

# ST. THERESE OF THE CHILD JESUS

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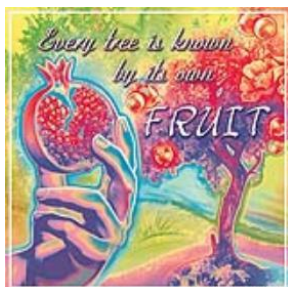
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## EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

March 2, 2025

FIRST READING: One's speech shows the bent of one's mind. Praise no one before he or she speaks (Sirach 27:4-7).

PSALM: Lord, it is good to give thanks to you (Psalm 92).

SECOND READING: We are given victory over death through Jesus. In the Lord our labor is not in vain (1 Corinthians 15:54-59).

GOSPEL: A good person produces good, an evil person produces evil. The mouth speaks from the goodness of the heart (Luke 6:39-45).

### LITURGICAL REFLECTION: WE ARE KNOWN BY OUR FRUIT

This week, Jesus tells us that we must examine our own inner selves, our attitudes and dispositions, virtues and faults, rather than judging others. What is in our hearts comes out in what and how we speak. If our hearts are filled with kindness and compassion, those qualities will be evident in our speaking, just as beautiful, wholesome fruit comes only from healthy trees. And vice-versa. The Wisdom writer Sirach in the first reading agrees with this concept—that we will be judged by our words. Paul reminds us that the reward of discipleship is eternal life. Today's psalm of thanksgiving and praise reminds us of God's kindness and faithfulness, which we are to emulate in our thoughts, words, and deeds. We are known, each of us, by our own fruit.

### WEEKLY PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR

MON	03/03	
TUES	03/04	8:00AM . . . . . Peeling Potatoes Piroghi Project
WED	03/05	4 & 7 PM . . . . . Distribution of Ashes 11:30AM . . . . . Christian Mothers, Rosary, Mass & Meeting
THURS	03/06	8:00AM . . . . . Piroghi Project
FRI	03/07	10-12PM . . . . . Piroghi Pick-up
SAT	03/08	3:00PM . . . . . Confession
NEXT SUN	03/09	10:30AM . . . . . Holy Name Mass

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK: (March 3<sup>rd</sup> – March 9<sup>th</sup>)

MON	03/03	7:50AM	+ M/M Joseph Cisz – (Daughter, Joan)
TUES	03/04	7:50AM	+ Agnes Maylsko – (The Krupa Family)
WED	03/05	7:50AM	+ Marsha Loncella – (Cousin, Sandy Huston)
		12:00PM	+ Christian Mothers
THUR	03/06	7:50AM	+ Matilda Simcic – (Husband, Martin)
FRI	03/07	7:50AM	+ Jane Bross – (John & Doris Gritzer)
SAT	03/08	4:00PM	+ Julia Boltz – (Judith & Maurice Confer)
SUN	03/09	7:30AM	+ Mary Bicko – (Kristi Lenygel)
		10:30AM	+ Holy Name



# Sunday, March 2, 2025

**Stewardship Reflections:** Today's readings exhort us Christian disciples to form ourselves - mind and heart - in imitation of Christ so we can better reflect His goodness in our daily lives.

Everything we have is a gift from God to be used for His honor and glory. This includes the gift of speech and, even more broadly, all forms of modern-day communication - email, text, Twitter, Facebook, etc. What comes forth from our mouths, and our phones and keyboards, reflects what is in our minds and hearts. Our ability to communicate with each other is itself a gift that we must steward well.

The more intentionally and frequently we look to Jesus as our mentor in these interactions, the more we will become like Him, our Teacher and our Lord. Then, all that we do and say (and Tweet and post) will bring others closer to Him. This is the life's work of the Christian steward. It is privileged work indeed.

## LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS (Feb 22<sup>nd</sup> & Feb 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025)

Weekly	.....	\$	3,694.00
Building Fund	.....	\$	170.00
Fuel	.....	\$	220.00



**Sincere Condolences** - The St. Therese Community would like to offer our sincere condolences to the family of **Elizabeth Kinnel** who was called to her eternal reward this past week. May God grant His eternal rest to **Betty** and peace and consolation to her family



This Wednesday, March 5<sup>th</sup> is the start of our Lenten Journey. There will be **morning Mass at 7:50AM, Noon & distributions of ashes**, then a prayer service at **4PM & 6PM distributions of ashes**.

### Fasting and Abstinence

Wednesday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, when the Church begins the forty-day journey toward the Triduum (the Three Days) with the annual discipline of fasting, praying, and giving alms. **Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, April 18<sup>th</sup>** are days of **fast and abstinence** along with all **Fridays during lent**. Fasting refer to only one full meal, with two small meals and no eating otherwise for the day. Abstinence refers to not eating meat at all during the day. The church directs the holy Fast to all those 18 years until their 60<sup>th</sup> year.

**Stations of the Cross** - will be held every Friday during Lent at **4PM**.



Prayer Shawl Ministry

### **St Therese Prayer Shawl Ministry.**

The next time we will meet will be on Wednesday, March 5<sup>th</sup> 2PM in the church Hall. If crocheting isn't your thing, we are always looking for driver to deliver the shawls.

The Basket will remain in the vestibule for donations of yarn (4ply Worsted), gift cards from either Joann Fabrics, Walmart or Michaels, or monetary donations are also appreciated.

If you would like to receive a prayer shawl for a parishioner or loved one, please contact the parish office. If you have any questions, please contact Debi Hubbard @ [mommyhub@atlantcibb.net](mailto:mommyhub@atlantcibb.net) or 814-421-2416

With the **Piroghi Project** fast approaching we need: **soda and bottled water for our volunteers**. Any donation would be greatly appreciated.

**Lenten Piroghi Project** - begins March 6<sup>th</sup> and will continue each week through April 10<sup>th</sup> (6 weeks)

**Piroghi will not be made during Holy Week.**

Donations of Robin Hood flour (regular), butter, eggs, potatoes, and monetary gifts are always appreciated.

A sign up sheet will be in the vestibule this weekend **March 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>** or you can phone the office Monday **March 3<sup>rd</sup>** between **9-11AM**. **No orders will be taken after 11.**



If you have any spare time and would like to help with the Piroghi Project, please feel free to stop over. **No Experience necessary!!!**

**New volunteers are always welcomed!!**

### Piroghi Project



We are still looking for a person or persons to run the Piroghi Project for the upcoming year. This is a big project to take on but, it is one of the biggest Fundraisers of our parish. If anyone is interested in taking on this project or helping out please call the office Mon-Fri 9-2



Starting this weekend, we will be selling tickets for a "Leprechaun's Treasure" worth \$250 in CASH!! Chances are \$1 a piece or 6 for \$5.00 Drawing will be held on Sunday, March 16<sup>th</sup>.

## Community News & Events

Resurrection Parish, 324 Chestnut St., will once again hold Evening Prayer (Solemn Vespers) on the First Sunday of Lent, March 9<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 PM. All are invited to join us as we begin the Lenten Season in prayer.

**Holy Name Society** monthly meeting will be held on next **Tuesday, March 4<sup>th</sup>** at 6PM in the Church Hall.

**KOC Council #10409** - This month's meeting will be held next **Tuesday, March 4<sup>th</sup>** at 7PM in the Church Hall.

**Christian Mothers** will hold their Monthly Rosary, Mass & Meeting on this **Wednesday March 5<sup>th</sup>** starting at 11:30AM, due to the Piroghi Project.



Holy Name Society are looking for the winner of the Valentines Day Ticket, Feb 14<sup>th</sup> evening Pick 3 number. The winning number was 216. Please check your tickets and call Bill McVicker @ 814-341-7451

**Blessed Candles** - for your home are available in the back of the church. They are \$3 for a box of two.

## IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT!

We are purchasing new software and computers for the Church office and are in need of your assistance. Please take your census forms in the vestibule and make any corrections that are necessary. You can drop them in the collection basket, office or in the mail. Please return no later than March 10<sup>th</sup>. Thank you!

**Families and the Gospel** - (Luke: 6: 27-38)  
In studying the effects of religion upon family relationships, researchers inform us hostility and prayer can't coexist. You cannot be hostile toward someone for whom you are praying. Today's gospel encourages us: "Bless those who curse you. Pray for those who treat you badly."



The Basilica of St. Michael the Archangel in Loretto **Annual Men's Turkey Dinner** will be held on **Sunday, March 16, 2025, 11AM - 3PM or until sold out.** Turkey dinner with all of the trimmings. **Dine in for \$14 or take-out for \$15.** Two lines this year for faster takeout service! Please stop by for a dinner!



Mom's House, Inc. of Johnstown Invites you to Trivia Night, **Tuesday, March 25<sup>th</sup>** @ the Boulevard Grill. Doors open @ 5:00 PM - First question is @ 6:00 PM. Admission includes food, drinks, & dessert. Teams of up to 8 people - \$25/person. Prizes for the top 3 teams. Call Allegra or Rose 814-535-4848 for team registration or information.

**Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown STRENGTH IN CHRIST Men's Conference**-Sunday, March 30<sup>th</sup> from 11:30 AM-5:30 PM at Mount Aloysius College, Cresson. Join us for a day that includes lunch, Sunday Mass, talks from local priests, personal testimonies, and a panel discussion with local Catholic men. There is no cost to attend. Visit [www.dioceseaj.org](http://www.dioceseaj.org) to register online. For those unable to register online, paper registration forms can be found at each parish to complete and return via mail. Registration closes March 21<sup>st</sup>. Online registration is encouraged due to limited seating.

### *Prayer during Lent*

*Holy God,  
now is the acceptable time to  
return to you.  
As we walk the path of these forty days,  
may we turn away from sin  
and embrace a life of goodness and truth.  
Strengthen us on our Lenten journey  
and keep us focused on the cross and  
resurrection  
of your Son, our Savior and Redeemer.  
He is Lord forever and ever. Amen.*