



# 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER



"Whoever enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens it for him, and the sheep hear his voice, as the shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them out." - Jn 10:2-3

**St. Therese Parish - May 3, 2020**

**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  
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 Visiting 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](mailto: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](mailto:chastain@diocesekcsj.org) for more information.

## YOUR GIFTS TO GOD &amp; PARISH

Week Ending Friday, April 24, 2020  
Fiscal Year: July 1, 2019—June 30, 2020

	Weekly	Year-to-Date
Contributions	\$48,820	\$3,432,890
Budgeted	\$77,675	\$3,262,350
Difference	(\$28,855)	\$170,540
Building Loan Balance		\$3,080,338
Debt Retirement Contributions	\$565	\$89,967
Principal & Interest payments		(\$268,298)
Difference		(\$178,331)



## From the Pope's Pulpit

We pray today, for teachers who have to work so hard to provide lessons via the internet and other digital ways, and we also pray for students who have to take exams in a way they are not used to. Let us accompany

them with prayer.

As we look ahead to a slow and arduous recovery from the pandemic, the risk is that an even worse virus may strike us: that of a selfish indifference that forgets those who are left behind.

- April 24, 2020

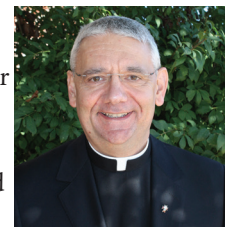
## From the Pastor's Pen

This Sunday marks the beginning of teacher appreciation week. Special thanks to all the teachers in our school working so hard to continue the mission of the Church through education. Doing this is more work than regular school and it is without the joy, excitement and life that comes with live education. We also remember all the teachers in our Early Education Center which is currently closed but which will eventually reopen.

Hats off to all teachers everywhere, including ALL the teachers in our parish wherever you may work. Thank you for your dedication at this time. It's been said that a teacher is someone who touches the future. Thanks to all of you for touching our future and striving to make it a better place.

We all look forward to the day when public Masses resume. I know this absence has been a heavy cross to so many and it has been so for me. While I look forward to seeing people again, we respect the dignity of every human life and want to keep people safe and to keep them from accidentally infecting others. As we emerge from this, whenever it may be, I expect it to be something gradual and of course, in line with civil and Church directives. There will likely be additional local protocols as well. Please stay tuned and stay patient. In the meantime, let us continue to pray for each other and for our suffering world.

Father Joe Cisetti



## STAFF COLUMN - DEACON DOUG WARRENS, PASTORAL ASSOCIATE

The mission of the church continues... RCIA continues to meet on Thursday via the airways! Our elect and those called to full communion in the church are anxiously awaiting their entry into the church when we come back as a community! Please keep them all in your prayers!

The Dynamic Parish steering team continues to meet as well and talk about how we pick up our DP program when we return. We know that Dynamic Parish will have a couple of things to roll out upon our return, so we will be sharing more information about upcoming events as soon as we know the date of our return to community activity. When we do come back to Church, we will celebrate our return with a book, "Why I Love Being Catholic" to receive. In anticipation, I asked for you to consider sending me your thoughts about why you love being

Catholic. And I have received a few of these this past week. Email your thoughts on why you love being Catholic to [dwarrens@sttheresenorth.org](mailto:dwarrens@sttheresenorth.org). Below are some of the first received.

(As for myself), I grew-up during the Great Depression where "want" was a daily reality, lived through World War II with its food and gasoline shortages which added to the constant worry of the war's final outcome. Through all this, the Church to me has always been LIFE ITSELF. I can't envision existence without my faith, Church, and God's constant presence. My blessed Catholic education became the cornerstone to sustain me through a very happy, life. Under the constant guidance of the Holy Spirit, the Church is the only thing in this fragile human world that will always be there. Yes,

being a Catholic is certainly LIFE ITSELF!

-- Anonymous

"I love being a Catholic because no matter what is going on in my life or how hard it can be, I always have my Catholic faith to comfort me and bring me strength. It gives me courage and hope. My life would not be as rich if I did not have my Catholic faith."

— school employee

I have been involved in music ministry here for many years. Although it can be a lot of work, singing praise to the Lord brings me great joy! I could probably find joy if I were singing with the Methodists or Lutherans or Presbyterians, but I won't find Jesus in the Eucharist in those other Christian denominations. Receiving the Eucharist elevates my joy to a higher level. With such joy, how could I be anything but Catholic? Praise the Lord!

-- John Henke

## ST. THERESE MEMORIAL REMEMBRANCES

Robert J. Blake – May 5  
Chester M. Edwards – May 5  
John J. Hetro – May 6  
Arture “Rhett” Farr – May 8  
Jennie Rucereto - May 8  
Glenna Elizabeth Opoka – May 9  
Crystal I. Schacht – May 9

## BIRTHDATE REMEMBRANCES

Edward K. Carter – May 3  
Dave L. Schuver – May 3  
Robert J. Blake – May 5  
Rev. Gerald Schuster – May 5  
Harold W. Childers – May 6  
Edward F. Jones – May 6  
Rev. David Schwartz – May 6

## Prayers and Sympathy

For all those who have died, especially Alfred Buchner, husband of Dorothy; Thomas Patrick O'Reilly, Sr. - father of Pat; Edna Zehnder - mother of Linda Locke; Gail Sewell - aunt of Charee Scott; Tom Flaherty, father of Jon, grandfather of Tyler and Mackenzie; Alfred Buchner, husband of Dorothy; and Frank Toth, husband of Margaret.

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

## Baptisms

Let us welcome into the family of God and into the St. Therese family those newly baptized.

Colton Hayes Bozarth, son of Jeremiah and Abby Bozarth

## 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. Hopefully you're getting to enjoy the time with your families!

The May 11 meeting has been canceled and our current officers will remain in place until we come back to vote at the September meeting.

Help contact a member of A & R if you have any immediate need. We know many people are going through difficulties and we're here to help.

Contact Amanda Bentley with membership, or ministry questions at 316.641.4955 or at [awbentley01@outlook.com](mailto:awbentley01@outlook.com). You may also register online at [www.sttheresenorth.org/altar-and-rosary-society](http://www.sttheresenorth.org/altar-and-rosary-society).

## Knights of Columbus

Help during the Virus Crisis

We have several Knights willing to help anyone with requests for supplies, groceries, etc. For assistance, call Bill Robinette at 816.520.5656.

Interested in joining the Knights of Columbus? It's easier now than ever before. Call Bill Robinette at 816.520.5656 or Rob Perschau at 816.516.9693.

**Please be safe and healthy!**

## 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: 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.

During this time of such challenge, many of our parishioners have small businesses that are struggling. There are several food sponsors that support us throughout the year. Please consider helping them during this crisis through curbside pick-up or delivery.

Pizza Shoppe  
54th Street Bar & Grill  
BC Bistro  
Bonefish Grill  
Cascone's

Dominic's Casual Italian  
Frank James Saloon  
Gomer's of Parkville  
Hideout  
La Bodega  
Nick & Jake's  
Repeal 18  
Texas Roadhouse  
Scott's Catering

**They'll appreciate your support!**

When I was but a lad in the yonder days of old, I sought to master the skill of swimming in water that exceeded a depth of a foot. For some strange reason, my mother thought that this skill might be helpful to know, especially with our frequent visits to the swimming pool or our family trips kayaking. To this day I've yet to understand the logic behind her reasoning. Regardless, thus began the swimming lessons throughout the summer that my siblings and I all went through.

These swimming lessons also entailed learning how to properly dive off the diving board.

As this wasn't a necessity to complete the swimming lessons, and as many kids did not want to suffer the agonizing pain of belly flops into the pool, several students opted not to try.

My brother and I would have been among those students.

Except my mother wanted us to at least try to succeed in this endeavor. She wanted us to be able to swim as best as we could, so that we could enjoy going to the pool and going kayaking to the utmost. Originally, my brother and I were not keen on the idea of trying to learn how to properly dive off the diving board, due to the aforementioned pain of belly flopping that would result if we failed. However, our mother had the perfect incentive for us aspiring young lads to enkindle within us the courage to face this challenge head on without wavering!

Pokemon cards!

If my brother and I succeeded in our endeavor to properly dive off the diving board, we would be gifted with the greatest of treasures, cards for the Pokemon trading card game bought by our mother.

So my brother and I put on our bravest faces, climbed the steps of the diving board, walked to the edge, and like Aragorn King of Arnor before us, said to our friends and family,

"For Charizard."

We proceeded to belly flop multiple times before any kind of success was reached.

We currently are facing our set of challenges during this pandemic, challenges that can – like diving of the diving board – seem insurmountable, and even come with them great pain and suffering. In the face of these difficulties and challenges, we may be tempted to flee, to avoid those difficulties, or to give into despair, seeing these difficulties as overwhelming and impossible.

It is in the midst of these frustrations, anger, and despair that our Lord implores us to go to our Mother Mary.

Our Lord gifted to us His Mother as our own. Just as He entrusted Himself and His mission to her, from His Incarnation to His

Crucifixion to His Resurrection and Ascension, so too does He implore us to give our Blessed Mother that same level of trust. Our Mother lovingly participated fully in Christ's salvific mission, and she lovingly watched over and aided the apostles as they went out into the world proclaiming the Good News of our Resurrected Lord. As she did for them, so too does she desire to aid us.

All that Mary is and does was first gifted to her by our Lord, and all that she desires is to help lead us to better know, trust, and love our Lord. True Marian devotion begins and ends with God, and her great privilege and mission is to help us entrust ourselves fully to our Lord, especially in times of great suffering and sorrow, just as she did at the foot of the Cross.

So as we face our own diving board challenges in our lives that can intimidate us with their seemingly overwhelming fear, frustration, or despair, let us turn to the side of the pool, look to our Mother for loving guidance, encouragement, and aid, and so empowered by the graces from God she mediates for us, climb to the edge of that board and utter the words that our Blessed Mother did before us when she accepted her mission as Mother of God,

"For Charizard."

- Fr. Andrew Kleine

### Readings for the week of May 3

Sunday: Acts 2:14a, 36-41/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1]/1 Pt 2:20b-25/Jn 10:1-10

Monday: Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4 [cf. 3a]/Jn 10:11-18

Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7 [Ps 117:1a]/Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday: Acts 12:24—13:5a/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8 [4]/Jn 12:44-50

Thursday: Acts 13:13-25/Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27 [2]/Jn 13:16-20

Friday: Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab [7bc]/Jn 14:1-6

Saturday: Acts 13:44-52/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [3cd]/Jn 14:7-14

Next Sunday: . . . Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 [22]/1 Pt 2:4-9/Jn 14:1-12

**Observances for the week of May 3,**  
2020 Sunday: 4th Sunday of Easter; World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Tuesday: . . . . . Cinco de Mayo

Thursday: . . . . . National Day of Prayer



## STAYING CONNECTED

*How are you spending your days?*

Take a picture and let's continue to share our times with one another!

How many articles, stories, announcements, and directives begin with the words, "During these unprecedented times . . ." And the times are that - unprecedented, unparalleled but during these extraordinary days some wonderfully simple things are happening.

Some families are having Virtual Coffee & Donuts on Sunday morning; some are being quite artistic and enjoy family time and provide entertainment for passerbys; virtual Zoom meetings as we connect with friends and family fill much of our time; time alone to just 'be' is a beautiful luxury; being outside on your drive and waving to people across the street or those out with their kids or walking their dog; noticing a beautiful blue sky or the first buds of spring; the possibilities, great or simple are amazing.

Take a picture of some part of your day that can be shared in the bulletin or on our website. We may be physically at a distance but we are growing closer in new ways. Email your pictures to me, [tcollins@sttheresenorth.org](mailto:tcollins@sttheresenorth.org). May each of your days be special.



### Stay Connected -


Check out our parish website [www.sttheresenorth.org](http://www.sttheresenorth.org) and our Facebook page

See messages from Fr. Joe, Fr. Randy, Fr. Andrew.

Pray the Mysteries of the Rosary, the Divine Mercy Chaplet in song, Stations of the Cross (also a kids coloring book for Stations), St. Therese Sing Along, and a Marriage and Family Life program.

Finally, offered will be the Sunday Mass (live streamed on Saturdays, 6:30pm through our Facebook page.)

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL DERAILED FOR 2020  
ALL ABOARD IN JUNE 2021**



After much prayer and discussion, we have decided it's in the best interest of the safety of our little engineers to postpone Rocky Railroad VBS until next summer. When we come out of this dark tunnel on the other side we will have had so much time to plan and pray for your little ones that we are certain we will have the BEST VBS on record!!

Watch for us at the Ice Cream Social and other functions throughout the year!

Love, the VBS Team

## 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**

## 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, May 3

Fr. Joe Cisetti

Maurice Calhoun +

Jack and Ann Conner +

Mass for the People

#### MONDAY, May 4

Ron and Kim Spidle  
and family

#### TUESDAY, May 5

Randy and Kandi Railsback  
and family

Living/Deceased members  
of the DeFelice & Perniciaro families

#### WEDNESDAY, May 6

Kenney and Kerri Hales  
and family

Kory Hales & family

#### THURSDAY, May 7

Julia Aerts +

#### FRIDAY, May 8

Jennifer Hales & family

Goergen Family

#### SATURDAY, May 9

Souls in Purgatory

Ann Ryan +

#### SUNDAY, May 10, Mother's Day

Debbie Marshall +

Living/Deceased members  
of the Fick & Basler families

For all mothers

Mass for the People



### 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	