# ST. THERESE OF THE CHILD JESUS

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## Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Nov 8, 2026

FIRST READING: Wisdom is easily discerned by those who love her (Wisdom 6:12-16).

PSALM: My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God (Psalm 63).

SECOND READING: Since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 [13-14]).

GOSPEL: Stay awake! You know neither the day nor the hour (Matthew 25:1-13).

LITURGICAL REFLECTION: EXPECTING THE UNEXPECTED

If it ever crossed your mind that Jesus was somewhat lacking in a sense of humor, today's Gospel should belie any such notion. Jesus' story of the five wise and five foolish bridesmaids is downright hilarious. The circumstances of the story were surely familiar to Jesus' listeners, just as they are—if we think about it—to us. Weddings never, ever start on time. There's always a delay. Buttons pop off at the last minute. Flowers wilt. Cars full of wedding guests get caught in traffic. Soloists contract laryngitis. Brides or grooms or priests show up late! So the only reasonable way to approach a wedding is with a sense of humor, to realize that something probably will go awry, and, when that happens, to smile about it. Jesus tells this funny story to encourage us to be watchful, yes; to be ready, yes. But he doesn't tell it to make us dour and somber. The heavy-hearted tremble, waver, lose sight of their place and purpose, and fall asleep. The lighthearted know that the unexpected will happen—is bound to happen—so they are awake in their place and ready in their purpose when it comes. *Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.*

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### WEEKLY PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR

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| **MON** | **11/09** | | |
| **TUES** | **11/10** | | |
| **WED** | **11/11** | | |
| **THURS** | **11/12** | | |
| **FRI** | **11/13** | | |
| **SAT** | **11/14** | **3:00PM** | **Confession** |
| **SUN** | **11/15** | | |




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### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK: (Nov 9th– Nov 15th)




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| **MON** | **11/09** | **7:50AM** | **+ Robert & Agnes Ressler –** (A Friend) |
| **TUES** | **11/10** | **7:50AM** | **+ (WA) George & Pauline Pappas –** (Sons) |
| **WED** | **11/11** | **7:50AM** | **+ Martin & Matilda Simcic –** (Family) |
| **THUR** | **11/12** | **7:50AM** | **+ Robert Mattes** (one month mind) **–** (Anne Figart) |
| **FRI** | **11/13** | **7:50AM** | **50th Wedding Anniversary for Ed & Ann Fisancik –** (Sisters) |
| **SAT** | **11/14** | **4:00PM** | **+ (A) Dee & Larry Forgas –** (Sister, Terri & Pat Mulvehill) |
| **SUN** | **11/15** | **7:30AM** | **+ Gerri Tavalsky & Son, Joe –** (Husband & Father, Joe) |
| | | **10:30AM** | **+ Jim & Sue Ellen Dadey –** (Brother, Tom) |

# Sunday, Nov 8, 2026

**Stewardship Reflections:** Wisdom is a central theme in our readings today. It is one of the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit, and it is key to living a stewardship way of life in our complex world. As Christian stewards, we should rely on this gift and ask the Holy Spirit to increase it within us.

In our Gospel passage from Matthew, Jesus tells the parable of 10 virgins awaiting the arrival of the bridegroom who will welcome them into the wedding feast. Five of the virgins were foolish and five were wise. The foolish virgins failed to bring oil along with their lamps when they went to meet the bridegroom. The wise ones, however, had prepared and brought sufficient oil to keep their lamps lit when the bridegroom came. The foolish virgins, caught off guard, ran off to buy more oil, but they were too late. The door to the wedding feast was locked to them. Jesus cautions, "Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

The stewardship way of life – with its daily and weekly commitments to giving God the best of our time, talent and treasure – is the "oil" that we always keep with us. When we have this plan in place and we rely deeply on the Holy Spirit to guide us through the twists and turns of each day, we are free, we are ready to answer the Bridegroom when He calls us. We live in wisdom.

*Congratulations on the Great Blessing of Baptism bestowed on*



**Sadie Battaglia – 18th**
**Morgan Brilhart – 20th**
**Haley Sarka – 1st**
**Maximillan Volocko – 27th**
**Addison Wharton – 16th**

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

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.

## LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS
**(Oct 31st – Nov 1st , 2026)**

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| Weekly | . . . . . $ | 4.399.00 |
| Building Fund | . . . . . $ | 447.00 |

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 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.

## 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**

## Mass of Remembrance

**Knights of Columbus** along with the **Holy Name Society and The Christian Mothers** will host a Remembrance Mass for all deceased Members **this 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.




## 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 **next weekend, Saturday & Sunday, Nov 14th & 17th**

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

Cathechesis 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

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.

## 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.

The St. Francis of Assisi Men's Club will be holding a **Thanksgiving Meat Raffle on Sunday, November 8th. Doors open at 12:00 PM** raffles start at 1:00 PM. Light meal served and an entry for the Money Tree Door Prizes with your paid entry of $5.00. Meat boxes from $80 to $300. Thanksgiving Turkeys w/$50 gift card packages chanced off all afternoon. Qualifiers, 50/50 drawings pull tabs Tickets and beer bracelets available at the door – first come first serve. Reservations may be made by texting or calling (814) 446-2553 with your name and number of reservations – first come first served.

**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

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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.




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# 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

