

ST. THERESE OF THE CHILD JESUS

THE CHURCH OF THE FRANCISCANS
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OFFICE HOURS WEEKLY

Monday – Friday
9:00AM---2:00PM



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Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 12, 2025

FIRST READING: Naaman, cleansed from his leprosy, returns to Elisha and pledges his belief in and allegiance to the LORD (2 Kings 5:14-17).

PSALM: The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power (Psalm 98).

SECOND READING: Remember Jesus Christ, who was raised from the dead. If we persevere, we shall reign with him (2 Timothy 2:8-13).

GOSPEL: After ten lepers are cleansed by Jesus, only one, a Samaritan, returns to give him thanks (Luke 17:11-19).

LITURGICAL REFLECTION: THE GIFT OF SALVATION
Naaman and the leper who returned to Jesus saw God’s hand in their healing. Only through God’s intervention could they have been cured. Through this recognition of God’s presence and action in their lives, they grew in faith. For what are you grateful? Pause for a moment to reflect on all of the blessings in your life. God is the source of these many blessings—life, love, gifts, and so much more. Of all the gifts for which we must be grateful, none is as great, or as astounding, as the gift of salvation offered to us through Jesus Christ. Let this sink in, not only in your mind but in your heart. Like Naaman and the leper who returned, allow yourself to be touched by the immense love of God for you. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

WEEKLY PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR

SUN	10/12	11-2PM Oktoberfest Basket Drawing starting at 2PM
MON	10/13	
TUES	10/14	
WED	10/15	
THURS	10/16	
FRI	10/17	
SAT	10/18	3:00PM Confession
NEXT SUN	10/19	



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK: (Oct 13th – Oct 19th)

MON	10/13	7:50AM	+ Christy Carpenter – (David Radnotti)
TUES	10/14	7:50AM	+ Matilda Simcic – (Husband, Martin)
WED	10/15	7:50AM	+ Brian Bambino – (Jerry & Mary Frances Sandusky)
THUR	10/16	7:50AM	+ (B) Elizabeth Juretic – (Christian Mothers)
FRI	10/17	7:50AM	+ (B) Dorothy Ramirez – (Daughter, Karen & Mark)
SAT	10/18	4:00PM	+ Betty Rozich Kinnel – (Joe & Maria McClosky)
SUN	10/19	7:30AM	+ Marlys Harrington – (Jim Bobby)
		10:30AM	+ (B) Pearl Forgas – (Daughter, Terri & Pat Mulvehill)



Sunday, Oct 12, 2025



Stewardship Reflections: Gratitude is the key to a stewardship way of life. Today's readings demonstrate the power and vital importance of gratitude in the life of the Christian disciple, for gratitude leads us to worship God who offers us salvation.

The truth is that our very lives and every breath we take are His gifts to us. But we can get so caught up in the stresses and distractions of daily life that we lose touch with this truth. Gratitude begins within our minds and hearts when we take the time to recognize how blessed we truly are and when we have the humility to recognize where these blessings come from - our merciful and loving God.

The Samaritan from our Gospel today reacts to his gift of healing in much the same way as Namaan from our First Reading, and demonstrates the proper response to our loving God. Recognizing what he had just received from the Lord, he "returned, glorifying God in a loud voice; and he fell at the feet of Jesus and thanked Him." He was grateful for what God had done for him and this gratitude led to worship.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS
(Oct 4th & Oct5th 2025

Weekly		\$ 4,613.00
Building Fund		\$ 728.00
Fuel		\$ 75.00

2025 Catholic Ministries Drive

This year, we invite you to be part of something bigger than yourself. Your donation helps ensure that our parishes, schools, and outreach programs continue to thrive and serve with compassion. Whether it is a child discovering Christ in a classroom, a future seminarian answering God's vocation call to the priesthood, or a family receiving hope during hardship - you make it possible. We would like to thank the 77 families who have pledged a total of **\$14,385.00** 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 goal will be returned to St. Therese Parish, and put toward a newer truck for the church.

Community News & Events

Caregiver/ Companion

Will care for your family members, over 20 years' experience. Trustworthy & Dependable.
Call Toni Polca @ 814-270-3013

OKTOBERFEST

Don't forget to stop over at the Social Hall this weekend for some **delicious food, entertainment, Large Wheel Raffle (5:30PM Saturday evening), Themed Baskets, Instant Bingo**, and much more!!!
Saturday - 4:00PM - 8:00PM
Sunday - 11:00AM - 2:00PM



HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!!!



Looking for new Choir Members...

Anyone interested in joining the Senior Choir? We would be happy to have you!!
Choir practice is on Monday's at 7PM. Also, we are looking for an additional organist. If you are interested and have any questions, please call Barb @ 255-6563.

St Patrick's Annual Basket Party will be held Oct 19, 2025 at St John's Activity Center 110 Adams St. Tickets are \$10.00 and include lunch. Tickets are available from Lolly Kennedy at 814 659-8717, at the Rectory Office - 117 Clinton St. (814)536-0117

Grief Heals with Kindness Presentation

St. Benedict Parish, 2310 Bedford Street, Johnstown will be presenting a Community-Wide **Grief Presentation "Grief Heals with Kindness"**. This one-day event will be held at 3 P.M. on Sunday, October 26, 2025. Come and discover the stages of grief and the corresponding forms of caregiving for each stage. This workshop will emphasize on the importance of expressing one's feelings and needs to others, as well as encouraging them to make decisions about activities in which to participate, who to be with and how to regain a sense of control. Adults in the Altoona-Johnstown Diocese are welcome to attend. Tickets are not required. For more information contact Deacon Michael Russo at 814-288-3036 or by email at dcmlr@icloud.com

The West End Improvement Group will the Annual Basket Party. This year will be a 2-day event, with a Walk-Through on Saturday, **November 1, 2025, 1-4PM.** Tickets are \$5. Saturday will also include baked goods for sale, including gobs.

Sunday, Nov 2, 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. You need not be present to win.

Please join us at St Therese Social Hall.

Proceeds benefit surveillance camera upgrades, flowers, garden, and community project. Any questions or to donate a basket, please call 814-248-8989 or 814-322-5558



St. John Gualbert

Spaghetti Dinner & Basket Party:

Spaghetti Dinner & Basket Party Fundraiser will be held on **Sunday, November 2nd, 2025** at the **St. John Gualbert Activities Center.** The doors will open at 11AM and we will serve the dinners until 3PM. The cost is: Adults \$10.00. Kids ages 4-12 \$7.00, those 3 and under are served free! We do have take outs available, but you should stay for the basket party fun - lots of prizes with the baskets and 50/50 tickets all for sale at the party that day but you do not need to be present to win! For event tickets, you can reach out to Gloria Stephens at (814)418-0270, Charlotte Amenti at (814)322-2168 or the rectory office (814)536-0117



HITMIX MUSIC BINGO - Will be held on Saturday, November 8th at St. Francis Activity Center at 134 Barron Avenue. Doors open at 5:00PM with first game beginning at 7:00PM. Tickets are \$20 each and includes food and non-alcoholic beverages, one bingo card for each game, and cash prizes every half hour. Also available for purchase are extra bingo cards, Qualifiers, 50/50, chances on baskets and \$10 beer bracelets. Cash bar. **NO OUTSIDE ALCOHOL PERMITTED.** Tickets will be available after September 13th. Must be 18 or older to participate! Please contact Fran King at 814-536-3667



Abortion: At eight weeks, the baby is capable of feeling pain; all body systems are present; sucks thumbs, wakes and sleeps. This is the time when most abortions are performed. "The greatest gift of God, I would think, is the gift of life. The greatest sin of humans, it would seem, would be to return the gift ungratefully and unopened."

-John Powell, S.J.

Every Child is someone's whole World

Deacon Nelson Lowes from Resurrection and St. Clare of Assisi parishes in Johnstown invites you to join him and his travel companions on an enriching journey to Lisbon, Fátima, Santiago de Compostela, Lourdes, Montserrat, and Barcelona. We will be traveling from May 7 to May 19, 2026. For more details, please visit Epic Journeys Tours (<https://www.epicjourneystours.com/tours/fatima-lourdes-shrines-of-spain/>). There are only a few spots left, so don't miss out on this opportunity to experience an unforgettable trip that is longer and more affordable than similar tours currently being offered. Deacon Nelson assures us, "It's also going to be a lot more fun!"



World Mission Month: A Call to Hope

Each October, the Church invites us to rediscover our missionary vocation. This year, Pope Leo XIV, following the inspiration of Pope Francis, calls us to become "Missionaries of Hope Among the Peoples," inspired by St. Paul's words: "Hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit" (Rom 5:5). In the 50th anniversary year of Evangelii Nuntiandi, we are reminded that "modern man listens more willingly to witnesses than to teachers" (41). Through prayer, sacrifice, and giving, we too become witnesses—bringing the hope of Christ to those who long for love, justice, and peace. Let us begin this month with open hearts, ready to respond to the Church's call to support the 1,124 mission territories where the Church is young, growing, and often persecuted. Together, may we be bearers of hope where it is needed most.

St. Therese Church

Oktoberfest

Upper Decker Avenue

SATURDAY, OCT 11th
4:00PM – 8:00PM

SUNDAY, OCT 12th
11:00AM – 2:00PM

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GERMAN POTATO SALAD HALUSKI
PIGS IN THE BLANKET PIROGHI
KOLBASSI/SAUERKRAUT
HOT DOGS/SAUERKRAUT

DELICIOUS HOME BAKED DESERTS

ASSORTED PIES GERMAN APPLE STRUDEL



BEER WINE COOLERS SODA WATER COFFEE

ENTERTAINMENT

THEME BASKETS

SATURDAY

5:30 – 7:30—Meat Raffle Wheel

2:00PM – Theme Basket Raffle Drawing

