

ST. THERESE OF THE CHILD JESUS

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Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Oct 4, 2026

FIRST READING: The vineyard of the LORD is the house of Israel (Isaiah 5: 1-7).

PSALM: The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel (Psalm 80).

SECOND READING: God's peace will guard your hearts and minds (Philippians 4: 6-9).

GOSPEL: The kingdom of God will be given to those who will produce its fruit (Matthew 21: 33-43).

LITURGICAL REFLECTION: THE GIFT OF THE REIGN OF GOD

Matthew's Gospel today expands on Isaiah's ballad considerably. A comparison with the same story in Mark's Gospel clearly shows us that here the author is busy teaching this community of Jewish Christians: "This is a story about Israel a long time ago; this is also a story about Jesus and the skeptical leaders." Jesus as much as told these Jewish leaders, that they were the tenants who first stoned their own prophets. And he told the leaders they were the tenants who would soon even dispose of him—Jesus—and, in doing so, would forfeit their privileged place of presenting to the world the promised Messiah. "And this," says Matthew's Gospel, "is a story about you, the inheritors of what was first offered to Israel." The reign of God was first opened to Israel and is now given to the whole world, but it must be received as a gift. The first Christians are the new tenants in the vineyard. The deeper reality of the reign or kingdom of God is that it is available to everyone on the face of the earth—Israel included. *Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.*

WEEKLY PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR

MON	10/05		
TUES	10/06	6:00PM	Holy Name Meeting Church Hall
		7:00PM	Knights of Columbus Meeting Church Hall
WED	10/07		
THURS	10/08	11:30AM	Christian Mother's Rosary, Mass & Meeting
FRI	10/09		
SAT	10/10	3:00PM	Confession
SUN	10/11	10:30AM	Holy Name Mass

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK: (Oct 5th – Oct 11th)

MON	10/05	7:50AM	+ (B) Fr Jerome
TUES	10/06	7:50AM	+ (WA) Bob & Bea Macy – (Family)
WED	10/07	7:50AM	+ (B) Dodie Delic Oldham – (Cousins, Marilyn & Jeanne)
THUR	10/08	7:50AM	For the Intentions of Sr Marie Theresa of the Infant Jesus
		12:00PM	+ Christian Mothers
FRI	10/09	7:50AM	+ (A) Olga Labuda – (Daughter, Marie & Paul Nikonow)
SAT	10/10	4:00PM	+ (A) Ken Shank – (Family)
SUN	10/11	7:30AM	+ Barb Bracken – (Stibich Family)
		10:30AM	+ Holy Name



Sunday, Oct 4, 2026

Stewardship Reflections: We have been given so many gifts and blessings by our Heavenly Father. Yet, in our fallen state it is all too easy to take them for granted. Our readings today teach us that we must live with an intentional awareness of our many blessings and use them gratefully to glorify God.

Our Second Reading, from St. Paul's letter to the Philippians, is a reminder of one key blessing that is surprisingly easy to take for granted - the gift of our thought life. Our intellect is gift from God and we are called to steward it well. Lack of discipline in our thoughts can easily lead us down a path of discontentment and fear. St. Paul instructs us rather to "have no anxiety at all." How are we to do this? He tells us, "In everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God." And as it turns out, by turning our thoughts towards God with gratitude, we will be blessed immediately.

So let us live each day with a profound awareness of all that we have been given by God. Let us use our intellect to think on these gifts throughout the day and resolve to use all our gifts for God's glory. We will find peace, joy and purpose as we do.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS
(Sept 26th – Sept 27th, 2026)

Weekly		\$ 3376.00
Building Fund		\$ 83.00
Fuel		\$ 53.00

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



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

Holy Name Society will hold their monthly meeting on this Tuesday, **Oct 6th** at 6PM in the Church Hall.

KOC Council #10409 - This month's meeting will be held this **Tuesday, Oct 6th** at 7PM in the Church Hall.

Christian Mothers will hold their Monthly Rosary, Mass & Meeting on Thursday, Oct 8th starting at 11:30AM.

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

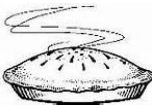
OKTOBERFEST 2026



Oktoberfest is approaching fast!!
We are asking for and really do appreciate the following:

Runners for the meat raffle, Instant Bingo, money takers, please call the office if you can help with any of these tasks

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!)



Bakers of the Parish-we are asking once again for your delicious homemade pies.St. Therese. Anointing is intended for those faithful whose health is impaired by sickness or age. Physical, emotional, or spiritual illnesses are opportunities to celebrate this sacrament. Pews will be reserved in the front of the church for those who are unable to walk up to the altar.

Congratulations on the Great Blessing of Baptism bestowed on



Tyler Caleverly Oct 6th
Isaac Gregorchik - Oct 24th

*on that day you became a son of God, given eternal life and became a member of the Church, the flesh of Jesus Christ.
Thank God for your Baptism and celebrate.*

There be a **Parish Council Meeting** on Monday, Oct 5th at 10:00AM at the rectory. Please try to attend.



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.



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 weekend, or
you can stop by the office 9-2 Mon -Fri.
Thank you for supporting St Anne's Church.



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.

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

Abortion: Human life is sacred because from its
beginning it involves the creative action of God
and it remains forever in a special relationship
with the creator, who is its sole end. God alone
is the Lord of life from its beginning until its
end: no one can under any circumstance claim for
himself the right directly to destroy an innocent
human being.



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

*Lord, make me a channel of your
peace;
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
Where there is injury, pardon;
Where there is doubt, faith;
Where there is despair, hope;
Where there is darkness, light;
And where there is sadness, joy;
O divine Master,
Grant that I may not so much seek to
be consoled as to console;
To be understood, as to understand;
To be loved, as to love;
For it is in giving that we receive,
It is in pardoning that we are
pardoned,
And it is in dying that we are born to
Eternal Life*



Saint Francis Feast Day Oct 4th

St Therese Church Oktoberfest 2026

Upper Decker Avenue

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

**SUNDAY, OCT 18th
11:00AM – 2:00PM**

MENU

**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

