

4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

St. Therese Parish @ March 22, 2020

When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, he found him and said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" - Jn 9:35

Abbreviated Edition

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Mass Schedules

Weekend Masses

Saturday: (for Sunday obligation) 4:30pm

Sunday: 8:00am, 10:00am,

12:00 noon, 5:00pm

Daily Masses

Monday, Thursday, Saturday:

8:30am

Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday:

6:30am, 8:30am

Rosary: Monday-Saturday: 7:55am

Saturday: 4:00pm Sunday: 7:25am

Confession

Tuesday/Wednesday: 8:00-8:20am Saturday: 3:00-4:15pm Anytime by request

Regular Business Hours

Parish Office: Monday-Friday,

8:00am-4:00pm

Closed Wed. 1:15-3:00pm

School Office: Monday-Friday,

7:30am-3:30pm

Early Education Center:

Monday-Friday, 6:30am-6:00pm

The Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph is committed to combatting sexual abuse in the Church. If you are a victim of sexual abuse, or if you observe or suspect sexual abuse:

- 1. Call the Missouri Child Abuse Hotline at 1.800.392.3738 (if the victim is currently under the age of 18), and
- 2. Contact your local law enforcement agency or call 911, and
- 3. After reporting to these civil and law enforcement authorities, report suspected sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult to the Diocesan Ombudsman, Joe Crayon, at 816.812.2500 or crayon@ombudsmankcsj.org, if the abuse involves a priest, deacon, employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph.

The Diocese has a sincere commitment to providing care and healing resources to victims of sexual abuse and their families. Please contact the Victim Advocate, Kathleen Chastain, at 816.392.0011 or chastain@diocesekcsj.org for more information.

From the Pastor's Pen

The events of the past week and the weeks before have been unprecedented. I never thought I would ever see Masses being cancelled like this.

Sometimes we choose our own program for Lent and sometimes a program is chosen for us. The Coronavirus pandemic is a Lenten program that has been thrust upon us and that will continue it seems, for some time. Lent is a type of desert and that is what we are journeying through now.

For the sake of the common good and out of respect for human life, Bishop Johnston, has cancelled all public Masses, both weekday and Sunday Masses, through at the minimum, Friday, April 3. In compliance with civil authorities, there are not to be gatherings of more than fifty people and there are recommendations that they be no more than ten people at a time.

Confessions will continue at the regularly scheduled times including 6:00 PM on Thursday evenings in Lent, but the celebration of evening prayer is cancelled.

The parish communal penance service on Sunday, March 29 is cancelled, but we will still offer Forgiveness Friday with Confessions from 9AM to 9PM, on Friday, April 3.

Also cancelled are: Stations of the Cross and the Wednesday night Lenten Soup/Small Groups, the St. Joseph Table and Living Rosary. We hope to have a blessing of the unborn and their parents in the future.

Our Wednesday night Religious Education, EDGE, and Sunday School programs, as well as our Sunday night LifeTeen are all presently suspended.

Liturgy of the Hours, Stations of the Cross, in-person Bible study groups, and all parish prayer groups are suspended until the public celebration of Mass resumes, as are all parish meetings, including those for Welcome/ Christ Renews His Parish.

The Men's Welcome/Christ Renews His Parish retreat is being postponed until June 13 and 14. The Women's retreat is scheduled for the last weekend in April and we will wait before making a decision to have it or postpone it to a later time. Baptisms will still be celebrated but with attendance limited to immediate family and godparents, all of whom must be symptom free and in good health.

We are exploring ways to stay in touch with you through social media. If you are reading this bulletin column, it is most likely on-line.

I am writing this on Monday and the changes have been happening so quickly that I don't know what the situation will be like when you read this.

Please know that your priests will continue to offer daily private Masses remembering all of you in prayer even though you cannot be present.

Sometimes you may not realize the value of something until it is taken away. That can be the case here. The highlight of my week is the Sunday celebration of the Eucharist and spending time with all of you. This is a heavy cross we must bear but we do so together and we remain spiritually united in prayer even when we are physically apart. Think about how wonderful it will be when we will be able to gather together once more to share in the Eucharist.

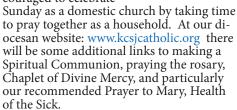
At a time like this we have to pray more and not less. There are options for Mass on television and we are exploring a way to provide a video recording of Mass, at least on Sundays from our parish. We will do the same with the Stations of the Cross.

Presently, the church will remain open daily until 6:00 PM. For the time being the Adoration Chapel remains open but there is no exposition. That means that people may come and go as they please. Kindly remember that the chapel is a small, contained space and while we are working to keep it sanitary, I encourage all at risk people, including the sick and all those over 70 to continue their prayer at home.

Despite all this, we strive to continue to serve you and ask for your assistance both spiritual and financial through this difficult time. We still have bills to pay and continue to depend on your generosity even when Mass is not offered publically. Please consider mailing your support to the Parish

Office or you may consider on-line giving at: https://sttheresenorth.weshareonline.org/offertory.

Everyone is also encouraged to celebrate



O Mary,

you always shine on our path as a sign of salvation and of hope.

We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who at the cross took part in Jesus' pain, keeping your faith firm.

You, Patroness and Protector of the People of the United States of America, know what we need, and we are sure you will provide so that, as in Cana of Galilee, we may return to joy and to feasting after this time of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform to the will of the Father and to do as we are told by Jesus, who has taken upon himself our sufferings and carried our sorrows to lead us, through the cross, to the joy of the resurrection. Amen.

Under your protection, we seek refuge, Holy Mother of God. Do not disdain the entreaties of we who are in trial, but deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.

What we are experiencing is unprecedented. May we bear this heavy cross together lifting each other up in prayer. Please especially pray for the elderly in care facilities who are not allowed visitors at this time. Thank you for being part of our parish.

With gratitude and prayer,

Father Joe Cisetti



Parish Monthly Financial Report		
As of: February 29th, 2020		
Year to Date	Budgeted	
Parish Revenue \$3,183,258.00	\$2,908,538.00	
Debt Revenue	224,668	
School Revenue	860,302	
EEC Revenue	809,568	
Extended Care Rev 145,113	173,332	
Total Revenue 5,191,751	4,976,408	
Parish Expenses 1,183,548	1,198,522	
Debt Interest	97,548	
School Expenses 2,355,366	2,338,760	
EEC Expenses	901,421	
Extended Care Exp 80,158	83,468	
Total Expense 4,576,913	4,619,719	
Net Operating Income 614,838	356,689	
Principal Payment (131,526)	(133,336)	
Depreciation/ Amortization Exp. (63,656)		
Net Income \$419,656.00	\$223,353.00	
Debt Balance \$3,080,337.52		
New Property \$153,276.66		
Total Debt Bal \$3,233,614.18		

As we all make personal adjustments to this temporary new way of life in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, St. Therese is making adjustments as well to support the community effort to stop the spread of this virus. Masses, prayer groups, meetings, the school and Early Education Center are all cancelled. The staff continues to work keeping our campus sanitized, the teachers are providing education remotely to the students, the lights (not as many) stay on, we continue to provide salaries and benefits to the employees and the food pantry is providing essential services to those in need.

To ensure this all remains possible, your continued support is needed, possibly more than ever. The financial lifeline of this parish is the generosity of its parishioners and daily operations are dependent on the weekend collections. Not publically

celebrating the weekend masses can have a dramatic effect on the parish's ability to continue to operate and provide services and assistance to the community and our families.

Please consider either mailing weekly donations to the Parish Office or utilizing online giving if you're not already doing so using the link below. When making an online donation, if possible, please use a checking/savings account transfer to help us avoid absorbing transactions fees associated with credit/debt

https://sttheresenorth.weshareonline.org/offertory

Thank you for your continued support of St. Therese. Please stay safe and know our prayers are with you, your family, and all those who have been affected by this virus.

-Jonathan Rhodes

St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry

St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry appreciates the support received regularly. We sill continue to need personal hygiene items such as

Toiletries - shampoo, conditioner, toothbrushes, toothpaste, etc.

ST. THERESE MEMORIAL REMEMBRANCES

John C. Gallegos, Sr. – March 22 John Ooton – March 25 Joseph M. Sorrentino – March 25 Lois L. Boeding – March 28

BIRTHDATE REMEMBRANCES

Virginia M. Callahan – March 22 C. Ray Withrow – March 24 Karen E. (Fick) Hoover – March 25 Catherine S. Licavoli – March 26 Carl Andrew Deister – March 27 Dorothy E. Murray – March 27 Thomas J. McGurn, Sr. – March 28 William A. Verderber – March 28

Knights of Columbus

40 Cans for Lent

A CHALLENGE FROM THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS!

Donate 40 cans of food (or non-perishable Items) representing each day of Lent & Christ's 40 days in the desert. 100 % of all donations will be given directly to the St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry to help with the ongoing assistance in our community.

A barrel is in place at the foot of the stairs as you head into the Wooldridge Center, so bring one can a day, seven cans a week, or all 40 cans at once, whichever is more convenient for you. The barrel will remain there during the whole Lenten season.

For more information, call Bill Robinette at 816.520.5656 or email billrob@kc.rr.com.

Altar & Rosary

Officer Elections The position is for 1 year, beginning in May. Voting will occur during the April 13th general meeting. Officer positions are President, Vice President, Treasurer, Recording Secretary, and Correspondence Secretary. We would like assistance with the officer election committee as well. If you're interested in assisting please contact Amanda or Jan Saylor at jansaylor110@gmail.com.

Meetings (these dates may change) April 13 and May 11 will be the last general meetings until we resume in September. They will be held in the Wooldridge Center at 6:30pm.

Contact Amanda Bentley with meeting, membership, or ministry questions at 316.641.4955 or at awbentley01@outlook.com. You may also register online at www.sttheresenorth.org/altar-and-rosary-society.

DYNAMIC PARISH - THE JOURNEY CONTINUES



Our 40-Day Journey of **AMAZING POSSIBILITIES**

The current situation with the Coronavirius Pandemic has certainly turned our path in an unexpected way. However, we do not journey alone and we pray and work to keep our destination in sight while aware of the demands and challenges of this time.

And so, on any journey, it is nice to just take a moment

and stop to think about where you are. To look back to where you started, and what you have journeyed through. There is a contentment in what you have accomplished through the challenges, and the great times of accomplishment. Also, in your journey's pause, you look ahead and there is always an excitment tied to hope and a little trepidation for challenges still to be faced. But the destination is

still out there.

God made us in His own image and likeness. (Genesis 1:26). What is God's image and likeness? God is Trinity; God is one but three. God is a community of outpouring love. Although we aren't perfect like God, we are all on the road helping each other come to Jesus by our service to and sharing with each other.

FR. KLEINE'S KORNER

During this incredibly difficult and trying time, I wanted to take a moment to provide some means that may be of spiritual assistance to all of you, especially as this situation suspends so many of our acts of public prayer and sacraments.

Please continue to refer to the diocesan website for updates on the diocese's response to the spread of the virus, as well as suggestions on how to continue our lives of habitual prayer and worship.

https://kcsjcatholic.org/coronavirus-updates/

Additionally, I would encourage you to look to the live streaming of Masses and prayer made available through EWTN and Catholic Radio, so that you may still participate in the liturgical worship of our Lord. There can be a temptation for anger or despair at not being able to participate in the Mass, or being able to receive our Lord. My encouragement would be to treat these absences not as a loss but as an offering. Make them be a willed prayer gifted to God. Use the time and opportunities for rosaries, spiritual readings, time with the family, etc. Don't let the isolation and distance be purposeless, let it be an intentional offering of love.

"Dear Lord, if I could receive you today, I would. If I could go to Mass, I would. If I could be in community with others praying the stations, or the rosary, or being in CHRP, or Serra Club, or any other activity, I would.

But I cannot.

Please help me to do what I can to continue my devotion and love to you with what is available to me, and help me to receive your grace and love in these trying times, and help make it be a spiritual communion with our Lord, so that the fire of our love for Him doesn't extinguish with distance and separation, but grows all the hungrier. That way, when we can finally go back to Him, to receive Him, He finds us eagerly and lovingly waiting.

Prayer of Spiritual Communion: My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Finally, since we are separated from the community of our Church, seek to make acts of prayer that bind us together spiritually, and that keep the wellbeing and care of others in the forefront of our thoughts and deeds, especially when we cannot physically be there to care for them.

Finally, I provide another perspective on how to make this trying time a means to draw closer to God, and to come through this pandemic and Lent loving Him more fervently than we did when it started.

https://tojesussincerely.com/2020/03/16/icried-when-mass-was-cancelled/

God bless,

- Fr. Andrew Kleine"

Every activity/event/prayer group is an important part of the soul of our St. Therese Parish. Is it not our role/goal to provide for the health of our souls, and to be there for others as well? I think that we could all agree that whatever we do, it is for the glory of God.

You've heard Fr. Joe's and Jonathan's appeal for continued financial support of this faith community. I am right there with them. Today however, I appeal to you in a different way. I speak specifically about the cancellation of the St. Joseph's Table, which we were to celebrate this weekend. Yearly, this event supports communities outside of the parish, organizations who minister to those in need. Without the annual gift sent from table/dinner proceeds, these organizations will struggle. To offer a small gift of financial support directly to them, could be something you could do, regardless of the amount. We often say, it's not the size that matters but the fact that you give. Below are organizations that have benefitted from donations garnered from the "Table" in the past. Thank you for considering one of these special groups.

- Donna Patti

Bishop Sullivan Center

6435 Truman Rd. Kansas City, MO 64126

The Community of Good Shepherd

10101 James A. Reed Rd. Kansas City, MO 64134

Little Sisters of the Poor

Jeanne Jugan Center 8745 James A. Reed Rd. Kansas City, MO 64138

La Verna Village Special Care Unit

904 Hall Ave.

Savannah, MO 64485

Sister Servants of Mary

800 N. 18th Kansas City, KS 66102

Hillcrest Ministries

5611 N. Northwood Kansas City, MO 64151

Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph

F.I.R.E. Office P.O. Box 419037 Kansas City, MO 64112 Immaculata Manor

2101 Hughes Rd. Liberty, MO 64068

Higginsville Habilitation Center

P.O. Box 517

Higginsville, MO 64037

St. Vincent de Paul Society

St. Therese Conference 7207 N.W. 9 Highway Kansas City, MO 64152

SACRAMENTS / SUPPORT

Baptism

Infant Baptisms-contact Deacon Scott McKellar, 741.2800, ext. 213 Adult Baptism-contact Deacon Doug Warrens, 741.2800, ext. 212

Marriage

A 9-month preparation period is required (diocesan policy). Contact Deacon Scott McKellar, 741.2800, ext. 213

Reconciliation/Confessions

Saturdays, 3:00-4:15pm Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 8:00-8:20am Anytime by request

Confirmation

Youth, grades 9-12, contact Tim Volk, 741.5400, ext. 119 Adult, contact Deacon Doug Warrens, 741.2800, ext. 212

Funeral Planning/Arrangements

Contact Deacon Doug Warrens, ext. 212 or Karen Engebretson, ext. 258 through the Parish Office, 741.2800

Prayer Lists / Bulletin Prayers

Contact Deacon Doug Warrens, 741.2800, ext. 212

Bulletin Submissions must be received 10 business days prior to the requested date of publication, submit to tcollins@sttheresenorth.org At this time, all Masses are cancelled, as well as all regular campus activities. The School, Early Education Center, and Viking Voyager are closed.

As of March 17:

The Church is open seven days a week for private prayer; the doors close at 6:00pm.

The Parish Office is open, M-F, 8:00am-4:00pm.

Please check our website as these hours may change:

www.sttheresenorth.org

If bulletins cannot be viewed online, call Donna at 741.2800, ext 211 to have one mailed to you.

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PRAYER INTENTIONS

PRAYERS FOR PARISHIONERS WHO ARE ILL

Call the Parish Office to add or remove a name. (Due to confidentiality guidelines, only the person requesting prayer or a designated family member may place or remove a name)

Paula Acconcia Eugene 'Bud' Anderson Nicole Aerts-Bramble Jay Atkinson Cynthia Barchesky Nathalie Blogin Debra Bommarito Bryan Bownik Art Braun Irwin & Lois Broussard Ed Burgess Daniel Burnos John Burton Barbara Cahill Mike Callahan Frank Canino Jim Carroll Keith Carter John Casey Joe Cento Frank Cohara **Timothy Childers** Larry Colling Janet Cozad

Rachel Day Gavle Dean Ron & Betty DuPaul Anita Eastland Charlene Fick Ken Finke Sandy Gardner Bert Giarraputo Pat Goss Suzanne Grisham Doris Hahn William Hansford Grace Heater Mary Henke Ellie Higgins Becky Isom Barbara Iordan Vince Kehr Marcia Kenski Glenda Kimsey Garrett Krier Anna Lapuma

John Lopez **Judy Louth** Sal Lozano Ellen Madrick Arlene Marshall Betty McDonald Wendy McKellar Mike McKenna Jessica McLain David McPherson John Mikulic Jerry Musil Arlene Nadeau Paul Neidig Nathan Newton Cleo "Woody" & Rosemary Nollette Linda Osterhaus Dovne Parisi Jill Pehlman Barbara Personelli Dorothy Porter **Jackey Pratt** Helen Prendergast Leticia Rabang

Danielle Reeder Pat Reeder Gina Reiter Beverly Rietveld Amy Roberts Larry Ryan Mary Ann Ryan Jossalyn Sainz Natalie Ann Salas Forrest Salvers Carmen Serrone Carolyn Shatto Jim Soltis James Spawn Ted Stephens Joann Strever Rex Suman Telsie Szabo Maureen Tejeda **Donald Watson**

Rosemary Van Haaren Geri & Pat White Lionel White Kristi Widmer Nicholas Worth Dcn. Tony Zimmerman

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, March 22

Charles Hellinger, Jr. + Deister/Tiedtka Family

Fr. Joe Cisetti

Mass for the People

MONDAY, March 23

Alexius Leiker

TUESDAY, March 24

Leita May Vulgamott +

Mary Rini +

WEDNESDAY, March 25

Karen Fick Hoover +

Fr. Joe Cisetti

THURSDAY, March 26

The Hales Family

Leiker/Dreiling Families

FRIDAY, March 27

Intentions of Lundergan/Szabo families

Carl Deister +

SATURDAY, March 28

Thomas J. McGurn, Jr. + Shirley Stevenson +

SUNDAY, March 29

Jack Kalahurka +

Spencer Norris +

Mass for the People

(Crosses, † indicate deceased loved ones)

Albert Daniels

PRAYERS FOR THOSE SERVING IN THE MIDDLE EAST-

For parishioners, relatives of parishioners and their families

Ryan Ault son of Robert & Kristi

John T. Buchner grandson of Alfred & Dorothy

Kyle Buehler, grandson of Darlene Buehler & Dave & Mary Thompson

Major Brian Conforti son of Frank & Patty

Jeremy Flowers son of Brenda

Clara Lawson

Natalie Lewis

Francis Logan

Sean Frazier son of Liz & Sam

Jamie Frates husband of Rebecca

Bill Freund son of Bill & Barbara

Jacob Glodsbury son of John & Kim Douglas Lomshek nephew of Liz

James McLaughlin son of Heath & Michelle

Jeremiah Murphy nephew of Dodie Murphy

James Pate husband of Jennifer

William Rory & Candice O'Brien brother & sisterin-law of Michael O'Brien

Tim Pachasa son of Andy & Nancy

Eric Rawlings husband of Candi & father of Jaeger

Christian Shattuck son of Brian & Laureen