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## TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- FIRST READING:** When the wicked turn away from their wickedness they have committed and do what is right, they shall surely live (Ezekiel 18: 25-28).
- PSALM:** Remember your mercies, O Lord (Psalm 25).
- SECOND READING:** Consider others as better than yourselves; look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others (Philippians 2: 1-11 [1-5]).
- GOSPEL:** Tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God ahead of you (Matthew 21: 28-32).

**LITURGICAL REFLECTION: FAMILIAR INSIGHTS**  
Spiritual teachers tend to repeat themselves, and to repeat other teachers. Maybe there really aren’t that many different truths to tell. Just a lot of slow, sleepy human beings—like us—who need to hear the basics over and over. Consider today’s readings. People complain God isn’t “fair,” and Ezekiel answers that God is more than fair. People choose their own fates, and people can change. Even evildoers can turn, do right, and live. “Actions speak louder than words.” A fresh new insight? Hardly. Paul tells the Philippians that he would truly be encouraged if those who claimed to be believers would, in fact, look to others’ interests and not their own. “The proof of the pudding is in the eating.” A novel idea? I don’t think so. In Jesus’ story of the farmer and his sons, everyone knows that the one who said he wouldn’t work—but did—is way ahead of the one who said he would work—but didn’t. “Talk is cheap.” Heard that before?

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### LITURGICAL SCHEDULE FOR LECTORS AND ALTAR SERVERS

|         |                                |         |                              |
|---------|--------------------------------|---------|------------------------------|
| 5:30PM  | Saturday, Oct. 3 <sup>rd</sup> | 9:00 AM | Sunday, Oct. 4 <sup>th</sup> |
| Lector: | Volunteer                      | Lector: | Denise Lakatos               |

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK -- (September 28<sup>th</sup> – October 4<sup>th</sup>)

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|-------|-------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| MON   | 09/28 | 7:00AM. . . . Living & Deceased Benefactors & the Franciscan Community)  |
| TUES  | 09/29 | 7:00AM. . . + Agatha Markum – (Ray & Karen Motchenbaugh                  |
| WED   | 09/30 | 7:00AM. . . . Intention Dantis                                           |
| THURS | 10/01 | 7:00AM. . . . For the Intention of Sr. Marie Therese of the Infant Jesus |
| FRI   | 10/02 | 7:00AM. . . + Matilda & Martin Simcic                                    |
| SAT   | 10/03 | 5:30PM. . . + (B) David Ferg Jr. – (Aunt Barbara Voci)                   |
| SUN   | 10/04 | 9:00AM. . . + (B) Jerry Chverchko & Paul Lenyo – (Wife & Sister)         |

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Stewardship Reflections:

Today's readings challenge the modern-day disciple to imitate more fully both the actions and attitudes of Christ. This is, after all, the point of our stewardship way of life.

St Paul encapsulates the actions and attitudes we must strive for in the Second Reading, from the Letter to the Philippians. "Do nothing out of selfishness or out of vainglory; rather, humbly regard others as more important than yourselves, each looking out not for his own interests, but also for those of others." In other words, Paul continues, "Have in you the same attitude that is also in Christ Jesus." Whether we are at work or school or within our own homes, our actions should be focused on others first in imitation of Christ, Who is always perfectly focused on others.

We are called to a high and holy standard – living as Christ's disciples every day and with every person the Lord places in our path. But we can move towards this goal in 'baby steps.' We can even take a step backward from time to time because our Father is merciful and kind. What matters is that we keep baby-stepping along, assured of the grace we need to more closely imitate the actions and attitudes of Christ. This is the beauty of the stewardship way of life.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS  
Sept 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>, 2026

|                     |             |
|---------------------|-------------|
| Weekly              | \$ 1,188.00 |
| Poor Box            | \$ 148.00   |
| Catholic University | \$ 40.00    |
| Building Fund       | \$ 153.00   |

Thank you for your continued support of St. Anne's Parish! Please remember in your prayers the deceased parishioners and benefactors of our parish. God Bless!



**Today is the deadline to sign up for the Spaghetti Dinner, Sunday, Oct 4<sup>th</sup>.**

Doors open at **12:30PM**,  
There is a sign-up sheet in the back of the church. No take outs!

**You must sign up to attend!!!**  
**day, Sept 27 is the deadline to sign up**



**Novena to Honor Saint Theresese of the Child Jesus**

Ends on **Thurs, Oct 1<sup>st</sup>,**

**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 27<sup>th</sup> at 2PM**  
**Mass of the Anointing of the sick**



**St. Anne's Church is participating in Bosco's Friends Helping Friends fundraiser.** Donate \$5 and receive a 25% discount coupon good for **Wed, October 21<sup>st</sup>**. All donations received will remain here at St. Anne's. A good time to think about and to begin your Christmas shopping!!

**This weekend we will hear about a new Catechesis beginning on Tuesday, Sept 29 in the St. Therese Chapel.**  
**Sessions will meet Tuesday & Thursday.**

**Community News & Events**



**Blessing of Animals**...In keeping with the Franciscan tradition, the Blessing of Animals will take place at St. Therese on Saturday morning, **Oct 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10AM** in front of the Grotto. All are welcome!!

**Greater Johnstown Italian Day**  
Come and join us on **Sunday, Oct 4<sup>th</sup> at Windber Recreation 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 kid's area !  
For more information join our Facebook page

**Young Adult Group (18-39):** Our September Theology on Tap with Bishop Mark was our largest yet with almost 55 in attendance including new members. Our **September 30<sup>th</sup> (6pm)** speaker is Fr. Frank Scornaienchi, TOR, Pastor of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish and Provincial Superior for the TOR Franciscans, who will be speaking on 800 Years of Saint Francis. All young adults are invited to join us for faith and fellowship. There is no cost to attend. For more information contact Geoffrey Stumpo at (814) 659-7415 or geoffstumpo@gmail.com



**Sept 23<sup>rd</sup>-Oct 1<sup>st</sup> -- St Therese Novena**  
**Oct 4<sup>th</sup> - St. Anne Spaghetti Dinner**  
**Oct 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> --St. Therese Oktoberfest**  
**Oct 18<sup>th</sup> -- Knights of Columbus Gun Bash at St Andrews**