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Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Nov 3, 2024

FIRST READING: The LORD, the God of your fathers, will give you a land flowing with milk and honey (Deuteronomy 6:2-6).

PSALM: I love you, Lord, my strength (Psalm 18).

SECOND READING: Jesus is always able to save those who approach God through him (Hebrews 7:23-28).

GOSPEL: To love God with all your heart and to love your neighbor as yourself is worth more than all burnt offerings and sacrifices (Mark 12:28b-34).

LITURGICAL REFLECTION: . In Deuteronomy, Moses speaks to the people about loving God with all their heart, soul, and strength. This love is shown through loyalty and obedience to God's commandments. Though the people often fail in their faithfulness, God remains steadfast and never abandons them. God's call to love Him is a call to be loyal and faithful. Despite the people's shortcomings, God continually reaches out to them. This shows us that God's love is constant and unwavering, even when we fall short. Our response to God's love should be one of loyalty and faithfulness. We must strive to keep His commandments and put Him first in our lives. This type of love is not just an emotion but an ongoing commitment to follow God.

WEEKLY PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR

SUN	11/03	
MON	11/04	
TUES	11/05	. . Election Day
WED	11/06	
THURS	11/07	11:30AM Christian Mothers Rosary, Mass & Meeting
FRI	11/08	
SAT	11/09	3:00PM Confession
NEXT SUN	11/10	10:30AM Holy Name & KOC Remembrance Mass



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK: (Nov 4th – Nov 10th)

MON	11/04	7:50AM	+ All Souls Triduum
TUES	11/05	7:50AM	+ All Souls Triduum
WED	11/06	7:50AM	+ (A) Dee Forgas – (Marty & Norma Hammer)
THUR	11/07	7:50AM	. Intentions of Sr Ann Magdaline of the Blessed Sacrament
		12:00PM	+ Christian Mothers
FRI	11/08	7:50AM	+ (A) Pete Kutchma – (Stibich Family)
SAT	11/09	4:00PM	+ (B) Sylvia Delich – (Children & Grandchildren)
SUN	11/10	7:30AM	+ (WA) George & Pauline Pappas – (Sons)
		10:30AM	+ Holy Name & KOC Remembrance Mass



Sunday, Nov 3, 2024



The Holy Name would like to Congratulate **Kevin Birch**, winners of the Diamond Dot Christmas Picture of the altar and **Helen Sorchilla** winner of the Saint Therese-Stained Glass picture. We appreciate all of you that supported this endeavor.



Correction for the November Calendar Piroghis will be made on **THURSDAY, Nov 21st** starting at 8AM., not Friday.

Stewardship Reflections: Today's Gospel reading brings us to the very essence of a stewardship way of life, as Jesus responds to a question posed to Him by one of the scribes: "Which is the first of all the commandments?" His answer is a beautiful and concise description of a Christian steward's life: "The first commandment is this... You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

Let us consider these 'greatest commandments' as they relate to the three aspects of a Christian steward's daily life - the use of our time, our talents, and our treasure. The use of time refers primarily to our relationship with the Lord - or in other words, our prayer life. The use of talents refers to the way I offer the abilities, skills and interests the Lord has given me for the good of those around me. And the use of material gifts demonstrates both a love of God and neighbor. When I trustingly offer a sacrificial gift to God through the offertory collection, I am showing Him in a very tangible way that He comes before all else in my life. At the same time, my gift is showing my love for my neighbor as others are helped through my financial offering.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS
(Oct 26th & Oct 27th 2024)

Weekly \$ 2,920.00

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 **Gerald Maser** who was called to his eternal reward last week. May God grant His eternal rest to **Jerry** and peace and consolation to his family

Parish Advent Christmas Project

Volunteers will be in the vestibule before and after all masses beginning **This Sunday Nov 3rd** to assist you.



1. Take a star from the Christmas tree
2. Give your name and phone # to the person taking the information.
3. Place your star on the outside of your **unwrapped gift**.
4. **Return your unwrapped gift to us no later than Sunday, Dec 1st**

Please ask our volunteers if you have any questions concerning this project.

Mass of Remembrance

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

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.**



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.





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



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

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



Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May their souls and the souls of all the
faithful departed, through the mercy of
God, rest in peace. Amen



A Family Perspective (Mark 12:28b-34)

In a family children are taught to be respectful if they want to be respected, to share, if they want their fair share and to listen if they want to be heard. Family life rescues us from arrogance by teaching us to love others as we love ourselves.

ABORTION; Intercessions for Life:

"For all mothers, especially those who are young or alone, beaten or addicted, that God might heal their broken hearts and seal that with His love..."

We Pray To The Lord



"A Person's a person no matter how small"

-Dr. Seuss

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.
Get out and Vote!

Community News & Events



The West Improvement Group will host their Annual Basket Raffle over at the Social Hall here at St Therese.

This year will be a 2-day event, with a Walk Through on **Saturday, Nov 2 from 1-4PM.**

Tickets are only \$5.00. 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.

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