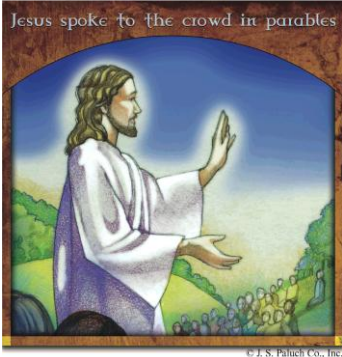


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Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 19, 2026

FIRST READING: You taught your people that those who are just must likewise be kind
(Wisdom 12:13, 16-19).

PSALM: Lord, you are good and forgiving (Psalm 86).

SECOND READING: The Spirit comes to aid us in our weakness (Romans 8:26-27).

GOSPEL: Jesus proposes parables to the crowds, teaching them of the reign of God
(Matthew 13:24-43 [24-30]).

LITURGICAL REFLECTION: GOOD SEEDS Today Jesus continues to speak to his followers’ using parables. What a rich treasure we are given today in three parables about the kingdom of heaven! The kingdom is likened to a man sowing good seed in his field, a mustard seed, and yeast mixed with flour. As they did last week, today the disciples press Jesus for an interpretation of one of the parables—the parable of the man sowing good seed. Lest we think that these parables are simply amusing little anecdotes, Jesus’ interpretation should be seen for what it is—a warning. Wailing and grinding of teeth in a fiery furnace await those who are children of the evil one. This parable points to the struggle for today’s believer. Sometimes, through sin, we sow weeds and prevent the love of Christ from blossoming. Let today’s Gospel help put us back on track. Let us recommit ourselves to preparing for the last days, the harvest, by blossoming as the good seeds we were created in love to be. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

WEEKLY PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR

MON	07/20		
TUES	07/21		
WED	07/22		
THURS	07/23		
FRI	07/24		
SAT	07/25	3:00PM	Confession
SUN	07/26		

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK: (July 20th– July 26th)

MON	7/20. 7:50AM. + (B) John Cynar – (Wife & Children)
TUES	7/21. 7:50AM. + (B) Daniel Hutchison – (Joe & Karen)
WED	7/22. 7:50AM. + Joseph Malysko – (Daughter, Eileen)
THUR	7/23. 7:50AM. + Elda Leck – (Carla Check)
FRI	7/24. 7:50AM. + Martin & Matilda Simcic – (Family)
SAT	7/25. 4:00PM. + (A) Stella David – (Daughter, Dolores, Bill & Billy)
SUN	7/26. 7:30AM. + Mary Bicko – (Family)
	... 10:30AM. + (A) Ryan Lorditch – (Family)

Sunday, July 19, 2026

Stewardship Reflections: Today's readings are filled with lessons both cautionary and consoling for the Christian steward.

Our first reading, from the book of Wisdom, reminds us that our God is just as well as kind, all-powerful as well as merciful. "For You show Your might when the perfection of Your power is disbelieved... But though You are master of might, You judge with clemency." God is indeed kind and loving, but He is also a just judge and the day will come when we will have to give an account for what we have done with the gifts of time, talent and treasure that He entrusted to us during our lifetime. We will be judged by God for the part we played - or did not play - in the building of His kingdom.

We are never alone in this work, however, as we are reminded in our second reading from the letter to the Romans. "The Spirit comes to the aid of our weakness... the Spirit himself intercedes with inexpressible groaning." We must turn to the Holy Spirit continuously to guide us in our daily lives as Christian stewards. The Holy Spirit is the source of all wisdom. He will reveal to each of us the unique mission the Father has given us, as individuals and as a parish family, in the building of the kingdom of heaven. And He will give us the strength we need to remain faithful to our mission.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS
(July 11th – July 12th, 2026)

Weekly		\$ 4,772.00
Building Fund		\$ 160.00
Energy		\$ 100.00



Sincere Condolences - The St. Therese Community would like to offer our sincere condolences to the family of **Vera Sturm** who was called to her eternal reward this past week. May God grant His eternal rest to **Vera** and peace and consolation to her family.



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

The correct total for the Building Fund Collection **July 4th & 5th** should have been **\$766**. Sorry for the confusion.

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.



Catholic Ministries
DRIVE

Sent To Serve

Thank you to the **73** families who have pledged as of May 31st 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

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



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: 24-43
Parents plant values in their children anticipating the tiny seeds of honesty, respect, commitment and fidelity will grow with their child and one day become "a safe haven" to many

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.



July 24, 2026 house/garage Sale to Benefit the West End Improvement Group, located at 236 Malbranc St, (top of J stret). This is a one day sale, 7AM- 2PM rain or shine. Furntiure, small kitchen appliances, dishes, poots pans bedding, and more. Check the West End Improvement Group facebook page as we continue to post pictures of the items for sale.



Sunday Outdoor Masses All the faithful are invited to outdoor Masses every Sunday eveni 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 Zapodocny
St. Joseph, Bellwood

SAT JULY 25

6PM VIGIL MASS



Deacon Matt Marafino
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

Baseball

Find and circle all of the Baseball words that are hidden in the grid.
The remaining letters spell a secret message - a Humphrey Bogart quotation.

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| BUNT | FOUL BALL | MOUND | SHORTSTOP |
| CATCH | FOUL TERRITORY | OBSTRUCTION | STRIKE |
| COACH | FOUL TIP | OFFENSE | TAG |
| DEAD BALL | GROUND BALL | OUTFIELDER | THROW |
| DEFENSE | IN FLIGHT | OVERSLIDE | TIE GAME |
| DOUBLE HEADER | INFIELD FLY | PENALTY | TRIPLE PLAY |
| DUGOUT | INFIELDER | PITCHER | UMPIRE |
| FAIR BALL | INNING | PIVOT FOOT | WILD PITCH |

