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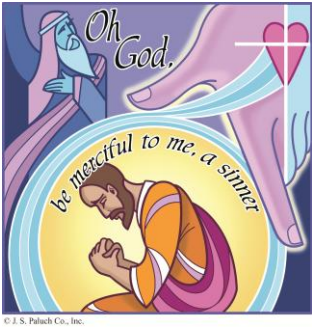
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Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 26, 2025

FIRST READING: The LORD is a God of justice who hears the cry of the oppressed, the orphan, the widow, the lowly (Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18).

PSALM: The Lord hears the cry of the poor (Psalm 34).

SECOND READING: The crown of righteousness awaits me (2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18).

GOSPEL: The tax collector stood at a distance, beat his breast, and prayed, “O God, be merciful to me, a sinner” (Luke 18:9-14).

LITURGICAL REFLECTION: MADE RIGHT BEFORE GOD
Although the opening lines of today’s first reading claim that the Lord “knows no favorites” (Sirach 35:15) and is “not unduly partial toward the weak” (35:16), the remainder of the passage makes it clear that the Lord does indeed pay special attention to the weak, the oppressed, and the orphans and widows. The psalmist reiterates: “The Lord hears the cry of the poor” (see Psalm 34:18). In the Gospel, Jesus claims that a tax collector is more justified in his prayer for mercy than the Pharisee, whose prayer was an account of his own righteous deeds. Jesus’ point could not have been clearer: tax collectors in the Jewish society of Jesus’ day were not just lowly; they were considered outcasts and cheaters. They collected taxes for the hated Romans and almost certainly collected enough to assure a generous income for themselves. Tax collectors were among society’s outcasts; didn’t this one just admit his own sinfulness? How could a tax collector be “justified” (that is, made right) before God, while the Pharisee was not? Why would God even listen to the prayer of a tax collector? This surely was a surprise, upsetting common assumptions about righteousness. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

WEEKLY PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR

SUN	10/26	
MON	10/27	
TUES	10/28	
WED	10/29	
THURS	10/30	
FRI	10/31	
SAT	11/01	3:00PM Confession
NEXT SUN	11/02	

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK: (Oct 27th – Nov 2nd)

MON	10/27	7:50AM	+ Damien Lovas – (Wife, Darlene)
TUES	10/28	7:50AM	+ (B) Jane Bross – (Dennis & Dollie Gisler)
WED	10/29	7:50AM	+ James & Margaret Murray – (Children)
THUR	10/30	7:50AM	+ Velma Peskuric – (Daughter, Dorothy & Bob Puskar)
FRI	10/31	7:50AM	+ Daniel Hutchison – (Colleen Kurtz)
SAT	11/01	4:00PM	+ (A) William Kolega– (Bruce & Eileen Crooks)
SUN	11/02	7:30AM	+ All Soul’s Triduum
		10:30AM	+ Joan Wolfe – (Rose Obarsky)



Sunday, Oct 26, 2025

Stewardship Reflections: One of the wonderful aspects of stewardship spirituality is its balanced approach to all areas of life. We see this balance in play as we continue to explore the Pillar of Prayer. As stewards, aware of our total dependence on God for everything, we come to Him in awe and gratitude. At the same time, we approach God with an awareness of the great dignity He has given us, creating us in His own image and likeness and calling us to join Him in the work of advancing His kingdom.

In last week's readings, we were encouraged to remain persistent and constant in our prayer life. Today, we focus on the proper attitude of a steward at prayer. We learn that a particular attitude in our approach to prayer will make our prayer lives more effective: "the prayer of the lowly pierces the clouds; it does not rest till it reaches its goal." When we pray with a humble attitude, God will respond.

The good steward knows he needs God, and that God has chosen to need him in advancing the Kingdom. His prayers pierce the clouds and God is glorified!

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS
(Oct 18th & Oct 19th 2025

Weekly	\$ 2,870.00
Building Fund	\$ 20.00

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



All Soul's Day (Nov 2) - There will be a three (3) day Triduum beginning Sunday, Nov 2nd. Envelopes can be found in your box and there are extra envelopes and slips in the back of the church for anyone wishing to have their deceased family members or loved ones remembered during the month of November.



Piroghi Project is set for Thursday, Nov 20th there will be a sign up sheet in the vestibule on November 15th & 16th.

Nut Roll & Poppy Seed Rolls - for the Holidays has been set for **Saturday, Dec 6th** just in time for Christmas. There will be a sign-up sheet in the vestibule in the upcoming weeks.
We are in need the follow items for these projects to help defray the cost:
Walnuts, Flour, Sugar, eggs, and plain Crisco.

Community News & Events



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.



Young Adult Group (18-39): Our next Theology on Tap is Wednesday October 29th at the Boulevard Grill at 6pm with Fr. Richard Tomkoski speaking on All Souls, All Saints, and Purgatory. We are hosting our first Trivia Night on November 14th at 6pm at the Catholic War Vets. We are already scheduling speakers into 2026 including Religious and Diocesan Priests, Laypeople, Religious Sisters, and even an Archbishop! All young adults (18-39) and families with their children are invited to join us for faith and fellowship! For more information contact Geoffrey Stumpo at (814) 659-7415 or geoffstumpo@gmail.com.

Daylight Savings Time Ends Next Saturday.
Nov 1st

Be sure to turn your clocks back one-hour next Saturday night!!!



ST. JUDE TRIDUUM

St Clements Church annual St. Jude Triduum, Patron Saint of hopeless or impossible causes, will be held on Tuesday, October 28th, Wednesday, October 29th, and Thursday, October 30th. Starting at 6:30PM