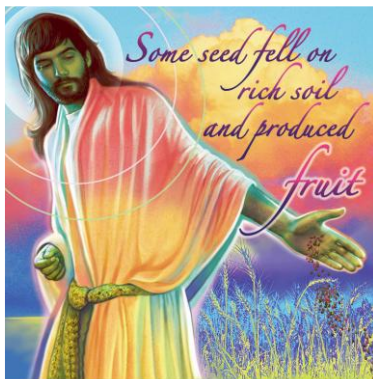


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## Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 12, 2026

FIRST READING: My word will achieve the end for which it was sent (Isaiah 55:10-11).

PSALM: The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest (Psalm 65)

SECOND READING: We, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan within ourselves awaiting the redemption of our bodies (Romans 8:18-23).

GOSPEL: Some seed fell on rich soil and produced fruit (Matthew 13:1-23 [1-9]).

LITURGICAL REFLECTION: GOD’S WORDS - Each day we are bombarded with thousands of words. From the moment our clock radios click on in the morning, until the last moment of the day when the television is turned off or someone bids us “good-night,” our life is filled with words. Some words that we hear bring news that leaves us feeling low. Some words lift our spirits. Many of the words we hear are trying to get us to buy something. Some words are hurtful. Today the Church focuses our attention on hearing the word of God. Are God’s words just more of the same—part of the endless stream of words that flow into our ears each day? The challenge today is to allow God’s word to inspire us in new ways so that our outlook and attitudes align themselves more closely with the heart and mind of Christ Jesus.

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### WEEKLY PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR

SUN	07/12	Coffee & Donuts served after all Masses
MON	07/13	
TUES	07/14	
WED	07/15	
THURS	07/16	
FRI	07/17	
SAT	07/18	3:00PM Confession
SUN	07/19	



### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK: (July 13<sup>th</sup>– July 19<sup>th</sup>)

MON	7/13	7:50AM	+ Ed Podvojsky – (Son, Ron, Francine & Elijah)
TUES	7/14	7:50AM	+ Robert Ressler – (Jeff & Mary Beth Konieczny)
WED	7/15	7:50AM	Mother John of the Cross
THUR	7/16	7:50AM	Sister Marie of Jesus OCD
FRI	7/17	7:50AM	+ Martin Simcic – (Family)
SAT	7/18	4:00PM	+ (WA) Michael & Sylvia Delich – (Children & Grandchildren)
SUN	7/19	7:30AM	+ Rosemary Bunda – (Jerry & Carole)
		10:30AM	+ (A) Matthew Forgas – (Sister, Terri & Patrick Mulvehill)

# Sunday, July 12, 2026

**Stewardship Reflections:** Today's readings are filled with analogies for the stewardship way of life, demonstrating the slow and steady, yet powerful effect this lifestyle will have on those who fully embrace it.

In our first reading, from Isaiah, the Father speaks to us of the gentle but unstoppable power of His Word, using the analogy of the Word as "rain and snow" that water the earth, "making it fertile and fruitful, giving seed to the one who sows and bread to the one who eats." He tells us that His word always serves a purpose - it gives us life, sustains our very being. Christian stewards must fill themselves with this nourishment every day. When we commit to regular prayer time with God's Word, we can absolutely count on it to take root in us and transform our lives.

Let us deepen our commitment to this way of life, allowing the Sower to do His work in our lives. The Master Gardener will surely produce miraculous fruits through us.

## LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS (July 4<sup>th</sup> – July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2026)

Weekly	.....	\$ 3,435.00
Building Fund	.....	\$ 166.00



Catholic Ministries  
*DRIVE*  
**Sent To Serve**

Thank you to the **56** families who have pledged as of May 31<sup>st</sup> a total of **\$11,045.00** 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 **28.09% parishioner participation**. Please prayerfully consider making a pledge according to your means. You have until Dec 31<sup>st</sup> 2026 to pay your pledge in full



Today is the last day to turn in your **RADA Cutlery order**. Please place your order along with a check in the collection bucket.

Thank you for all of your support.



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



**Coffee & Donuts** are being served **this weekend, July 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>** after all Masses. Stop down for a delicious donut and good fellowship, hosted by **The Holy Name Society, and Knights of Columbus** Hope to see you there



## Cash Give-a-Way

We are selling tickets for a **CASH GIVE- A- WAY**

Winning number taken from first PA Pick 3 Drawing at 7PM the month of October 2026.

Tickets are \$10.

You can purchase tickets before all Masses or call the office if you would like a couple to sell.

This is a church Fundraiser



**MISSION APPEAL**

Society of Immaculate Hearts Sisters of Africa will be here **this weekend July 11th & 12th, 2026**, to discuss their Mission to provide religious-related services that improve people's lives spiritually, physically, and economically They focus on education, healthcare, clean water, and aiding disadvantaged groups, including orphans, the disabled, and victims of abuse.



**THE WINNER IS...**

Congratulations to **Pam Daniels** the winner of the Christian Mothers July 4<sup>th</sup> Pick 3 7PM drawing. Winning Number **242**

Congratulations to **John Calka** the winner of the Holy Name Society July 4<sup>th</sup> Pick 3 7PM drawing. Winning number **242**



Congratulations to **Paul & Audrey Coshun** who celebrated their **50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary** on July 10<sup>th</sup> May God Bless them with many more years together.



In 2029 we will be celebrating our Centennial here at St Therese. Fr Karmanocky would like to form a committee of volunteers to help organize the first stages of our centennial celebration. If you are interested in helping with this celebration please call the Rectory, during office hours 9-2PM Mon -Fri.

Along with the Centennial Celebration we are also looking for volunteers to help with the putting together timeline of the history of the Church. We are already started but have some years to catch up on. If interested please call the rectory during office hours 9-2 Mon -Fri 814-539-7633.

**Families and the Gospel** Matthew 13:1-23  
The stress and anxieties of family life are like "thorns which choke off" any opportunity to reflect on God's presence in our lives. Notice in today's gospel Jesus "left the house" so He could connect with His Father. Grasp five minutes each day to appreciate God walking with you.

## Community News & Events

Mom's House is holding a Walk-Thru Basket Party at 1325 Franklin St. on Saturday July 18, 10-4, and Sunday, July 19, 11-3. \$10 per sheet of tickets. Winners drawn via Facebook Live on July 19 @ 3:15. Plenty of parking is available! For information, call 814-535-4848.



**Saint Bartholomew Basket Raffle**-Sunday, July 26. Doors open at Noon, drawing at 2:00 PM. Take your chance on hundreds of baskets and other small games of chance. Concession stand with homemade food available. To place tickets in baskets before the raffle, stop in before or after weekend Masses (Sat. 5:30 PM & Sun. 9:00 AM) or call 814-495-9298 to visit during the weeks leading up to raffle. 185 Church Hill Road, Wilmore.

**Sunday Outdoor Masses** All the faithful are invited to outdoor Masses every Sunday evening at 7pm at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Alleghenies, celebrating their 75th Anniversary, now through September 6. Please bring a lawn chair. In the event of inclement weather, Mass will be celebrated in the Basilica of Saint Michael the Archangel



On Sunday, July 26th, Queen of Angels Parish in Central City will be sponsoring a Classic and Antique Car Cruise from 1:00 PM until 5:00 PM at their St. John site (164 Wheeler Street - Central City). This year will be for the benefit of our local Saint Vincent de Paul Chapter. Live music will be provided by Allison Borek from 2:00 PM until 5:00 PM. The parish will be preparing and serving burgers, wings, beer, soft drinks, and other refreshments. All who have a classic or antique car, or those who simply take pleasure in music and an afternoon out are welcome to come and enjoy a day of cars, food, and camaraderie.

**ST. ANNE TRIDUUM**  
Join us for a three-night devotion honoring the mother of the Blessed Mother AND A Eucharistic Procession through downtown Johnstown

FRIDAY JULY 24  
6PM SOLEMN VESPERS  
Deacon Wally Zapotoczny St. Joseph, Bellwood

SAT JULY 25  
6PM VIGIL MASS  
Deacon Matt Maraffio All Saints, Boswell

SUN JULY 26  
5PM MASS & EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION  
Deacon John Fontana Visitation, Johnstown

THREE NEWLY ORDAINED DEACONS PREACHING  
**JULY 24-26, 2026**  
ST JOHN GUALBERT CATHEDRAL, JOHNSTOWN, PA

### *Prayer for Vocations to the Sacred Heart*

*Most Sacred Heart of Jesus,  
fountain of love and mercy,  
raise up holy preists after  
Your own Heart,  
Humble, pure, and consumed with zeal  
for souls.*

*Draw young men to Yourself  
and enflame their hearts with desire  
to make You known through Word  
and Sacrament, both in times of  
tranquilty and tribulation.  
O Sacred Heart of Jesus,  
we trust in You.*

## *Jubilee Year of Saint Francis*

His Holiness, Pope Leo XIV, established a special Jubilee Year in commemoration of the Eighth Centenary of the death of Saint Francis of Assisi. Thus, from January 10, 2026, to January 10, 2027, the Year of Saint Francis will be celebrated during which all Christian faithful are invited to follow the example of the Saint of Assisi, becoming models of holiness of life and constant witnesses of peace. Through Decree of the Apostolic Penitentiary, a **plenary indulgence** has been granted under the usual conditions to those who participate devoutly in this extraordinary Jubilee.

### **Conditions for receiving the plenary indulgence (for oneself or for the deceased):**

Visitation in the form of a pilgrimage of any Franciscan conventual church or place of worship dedicated to Saint Francis anywhere in the world, where one renews one's profession of faith, through the recitation of the Creed, to reaffirm one's Christian identity. (A list of these churches and locations in our diocese follows below.)

- **Sacramental confession (in the eight days before or after the pilgrimage).**
- **Participation in Mass and Eucharistic Communion.**
- **Recitation of the Lord's Prayer, to reaffirm the dignity of children of God, received in Baptism.**
- **Prayer for the intentions of the Holy Father, the visible sign of the Church's unity.**
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**Bishop Mark has designated the following sites staffed by Franciscan Friars as pilgrimage sites to receive the indulgence.**

- Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church  
1100 8th Avenue  
Altoona, PA 16602
- Assumption Chapel  
1527 Adams Avenue  
Altoona, PA 16602
- Saint Mark Church  
416 6th Avenue  
Altoona, PA 16602
- Holy Rosary Church  
900 N. 4th Street  
Altoona, PA 16601
- Saint Anthony of Padua Church  
2201 Graham Avenue  
Windber, PA 15963
- Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Church  
605 Graham Avenue  
Windber, PA 15963
- Saints Cyril & Methodius Church  
604 Graham Avenue  
Windber, PA 15963
- Holy Family Church  
562 5th Street  
Colver, PA 15927
- Saint John Vianney Church  
3513 William Penn Avenue  
Johnstown, PA 15909
- **Saint Anne Church**  
**533 Woodland Avenue**  
**Johnstown, PA 15902**
- Transfiguration Church  
340 2nd Street  
Conemaugh, PA 15909
- Saint Francis of Assisi Church  
120 Barron Avenue  
Johnstown, PA 15906
- Saint John the Baptist Church  
101 Findley Street  
New Baltimore, PA 15553
- Saint Michael Church  
751 Locust Street  
St. Michael, PA 15951
- Holy Family Church  
509 Caldwell Avenue  
Portage, PA 15946
- Saint Anne Church  
505 Woodstown Highway  
Davidsville, PA 15928
- **Saint Therese of the Child Jesus Church**  
**536 Decker Avenue**  
**Johnstown, PA 15906**
- Saint Francis University  
Immaculate Conception Chapel  
132 Franciscan Way  
Loretto, PA 15940
- Shrines of Our Lady of Fatima and Our Lady of Loreto  
Sunken Gardens at Saint Francis Friary  
105 St. Francis Drive  
Loretto, PA 15940