

ST. THERESE OF THE CHILD JESUS

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OFFICE HOURS WEEKLY
Monday – Friday
9:00AM---2:00PM
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Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Oct 11, 2026

FIRST READING: On this mountain the LORD will make for all peoples a feast of rich food and choice wines (Isaiah 25: 6-10a).

PSALM: I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life (Psalm 23).

SECOND READING: God will supply whatever you need (Philippians 4: 12-14, 19-20).

GOSPEL: I have prepared my banquet, and everything is ready. Come to the feast! (Matthew 22: 1-14 [1-10]).

LITURGICAL REFLECTION: GOD REVEALED TO THE NATIONS

What wonderful images we have today of the reign of God! Isaiah speaks to us of a great feast – a heavenly feast – a feast of abundance with rich foods and choice wines. It is the Lord’s own affair, Isaiah explains, when God will unite all nations, dry every tear, and destroy death forever. Then, too, will the entire earth rejoice in the Lord and bask in God’s saving grace. Jesus speaks of heaven in terms of a feast as well. Here, the kingdom of heaven is likened to a king’s wedding feast given for his son. This is a feast of abundance also, with the fattened cattle prepared just so. But many of the people invited don’t want to come, so the king invites anyone who would honor his son by their presence there. And Paul tells us that whether we live abundantly or in humble circumstances, we can do all things in the Lord who strengthens us.

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WEEKLY PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR

MON	10/12		
TUES	10/13	9:00AM	Steaming Cabbage
WED	10/14	9:00AM	Making pigs in the blanket
THURS	10/15		
FRI	10/16	8:00AM	Making Apple Strudel
SAT	10/17	3:00PM	Confession
		4-8PM	Oktoberfest Big Wheel Raffle 5:30 -7:30PM
SUN	10/18	11-2PM	Oktoberfest 11-2PM Basket Drawing



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK: (Oct 12th – Oct 18th)

MON	10/12	7:50AM	+ (B) Bob Macy – (Chidren)
TUES	10/13	7:50AM	+ Agnes Malysko – (Sister, Eileen)
WED	10/14	7:50AM	+ Intention Dantis
THUR	10/15	7:50AM	+ M/M Joseph Cisz – (Daughter, Joan)
FRI	10/16	7:50AM	+ Lorriane Macy Lape– (Rose Howarth & John Slezak)
SAT	10/17	4:00PM	+ (B) Pearl Forgas – (Daughter, Terri & Patrick Mulvehill)
SUN	10/18	7:30AM	+ Joe Yeager – (Carol Maganello)
		10:30AM	+ Betty Rozich Kinneel – (Tina McKissick)



Sunday, Oct 11, 2026

OKTOBERFEST 2026



Stewardship Reflections: How easy it is, especially in these times, to be consumed by the cares and distractions of the "here and now", forgetting about what matters most - living for the Kingdom of Heaven. The stewardship way of life, with its emphasis on the virtuous use of our Time, Talent and Treasure, allows us to embrace daily life and all its demands - with eternity in mind.

In our First Reading, the prophet Isaiah paints a beautiful and compelling picture of what we can hope for in Heaven. "The Lord of hosts will provide for all peoples a feast of rich food and choice wines - juicy, rich food and pure, choice wines." And not only that, our loving Father will personally heal us of each and every suffering we endured during our lives. "The Lord God will wipe away the tears from every face."

So let us embrace the stewardship way of life today! Let us put God first with our Time, our Talents and our Treasure, knowing that we can do all of this through Christ Who gives us strength. God is calling to us today to live with eternity in mind. If we do this, we will be feasting now and forever.

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

Weekly		\$ 4,655.00
Building Fund		\$ 6.00
Fuel		\$ 555.00



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



25% OFF SHOPPING PASS FOR BOSCOV'S - **St Anne's Church** are selling Boscov's Shopping passes for \$5.00 to get 25% off on the shopping day of October 21st. Someone will be the vestibule selling these coupons this is the last weekend, or you can stop by the office 9-2 Mon-Fri. Thank you for supporting St Anne's Church.



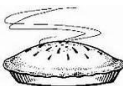
Pigs In the Blanket

Tuesday Oct 13th - 9:00AM - Steam Cabbage

Wednesday, Oct 14th - 9:00AM - Make Pigs

Apple Strudel Help Needed -

Oct 16th - Friday 8:00AM -make apple strudel at the Social Hall.



Bakers of the parish You can drop your pies off on Saturday morning at the Social Hall, **Oct 17th.**

Themed Baskets - Please drop your basket off at the rectory or bring to the Social Hall by **Friday Oct 17th**



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



Catholic Ministries
DRIVE

Thank you to the **77** families who have pledged as of Aug 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.





Looking for new Choir Members...

Anyone interested in joining the Senior Choir? We would be happy to have you!! Please call the rectory Mon - Fri 10-2PM.

Community News & Events

Divine Mercy Prayer Group NEXT get together will be Wednesday October 14th 3pm & 6:30pm. Praying the Chaplet and discussing the Diary of St. Faustina while tying in to Sacred Scripture and Catechism of the Catholic Church. Consider this 1 Hour to be your best spent!! Also, learn of our upcoming community service projects.

Info: Cathy 814-288-1126 or Lolly 814-658-8717

The annual Citizens Concerned for Human Life (CCHL) Respect Life Prayer Breakfast is *Saturday, October 24th, 2026, at 9:00AM* at Bishop Carroll High School, Ebensburg, PA. We are excited to announce that our speaker is Ryan Bomberger. He is an international speaker, educator, author, and co-founder of The Radiance Foundation. Please come and support the mission of increasing respect for God's precious little ones. Tickets for the breakfast are \$15.00. Advance sale only. For tickets or information, please call (814) 288-2530

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.

Abortion: The Church teaches that human life begins at conception and that each unborn child possesses a soul created by God Himself. A guardian angel is assigned to every unborn human being, and there are saints to whom expectant mothers can turn for prayers and assistance. The patron saints of women in labor are St. Ann, the mother of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and the virgin martyr, St. Margaret. Women preparing to give birth, especially those who are undergoing a difficult pregnancy may also--- if they have already chosen names for the unborn child--- pray to the patron saints of their unborn child."



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

Join Father Jozef Kovacik and Deacon Jack Orlandi on an Italy Pilgrimage, Sep 27-Oct 8, 2027

Some of the Highlights: Basilica of Saint Mary Major, St. Peter's Basilica Papal Audience, St John Lateran Cathedral & Holy Stairs, Vatican Museum & Sistine Chapel, Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls & Catacombs, Tour of the Colosseum, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Famous ruins of Pompeii, Shrine of St. Philomena, Grottos of St. Michael the Archangel, Marian Shrine Holy House of Nazareth in Loreto, Assisi & Basilica of St. Francis, Tomb of St. Carlo Acutis, Porziuncola Chapel & Basilica of Saint Mary of the Angels, Duomo of Orvieto and Mass every day!

For more information sign on our signup genius information page on our website, <https://goodshepherd-sc.org/> under the Events & News. We will only be taking 35 pilgrims. For more information, please contact Deacon Jack Orlandi at jorlandi@dioceseaj.org.

NUT AND POPPY SEED ROLLS: St. Clare of Assisi Parish is taking orders for Nut and Poppy Seed Rolls. The cost is \$15.00 per roll. Quantities are limited. Please call soon. Place orders by contacting the St Clare Parish Office, (814)-535-1133. Pick up will be Thursday-Friday, Oct. 22nd - 23rd from 11am to 5pm and Saturday, Oct. 24th from 3pm to 5pm in the St. Clare of Assisi School Hall.

BAKE SALE



St Therese Church Oktoberfest 2026

Upper Decker Avenue

**SATURDAY, OCT 17th
4:00PM – 8:00PM**

**SUNDAY, OCT 18th
11:00AM – 2:00PM**

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**GERMAN POTATO SALAD HALUSKI
PIGS IN THE BLANKET PIROGHI
KOLBASSI/SAUERKRAUT
HOT DOGS/SAUERKRAUT**



DELICIOUS HOME BAKED DESERTS

ASSORTED PIES

GERMAN APPLE STRUDEL



BEER WHITE CLAW SODA WATER COFFEE

INSTANT BINGO – THEME BASKETS



SATURDAY

5:30 – 7:30— Meat Raffle Wheel

SUNDAY

2:00PM - - Basket Drawing

