

ST. THERESE OF THE CHILD JESUS
THE CHURCH OF THE FRANCISCANS
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Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Aug 9, 2026

FIRST READING: The LORD said to Elijah: “Stand on the mountain; the LORD will be passing by”
(1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a).

PSALM: Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation (Psalm 85).

SECOND READING: To the Israelites belong the covenants, the law, and the patriarchs; and from
them comes the Christ (Romans 9:1-5).

GOSPEL: As Jesus walked on the sea, the disciples were terrified (Matthew 14:22-33).

LITURGICAL REFLECTION: THE PRESENCE OF GOD -- After the miracle of Jesus walking on water, the disciples exclaimed, “Truly, you are the Son of God” (Matthew 14:33). Most Christians will probably never experience such a dramatic miracle. Like Elijah, we await the manifestation of God in other moments. Perhaps the biggest challenge for the believer is to be constantly attuned to the possible presence of God in the everyday events of life. This is a stance that takes some people years to develop. Others seem to find the Lord easily in the simple things. As the week unfolds, let us look for the presence of God in the little things around us. Perhaps, like Elijah, we will be surprised at what we find. And, like the disciples, we can add our voice to the confession, “Truly you are the Son of God.”
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WEEKLY PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR

MON	08/10		
TUES	08/11		
WED	08/12		
THURS	08/13		
FRI	08/14		
SAT	08/15	3:00PM	Confession
SUN	08/16		

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK: (Aug 10th – Aug 16th)

MON	8/10. 7:50AM. + (A) Nick Nikonow – (Son, Paul & Marie Nikonow)
TUES	8/11. 7:50AM. + (B) Jean Nikonow – (Son, Paul & Marie Nikonow)
WED	8/12. 7:50AM. + Vera Sturm (one month mind) – (Pat Rayha)
THUR	8/13. 7:50AM. + Anges Malysko – (Sister, Eileen Malysko)
FRI	8/14. 7:50AM. + Edward Pavlosky – (Grandchildren & Great Grandchildren)
SAT	8/15. 4:00PM. + (WA) John & Agnes Podolka – (Family)
SUN	8/16. 7:30AM. + (B) Lorraine Macy Lape – (Rose Hownarth & John Slezak)
	... 10:30AM. + (B) Bob Hubbard – (Wife, Theresa & Family)

Sunday, Aug 9, 2026

Stewardship Reflections: Stewardship spirituality invites us to surrender control of our lives to God in grateful recognition that all that we have is a gift from Him. While today's readings remind us that, of course, God is always in control of His creation and His creatures, they illustrate what amazing things can happen when we fully permit God to take charge of our lives - in other words, what can happen when we embrace the stewardship way of life.

In our First Reading, from the First Book of Kings, Elijah the prophet is instructed to go outside and wait for the Lord. Elijah goes out and a series of spectacular phenomena occur - strong and heavy winds that crush rocks, followed by an earthquake, and then a fire. Yet, the Lord was not found in any of those. Rather, the Almighty was found in a 'tiny whispering sound.' It is all too easy to fail to recognize His presence and gifts in our lives - taking things like friends, family, material gifts, and even God Himself for granted.

When we embrace the stewardship way of life - letting go of a tight hold over our money, our time and our talents - our lives become a grand adventure, rooted firmly and gratefully in the God Who always cares for us.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS
(August 1st – August 2nd, 2026)

Weekly		\$ 4,243.25
Building Fund		\$ 495.00

Fishers of Men Vocation Appeal. As our numbers of seminarians increases, the cost of their formation also rises. This is a good problem to have! But we need your support to fund their formation, which costs approximately \$65,000 per year for tuition, room and board, and health insurance. We've also added excellent new programs to reach young men, so we expect our number of seminarians to increase even further! To support our seminarians and these increased efforts, please give using the envelopes in your pews or at ajvocations.org/give



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

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.



We will be hosting a group from the Holy Grotto Wood Carving group from the Holy Land this 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.



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



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.

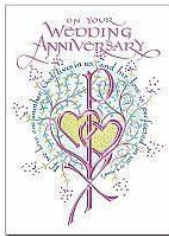
Community News & Events



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



Bishop Mark Bartchak and the Family Life Office cordially invite all couples celebrating **1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60+ years of marriage in 2026** (and their families) to attend the **Annual Wedding Anniversary Liturgy**. Couples may attend Sunday, **September 13th** in **ALTOONA** at Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament or Sunday, **September 20th** in **JOHNSTOWN** at St. John Gualbert Cathedral. Both locations are handicap accessible. Liturgies in each location begin at **2:00 p.m.** Most Rev. Bishop Mark will be the celebrant and homilist at each celebration. Refreshments/snacks will be available after the mass for anniversary couples and their families. **Reservations must be made through your parish for either celebration by Friday, September 11th.**

DIOCESAN FAMILY CONFERENCE CELEBRATING THE 125TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DIOCESE. The diocesan family conference will be held on **Saturday, September 19th** at **Bishop Carroll Catholic High School, Ebensburg**. This conference has been designed for every generation, from young children and teens to parents, grandparents, clergy and parish leaders. This day includes the annual Men's and Women's Conferences, Shycon (also a discipleship event for Senior High Confirmation candidates) and Junior High Youth Day.

This day-long event will offer inspiring keynote presentations, engaging break-out sessions, opportunities for prayer and fellowship, food and the Vigil Mass for Sunday. You may register online at: dioceseaj.org or copies of the **registration booklet** are available in the vestibule, or by contacting the parish office. Please also prayerfully consider being a Sponsor for this day. Information on the day and to be a sponsor are in the registration booklet. For additional information contact Francine Swope at fswope@dioceseaj.org OR (814)317-2646.



HITMIX MUSIC BINGO -Will be held on **Saturday, August 29th** at St Therese Social hall, hosted by the Greater Johnstown Cheerleading. Doors open at 5PM, Bingo starts at 6PM. \$25 entry fee includes 5 rounds of bingo, 50/50 and qualifiers will be sold. Food will be provided. **BYOB**
Get your tickets by calling Jackie at 814-418-8295 or tickets will be sold at the door.

St Matthew's Anglican Church Spaghetti Dinner/ Basket Party

**Saturday, Sept 5th
12:30-2:30 PM**

St Therese Social Hall

Includes Spaghetti Dinner and 25 Basket Tickets cost \$15.00. Soft walk-through **Friday 4-7 Sept 4th**. hot dogs and snacks will be available for purchase. For tickets/information call Arlene 814-244-3863 or Denny 814-322-6631.

