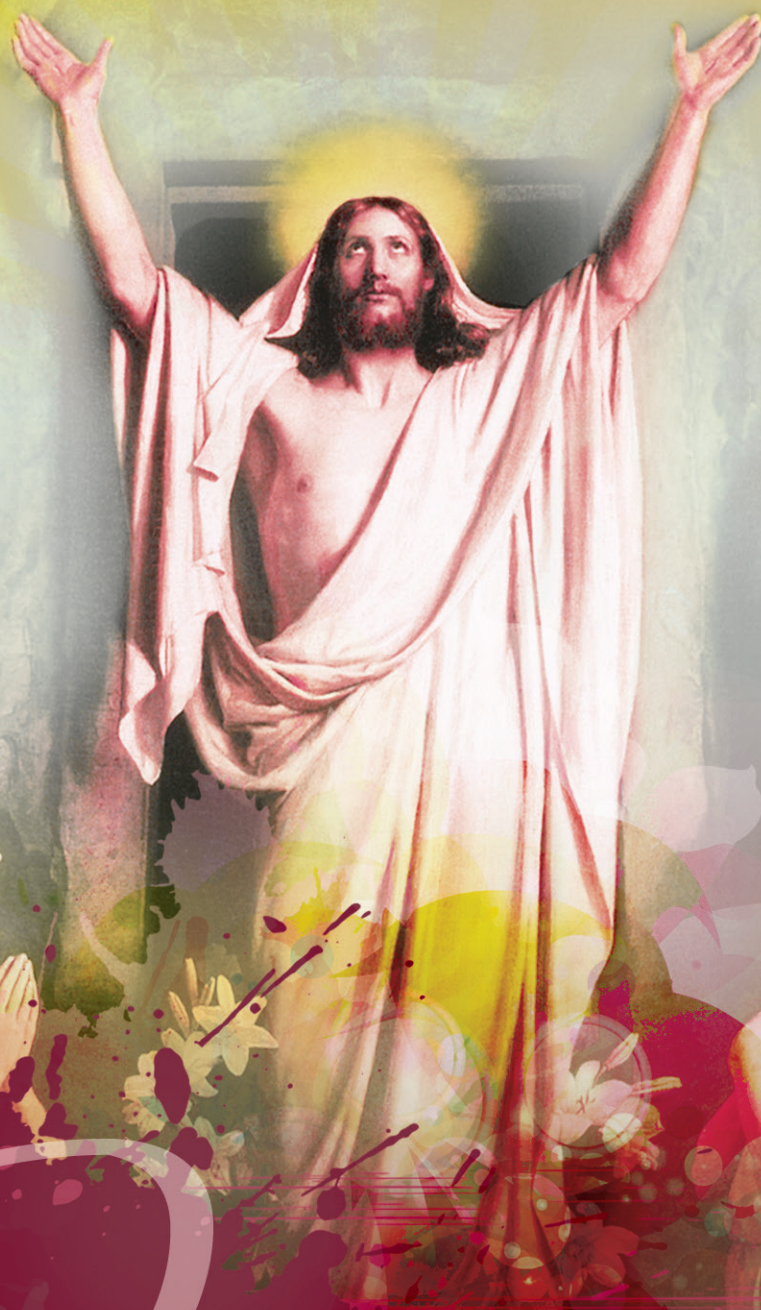


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St. Therese Parish - April 12, 2020

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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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website: www.sttheresenorth.org

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, 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 27, 2020
Fiscal Year: July 1, 2019—June 30, 2020

	Weekly	Year-to-Date
Contributions	\$56,179	\$3,085,830
Budgeted	\$77,675	\$2,951,975
Difference	(\$21,496)	\$134,180
Building Loan Balance		\$3,080,338
Debt Retirement Contributions	\$190	\$84,028
Principal & Interest payments		(\$254,899)
Difference		(\$170,680)

Readings for the week of April 12

Sunday: . . . Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 [24]/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10

Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22 [5b]/Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 [3b]/Lk 24:13-35

Thursday: Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9 [2ab]/Lk 24:35-48

Friday: Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118: 1-2 and 4, 22-24, 25-27a [22]/Jn 21:1-14

Saturday: Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21 [21a]/Mk 16:9-15

Next Sunday: Acts 2:42-47/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 [1]/1 Pt 1:3-9/Jn 20:19-31

From the Pastor's Pen



From the Pope's Pulpit

Let us never give in to that pessimism, that bitterness which the devil offers us every day. Let us not give in to pessimism and discouragement; we

have that firm confidence which the Holy Spirit gives the Church, with his mighty breath, the courage to persevere and to seek new ways to evangelize, to bring the Gospel to the ends of the Earth (cf. Acts 1:8).

March 15, 2013

From the Pastor's Pen

Death and life fought in a marvelous combat. The dead leader of life reigns living.

Easter Sequence

The Lord is Risen. Alleluia. Alleluia. A blessed Easter to all. This day is the source of our hope. Despair is a luxury not given to Christians. Christ who is our hope has risen. May the glory of this day and season fill our hearts with hope now and always. May the light of the Risen Christ radiate through our lives.

Easter is a season that begins today. We first celebrate Easter Week which is called a week of Sundays. We then continue to celebrate through the fiftieth day of Easter which is Pentecost.

This Easter marks something else important. It was on Easter Sunday 1950 that the first Mass of St. Therese Parish was celebrated in downtown Parkville. Happy 70th Birthday to our parish!

Despite all we are going through, Jesus is risen from the dead and the mission of the Church continues.

Again, a blessed Easter to all.

Father Joe Cisetti



St. Therese Connection - Updates and Resources

As of April 3 - The Parish Office is no longer staffed but may be reached via email.

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.

If bulletins cannot be viewed online, call Donna at 587.0706 to have one mailed to you.

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

ST. THERESE MEMORIAL REMEMBRANCES

Tony "Hank" Patti – April 15
Frank M. Sorrentino – April 15
Joseph A. Weiss – April 15
Joe P. Watson – April 16
George J. Rakers – April 18
Jacob N. Frank – April 18
Annette M. Younker – April 18

BIRTHDATE REMEMBRANCES

Cathrine F. Callahan-Bushong – April 13
George Loelkes, Jr. – April 13
Jacob N. Frank – April 14
Donald V. Costanzo, Sr. – April 16
James M. Cox II – April 17
Carmelite M. Garrison – April 17
John E. Klammer – April 17
Zeigel W. Neff – April 17
Harriet A. Wessol – April 18

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!

Meetings; Stay updated regarding the May 11 meeting. This may need to be changed depending on our COVID-19 status. Members will be notified of changes by email. **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.

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

Knights of Columbus

Help during the Virus Crisis

We have had several Knights offer to help anyone that needs help with getting supplies, groceries, etc. For assistance, call Bill Robinette at 816.520.5656.

Our next general meeting will be online. Watch for an email with a link that will connect you to the meeting on Monday, April 13 at 7:00 PM. We'll be using ZOOM for the meeting.

**Please have a
Happy Easter!**

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!



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!

DYNAMIC PARISH - WE JOURNEY TOGETHER

Believe it or not, we started our journey to be and become a dynamic parish in November. We had no idea what we would encounter along the way. The pandemic has brought fear, uncertainty, anxiety, denial, but rising above it all, and beyond, we have our faith and we journey together. God shows us even now, how much good can come through challenging times. This poem gives us some things to think about when this is over, and someday it will be over.

"When this is over, may we never again take for granted -

A handshake with a stranger

Full shelves at the store

Conversations with neighbors

A crowded theater

Friday night out

The taste of communion

A routine checkup

The school rush each morning

Coffee with a friend

The stadium roaring

Each deep breath

A boring Tuesday

Life itself.

When this ends may we find -

*that we have become
more like the people
we wanted to be,
we were called to be,
we hoped to be,
and may we stay
that way — better
for each other.
because of the worst."*

-Laura Kelly Fanucci, (writes a syndicated column, "Faith at Home," published in Catholic newspapers nationwide)

We are used to eagerly looking forward to Easter Sunday as a liturgical time for celebration, for family, for prayer, and for eating our favorite Easter candies.

This will not be our experience this Easter. This Easter, we will experience quarantine and isolation. We will be denied receiving our palm branches, our after Mass gatherings and parties at the parish. We will experience Mass from a screen and the reception of communion not physically, but only spiritually. Our time with family, friends, and fellow parishioners will be regulated to video conferences and phone calls. Further still, the problems we face regarding the safety of our health and the health of others, educating and raising the children full time from home, concerns of food, supplies, our employment and finances, and a myriad of other anxieties and hardships will still be present come Easter Sunday.

This Easter is shaping up to be devoid of the glorious and joyous victory it is supposed to entail. The celebration of Christ's triumph can seem hollow to us in the face of the global suffering and devastation that continues.

And yet, in a beautifully paradoxical way, all of this should be for us an opportunity for thanksgiving! For celebration! For victory!

When Christ marched into Jerusalem, He didn't do so on a war horse or a military chariot. He wasn't followed by legions of soldiers. He did so on a humble donkey, and those that followed Him were the faithful from outside Jerusalem.

The people did come out with banners and trumpets and swords and armaments upon His arrival. They laid down palm branches, signs of peace.

Jesus did save us from sin and death through worldly might and power. He willingly gave His life over to die on a cross. He offered Himself as a sacrifice on our behalf, that we might have life eternal.

The apostles, when they traveled across the globe, didn't do so to form a global empire by conquering all nations. They cared for the sick, the poor, the needy, and preached

the truth of God to all people with the love of God for all people.

Christ and His faithful used the lowliness and weakness of mankind to claim victory over sin and death, and institute a Church that would span the globe and prepare the people not for a perfect life on earth, but for life eternal in Heaven with our Lord!

The Victory of Christ is using the weakness and bleakness and sufferings of this world as an instrument of a love that surpasses it all!

Love is in its very essence, willful sacrifice for the good of the other.

We see this through parents, teachers, doctors, soldiers, officers, and so many others who, out of love for others, freely and joyfully make a sacrifice of their efforts, time, talents, and life for the good of others.

That is the victory that is being offered to us this Easter.

That is the celebration we are being invited to participate in.

The Easter of the early Church.

The choices before us are twofold.

We can give ourselves over to despair and vitriol and frustration and anger, and in dwelling on the hardships and sufferings before us, permit them to overwhelm us and consume us, thereby driving us further from all those we love – family, friends, neighbors, parishioners, and our Lord.

Or, like the early Church before us, like the apostles before them, and like our Lord Jesus Christ before them, we can place our trust in God.

We can give our crosses over to Him and others so that we may help each other carry them.

And we can see this pandemic as an opportunity to celebrate the Easter Victory of Christ, through the sacrificial offerings we make in our life for the love and good of others.

Christ has already conquered sin and death through the Cross and Resurrection.

He has demonstrated and continues to

demonstrate His love for us by giving us everything He is, including His very life. He willingly endured the immense passion, sufferings, and death of Holy Week out of love for us.

Before us lays the invitation to do the same. To unite our sufferings to Christ, so that like Him, we might offer ourselves to others out of love; and in doing so, use the very sufferings we're enduring, as a means by which to demonstrate that love.

The outcome of this is already certain. God's victory is absolute.

If our Lord can bring such absolute victory from such humble or horrific means, so too can He do the same for us. Our invitation, is to trust ourselves to Him to help us do so, and like the apostles and early Church, persevere in carrying that cross of love towards that victory.

Christ believes we are worth sacrificing for, because He loves us so.

This is our opportunity to show ourselves, others, and the Lord, that we believe the same.

That we love them so much, that they're worth the hardships, and the sacrifice!

That love is our victory, the victory of Christ!

"I have told you this so that you might have peace in me. In the world you will have trouble, but take courage, I have conquered the world."

- John 16:33

May the Lord be for all of you, a profound source of strength, perseverance, consolation, and hope.

God bless,

- Fr. Andrew Kleine

THE EXSULTET: CHRIST OUR LIGHT

At the Easter Vigil for the last few years, I have been given the privilege to chant the Easter Proclamation, also known as the Exsultet, named for the first word of the Latin original. I wanted to share with you the history and beauty of this proclamation from an article by Father Michael J. Flynn (abbreviated to fit in this bulletin article) that I share with the RCIA class each year.

The Paschal Candle is placed in its prominent candle stand in the church, and the deacon intones one of the most evocative and poetic hymns of praise in all liturgy: the Easter Proclamation. The liturgy's symbolic movement has been from darkness to light; now words and music are used to praise and thank God for what the light represents: God's saving activity throughout human history, culminating in Christ's defeat of death and resurrection from the dead.

Imagine how precious a candle, as the only source of light, must have been to families, churches and monastic communities as the day came to an end and the sun began to set in the early Middle Ages. There were of course no electric lights. Candles were costly, and often a single candle provided the sole source of light throughout the impenetrable darkness of the night.

In texts prior to the early Middle Ages, we find that a lengthy prayer of blessing of the candle was used. In areas of northern Europe, however, the practice of a deacon intoning a proclamation of praise in the presence of the Easter Light became customary, and during the course of the Middle Ages, this was eventually imported into regular Roman practice as well. In the Middle Ages the text we now know as the Exsultet became the standard hymn for the Easter Vigil. This 1200-plus year old Latin text is nearly identical to the one in our Missal today, except that the older one is about one third longer. In Southern Italy during the later Middle Ages the Exsultet was often written out on elaborately decorated scrolls. As the deacon progressed through the long text, the assembly was able to see beautiful illuminations accompanying the various parts of the text. These illustrations on the "Exsultet Rolls" were painted upside down

in relation to the text and musical notation, so that onlookers would see the figures right side up as the long scroll unfurled.

This text still serves splendidly as a present-day expression of Easter joy and exuberant thanksgiving. The Exsultet also provides a preview of the scriptural and theological themes to come in the rest of the Easter Vigil liturgy. Salvation history, especially God's deliverance of his Chosen People from Egyptian slavery and exile are prominent both in the Exsultet, and the extended Liturgy of the Word that will follow it. The text poetically recalls the Passover Feast; the candle present before the assembly is likened to the pillar of fire which guided Israel in its desert journey; their miraculous passage through the Red Sea serves as both a sign of deliverance and as a prefiguring of the waters of Baptism, another prominent element of Easter Vigils both ancient and modern. Having recalled key moments of the Old Covenant, the New Covenant between God and humanity is proclaimed eloquently in terms of the brilliant Light of Christ dispelling the darkness of sin and death for all time.

As is fitting for a text of this importance and solemnity, the Exsultet should always be sung. As the rubrics in the Roman Missal indicate, intoning the Exsultet is primarily the responsibility of the deacon.

For centuries the Exsultet has served as a liturgical jewel of unsurpassed beauty on this, the "mother of all holy vigils", as St. Augustine aptly described the Easter Vigil. As the Exsultet exhorts us, "Be glad, let earth be glad, as glory floods her, ablaze with light from her eternal King, let all corners of the earth be glad, knowing an end to gloom and darkness." May this venerable Easter Proclamation serve as a genuine expression of Easter hope and joy.

If you would like to review the entire text to the Exsultet, here is a link: <http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/liturgical-year/easter/easter-proclamation-exsultet.cfm>

~Deacon Doug Warrens

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, April 12, Easter Sunday

Jean Broussard +
Charles J. Hellingner +
Felton and Kielty Anderson

Mass for the People

MONDAY, April 13

Ann Ryan

TUESDAY, April 14

Thomas Kleine
Bob and Francis Kleine +

WEDNESDAY, April 15

Marge and Doug Karr +
Dean Hales +

THURSDAY, April 16

Richard Finn +

FRIDAY, April 17

Mike Kleine +
Poor Souls in Purgatory +

SATURDAY, April 18

Mary Joe Kalwei +
Mario Colucci

SUNDAY, April 19, Divine Mercy Sunday

Maj. Nathanel Potts
Lori Reynolds +
Brad and Clarissa Grill
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 & Laureen
	Jacob Glodsbury son of John & Kim	William Rory & Candice O'Brien	