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Twenty-Nine Sunday in Ordinary Time

Oct 20, 2024

FIRST READING: My servant shall justify many, and their guilt he shall bear (Isaiah 53:10-11).

PSALM: Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you (Psalm 33).

SECOND READING: Let us confidently approach the throne of grace to receive mercy and to find grace for timely help (Hebrews 4:14-16).

GOSPEL: Whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all (Mark 10:35-45 [42-45]).

LITURGICAL REFLECTION: The humorous request of James and John to sit at the right and left of Jesus' throne. However, the more significant message lies in the letter to the Hebrews, reminding us that we can approach the throne of grace right now. As Christians, we have access to God's mercy and grace through Jesus Christ, who sympathizes with our weaknesses and invites us to draw near to Him at any time. Hold fast to your confession, trust in His love, and receive His abundant mercy in your life today.

WEEKLY PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR

SUN	10/20	6:00PM	CCD Faculty Meeting in the Chapel
MON	10/21		
TUES	10/22		
WED	10/23		
THURS	10/24		
FRI	10/25		
SAT	10/26	3:00PM	Confession
NEXT SUN	10/27		

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK: (Oct 21st – Oct 27th)

MON	10/21	7:50AM	Intention of Sr. Celine of the Eucharist OCD
TUES	10/22	7:50AM	+ (B) Ron Homler – (Wife, Yvonne)
WED	10/23	7:50AM	+ (A) Sonja Girgos – (Chuck DiFalco)
THUR	10/24	7:50AM	+ (A) Bill Labuda – (Daughter, Marie & Paul Nikonow)
FRI	10/25	7:50AM	+ (B) Bea Macy – (Family)
SAT	10/26	4:00PM	+ Willaim Karalfa – (Wife, & Family)
SUN	10/27	7:30AM	+ (B) Pinky Loncella – (Sandy Huston)
		10:30AM	+ Damien Lovas – (Wife, Darlene)



Sunday, Oct 20, 2024

Stewardship Reflections: Our readings today convey how deeply God understands our weaknesses and sufferings, and how we are called to imitate Him through humility and service.

Our culture constantly encourages us to do what we can to get ahead in this world, to do what feels good, no matter the effects - as if that power, authority, and wealth should be goals in life.

Our faith offers us something different and fulfilling - a life of humility and service. As Christian stewards, we are called to live our lives in service of God and neighbor, just as Jesus did. Our life is not about us. It is about fulfilling God's glorious plan for each one of us.

Today, let us recall that we have a loving God who completely understands us and sympathizes with us. He is waiting for us to call on Him for mercy and strength. Yet, let us also recall that our God challenges us to be imitators of Him by becoming humble servants for God and neighbor.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS (Oct 22nd & Oct 23rd 2024)

Weekly	\$ 2,719.00
Building Fund	\$ 70.00

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



We would like to thank all of you who came to out to help prepare the food and making the apple strudel. We really appreciate all your help. To all the bakers who donated their delicious pies and cakes, we had a great variety of items. A huge thank you to the kitchen workers on Saturday & Sunday, you did an amazing job!
Ann & Karen

A special thanks to our Young Adults **Ayden, Devon, Haley, Isaac, Patrick, and Sean** that volunteered in the kitchen, washing dishes, serving food, running basket, setting up and tearing down tables, you all did an awesome job!



We would like to Thank everyone who in any way helped with the Oktoberfest. Monetary, Basket, water, Soda donations, the behind the scene workers, set up, cleanup crews, Bartenders, Marilyn & Helen that keep everyone straight financially. Last but certainly not least, thanks to everyone who came out and supported our Wheel Raffle and our Themed Baskets, and purchased food. There is so much work that goes into these fundraisers, we really appreciate all your time and hard work.

Blessing of the Chapel Doors Oct 27, 2024

The Franciscan Sisters of Millvale came to Our Parish in Sept 1944 and has been a vital part of St Therese Church for many years, teaching our children, and helping in the ministries of the Church, counseling young adults, cleaning the altar linens etc. On Sunday, Oct 27th we will commemorate these new Chapel Doors To **Our Franciscan Sisters of Millvale** for all the work and dedication that you have shown to the St Therese Church Parish over the Years.



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. 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.**

Piroghi Project



We are looking for a person or persons to run the Piroghi Project for the up coming year. This is a big project to take on but, it is one of the biggest Fundraisers of our parish. We have a list of instructions to help you and Denny is more than happy to walk you through it. If anyone is interested in taking on this project please call the office Mon-Fri 9-2

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 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.



As we approach World mission Sunday, today, Oct 20th, it's important to remember the legacy of missionary work. The Church in the United States was once mission territory, supported by the generosity of Catholics worldwide. Today we continue this legacy by supporting the pontifical Mission Societies, ensuring that the Gospel reaches the ends of the earth.

Our contributions help build and sustain communities of faith in places where the Church is still growing or facing persecution. This mission is a testament to our faith in action, reflecting the universal call to share Christ's love. As we reflect on this year's theme, "Go and invite everyone to the banquet," let us recommit to supporting our global Church family.

Community News & Events



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.



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!**

The West End Improvement Group will the Annual Basket Party. This year will be a 2-day event, with a Walk-Through on Saturday, **November 2, 2024, 1-4PM.** Tickets are \$5. Saturday will also include baked goods for sale, with gobs and pies to list a few.

Sunday, Nov 3, doors will open at 11AM, drawing will begin at 1PM. Tickets are \$10.00 which includes lunch.

This year will include qualifiers/pull-tabs, in addition to 50/50, Lottery Tree, etc and over 135 baskets.

Proceeds benefit surveillance camera upgrades, flowers, garden, and community project. Any questions or to donate a basket, please call 814-248-8989 or 814-322-5558

ABORTION; In Washington, DC in 1994 Mother Teresa said that we fight abortion by teaching the mother what love really means: "to be willing to give until it hurts...So, the mother who is thinking of abortion, should be helped to love, that is, to give until it hurts her plans, or her free time, to respect the life of her child." The woman tempted to have an abortion will transform her suffering into violence unless she allows love to transform her, and make her willing to give herself away. The Eucharist gives both the lesson and the power. Mom is to say "This is my body, my blood, my life, given up for you my child."



A baby fills a place in your heart that you never knew was empty"

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.