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Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 16, 2025

FIRST READING: There will arise the sun of justice with its healing rays (Malachi 3:19-20a).

PSALM: The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice (Psalm 98).

SECOND READING: Paul speaks of his hard work among the Thessalonians (2 Thessalonians 3:7-12).

GOSPEL: Jesus foretells the destruction of Jerusalem, the persecution of his followers. But their perseverance will be their salvation (Luke 21:5-19).

LITURGICAL REFLECTION: THE END OF DAYS

As we prepare for next Sunday’s feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, we hear descriptions of dire and catastrophic events. Sometimes it seems as though we ourselves are living in the end times, when life as we currently know it will cease for everyone. In answer to what must have been a fearful question, Jesus does not sugarcoat his foretelling of future days. Nor does the Old Testament prophet Malachi flinch from his pronouncements upon an evil world. Saint Paul, still writing to the Thessalonians, warns them prophetically against succumbing to “The End Is Near” syndrome—indolence in the face of the final days. However, both Jesus and Malachi speak of the recompense for living a just life—healing and vindication. Our Psalm 98, typically associated with Christmastime, helps us to rejoice for the King who is coming to rule with justice.

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WEEKLY PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR

SUN	11/16	
MON	11/17	
TUES	11/18	8:00AM Peel Potatoes
WED	11/19	
THURS	11/20	8:00AM Making Piroghis
FRI	11/21	
SAT	11/22	3:00PM Confession
NEXT SUN	11/23	

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK: (Nov 17th – Nov 23RD)

MON	11/17	7:50AM	+ (B) Douglas Baldwin – (Brother-in-law Joe)
TUES	11/18	7:50AM	+ Elizabeth Dukery – (Family)
WED	11/19	7:50AM	+ (A) Stanley Barczak – (M/M Peter Maliniak)
THUR	11/20	7:50AM	+ (A) Stephen Forgas – (Unkie Pat & Aunt Terri)
FRI	11/21	7:50AM	+ (B) James Marshall – (Family)
SAT	11/22	4:00PM	+ (A) Larry & Dee Forgas– (Sister, Terri & Pat)
SUN	11/23	7:30AM	+ Pro Populo
		10:30AM	+ (A) Joe Dyda – (Denny & Marilyn Alberter)



Sunday, Nov 16, 2025



Stewardship Reflections: As we approach the end of the liturgical year, our readings offer a sober reminder that this life is not our aim and that God's justice will triumph in the end. Now is the time to get our priorities in order, putting God above all else as His faithful stewards.

Before the eternal bliss of heaven, we should expect to be tried and tested. "Before all this happens, however, they will seize and persecute you, they will hand you over to the synagogues and to prisons and they will have you led before kings and governors because of my name." Sounds scary, but if you are living a stewardship way of life, there is nothing to fear. You have a plan in place - all you need to do is stick with it. Put our Lord first in your time, with your talents, and through use of your treasures. This way of life is not meant to be easy, but Jesus promises it will lead to eternal salvation and the joy of union with Him. "You will be hated by all because of my name, but not a hair on your head will be destroyed. By your perseverance, you will secure your lives."

Onward Christian stewards, the struggle is worth the joy that awaits!

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS
(Nov 8th & Nov 9th 2025)

Weekly	\$ 3,0840.00
Building Fund	\$ 120.00

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

Piroghi Project Thursday, Nov 20th

- 1) Tuesdays-peeling potatoes starting at 8:00AM
- 2) Thursdays-8:00AM make potato balls and dough, and assemble & cook piroghi.

to order:

- 1) **Sign-up sheets:** Place your order after Mass **THIS weekend, Saturday & Sunday, Nov 15th & 16th**

Pick up orders: Thursday, Nov 20th 11-2 or Friday November 22th, 10-12PM



This is usually a big order so if you can spare anytime on Tuesday or Thursday, we would be happy to have you. Remember this is a Church Project, projects like this help pay the bills!
No Experience necessary!!!
New volunteers are always welcomed!!

Nut Roll & Poppy Seed Rolls -

Will be baked on **Saturday, Dec 6th** just in time for Christmas. Pick up will be Dec 7th after Sunday morning masses. An order sheet will be **in the vestibule Nov 15th & 16th**

Deadline to order is Sunday, Nov 23rd

We are in need of the follow items for this project to help defray the cost:

Nuts, flour, sugar, eggs, & plain Crisco.



The Knights of Columbus are once again sponsoring the **Annual Christmas Party** for kids ages 12 and under, to be held on Saturday, December 13th, from 10:00 AM to Noon. Breakfast will be provided, along with crafts and a visit from Santa.

Santa is bringing personalized ornaments this year, so we absolutely need to have your reservation in early, but no later than **Sunday, November 30th**, to give his elves time to make them. **No reservations will be accepted after November 30th.**

Please complete the reservation form and put it in the collection basket or drop it off to the rectory no later than November 30th. Please be sure to print your child's name, so that it is easily readable. Also, we need to know how many adults are coming, to prepare the correct amount of food.

2025 Parish Advent Christmas Project

Thank you to all who were able to take a star from the tree. Please return your unwrapped gift to us no later than **Sunday, Nov 24th**



Religious Education News



The Children's Thanksgiving Liturgy will be held **Sunday, Nov 23rd** at the **10:30AM mass**. Students will report to class at 9 and will **attend mass at 10:30 together**. Please bring your Non-perishable item and place them on the altar.

There will be **NO Religious Ed Classes** on **Sunday, Nov 30th**. Classes will resume on **Dec 7th**



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 **\$15,245.00 (56.76%)** 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.



Gift Card Tree - Starting next weekend we will be selling chances on a \$200 worth of Gift Cards Tree (tree not included) before Mass in the vestibule until Dec 8th. Chances are \$1 each or 6 for \$5

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown

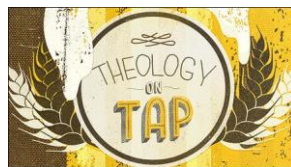
Catholic Charities, Inc. of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown has been serving out neighbors for 85 years. We are the human social service agency for the diocese and operate as a faith-based, non-profit ministry. We support individuals and families in the eight counties of the diocese who are lacking access to basic needs or in an unforeseen crisis regardless of religious affiliation.

Called By Name

Honoring Faithful Young Men

Bishop Bartchak is asking us to identify faithful young men (ages 15 - 30) who exhibit qualities of leadership and service, and who may be open to learning more about the priesthood. Names may be submitted by using one of the cards in the back of church or by visiting this website www.ajvocations.org/calledbyname. Men you submit will receive a letter of encouragement from Bishop Bartchak, invitations to discernment events, and support from our Vocation Team. Thank you for your participation in this important campaign!

Community News & Events



Young Adult Group (18-39): Our next Theology on Tap is Wednesday November 19th at the Boulevard Grill at 6pm with Carrie Weaver speaking on Church Art and Architecture. 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, food, and fellowship! For more information contact Geoffrey Stumpo at (814) 659-7415 or geoffstumpo@gmail.com.



BISHOP MCCORT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

will hold a Turkey Raffle on Saturday, November 22nd at the East Campus Gym (St. Benedict) 2306 Bedford St.

Doors open at 6:30 PM. Raffle begins at 7:00 PM. Admission is \$20.00 and includes a meal, beverages and entry into hourly cash drawings. Please join us for a fun evening.

Dedicated Nursing Associate (DNA)

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Medication reminders

Meal preparation & feeding

light Housekeeping

transportation

Companionship & community integration

Socialization & recreational activities

Dedicated to all your homeware needs. We accept private pay and long-term care insurance. Also, we are contracted through the Department of Public Welfare. Please call 724-327-7599

St Francis of Assisi Parish on Barron Avenue in the West End is looking for experienced Cantors or those who love to sing and are willing/interested to become a Cantor to help cover our Masses. We can be flexible to your schedule and availability. If you are able to cover one Mass per month, that would help tremendously! Please contact the Parish Office at 814-539-1632