the storm bring peace to those whose lives have been so devastated.

Community News & Events



**BISHOP MCCORT CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL
WALK-THRU BASKET RAFFLE** Sponsored by
the - Bishop McCort Cheerleaders Sunday,
November 3rd - 9AM-Noon Bach Center
TICKETS: \$10 All are welcome!

Holy Family Parish, Portage, Basket Party to be held on Sun., Oct. 20th at 2 PM. Doors open at 11:30 AM. Tickets are \$5 for 25 chances on baskets and 1 Door prize chance. Chances on larger value prizes will be Available. Complimentary cake and coffee. Other food and soft drinks will be available to purchase the day of the Party.



Visitation Parish in Johnstown will sponsor **GAME NIGHT FUNDRAISER** to help cover the post-liver transplant bills for its pastor, Fr. John Slovikovski on **October 20th from 4:00 PM until 7:00 PM** in the Parish Hall. **While we are seeking CORPORATE sponsors, anyone is able to contribute to this important and necessary fund.** The real purpose for the day is to raise awareness and to have fun playing games in the community. The cost is **\$5.00** and will include admission and registration for games, pizza, popcorn, soda, water, and beer. You may register as individuals or as groups and you can reserve games. Games include Monopoly, Pictionary, Trivial Pursuit, Bamboozled, Scattergories, Family Feud, Johnstownopoly, CLUE, LIFE, Right, Left, Center, Corn Hole, POKER, UNO and many, many more. To register, please call or email the following: Visitation Parish: 814-536-6110
Kristyn Amendola 814-248-2942
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Thank you for your support. God bless you for your kindness.

ABORTION; Every unborn child, though unjustly condemned to be aborted, has the face of the Lord, who even before his birth, and then as soon as he was born, experienced the rejection of the world," he said.

"And every old person even if infirm and at the end of his days, carried with him the face of Christ. They must not be thrown away!"
Pope Francis

*"A baby is God's opinion that the world should go on."
---Carl Sandburg---*



A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar Mark 10:17-30)

Having possessions is an illusion. In today's gospel Jesus told the young man to give up his need to control and put his trust in God. He couldn't let go! In families our need to control destroys relationships. We can lead, teach and encourage, but we can't control anyone but ourselves..

SAVE THE DATE!

Parish Mission Presents Fr. Greg Bramlage from Missionaries of the New Evangelization St. Benedict Parish, 2310 Bedford Street, Johnstown will be hosting Fr. Greg Bramlage for their Community-Wide Parish Mission, "Built Upon the Rock". This three-night event will be held at 7:00 pm on October 21, 22, 23, 2024. Each evening you will worship God in "Spirit and Truth" as you pray for God's healing in your lives. Please come with an open heart ready to be awed by the extravagant love of God. Open to adults and children in the Altoona-Johnstown Diocese tickets are not required. A love offering will be taken. For more information contact Deacon Michael Russo at 814-288-3036 or by email at michael.russo@atlanticbb.net



Pasta Night

St Anthony of Windber is hosting a Stuffed Shells and Gnocchis
Saturday, October 26, 3:00-6:00pm,
Sunday, October 27, 11:00am-2:00pm. Your choice of Pasta, meatballs, and salad
\$12/meal Take-out Only.