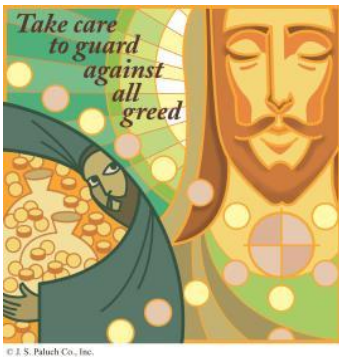


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EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 3, 2025

FIRST READING: Do not spend your life toiling for material gain (Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23).

PSALM: If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts (Psalm 90).

SECOND READING: Christ has raised you to new life, so seek now what is above (Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11).

GOSPEL: Be on guard against all greed, for your life does not consist of earthly possessions, but of the riches of the reign of God (Luke 12:13-21).

LITURGICAL REFLECTION: THE CENTER OF A MEANINGFUL LIFE
Today’s readings invite us to reflect upon some of life’s deepest questions, and to explore the meaning of faith. We hear of the universal human search for meaning in our lives in the book of Ecclesiastes. In Luke’s Gospel, we hear Jesus’ parable about one who foolishly seeks ultimate security through the accumulation of wealth. In Colossians, faith in the crucified and resurrected Christ is proclaimed as the path to a richly purposeful and meaningful life. The path of Christian faith places our work, our sufferings, and our limitations within the larger picture of God’s purposes for all of us. In Jesus, God is revealed as our companion in human suffering and limitation. God’s love is at the center of a meaningful life. We place our trust in this loving God, who created us to share in this love, and to share this love with others.

WEEKLY PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR

SUN	08/03	
MON	08/04	
TUES	08/05	6:00PMHoly Name Meeting Church Hall 7:00PMKnights of Columbus Meeting Church Hall
WED	08/06	
THURS	08/07	11:30AM Christian Mothers, Rosary, Mass & Meeting
FRI	08/08	11:30 – 5PM . . KOC Blood Drive
SAT	08/09	3:00PM Confession
NEXT SUN	08/10	10:30AM Holy Name Mass



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK: (Aug 4th Aug 10th)

MON	08/04	7:50AM. Special Intentions for Zak Marshall – (Family)
TUES	08/05	7:50AM. + (WA) Barry & Toni Harrington – (Diane Taylor)
WED	08/06	7:50AM.+ Jim & Sue Ellen Dadey – Darene Lovas.)
THUR	08/07	7:50AM. + Frances Mondì – (Ron & Jennifer Szelongl) 12:00PM. + Christian Mothers
FRI	08/08	7:50AM. + (A) Nick Nikonow– (Son, Paul & Marie)
SAT	08/09	4:00PM. + (A) Anna Kris – (Family)
SUN	08/10	7:30AM. + (B) Bob Hubbard – (Wife, Theresa & Family) 10:30AM. + Holy Name



Sunday, Aug 3rd, 2025

Stewardship Reflections: Today's readings come as a pat on the back from Heaven for all of us striving to live a stewardship way of life. They remind us why we live the way we do, make the choices we make, and leave other things aside. Let's face it, if we truly embrace this way of life, there will be people who find our choices downright foolish.

To many people in our materialistic world, setting priorities that are not focused on earthly goals like wealth, status and power is foolish and naïve. But look at what Jesus has to say about priorities in today's Gospel passage from Luke. He makes it clear that life is not about 'stuff'. "Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist of possessions."

Don't be ashamed of living differently from the people around you. Be confident as you set priorities based on what is above. You are wise in God's eyes, Christian steward. And you will be rich in what matters most.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS
(July 26th & July 27th2025)

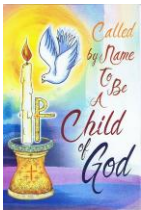
Weekly	\$ 3,106.00
Building Fund	\$ 10.00



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

WELCOME!!

The St Therese's Community would like to welcome our newest member, **Eijah Michael Meszaros**, son of **Matthew & Carrie**, who was baptized last Sunday, July 27th. **Welcome Eijah** and may you grow in God's love and grace.



Holy Name Society will hold their monthly meeting on next Tuesday, Aug 5th at 6PM in the Church Hall.

KOC Council #10409 - This month's meeting will be held this Tuesday, Aug 5th at 7PM in the Church Hall.

Christian Mothers will hold their Monthly Rosary, Mass & Meeting this Thursday, August 7th starting at 11:30AM.

SUMMER BASH & BASKETS

The bills have been paid and our total profit for the Summer Basket & Burgers Bash was **\$19,066.43**. I would like once again thank everyone who helped make this project such a success



2025 Catholic Ministries Drive

Thank you to the 45 families who have pledged as of a total of **\$10,535.00** towards our target amount of **\$25,800**. Please prayerfully consider making a pledge according to your means so we will be able to reach that target. You have until Dec 31st 2025 to pay your pledge in full.

All funds over our target will be returned to St. Therese Parish.

Religious Ed Registration News

All students entering our program will need to complete a registration form and provide a copy of their baptismal certificate.

In the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown the sacrament of Confirmation is a three-year program in preparation for receiving the sacrament. This will include all students in the ninth grade - those in our Religious Education Program, students enrolled in Bishop McCort High School, and home-schooled children. Bishop McCort students and home-schooled children will need to complete a registration form.

If your child is entering second grade at Divine Mercy or is home schooled, they are required to participate in the 2nd Grade religious education program to make their First Confession & Holy Eucharist.

Registration forms are in the back of the church. They can be put into the collection basket or returned to the rectory by the end of August.

Any student leaving our Religious Education Program is asked to notify the Rectory.

Families and the Gospel -(Luke 12: 13-21)
In today's gospel Jesus teaches us: "One's life does not consist of possessions." We spend so much time working to obtain more stuff; we don't have time for the people in our lives. What is enough? Are the words of Jesus, "You fool", meant for us?