

ST. THERESE OF THE CHILD JESUS

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Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Nov 10, 2024

FIRST READING: The widow of Zarephath had only a handful of flour and a little oil, but made a little cake for Elijah (1 Kings 17:10-16).

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

SECOND READING: Christ will appear a second time to bring salvation to those who eagerly await him (Hebrews 9:24-28).

GOSPEL: Beware of those who like to go around in long robes and accept greetings in the marketplaces and places of honor at banquets (Mark 12:38-44 [41-44]).

LITURGICAL REFLECTION: . We may never be called on to share our last morsel with a starving neighbor but if we are, we must remember that Christ gave his very life for us and has asked us to do likewise, if necessary. It may never be necessary for us to make this supreme act of self-renunciation. If, however, we are sincerely practicing our religion, we must be ever-ready to help a neighbor in need even if this cuts into our hard-earned reserves. The greater the sacrifice, the greater the reward.

WEEKLY PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR

MON	11/11	. . Veterans Day
TUES	11/12	6:00AM Holy Name Meeting Church Hall 7:00PM KOC Meeting Church Hall
WED	11/13	
THURS	11/14	
FRI	11/15	
SAT	11/16	3:00PM Confession
NEXT SUN	11/17	



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK: (Nov 11th – Nov 17th)

MON	11/11	7:50AM + (B) John Pencola – (Dorothy Lenygel)
TUES	11/12	7:50AM Intentions for Sr Marie Catherine of the Sacred Heart OCD
WED	11/13	7:50AM + Franics & Angela – (Elaine Komara)
THUR	11/14	7:50AM + Kathleen Paige – (Susan & Brain Ryba)
FRI	11/15	7:50AM + Mike Delich – (John & Flo Tomljanovic)
SAT	11/16	4:00PM + (A) Larry & Dee Forgas – (Sister, Terri & Pat Mulvehill)
SUN	11/17	7:30AM + (B) Douglas Baldwin – (Brother- in -Law, Joe)
		10:30AM + (A) Stephen Forgas – (Unkie Pat & Aunt Terri)

Sunday, Nov 10, 2024



Stewardship Reflections: Today's First Reading from the First Book of Kings, as well as the Gospel passage from Mark, both center on the actions of two poor widows. The Gospel passage is often called the story of the "Widow's Mite." But taken together, perhaps a more fitting title of the stories of these two ladies would be, "The Mighty Widows."

In the First Reading, the prophet Elijah encounters a widow and her son during a terrible famine. In the Gospel, Jesus observes a poor widow contributing all she had as an offering. Both women found themselves in desperate situations, yet each demonstrated strength and generosity that distinguished them from those around them.

These women saw themselves as stewards, not owners, of the resources God gave them, regardless of how much or how little they had. And acting as stewards made them gracious, generous, and mighty indeed.

All the bills have been paid for our Annual Oktoberfest 2024 and the total Net Profit is **\$15,133.39**. Thanks again to everyone who made all the Beautiful Basket, gave a monetary, and/or Gift Card donations, cooked, volunteered, baked the delicious pies, bartended, cashiered, or helped in any way to make the Oktoberfest a success. **You truly are the BEST!! And we greatly appreciated everything you do.**

Holy Name Society monthly meeting will be held on **Tuesday, Nov 12th** at 6PM in the Church Hall.

KOC Council #10409 - This month's meeting will be held **Tuesday, Nov 12th** at 7PM in the Church Hall, due to Election Day.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS
(Nov 2nd & Nov 3rd 2024)

Weekly \$ 3,953.00
Building Fund \$ 564.00

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



Knights of Columbus along with the **Holy Name** will host a Remembrance Mass for all deceased Members on **TODAY, Sunday, Nov 10th** at 10:30 Mass. Refreshment will be served following the Mass in the Church Hall. Everyone is invited to attend.

Piroghi Project Thursday, Nov 21st

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

to order:

- 1) **Sign-up sheets:** Place your order after Mass next weekend, **Saturday & Sunday, Nov 16th & 17th**

Pick up orders: Thursday, Nov 21st 11-2 or Friday November 22th, 10-12PM

Christmas Cookie Sale -

It's that time of the year again! The Christian Mothers will be having their annual Christmas Cookie Sale on **Saturday Dec 14th & Sunday 15th**. We are once again calling out to the bakers of the parish. Would you be willing to bake some cookies? Your help will be greatly appreciated. You may make as many dozens as you like. Please deliver your cookies to the Church Hall by 9AM on Saturday, **Dec 14th**. Cookies will be sold after all Masses Sat & Sun. Thank You in advance for all your support throughout the year!



Nut Roll & Poppy Seed Rolls -

Will be baked on **Saturday, Dec 7th** just in time for Christmas. Pick up will be Dec 8th after Sunday morning masses. An order sheet will be in the vestibule **Nov 9th & 10th**

Deadline to order is Sunday, Nov 17th.

We are in need of the follow items for this project to help defray the cost:

Nuts, flour, sugar, eggs, & plain Crisco.



Parish Advent Christmas Project

Thank you to all who were able to take a star from the tree. Please return your it you're your unwrapped gift to us no later than **Sunday, Dec 1st**



Gift Card Tree - Starting next weekend we will be selling chances on a beautiful \$200 worth of Gift Cards Tree before Mass in the vestibule until **Dec 8th**. Chances are \$1 each or 6 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.**



A Family Perspective (Mark-12:38-44)

The widow in today's gospel gave only a little, but it counted for a lot. In our homes there are many **LITTLE MOMENTS** which can have great significance and glue the family together. Seize the moments.

ABORTION:

Life is an opportunity, benefit from it

Life is beauty, admire it

Life is a dream, realize it

Life is challenge, meet it

Life is a duty, complete it

Life is a game, play it

Life is a promise, fulfill it

Life is sorrow, overcome it

Life is a song, sing it

Life is a struggle, accept it

Life is a tragedy, confront it

Life is an adventure, dare it

Life is luck, make it

Life is too precious, do not destroy it

Life is life, fight for it

~~ Mother Teresa~~

Community News & Events

**Bishop McCort Catholic Elementary Athletic Association East Campus Gym
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15th**

Doors open at 6 PM/Raffle 7 PM The cost is \$15 and includes a meal, beverages and hourly cash drawings. All are welcome



Visitation Parish is having its annual **Turkey Raffle on Saturday November 16th** in the school gymnasium. Doors open at 6 PM and the raffle starts at 7 PM. The cost is \$5.00 which includes a hot buffet and cold brew. We will have lots of fun & prizes such as a lottery tree, a cash prize of \$300, an Apple iPad, a Kindle Fire and much more! Please come and join the us for a fun evening of food and prizes! We look forward to seeing you!

Divine Mercy Prayer Group next get together will be Wed. Nov. 13th at 3pm or 6:30pm for those who work. Praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet, discussing the Diary of St. Faustina, Scripture readings, and correlating teachings from Catechism of the Catholic Church. Also, showing Jesus' Divine Mercy through Service Projects which we have **SEVERAL** lined up for Everyone in different capacities with different abilities! Come, bring a Friend, and see how this 1 HOUR may be the beginning of a life-changing opportunity and invitation to grow in holiness! For info: Cathy 814-288-1126 or Lolly 814-659-8717

Lower Yoder Fire Hall will be selling **Holiday Giveaway tickets, the weekend of Dec 7th & 8th**, in the vestibule. Cost is \$10.00. Winning number will be determined by the 7PM Official Pick 3, Dec 24th & 25th

Come see the Live Performance...

Form the cast and crew of A Christmas Carol, now comes a live performance of this 75-minute family beloved and classic in Bedford Fall

It's a Wonderful Life

December 5, 6, and 7th at the **Greater Johnstown Christian Fellowship**
3429 Elton Road

Doors open at 6pm, performance starts at 7 Nightly. **Free Admission/ No ticket needed**
Good will offering

To All Veterans



Whether At Home Or Abroad
Active Duty ~ Reserves ~ Retired

All Americans Say:

THANK YOU!