

ST. THERESE OF THE CHILD JESUS

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Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Oct 6, 2024

FIRST READING: The man said, “This one is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called ‘woman’” (Genesis 2: 18-24).

PSALM: May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives (Psalm 128).

SECOND READING: He who consecrates and those who are being consecrated all have one origin (Hebrews 2:9-11).

GOSPEL: Whoever does not accept the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it (Mark 10:2-16 [2-12]).

LITURGICAL REFLECTION: Today’s readings emphasize the importance of family. In Genesis, the creation of woman leads to the formation of the first family. This shows that family is the basic unit of society, where love and support are found.

Jesus’ love for children in the Gospel highlights the value of family. He welcomes children and blesses them, showing that they are precious in God’s eyes. This teaches us to care for and protect the children in our lives, providing them with love and guidance.

Families are called to reflect God’s love. By supporting and caring for each other, family members help each other grow in faith and love. This strong foundation in the family helps to build a stronger community and church.

WEEKLY PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR

MON	10/07	
TUES	10/08	6:00PMHoly Name Meeting Church Hall 7:00PMKOC Meeting Church Hall
WED	10/09	
THURS	10/10	
FRI	10/11	9:00AMMaking Apple Strudel
SAT	10/12	3:00PMConfession 4-8PM Oktoberfest Social Hall
NEXT SUN	10/13	11-4PMOktoberfest Social Hall



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK: (Oct 7th – Oct 13th)

MON	10/07	7:50AM.	+ James Marshall – (Gritzer Family)
TUES	10/08	7:50AM.	Intentions of Sr Marie Therese of the Infant Jesus
WED	10/09	7:50AM.	+ (B) Edward Skufca – (Family)
THUR	10/10	7:50AM.	+ Larry Forgas – (Daughter, Marie & Paul Nikonow)
FRI	10/11	7:50AM.	+ (B) Jean Barbalish & (A) Stevie Barbalish – (Family)
SAT	10/12	4:00PM.	+ Bob Macy – (Family)
SUN	10/13	7:30AM.	+ Anna Seminsky – (John, Dalah, Michelle & Yiorgie George)
	10:30AM.	+ Holy Name



Sunday, Oct 6, 2024

Stewardship Reflections: Our readings this week speak to each of our domestic churches - the little churches that we call our families. They bring us back to the very beginning of time and call us to restore what God had intended for each of us.

As Genesis reminds us, God created woman as a partner for man and He desires that they become unified. It is in this union of marriage that man and woman work together to bring their family to Heaven. This is the mission that our families must be united in. We must ask ourselves, how are we living out that mission? It should be the very heart and soul of our families.

As we think about our families this week - whether it be a single household or a family of 10 - let us find small ways in which we can live out our mission to bring our families to heaven.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS (Sept 28th & Sept 29th 2024)

Weekly \$ 4,077.00
Building Fund \$ 32.00

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



The youth of our parish that need service hours for school or confirmation, Oktoberfest is a great place to pick up some hours. We are looking for a few volunteers to work in the kitchen on Sunday, lots of dishes will need washed, and we will need basket runners around 4PM. Please call the office Mon - Fri 9-2 to volunteer.

Apple Strudel Help Needed -

Oct 5th - Friday 9:00AM -make apple strudel at the Social Hall.



Bakers of the parish You can drop your pies off on Saturday morning at the Social Hall, **Oct 12th**.

Themed Baskets - Please drop your basket off at the rectory or bring to the Social Hall by **Friday Oct 11th**.

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.

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.

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!

Mondays & Wednesdays @7PM

St John Gualbert Cathedral Activity Center
110 Adams St.

Free parking and babysitting

A BIG THANK-YOU to all who helped with the piroghi project for the Oktoberfest. It was great having a big crew come out. I really do appreciate each one of you. A special thanks to all who prepare meals and those that bake all the goodies for our volunteers.



We truly have the BEST Volunteers ever!!

Community News & Events



St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church in Windber is having a **Fall Basket Party.**

October 5th & 6th 12:00pm - 5:00pm

Tickets are \$5 for 25 and can be purchased in the hall. There will not be a sit-down drawing. Drawing will be held live on our public Facebook Page. St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church (SEAS). Limited take-out only food menu and homemade baked goods will be available.

Divine Mercy Prayer Group next get together will be Wed. Oct. 9th at 3pm and 6:30pm for those who work. Bring a Friend! We have some exciting Service Project opportunities coming up that we will discuss. And as ALWAYS, praying the Chaplet, Discussing the Diary of St. Faustina, with Scripture, and spiritual guidance from the Catechism of the Catholic Church. BEST and Fastest ONE spent!
Info: Cathy 814-288-1126 or Lolly 814-659-8717

Holy Family Parish, Portage, Basket Party to be held on **Sun., Oct. 20 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.



**A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar
Mark 10:2-16)**

In today's gospel Jesus encourages married couples to throw away the marriage rule book. Rules are for those with "hardened hearts." Married couples are called to be a sacramental reflection of God's faithful and selfless love a place where people live and love beyond rules and formulas.



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 or kamendola528@gmail.com Debbie Magro: 814-243-9028 or ddmagro1958@gmail.com Thank you for your support. God bless you for your kindness.

ABORTION; "Respect Life!

"Children are a sign. Today children are a sign. They are a sign of hope, a sign of life, but also a 'diagnostic sign, a marker indication the health of families, society, and the entire world. Whenever children are accepted, loved, cared for, and protected, the family is health, society is healthier, and the world is more human."

****Pope Francis****



"Sometimes the Smallest things take up the most room in your hearts"

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.



St Therese Church Oktoberfest



Upper Decker Avenue

**SATURDAY, OCT 12th
4:00PM – 8:00PM**

**SUNDAY, OCT 13th
11:00AM – 4:30PM**

MENU

**GERMAN POTATO SALAD HALUSKI
PIGS IN THE BLANKET PIROGHI
KOLBASSI HOTDOGS with SAUERKRAUT**

DELICIOUS HOME BAKED DESERTS

ASSORTED PIES GERMAN APPLE STRUDEL



BEER WHITE CLAW SODA WATER COFFEE

ENTERTAINMENT

INSTANT BINGO – THEME BASKETS

SATURDAY

5:30 – 7:00—Meat Raffle Wheel



SUNDAY

**12:30 – 3:30PM - Dancing to the music of
the Rhythm Masters**

4:00PM – Theme Basket Raffle Drawing

