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Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Nov 15 2026

FIRST READING: The woman who fears the LORD is to be praised (Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31).

PSALM: Blessed are those who fear the Lord (Psalm 128).

SECOND READING: Brothers and sisters, you are children of the light (1 Thessalonians 5:1-6).

GOSPEL: Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities (Matthew 25:14-30 [14-15, 19-21]).-

LITURGICAL REFLECTION: CHANGE OUR LIVES

The letters of Paul to the Thessalonians are among his earliest writings, and are driven by his belief and the belief of the entire early Christian community that the return of Christ was imminent, and that devoting time or attention to anything else was foolish. As time progressed, this fervor subsided a bit. Today we may wonder, when we hear these readings about the coming end-times, if we should take them to heart, if we really believe that Christ still may come upon us as a "thief at night" (1Thessalonians 5:2). Does this mean that we are to stop our long-range goal-setting, get rid of our yearly calendars and planners, or stop putting money in the college education fund? Of course not. What it does mean is that we need to change our lives, living like children of the light and illuminating the world around us with the light of the gospel. Then, on that day, when the details of our daily living become unimportant, we will be ready to find our peace and security in Christ Jesus.

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WEEKLY PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR

MON	**11/16**		
TUES	**11/17**	**8:00AM**	**Peel Potatoes**
WED	**11/18**		
THURS	**11/19**	**8:00AM**	**Piroghi Project Social Hall**
FRI	**11/20**		
SAT	**11/21**	**3:00PM**	**Confession**
SUN	**11/22**		**Return your Angel gifts TODAY**

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK: (Nov 16th– Nov 22nd)

MON	**11/16**	**7:50AM**	**+ Lorraine Macy Lape –** (Rose Howarth & John Slezak)
TUES	**11/17**	**7:50AM**	**+ (B) Doug Baldwin –** (Brother- in-Law, Joe)
WED	**11/18**	**7:50AM**	**Speedy recovery for Ed Fisanick –** (Sister-in-Law Theresa)
THUR	**11/19**	**7:50AM**	**+ (A) Stanley Barczak –** (Daughter, Carol)
FRI	**11/20**	**7:50AM**	**+ James Marshall –** (Gritzer Family)
SAT	**11/21**	**4:00PM**	**+ RoseMarie Mikesic –** (Don & Marlene Kot)
SUN	**11/22**	**7:30AM**	**+ Pro Populo**
		10:30AM	**+ Dolores Opacic –** (Daughter, Elizabeth)



Sunday, Nov 15, 2026

Stewardship Reflections: Today's readings challenge us to live not for the "here and now," but rather with eternity in mind. We are reminded that we will be called one day to give an account for the gifts God has given us – our physical, intellectual and material gifts – as well as the gift of time itself. We must examine our lives to determine whether we are making the best use of our gifts with the time we have been given to use them.

St. Paul gives us a wonderful lens through which to do this type of self-examination, in our Second Reading from 1 Thessalonians. He reminds us of our true identity as disciples of Christ. "All of you are… children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. Therefore, let us not sleep as the rest do, but let us stay alert and sober." We are to live in a way that is counter to the prevailing wisdom, living not for ourselves and for the pleasure of immediate gratification, but rather to advance the Kingdom of Heaven.

Let us embrace the stewardship way of life, using all the gifts entrusted to us – time, talent and treasure – in such a way that at the end of our life on this earth, we will hear these words from our Father: "Well done, my good and faithful servant… Come, share your master's joy."

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS
(Nov 7th – Nov 8th, 2026)

Weekly	. . . . .	$ 3,724.00
Building Fund	. . . . .	$ 160.00



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

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 month of November. Candles will be for sale on the weekends in the vestibule.
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 14th & 15th
We are in need the follow items for these projects to help defray the cost:
Walnuts, Flour, Sugar, eggs, and plain Crisco.



Parish Advent Christmas Project
Thank you to all who were able to take a star from the tree. Please return your unwrapped gift to us no later than **Sunday, Nov 22nd**



Piroghi Project Thursday, Nov 19th

1) Tuesdays-peeling potatoes starting at 8:00AM
2) Thursdays-8:00AM make potato balls and dough, and assemble & cook piroghi.

to order:

1) **Sign-up sheets**: Place your order after Mass **this weekend, Saturday & Sunday, Nov 14th & 17th**

Pick up orders: **Thursday, Nov 19th 11-2 or Friday November 20th, 10-12PM**



If you have any spare time and would like to help with the Piroghi Project, please feel free to stop over. **No Experience necessary!!!**
New volunteers are always welcomed



The **Christian Mothers** will be have a Rada cutlery sale from **November 5th thru November 22nd**. American made kitchen cutlery make great gifts. Ingredients for dips and cheeseballs are n ice to have on hand for guests. Please place your order with a check made payable To St. Therese Christian Mothers in the collection jar or drop off at the office by **November 22nd**.
Any questions call Helen Sorchilla 814-535-1141.



Stocking for Solders
Our sister Church St Anne's Christian Mothers will again be participating in "**Stocking for Soldiers**." Stocking and instructions on how to fill will be available in the back of the church. Filled stocking will be accepted until Nov 26th. Please consider this worthwhile program to let our servicemen & women know how much they are appreciated.



Children's Christmas Party – All children 13 & younger from St. Therese & St. Anne Parishes are invited to attend **Breakfast with Santa** on **Saturday, Dec 12th** in the **St. Therese Social Hall**. Doors open at10:00AM Please complete the form and drop it in the collection basket. **Forms are available in the back of church. Registration deadline is Dec 6th**. Sponsored by the KOC #10409 & Christian Mothers.



Christmas Cookie Sale –

It's that time of the year again! The **Christian Mothers will be having their annual Christmas Cookie** Sale on **Saturday Dec 12th & Sunday 13th**. We are once again calling out to the bakers of the parish. Would you be willing to bake some cookies? Your help will be greatly appreciated. You may make as many dozens as you like. Please deliver your cookies to the Church Hall by 9AM on Saturday, **Dec 13th**. Cookies will be sold after all Masses Sat & Sun. Thank You in advance for all your support throughout the year!

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** 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.

Religious Education News



The Children's Thanksgiving Liturgy will be held **Sunday, Nov 22nd** at the **10:30AM mass**. Students **will report to class at 9 and will attend mass at 10:30 together**. Please bring your Non-perishable item and place them on the altar. There will be NO Religious Ed Classes on **Sunday, Nov 29th**. Classes will resume on **Dec 6th**



Gift Card Tree – Nov 29th we will be selling chances on a Gift Cards and Cash Christmas tree valued at $200.00 (tree not included) before Mass in the vestibule until Dec 13th. Chances are $1 each or 6 for $5

Community News & Events

Mom's House is selling chances for "25 Days of Pursed & Accessories." Each ticket contains 4-three digit numbers. That's 100 chances to win! Cost is $25.00. Proceeds benefit the Scholarship Program. Call 814-535-4848 to purchase your ticket., or visit www.momshousejohnstown.com to purchase your ticket.



A Christmas Out of Time

some journeys can't be booked,
they arrive when you least expect them.

On December 3, 4, & 5 at 7PM at the Greater Johnstown Christian Fellowship, 3429 Elton Road. This event is Christ centered, good for the entire family, and free admission. Doors open at 6PM nightly. For more information please call 814-266-2322

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