



5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

St. Therese Parish  March 29, 2020

Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life;
whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live."

- Jn 11:25

**Abbreviated
Edition**

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If you are a victim of sexual abuse by, or to report sexual abuse involving a cleric, diocesan volunteer or employee, contact Kathleen or or call 816.812.2500.

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Mass Schedule

Due to various restrictions, Masses are not being offered at this time. However, you may follow along with Saturday night live stream Mass at 6:30pm through Facebook. Additionally, it will be uploaded to our website.

Confession

Tuesday/Wednesday: 8:00-8:20am
 Thursday evenings during Lent, 6:00-7:00pm
 Saturday: 2:30-4:30pm

Business Hours

At this time, the Parish Office is not able to offer regular business hours. You may reach the staff by their emails listed to the left. School, Early Education, and Viking Voyager are currently closed.

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.

YOUR GIFTS TO GOD & PARISH

Week Ending Friday, March 20, 2020
 Fiscal Year: July 1, 2019—June 30, 2020

From the Pastor's Pen



*How lonely she is, the once crowded city.
 Lamentations 1:1*

It was a strange Sunday last week. In places of hundreds of people coming in and out at each Mass, in place of scampering children and warm greetings, in place of visiting with coffee and donuts, and in place of you here to help celebrate the Eucharist, there was nothing. The beehive of activity that is St. Therese Parish has fallen to a very low hum. And yet we continue to move forward. We continue to celebrate the Eucharist in private rememberings of all of you, we continue to serve the poor in our St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry (with increased safety options) and we all continue to pray together as a people of hope.

The Book Lamentations goes on:

I will call this to mind as my reason to have hope, the favors of the Lord are not exhausted, his mercies are not spent. 3:22.

In addition to being a people of hope, we are also a people of thanks. We are thankful for the technology and communication that warned us about this. We are thankful for scientists working for a vaccine and for health care workers and so many others serving the common good and human life. We are thankful for the means of staying connected that are at our disposal. We are thankful for our faith and for each other.

A BIG THANK YOU for a team of more than 80 volunteers who have called or tried to contact all parishioners over 70 to see if we can assist them. They will soon be doing so for those between 50 and 69. This is a time

to come together, not drift apart.

As I write this (remember things change), the church remains open during the day for prayer (please sit in the front middle section as it gets disinfected frequently). Confessions are held at the usual times as follows:

Tuesday: 8:00 to 8:20 AM

Wednesday: 8:00 to 8:20 AM

Thursdays in Lent: 6:00 to 7:00 (two priests)

Saturdays: 2:30 to 4:30. (two priests) This extends our usual times of 3:00 to 4:15 in hopes that there will be no more than ten people in church.

For the time being, the confessionals are closed. Confessions are heard in the cry room and at the side entrance to church by the gift shop. Screens are up in both places. Please follow the instructions as you come into church and respect the privacy of others.

The Parish Communal Penance Service on Sunday, March 29 is cancelled. Forgiveness Friday on April 3, is postponed to a later date.

Again, please remember that as this situation evolves, our procedures may change.

Please continue to visit our website (www.sttheresenorth.org), our Facebook Page and our YouTube channel for the latest and additional resources.

Let us continue to pray for each other and our suffering world. *Father Joe Cisetti*

	Weekly	Year-to-Date
Contributions	\$42,788	\$3,029,651
Budgeted	\$77,675	\$2,873,975
Difference	(\$34,887)	\$155,676
Building Loan Balance		\$3,080,338
Debt Retirement Contributions	\$644	\$84,028
Principal & Interest payments		(\$254,899)
Difference		(\$170,870)

STAFF COLUMN - DONNA PATTI

Lenten Soup and Small Groups

To those fortunate enough to attend either of the two Lenten Wednesday gatherings, folks were very appreciative. It was a different look to the weekly meetings, with sharing of thoughts in small groups. This way of gathering seemed to be well received. It's hard to imagine what the remainder of Lent will look like, but keep up the journaling.

We want to extend a special shout out to the organizations that provided soup and hosts - - RCIA and Walking with Purpose. The tasty menu included cheesy tortellini soup and "Almost Wendy's" chili, with bread provided by an abundant supply from St. Vincent de Paul. Marianne Henderson and Bert Childers continued their roles from previous years of preparing the space and

meal. Our Knights from Council 7199 had the task of clean up. Thank you to all.

Just as we reached out to each other in these small groups, now is the time to continue doing just this. Although it will most likely be via email, face time or a phone call. Keep one another in thoughts and in prayers, as we work together to get through these next couple of months.

ST. THERESE MEMORIAL REMEMBRANCES

Louis E. Calandrino, Jr. – March 30
William Joseph Lamoy – March 30
Matilda R. Leshniak – March 30
Jerome H. Ohmes – March 30
Catherine Anzicek – March 31
Donald V. Costanzo, Sr. – March 31
Harry L. McDonald, Sr. – April 1
William A. Johannes – April 2
Elizabeth T. Goodson – April 3

BIRTHDATE REMEMBRANCES

Henry J. L. Schieber – March 29
Rex Dean Greim – March 30
James L. Chappuies – April 1
Eunice K. Smith – April 2
Donald C. Kehs – April 4
Regina (Moore) Hurd – April 4

Prayers and Sympathy

For all those who have died, especially Amanda Webb, granddaughter of Jan Mayne; Paul Hamilton, husband of Vickie; and Ed Milan, father of Kelly Clark.

May all who have died in Christ know the fullness of Resurrection Life.



Additional Prayers

As we pray for one another, keep in mind all those throughout the world who have lost their life to this dreaded disease, their families and loved ones, and for those still to come.

St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry

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

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

Altar & Rosary

Greetings everyone. I hope everyone is well.

The April 13 meeting is Cancelled but we'll keep you updated regarding the May 11 meeting. It may need to be changed depending on our COVID-19 status. Members will be notified of changes by email.

Officer Elections The positions are for 1 year, beginning in May. Voting may be delayed at this time. 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.

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.

Knights of Columbus

Watch for detail regarding the 40 Cans for Lent

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

St. Therese Connection - Updates and Resources

The Church is open for private prayer, 7:00am-6:00pm, 7 days a week

Adoration Chapel will remain Closed until further notice.

Confessions: Thursday evenings during Lent 6:00-7:00pm / Tuesdays and Wednesday, 8:00-8:25am / Saturdays, 2:30-4:30pm.

Check out our Facebook page and the Parish Website for more immediate updates and links to activities and resources.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL HASN'T FORGOTTEN ABOUT YOU!

ROCKY RAILWAY
JESUS' POWER PULLS US THROUGH

We are currently riding this "Rocky Railway" with all of you and will have an announcement regarding our summer program in April. In the meantime, remember: JESUS' POWER GIVES US HOPE! Love, Your 2020 VBS Team

FR. KLEINE'S KORNER

Seminary prepares the aspiring priests for quite a bit in their lives.

It never quite prepared us for a pandemic. Which is ironic really, because we played the board game Pandemic at seminary all the time.

Fun game.

There was a stretch in my youth where I got sick for several weeks.

Not exactly a fun time. My homework accumulated over that time. I didn't get to participate in school or sports activities. I missed time with my friends. I had to watch as my three siblings carried on with the joys of their lives uninterrupted. It became very easy to focus on the negative aspects of my ailment and slow recovery process. Overall, on a grading scale of pleasant experiences, I'd say that sick time ranked above Star Wars Episode 8, but below Star Wars Episode 3.

There was, however, a silver lining that brought me much needed comfort and reprieve. Every weekday at 10am, the Price is Right would be on CBS. So even though I was sick, I got to enjoy watch the man games and puzzles of the Price is Right, hosted by Bob Barker. As amusing as it may sound, that show helped me to have a more positive outlook on my sick leave from school. I may have felt terrible, but at least I got to watch people spin the wheel and compete in the Showcase Showdown every day at 10am. I've had a soft spot for the show ever since.

(though, after the Price is Right was when the Soap Operas started airing, which is... not good television to put it politely; TV went off and books came out after that)

We're collectively experiencing our own extended sick time in the outbreak of the

Corona Virus. It's hard to think of some aspect of our lives that hasn't been affected by this pandemic. In the midst of so much turmoil, hardship, and confusion, it can be very easy for us to focus on the negative in our life, and very easy for us to be consumed in our focus of the bad.

And that's when we remember the undaunted joy within the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary. That's when we remember that we're still in the liturgical season of Lent.

A time of fasting, almsgiving, and penance.

The point of these sacrifices or extra efforts is to help us form lasting habits of turning away from sin and selfishness, and gazing at our Lord with greater love! Ordinarily, we get to choose our fastings, penances, and almsgiving. Right now, the world is choosing for us.

We are being gifted an opportunity to have our "Price is Right" outlook, to take the bads we're being given and look for means by which, with God's aid, to turn them into silver linings, into moments of joy and grace. The suffering and death of our Lord is horrific, yet through that, He brings about the redemption and salvation of the world.

Not being able to eat ribeye steak on Fridays during Lent is almost as horrific (I'm going to Purgatory for that joke). But through that sacrifice, we learn and work to place God first in our lives, to order the goods in our lives that all the finite ones help us to better love He who is the Supreme Good!

This is our "Price is Right" moment. We are presently regulated to a lifestyle of patient perseverance and sacrifice for the protection of those at risk, and so the viral pandemic will run itself out with the barest of casualties. These precautions and preventative measures are making us distanced from

others, home bound, and disrupting our entire lives.

Yet they also provide for us opportunities of grace and joy.

If the kids are at home with you, now is a blessed opportunity to spend more time with them – family prayer, board games, video games, pillow forts, or just reading together.

If we're isolated inside the house, take this opportunity to call or skype those whom you've been meaning to talk to but never could because life was so hectic. Reorganize the house,

If the work is limited or at home, now is a blessed opportunity to read those books you've always wanted to, start that daily rosary you've always wanted to, re-watch the Chiefs winning the Super Bowl for the twentieth time.

Make this time work for you to help you and those you love.

These won't make the hardships, difficulties, or sufferings go away, nor will it make what's happening less severe. But it will direct what we're sacrificing and enduring to serve a greater good! The cross of our Lord was severe, but also demonstrated His profound love for us. This pandemic is severe, but can be an opportunity for us to demonstrate our love for others – be it through the measures we take to safe guard their wellbeing, or using the situation and time we've been given well so that joy comes from this, not despair.

This is our Sorrowful Mysteries. This is our season of Lent.

This is our Showcase Showdown!

Let's make it one overflowing with love and grace.

DYNAMIC PARISH - THE JOURNEY CONTINUES



As we continue building our Dynamic Parish, it has been a beautiful thing to witness a parish of *Dynamic Parishioners*. No surprise really, but this time of such unprecedented challenge has brought out

an outreach and special connection between us all, that is a privilege of which to be a part. How do you say Thank you and have it mean all you want to convey? So don't forget your Dreams! If you

have your 100, why not take them out and review them. Is this a time to make some of them come true? Do you have new Dreams that have come up in the light of the last few days?

Two Prayer Requests for everyone from Pope Francis

Wednesday, March 25: Feast of the Annunciation of the Lord

All Christian communities around the world, along with the Pope are asked to recite the Our Father at 6:00am CST, as “humanity trembles at the threat” of the current coronavirus pandemic “in these days of trial.”

On this day when Christians remember the Annunciation to the Virgin Mary, may the Lord hear our unanimous prayer.

Friday, March 27:

The Holy Father invites Catholics to join spiritually in prayer at noon.

The ceremony will consist of readings from scripture, prayers of supplication, and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

Check the Vatican website for further information.



Prayer for 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.



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

And by appointment

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 suspended, as well as all regular campus activities. The School, Early Education Center, and Viking Voyager are closed.

As of March 23 -

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

The Adoration Chapel is Closed.

Please contact staff member via emails

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

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	Rachel Day	John Lopez	Danielle Reeder
Eugene 'Bud' Anderson	Gayle Dean	Judy Louth	Pat Reeder
Nicole Aerts-Bramble	Ron & Betty DuPaul	Sal Lozano	Gina Reiter
Jay Atkinson	Anita Eastland	Ellen Madrick	Beverly Rietveld
Cynthia Barchesky	Charlene Fick	Arlene Marshall	Amy Roberts
Nathalie Blogin	Ken Finke	Betty McDonald	Larry Ryan
Debra Bommarito	Sandy Gardner	Wendy McKellar	Mary Ann Ryan
Bryan Bownik	Bert Giarraputo	Mike McKenna	Jossalyn Sainz
Art Braun	Pat Goss	Jessica McLain	Natalie Ann Salas
Irwin & Lois Broussard	Suzanne Grisham	David McPherson	Forrest Salyers
Ed Burgess	Doris Hahn	John Mikulic	Carmen Serrone
Daniel Burnos	William Hansford	Jerry Musil	Carolyn Shatto
John Burton	Grace Heater	Arlene Nadeau	Jim Soltis
Barbara Cahill	Mary Henke	Paul Neidig	James Spawn
Mike Callahan	Ellie Higgins	Nathan Newton	Ted Stephens
Frank Canino	Becky Isom	Cleo "Woody" & Rosemary Nollette	Joann Strever
Jim Carroll	Barbara Jordan	Linda Osterhaus	Rex Suman
Keith Carter	Vince Kehr	Doyne Parisi	Telsie Szabo
John Casey	Marcia Kenski	Jill Pehlman	Maureen Tejeda
Joe Cento	Glenda Kimsey	Barbara Personelli	Rosemary Van Haaren
Frank Cohara	Garrett Krier	Dorothy Porter	Donald Watson
Timothy Childers	Anna Lapuma	Jackey Pratt	Geri & Pat White
Larry Colling	Clara Lawson	Helen Prendergast	Lionel White
Janet Cozad	Natalie Lewis	Leticia Rabang	Kristi Widmer
Albert Daniels	Francis Logan		Nicholas Worth Dcn. Tony Zimmerman

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, March 29

Jack Kalahurka +
Spencer Norris +
Mass for the People

MONDAY, March 30

Mike Quarrato +

TUESDAY, March 31

Ellen Anderson +
Jim Boyd +

WEDNESDAY, April 1

Kleine Family
Michael Quarrato +

THURSDAY, April 2

Peter and Karol Kleine
Thelma Swarts +

FRIDAY, April 3

Bridget & Keelen Green and Family

SATURDAY, April 4

Charles Garza +
Souls in Purgatory
Intentions of Lundergan/Szabo families

SUNDAY, April 5, Palm Sunday

Gene Peters +
Robert "Bob" Medill +
David Boes +
Mass for the People

(Crosses, † indicate deceased loved ones)



PRAYERS FOR THOSE SERVING IN THE MIDDLE EAST-

For parishioners, relatives of parishioners and their families

Ryan Ault son of Robert & Kristi	Jeremy Flowers son of Brenda	Douglas Lomshek nephew of Liz Stine	brother & sister- in-law of Michael O'Brien
John T. Buchner grandson of Alfred & Dorothy	Sean Frazier son of Liz & Sam	James McLaughlin son of Heath & Michelle	Tim Pachasa son of Andy & Nancy
Kyle Buehler, grandson of Darlene Buehler & Dave & Mary Thompson	Jamie Frates husband of Rebecca	Jeremiah Murphy nephew of Dodie Murphy	Eric Rawlings husband of Candi & father of Jaeger
Major Brian Conforti son of Frank & Patty	Bill Freund son of Bill & Barbara	James Pate husband of Jennifer	Christian Shattuck son of Brian & Lauren
	Jacob Glodsbury son of John & Kim	William Rory & Candice O'Brien	