



6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

St. Therese Parish  - May 17, 2020

"I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth." - Jn 14:16-17a

**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 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, May 8, 2020

Fiscal Year: July 1, 2019—June 30, 2020

	Weekly	Year-to-Date
Contributions	\$44,291	\$3,576,291
Budgeted	\$77,675	\$3,417,700
Difference	(\$33,384)	\$158,591
Building Loan Balance		\$3,080,338
Debt Retirement Contributions	\$705	\$93,217
Principal & Interest payments		(\$279,458)
Difference		(\$186,241)

From the Pastor's Pen

This past Thursday would have been our St. Therese School graduation. The Mass and ceremony have been postponed with alternate dates in June and July. To my knowledge this is the first time in the history of our parish we have had to do this but as I have shared with our teachers, one of the most valuable things is how to adapt to changing circumstances. That is a lesson for all of us. Nonetheless, congratulations to our graduates, their parents, their teachers and to all of you who help make St. Therese School the great place that it is.

Congratulations to all our graduates whether from grade school, high school or college. We are proud of you. One of my high school teachers once told me, "Learning is something to be cherished." I have remembered that through the years and would also add, it is something to be shared.

As I recently mentioned, we have been going through what I have described as an extended Lent in the midst of the Easter season. But more recently, it has reminded me of another liturgical season and that is Advent. We see Advent as a time of waiting, longing and preparation. But just as this Lent is more than forty days, so too, this Advent is more than four weeks. We continue to wait and we don't know for how long it will last. It tries our patience but this different Advent can also teach us to be patient--with others as we go through this crisis, with ourselves as we muddle through our own stress and with God, who's timing

is different from ours.

Father Louis Cameli is a priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago who was one of my seminary professors and has been a mentor to me for many years. He recently wrote an article about the Eucharist and this pandemic. He notes:



So many good and faithful Catholics lament that they do not have access to the Eucharist during the pandemic. It is a message I hear frequently these days.

A live-streamed Mass helps, but it does not have the same sustaining power as going to church, being with other believers and actually — not virtually or spiritually — sharing in the sacrament of the Lord's Body and Blood. How can we understand our situation from a faith and spiritual perspective?

You can access his brief article at, <https://www.chicagocatholic.com/other-authors/-/article/2020/05/06/the-eucharist-and-the-pandemic>. I look forward to the day when we can safely gather around the altar together but I am not sure when that day will be. When that happens, the return will be gradual.

We journey through this different Lent and different Advent together, even when we are physically apart.

Father Joe Cisetti

STAFF COLUMN - DEACON SCOTT MCKELLAR

In the last thirty years we have made tremendous advances in our understanding of how romantic relationships, and marriages work. A leading researcher in marriage relationships has documented that 69% of relationship conflict is about unresolvable, perpetual problems. This sounds like bad news.

Dr. John Gottman, notes that 94% of the time the way a discussion starts determines how it will end. Poor communication and marital conflict are only bad news however, if we accept this as normal and do nothing to change this situation.

Of course some conflict in our relationships is inevitable, but we can work to manage conflict in a healthy positive way. We can

actually use our conflicts to grow closer to the other person.

What if you were told that modern researchers have discovered four things which literally make or break a relationship? Gottman's research has shown that if a relationship has four key behaviors, and there is no intervention to change, the majority of these relationships will end in divorce after just 5.6 years. Astoundingly, Gottman has demonstrated that this prediction has a 90% rate of accuracy.

Gottman calls these four negative behaviors the Four Horsemen: criticism, contempt, defensiveness, and stonewalling. Each one of these is a type of relationship poison. Fortu-

nately, there is an antidote for each of these problems. Sadly, the average couple with problems waits 6 years before seeking help.

To learn more about the Four Horsemen and their antidotes, view the following 5-minute video by clinical psychologist, Gregory Bottaro, speaking on behalf of Dynamic Catholic <https://player.vimeo.com/video/279706043>

If you would like to learn more about the tools for improving your marriage found in the Dynamic Catholic program "Better Together," contact Dcn. Scott McKellar, at smc-kellar@sttheresenorth.org, or 816.741.2800 ex 213.

ST. THERESE MEMORIAL REMEMBRANCES

Catherine J. Hall – May 17
Katherina M. Rakers – May 18
Edward L. Samborski – May 18
Berniece C. Lieber – May 20
Greg Bernth - May 23
Theodore J. Sanning – May 23

BIRTHDATE REMEMBRANCES

Clarice Ann Shea – May 17
Catherine Prebish – May 18
Bonita Sasso Pistilli – May 21
Susanna Redetzke – May 22

Prayers and Sympathy

For all those who have died, especially Rebecca Cobos, mother of Raul and Manuel Cobos; Connie Bianchino, mother of Kathy Swan; Anna Pickert, mother of Roger; and Rochelle McConnell, mother of Melanie Eiberger.

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

Readings for the week of May 17

Sunday: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20 [1]/1 Pt 3:15-18/Jn 14:15-21

Monday: Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Jn 15:26—16:4a

Tuesday: . . . Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8 [7c]/Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday: . . . Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Jn 16:12-15

Thursday: Acts 18:1-8/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [cf. 2b]/Jn 16:16-20

Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Eph 1:17-23/Mt 28:16-20

Friday: Acts 18:9-18/Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [8a]/Jn 16:20-23

Saturday: Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47:2-3, 8-9, 10 [8a]/Jn 16:23b-28

Next Sunday: Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Eph 1:17-23/Mt 28:16-20

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 all are doing well. Some ministries have been able to continue as usual, while others have had to step back.

Rosaries have continued to be made. Anita took 900 rosaries to the Franciscan Mission Warehouse in Independence, MO in early March and has 400 more ready to give out when they are open and taking donations again. If you need more rosary supplies, contact Anita and she can safely get them to you. 816.645.7657 or acolem@juno.com.

Although the Gift Shop is closed, if you are in need of religious items, contact either Dianne Hartline 816.695.6953 or Berenice McHale 816.509.0576 and they will arrange a time to meet you for a private shopping opportunity.

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.

Gospel Meditation

We hope for many things: passing an exam, finding our true love, securing sustainable work, or surviving an illness. We often seek to have God be a part of what we hope for and desire, almost trying to convince Him that our agenda is what is ultimately important. While our particular hopes may appear to be what needs to be achieved in order for us to be happy, they really are not. Our lesser, more personal hopes can distract us from true hope.

When God became a human being, a powerful message was sent: all that is authentically human is found in the divine. As the human Jesus lived and died in order to show us that he truly is the universal Christ, we have to keep our sight focused on our eternal truth and destiny and who we truly

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.

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 parish website for more immediate updates and links to activities and resources. On the Homepage, select the Stay Connected link.



are. We have to be careful when we allow our earthly concerns to distract us. True hope is found when we place our trust in Christ's promises and don't rely on our own strength. True hope focuses on striving toward the fulfillment of God's promises and not simply on achieving what we think we need in this life. Hope always travels with two friends — faith and love. In this trio of virtues, we find the very presence of God born in every human being. These are God's greatest gifts, and they lead us to the fullness of His presence.

. With all that is happening in our lives, in our church, and in our world, what is the reason for our hope? Ask God for the fortitude to see His eternal gift as the reason we get up in the morning and do the things we do.

St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry - our Parish Front Lines

During this pandemic, the Pantry has never missed one regular day of being open to serve their clients. The volunteers developed a drive-in/pickup system for clients and have sorted and packed the shelves, as well as provided food to other shelters.

A very special THANK YOU to all the volunteers who keep our food pantry open but especially during this time of being on our front lines.

We are grateful for all they do for this parish and community and are so proud of their support and commitment.

Here are just a few of our volunteers!!



In our five year journey as a Dynamic Parish partner, this is our Year of Prayer. Who would guess how challenged and unique would our prayers be in this unprecedented year of a pandemic.

Just before the declaration of the pandemic, Matthew Kelly spoke to a group in Louisiana on Prayer. You are encouraged to watch his presentation. As always, he gives us new ways to look at things and challenges us to find and embrace the hope in our faith and ourselves that will bring peace within us.

How? At one point Matthew says that prayer and our commitment to a prayer life might just open us up to the idea that, 'God has a better plan for our lives than we have for ourselves.' Does that speak to you? It just may!

He ends with the guidance in the Prayer Process. How to stop 'doing' prayer, and 'give ourselves to prayer.' His Prayer Process is listed below, but it's real worth will come after you have taken the time to watch his video.

To find his video: visit the parish website, www.stthereseorth.org, on the Home page scroll down and click on Dynamic Parish which will take you to our Dynamic Parish page and the video.

THE PRAYER PROCESS

1 GRATITUDE: Begin by thanking God in a personal dialogue for whatever you are most grateful for today.

2 AWARENESS: Revisit the times in the past twenty-four hours when you were and were not the-best-version-of-yourself. Talk to God about these situations and what you learned from them.

3 SIGNIFICANT MOMENTS: Identify something you experienced in the last twenty-four hours and explore what God might be trying to say to you through that event (or person).

4 PEACE: Ask God to forgive you for any wrong you have committed (against yourself, another person, or Him) and to fill you with a deep and abiding peace.

5 FREEDOM: Speak with God about how He is inviting you to change your life, so that you can experience the freedom to be the-best-version-of-yourself.

6 OTHERS: Lift up to God anyone you feel called to pray for today, asking God to bless and guide them.

7 Pray the *Our Father*.

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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 Mikulich	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 17

Cherne Family
Charles Joseph Hellinger +
Doug Eades +

Mass for the People

MONDAY, May 18

Peter and Cecilia Gomer
& family

TUESDAY, May 19

Edward Schmalz
Dale Clerkin

WEDNESDAY, May 20

Gene Peters +
Kevin and Michelle Oswald
& family

THURSDAY, May 21

Lundergan & Szabo families

FRIDAY, May 22

Steve and Maddie Oswald
& family

James Lear +

SATURDAY, May 23

Richard Finn +
Salley Twift +

SUNDAY, May 24

Sasso Family
Caterina Bianco +
Monty Raine +
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	