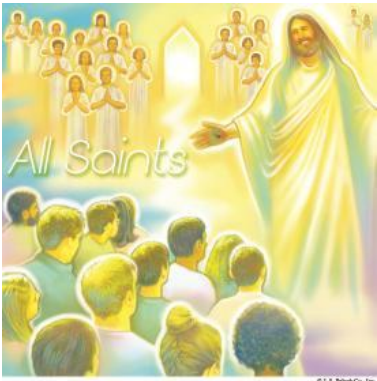


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Solemnity of All Saints
Nov 1, 2026

FIRST READING: John’s vision of a vast throng from every nation and people, whose robes had been made white in the blood of the Lamb (Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14).

PSALM: Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face (Psalm 24).

SECOND READING:: By God’s love, we may be called God’s children (1 John 3:1-3).

GOSPEL: The Beatitudes: your reward will be great in heaven (Matthew 5:1-12a).

LITURGICAL REFLECTION: OUR HOPE AND GOD’S PROMISE
The Church uses these waning November days and darker skies as the season to remind us of the last things. Today’s feast, the Solemnity of All Saints, is the centerpiece of three days that point to doctrines we proclaim each time we say the Apostles’ Creed: “We believe in the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and life everlasting.” And while the days and our hearts may be dark, the readings today are bright with the light of faith. John’s vision in the book of Revelation reveals dazzling angels and white-robed saints gathered in triumph around the throne of God. In the responsorial psalm we sing our longing to see God’s face, and in the second reading John writes that we are God’s children and will, in fact, see God “as he is” (1 John 3:2). This is our hope. This is God’s promise. Today we celebrate the triumph of those who already gaze on the face of God. Tomorrow we cry out for mercy with those in purgatory, who, like us on earth, still long to see God’s face. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

WEEKLY PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR

MON	11/02		
TUES	11/03	6:00PM	Holy Name Meeting Church Hall
		7:00PM	Knights of Columbus Meeting Church Hall
WED	11/04		
THURS	11/05	11:30AM	Christian Mothers Rosary, Mass & Meeting
FRI	11/06		
SAT	11/07	3:00PM	Confession
SUN	11/08	10:30AM	Remembrance Mass Holy Name & Knights of Columbus

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK: (Nov 2nd – Nov 8th)

MON	11/02	7:50AM	+ All Souls Triduum
		5:00PM	+ Intention Dantis
TUES	11/03	7:50AM	+ All Souls Triduum
WED	11/04	7:50AM	+ All Souls Triduum
THUR	11/05	7:50AM	+ (B) Dolores Opacic – (Daughter, Elizabeth)
		12:00PM	+ Christian Mothers
FRI	11/06	7:50AM	+ John Cynar– (Wife, & Children)
SAT	11/07	4:00PM	+ Holy Name Mass
SUN	11/08	7:30AM	Good Health for Ann Fisanick – (Sister, Theresa Polenik)
		10:30AM	+ Holy Name & KOC Remembrance Mass



Sunday, Nov 1, 2026

Stewardship Reflections: On this Feast of All Saints, we have the profound joy of celebrating our big brothers and sisters in Christ: the saints! This is an especially meaningful feast for us as Christian stewards.

Saints inspire us and lead us to Christ by their example of heroic virtue. Sainthood is meant for all of us - not just the canonized, and not only the martyrs and missionaries. At our Baptism, we all receive the call to holiness and discipleship - in other words, the call to sainthood. If we wish to go to Heaven, we must strive to become saints! Thankfully, armed with grace and the stewardship way of life, we can have firm hope that one day we will join our big brothers and sisters in the never-ending joys and celebration of Heaven

LAST WEEK’S COLLECTIONS
(Oct 24th – Oct 25th, 2026)

Weekly	\$	4.128.00
Building Fund	\$	130.00



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



All Soul’s Day (Nov 2) - There will be a three (3) day Triduum beginning Monday, Nov 2nd. Envelopes can be found in your box and there are extra envelopes and slips in the back of the church for anyone wishing to have their deceased family members or loved ones remembered during the month of November. **Fr Balestino will say Mass on Monday evening at 5PM for All Souls Day.**

New this year we are going to have a 6 day candle, **In Loving Memory of** - you can write your loved ones name on the candle and place it up at the altar, during the Triduum. Candles will be for sale this weekend, in the vestibule, Oct 31st & Nov 1st
Cost is \$5.00



Nut Roll & Poppy Seed Rolls - for the Holidays has been set for **Saturday, Dec 5th** just in time for Christmas. Pick up will be on **Sunday Dec 6th** after all masses. There will be a sign-up sheet in the vestibule on Nov 7th & 8th , and 14th & 15th
We are in need the follow items for these projects to help defray the cost:
Walnuts, Flour, Sugar, eggs, and plain Crisco.



All the bills have been paid for our Annual Oktoberfest 2026 and the total Net Profit is **\$16,158**. Thanks again to everyone who made all the Beautiful Basket, gave a monetary, and/or Gift Card donations, cooked, volunteered, baked the delicious pies, bartended, cashiered, or helped in any way to make the Oktoberfest a success.
Simply the BEST!! And we greatly appreciated everything you do.



Parish Advent Christmas Project

We still have a few names for our Advent project. There will be Volunteers will be in the vestibule before and after all masses to assist you. New this year we were given some seniors as well, so you can take your pick.

1. Take a star from the Christmas tree
2. Give your name and phone # to the person taking the information.
3. Place your star on the outside of your **unwrapped gift**.
4. **Return your unwrapped gift to us no later than_Sunday, Nov 22nd**

Please ask our volunteers if you have any questions concerning this project.



Catholic Ministries
DRIVE

Thank you to the **77** families who have pledged as of Sept 30th a total of **\$12,845.00** 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 **33.19% parishioner participation**. Please prayerfully consider making a pledge according to your means. You have until Dec 31st 2026 to pay your pledge in full.

Catechesis for adults and youth (13+)
Come join us Tuesdays and Thursday in the Church Chapel at 6PM.
"It is time for you to awake out of sleep: for now is salvation nearer to us than when we first believed."
All are welcomed



Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen



Piroghi Project is set for Thursday, Nov 19th there will be a sign up sheet in the vestibule on November 14th & 15th.



Knights of Columbus along with the **Holy Name** will host a Remembrance Mass for all deceased Members **next Sunday, Nov 8th** at 10:30 Mass, we will recite the rosary right after Mass. Refreshment will be served following the rosary in the Church Hall. Everyone is invited to attend.

Holy Name Society monthly meeting will be held on **Tuesday, Nov 3rd** at 6PM in the Church Hall.

KOC Council #10409 - This month's meeting will be held **Tuesday, Nov 3rd at 7PM** in the Church Hall.

Christian Mothers will hold their Monthly Rosary, Mass & meeting this Thursday, November 5th starting at 11:30AM.

Community News & Events

Divine Mercy Prayer Group next get together will be [Wednesday](#) Nov. 11th at 3pm and 6:30pm. Consider joining us for this GREAT 1 HOUR of praying the Chaplet, learning more from the Diary of St. Faustina, the Bible, and the Catechism of the Catholic Church, and discussion. Also, come to see how through our upcoming Service Projects, YOU can SHOW and BE Mercy to Others....At least project a month.
Info call: Cathy 814-288-1126 or Lolly 814-659-8717



The West End Improvement Group will host the **Annual BasketParty**. This year will be a 2 day event, with a Walk-Through on Saturday, **November 7th from 1-4PM**.



Tickets are \$5.00. Saturday will also include a variety of baked goods for sale. **Sunday, November 8th**, doors will open at 11AM, drawing will begin at 1PM. Tickets are \$10, which includes lunch. You need not be present to win. This year will include qualifiers/pull tabs, in addition to 50/50, , Lottery Tree, etc., and over 135 Baskets. Please join us at **St Therese Social Hall**, 536 Decker Ave. Proceeds benefit surveillance camera upgrades, flowers, gardens and community projects. Any questions or to donate, please call 814-248-8989 or 814-322-5558.



Interim Hospice is currently seeking volunteers in a variety of roles, including Direct Patient Support, Administrative Assistance, Veteran to Veteran Support, Pet Therapy, hairdressing Services, and more. If anyone has questions or would like additional information, please feel free to reach out to Candice Beam, Volunteer Coordinator at 814-262-8305 or @ Cbeam@interim-health.com

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for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven*

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*Blessed are the clean of heart
for they will see God*

*Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children of God.
Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake
of righteousness for theirs is the Kingdom of
Heaven*

*Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute
you and utter every kind of evil against you falsely
because of me. Rejoice and be glad, for your
reward will be great in Heaven."*
Matthew 5: 1-12a