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Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Oct 18, 2026

FIRST READING: The LORD said to Cyrus, his anointed, “I am the LORD, there is no other”
(Isaiah 45: 1, 4-6).

PSALM: Give the Lord glory and honor (Psalm 96).

SECOND READING: Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy to the church of the Thessalonians: We thank God
always for all of you (1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b).

GOSPEL: Give to Caesar what is Caesar’s, and to God what is God’s (Matthew 22: 15-21).

LITURGICAL REFLECTION: IN GOD ALONE
Isaiah speaks to us today of Cyrus, King of Persia, anointed by the Lord. God calls Cyrus by name and leads him in service to the Israelites. In this passage we hear that it is the Lord who gives Cyrus his title, who arms him against his enemies, and who opens doors and unbars gates before him. And God does all of this so that the people will know that “I am the LORD,” and that “there is none besides me” (Isaiah 45:6). Paul opens his letter with essentially the same notion—that in God alone we find our grace and peace. Paul also gives thanks to God on our behalf, calling to mind our work of faith, hope, and love. And in the familiar Gospel reading, Jesus tells the Pharisees to give to Caesar what is Caesar’s and to God **what is God’s**. *Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.*

WEEKLY PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR

MON	10/19		
TUES	10/20		
WED	10/21		
THURS	10/22		
FRI	10/23		
SAT	10/24	3:00PM	Confession
SUN	10/25		

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK: (Oct 19th – Oct 25th)

MON	10/19	7:50AM	+ Martin & Matilda Simcic – (Family)
TUES	10/20	7:50AM	+ Edward Pavlosky Sr – (Ed, Chris, Josh, Angela & Andrew)
WED	10/21	7:50AM	+ Intention Dantis
THUR	10/22	7:50AM	+ (A) Franics Ozog – (Wife & Family)
FRI	10/23	7:50AM	+ Kevin Gritzer– (Mom& Dad)
SAT	10/24	4:00PM	+ (B) Bea Macy – (Children)
SUN	10/25	7:30AM	+ (A) Bill Labuda – (Daughter, Maria & Paul Nikonow)
		10:30AM	+ (B) Charles Karalfa – (Wife, & Family)



Sunday, Oct 18, 2026

Stewardship Reflections: Today's readings encourage us Christian stewards to always be mindful of who we are and Whose we are in every aspect of our lives.

Our First Reading, from Isaiah, takes us back to the very foundation of our faith. The prophet, serving as the "voice" of God, proclaims, "I am the Lord and there is no other, there is no God besides me." This is a powerful reminder of a fundamental truth. But it is easy to lose sight of this truth in our fast-paced, stressed-out, digital world. As disciples of Christ, we must make intentional choices each day as to how we spend our Time, Talents and Treasure so that each of these aspects of our lives proclaim that we indeed serve God and God alone.

Let us joyfully give thanks to this wonderful God by the way we live our daily lives. We belong to Him and there is no other.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS
(Oct 10th – Oct 11th, 2026)

Weekly	\$	3,368.00
Building Fund	\$	59.00



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

OKTOBERFEST

Don't forget to stop over at the Social Hall this weekend for some **delicious food, entertainment, Large Wheel Raffle (5:30PM Saturday evening), Themed Baskets, Instant Bingo, and much more!!!**

Saturday - 4:00PM - 8:00PM
Sunday - 11:00AM - 2:00PM



HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!!!

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



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.



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

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:

Life is an opportunity, benefit from it
Life is beauty, admire it
Life is a dream, realize it
Life is challenge, meet it
Life is a duty, complete it
Life is a game, play it
Life is a promise, fulfill it
Life is sorrow, overcome it
Life is a song, sing it
Life is a struggle, accept it
Life is a tragedy, confront it
Life is an adventure, dare it
Life is luck, make it
Life is too precious, do not destroy it
Life is life, fight for it
~~ Mother Teresa