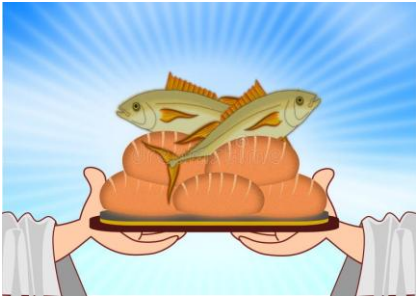


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Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Aug 2, 2026

FIRST READING: — All you who thirst, come to the water! You without money, come to the feast!
(Isaiah 55:1-3).

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: — The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs (Psalm 145).

SECOND READING — Nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ (Romans 8:35, 37-39).

GOSPEL — All ate until satisfied; they collected twelve baskets of what was left over (Matthew 14:13-21).

LITURGICAL REFLECTION: OUR DEEPEST NEEDS -- The word of God serves up a tremendous feast for us today. Isaiah beckons all who hunger and thirst to come to the Lord for satisfaction. The psalmist cries out, “The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs” (Psalm 145:16). Saint Paul tells us that nothing can separate us from the love of God. Finally, in the Gospel, we hear the story of the miraculous feeding of over five thousand people from a mere five loaves and two fish. Most of us have our material needs met on a day-to-day basis. These scriptures, nevertheless, have much to say to the contemporary believer. We must ask ourselves, “Where are my deepest hungers? Where are my thirsts?” After material needs are satisfied and, in some cases, over-satisfied, many people still experience a deep longing for spiritual balance and well-being. As the loaves and fish are multiplied in today’s Gospel, perhaps our prayer can be a longing for the satisfaction of the deepest needs that only God can fill. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

WEEKLY PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR

MON	08/03	
TUES	08/04	6:00PM Holy Name Meeting Church Hall 7:00PM Knights of Columbus Meeting Church Hall
WED	08/05	
THURS	08/06	11:30AMChristian Mothers Rosary, Mass & Meeting 1:30PMPrayer Shawl Meeting in the Church Hall
FRI	08/07	
SAT	08/08	3:00PM Confession
SUN	08/09	

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK: (Aug 3rd – Aug 9th)

MON	8/03. 7:50AM. + Emma Thomson – (Maura & Adam Werton)
TUES	8/04. 7:50AM. + M/M Joseph Cisz – (Daughter, Joan)
WED	8/05. 7:50AM. + (WA) Barry & Toni Harrington – (Daughter, Sue & Ken)
THUR	8/06. 7:50AM+ Jim & Sue Ellen Dadey – (Darlene Lovas) 12:00PM+ Christian Mothers
FRI	8/07. 7:50AM+ Virginia Macy – (Karen Kline)
SAT	8/08 4:00PM+ (WA) Dom Kurtz – (Kim & Gary Weakland)
SUN	8/09. 7:30AM. + Donna Vitovich – (Brother, Dave & Jackie) . . . 10:30AM. + Holy Name

Sunday, Aug 2, 2026

Stewardship Reflections: This week we celebrate the Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord. According to most Catholic scholars and theologians, the Transfiguration is the culminating point of the Lord's public life. His Baptism is considered to be the starting point of that public life, and the Ascension is the end.

The Transfiguration was part of an ongoing miracle. Perhaps the real miracle was the way that Jesus kept from displaying His glory most of the time. When the three apostles present became aware of the full divinity of Jesus, it is reported that "They fell prostrate and were very much afraid." Is that how we react when we become aware of the presence of God? Are we a bit fearful?

Knowing God, appreciating God, and embracing God should give us confidence. God's grace is amazing, and that needs to be our reality. Remember that Jesus is on His way to crucifixion and temporary death. We are on that same path, but the Transfiguration is a reminder to us of the hope we have in the saving grace of the Lord.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS
(July 25th – July 26th, 2026)

Weekly		\$ 3,456.00
Building Fund		\$ 91.00



Sincere Condolences - The St. Therese Community would like to offer our sincere condolences to the family of **Joseph Yeager** who was called to his eternal reward last week. May God grant His eternal rest to **Joe** and peace and consolation to his wife, Marilyn and their family.

Fishers of Men Vocation Appeal

The efforts of our vocation Office are working! We have three new seminarians this year, which brings our total to four men in formation for the priesthood. In addition, we have launched new programs to reach young men, including the popular "Loggia Nights" at the cathedral in Altoona. Thanks be to God, we now have dozens of teens and young men who are seriously considering priesthood! To support our seminarians and these increased efforts, we truly need your financial support. Bishop Bartchak has asked all Catholics to consider a gift that suits your financial situation. Please make your donation online at ajvocations.org/give, or use the envelope in your pew.

Holy Name Society monthly meeting will be held on **Tuesday, Aug 4th** starting at **6PM** in the Church Hall.

KOC Council #10409 - This month's meeting will be held on **Tuesday, Aug 4th** at **7PM** in the Church Hall

Christian Mothers will hold their Monthly Rosary, Mass & Meeting on **Thursday, Aug 6th** starting at **11:30AM**.

St Therese Prayer Shawl Ministry.



Prayer Shawl Ministry

There will be a meeting on Aug 6th around 1:30PM, after the Christian mothers meeting. New crocheters /knitters are always welcome.

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.



Weather permitting, Fr Karmanocky will have Sunday Mass at 10:30 outside in the breezeway. Please bring your lawn chair.



Elias Painting will be here this week chalking and painting the window trim outside the whole Church. This work should not interfere with Mass. Project funded by the Building Fund.



Catholic Ministries
DRIVE

Thank you to the **73** families who have pledged as of June 30th a total of **\$11,820.00** towards our target amount of **\$23,100**. Saint Peter teaches us, "As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace" (1 Peter 4:10). Fr Bernards hope is for parishioner participation; we are now at **31.06% parishioner participation**. Please prayerfully consider making a pledge according to your means. You have until Dec 31st 2026 to pay your pledge in full.



Cash Give-a-Way. Winning number taken from first PA Pick 3 Drawing at 7PM the month of October 2026.
Tickets are \$10.

We still have a few tickets left to sell
You can purchase tickets before all Masses or call the office if you would like a couple to sell.
This is a church Fundraiser

We will be hosting a group from the **Holy Grotto Wood Carving group** from the Holy Land next weekend, Aug 8th & 9th
Christian families in the Holy Land continue the ancient tradition of carving olive wood, using trees grown in the land where Jesus lived and walked. Today, these families face great challenges, and this craft remains one of their primary sources of income. Your support through the purchase of these handmade items helps sustain their faith, their families, and their presence in the Holy Land. Thank you for standing with them in prayer and love.
A work of Faith & Hope.

Community News & Events

Divine Mercy Prayer Group next get together will be **Wed. Aug. 12th at 3pm** and also **6:30pm**. Don't hesitate! Come join us and bring a Friend! Best HOUR, well spent, that goes so quickly !!



Proclaim invites you to...

A Night with the Altoona Curve

In celebration of the 125th Anniversary of the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown. Friday, **August 14th**. Picnic Supper at 5PM Game at 6PM. Tickets are only **\$9/ Adults and 7/Kids 3-12**. Picnic is included with ticket purchase. To purchase tickets , contact Corey Homan at 814-283-3128 or choman@altoonacurve.com

ANNUAL OUTDOOR MASS FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS - Bishop Mark will celebrate the Annual outdoor Mass for students entering or returning to college and their families on **August 2 at 7:00 pm** at the Our Lady of the Alleghenies Shrine in Loretto. Recent high school graduates entering the military or workforce are also invited. During the Mass, the Bishop will offer a special blessing to the young adults and present them with a small gift. Please bring your own lawn chairs. If it rains, the Mass will be celebrated inside the Basilica of Saint Michael the Archangel, next to the Shrine.

Join Us for Sip, Rock & Duck Drop!

Support the Johnstown Family Kitchen while enjoying an evening of live music, refreshments, fun, and exciting prizes!

Every ticket helps provide meals and support to individuals and families facing food insecurity in our community.

- Tickets: At Door**
- Event Admission: \$10
 - Duck Tickets: \$5

August 8th- 1pm to 8pm at Peoples Natural Gas Park Johnstown

