

ST. THERESE OF THE CHILD JESUS

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Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sept 20, 2026

FIRST READING: Turn to the LORD, who is generous in forgiving (Isaiah 55:6-9).
PSALM: The Lord is near to all who call upon him (Psalm 145).
SECOND READING: Live your lives in a way worthy of the gospel of Christ (Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a).
GOSPEL: The last will be first, and the first will be last (Matthew 20:1-16a).

LITURGICAL REFLECTION: DIRECTION
Isaiah tells us something that we already know, and yet seem to forget every now and then. He tells us, essentially, that God is God and we are not. When we’re confused and troubled and can’t figure everything out, it might be wise to recall Isaiah speaking on the Lord’s behalf and explaining that God—who is on a much more, well, Godly wavelength than we are—moves in ways we can’t even imagine. Saint Paul, by comparison, has everything figured out. Kind of. At least he understands his calling in life—to magnify Christ in everything he does. That should give all of us the direction we need. Jesus gives us direction, too, explaining to us once again in the parable of the workers in the vineyard that the last will be first, and the first, last.
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WEEKLY PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR

MON	09/21		
TUES	09/22	8:00AM	Peeling Potatoes for Piroghi Project
WED	09/23	9:00AM	Opening day of the Saint Therese Novena
THURS	09/24	8:00AM	Piroghi Project
FRI	09/25		
SAT	09/26	3:00PM	Confession
SUN	09/27		



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK: (Sept 21st – Sept 27th)

MON	09/21	7:50AM	+ Gerrie & Joe Tavalsky – (Husband & Father, Joe)
TUES	09/22	7:50AM	+ Living & Deceased Benefactors & Franciscan Community
WED	09/23	9:00AM	+ Michael & Margaret Friedman– (Marshall Family)
		7:00PM	+ James & Christine Sorchilla – (Son, Chuck & Helen)
THUR	09/24	9:00AM	+ John Delic – (Cousins, Jeanne & Marilyn)
		7:00PM	+ Ann Seminsky – (David Seminsky)
FRI	09/25	9:00AM	+ Joseph Yeager (two Month mind) – (Daughter, Terri & Mark)
		7:00PM	+ Bernard & Theresa Conway – (Family)
SAT	09/26	9:00AM	+ Dolores Opacic – (Daughter, Elizabeth)
		4:00PM	+ (B) Mariann Ramierez – (Danielle Peterman)
		7:00PM	+ Stella David– (Daughter, Dolores, Bill & Billy)
SUN	09/27	7:30AM	+ Edward Pavlosky Sr. – (Family)
		10:30AM	+ Albert Dadey Jr – (Brother, Tom)
		2:00PM	+Pro Populo
		7:00PM	+George Seigh – (Son, Mike & Kim)



Sunday, Sept 20, 2026



Stewardship Reflections: Though we can never fully grasp the infinite perfection of God and His ways, a basic knowledge of Scripture reveals that God's logic and priorities often differ from worldly logic and priorities. What does this mean for us who call ourselves His disciples and stewards? It means that our way of life should look decidedly different from a "worldly" way of life.

In our Gospel passage from Matthew, Jesus offers us a glimpse of the "Godly logic" of the Father through a parable of a landowner hiring workers for his vineyard. The landowner finds workers throughout the day, but pays them all the same at the end. This angered the laborers who had worked longest and they grumbled against the landowner. But those laborers were relying on human logic, and not thinking as God does.

This can happen to us Christian stewards as well. We can grumble and complain when we compare ourselves to others and sense that not everyone is contributing as much as we are to the parish, the neighborhood, within our family, at work, and so on. At those moments, we need to think bigger! We must remember that it is a great privilege to have been called by the Father to work in His vineyard. The more time we are given to do His work, the greater the gift.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS
(Sept 12th – Sept 13th, 2026)

Weekly		\$ 3,080.00
Building Fund		\$ 175.00
Fuel		\$ 385.00



Novena to Honor Saint Therese of the Child Jesus
Opens on **Wednesday, Sept 23rd** and will end on **Thursday, Oct 1st**, the Feast of St. Therese.

Mass Schedule -

- Weekday Masses at 9AM and 7PM;
 - Saturday Masses at 9AM, 4PM, and 7PM;
 - Sunday Masses at 7:30AM, 10:30AM, and 7:00PM.
- Sunday, Sept 27th at 2PM Anointing of the sick

Volunteers Needed to deliver Novena Roses -
Please consider helping by delivering 1 or 2 roses to our Homebound parishioners at the close of the Novena. Flowers will be available on Thursday, Oct 1st after the morning Mass Please call the office (Mon -Fri 9-2 814-539-7633) if you can spare an hour of your time and brighten up someone day.

Mark Your Calendars: We will be making piroghis for the Novena on **Thursday, Sept 24th**.

- 1) Tuesdays- peel potatoes starting at 8:00AM
- 2) Thursdays-7:30AM make potato balls and dough, and assemble & cook piroghi.

Donations of Robin Hood flour (regular), butter, potatoes, and monetary gifts are always appreciated.

To Order: Sign-up sheets: will be in the vestibule after all Masses **this weekend, Sept 19th & 20th**

Piroghi Pick up will be on
Thursday Sept 24th 11-2PM or
Friday Sept 25th, from 10:00-12:00PM



Catholic Ministries
DRIVE

Thank you to the **77** families who have pledged as of July 31st a total of **\$12,720.00** 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 100% parishioner participation; we are now at **32.77% parishioner participation**. Please prayerfully consider making a pledge according to your means. You have until Dec 31st 2026 to pay your pledge in full.

OKTOBERFEST 2026

Oktoberfest meeting will be held TODAY, Sunday Sept 20th at 6PM in the Church Hall.

Oktoberfest is will be here before you know it. We are asking for and really do appreciate the following:

Theme Basket (at least \$30.00 in value) for the basket raffle. If Basket making is not your specialty you can make a monetary donation, we will make it for you!



\$5, \$10, & \$25 gift cards for the Wheel raffle (Saturday Night)



Special congratulations to the following who are celebrating their anniversary at the Anniversary Liturgies at St. Johns Gualbert Cathedral today **Sunday September 20th**

William & Helen McVicker - 50th
Edward & Christine Pavlosky - 40th

CONGRATULATIONS

May God Bless you all with many more years together!!



Thank you for your generous support during the last week of the collection for The Catholic University of America. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give! Visit collection.catholic.edu



Congratulations to **Pat Goggin**, the "Winner of the Christian Mothers Labor Day Ticket." Winning number drawn on Monday evening pick 3 was 598. Thank you to everyone who purchased a ticket. **Congratulations Pat**

Thanks for all you do!!

We would like to give a BIG shout-out to Our Knights of Columbus #10409 for paying for the new rubber stairs treads for the Social hall. They look Great!

Dear Parishioners,
May the Lord give you His peace.
In a few weeks we will begin a series of catechesis at St. Therese Church. Soon a local team will be inviting you at the weekend Masses. I will join with them, asking you to consider coming and listening to these talks. More materials will be forthcoming in the near future
Fr. Bernard

Community News & Events



Greater Johnstown Italian Day

Come and join us on **Sunday, Oct 4th** at **Windber, Recreational Park** from 11Am- 6PM
hosted by ISDA Lodge #214
Please come celebrate Italian heritage with food, music vendors, demonstrations, a car cruise-in and a kids area !
For more information join our facebook page



St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Basket Party is hosting a walk-through basket party on the weekends of Sept. 26 & 27 and Oct. 3 & 4 from 12:00pm-5:00pm. There will be no sit-down drawing in the Church Hall. The drawing will take place on SEAS' Facebook Live Sun. Oct 4th at 5pm. Please consider donating a wrapped basket(s), baskets should have a minimum value of \$25. Baskets may be dropped off at SEAS' church office from 7am-12pm Mon-Thur. or Sun. before Mass. Deadline for basket donations is September 23rd. In addition to the walk-through basket party, there will be a Takeout Menu of baked goods while supplies last. All are welcome!

ABORTION: Did you Know

18 Days a baby heart begins to Beat
43 Days brain coordinates movement
7 Weeks a baby can hiccup
8 Weeks organs can function
10 Weeks can feel pain
12 Weeks a baby can smile, suck their thumb and make a fist
Over 2 million couples wait to adopt- including of all races & those with special needs.



"Sometimes the Smallest things take up the most room in your hearts"



*Leaves are Falling
Autumn is Coming*



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