



St. Therese Parish - April 19, 2020

Abbreviated
Edition

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Joe Crayon, Ombudsman	crayon@ombudsmankcsj.org	816.812.2500

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.

St. Therese Church

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Kansas City, MO 64152
816.741.2800

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.

Parish Monthly Financial Report

As of: March 31, 2020

From the Pope's Pulpit and the Pastor's Pen

	Year to Date	Budgeted
Parish Revenue	\$ 3,521,674.00	\$ 3,181,024.00
Debt Revenue	214,293	287,001
School Revenue	952,305	1,109,488
EEC Revenue	852,931	908,101
Extended Care Rev.	165,000	194,999
Total Revenue	5,706,203	5,680,613
Parish Expenses	1,315,442	1,333,245
Debt Interest	112,956	109,961
School Expenses	2,649,128	2,561,076
EEC Expenses	955,845	1,013,630
Extended Care Exp.	85,986	92,301
Total Expense	5,119,357	5,110,213
Net Operating Income	586,846	570,400
Principal Payment	(148,993)	(150,003)
Depreciation/ Amortization Exp.	(71,613)	
Net Income	\$ 366,240.00	\$ 420,397.00
Debt Balance	\$ 3,080,338.46	
New Property	\$ 154,285.76	
Total Debt Bal.	\$ 3,234,624.22	



From the Pope's Pulpit:

Take care of yourselves for a future that will come, and remembering in that future what has happened will do you good.

From the Pastor's Pen

The Lord is Risen!

So often I tell people that as busy as it can be here before Easter, the days after Easter can be even busier, as we start up with weddings, First Communion, graduations and so many other events of spring.

Not so this year, at least not yet.

It is hard to face challenges when you don't know how long they will last but that is what we are being asked to do right now.

Eventually the First Communion and graduations will come and in the meantime we wait. And yet we journey forward in hope with lives of intentional faith and a charity that can express itself in every little way. And we do so together even when we are physically apart.

Father Joe Cisetti



STAFF COLUMN - JONATHAN RHODES, BUSINESS MANAGER

The pews are empty, the halls of the school are silent, and there are no tiny giggles coming from the Early Education Center. If a tumbleweed were to blow across the courtyard our beautiful parish would resemble, at face value, a scene out of an old John Wayne movie when the hero and villain have their final showdown on the dusty street in the middle of town. This certainly is not the St. Therese we are all accustomed to and love but I am happy to share the Spirit of St. Therese is alive and well.

The St. Vincent de Paul food pantry continues to serve clients and help those in need while, in an incredible display of community, hundreds of volunteers have stepped in to call on thousands of parishioners to make sure they are doing well, staying safe and don't have any needs that are not being

met due to the coronavirus pandemic. Thank you to all our volunteers involved in this effort.

The priests and other staff members are regularly sharing videos via social media and YouTube which are receiving hundreds, and in some cases thousands, of views. In some ways the community has come together more than ever before.

Thank you for the continued financial support that has been received via online giving and through the mail. Many who have not experienced a negative financial impact due to the pandemic have chosen to give a little extra to help those who may find themselves temporarily unemployed or in financial hardship. We are very grateful for this support. The parish finance council is

meeting weekly to strategize how to address the continual changes in revenue and expenses and how to effectively provide compensation for the parish, school and early education center employees. The council is exploring the options to utilize the various programs produced by the new stimulus packages and SBA loans to determine if they are appropriate for St. Therese. Thank you to the finance council for their commitment to St. Therese and their assistance during these difficult times.

Thank you for all the prayers and support that are spreading throughout the community. Please continue to pray for our community, nation and the world at large, to all do our part to put an end to this pandemic. God bless and we look forward to seeing you all soon.

ST. THERESE MEMORIAL REMEMBRANCES

Robert J. Blake – April 19
Martha D. Brooks – April 21
Joseph Buehler – April 21
Dale K. Fick – April 21
Msgr. Thomas Brett – April 22
Donald E. Paige – April 22
Dale Bock – April 22

BIRTHDATE REMEMBRANCES

Fran Calovich – April 14
Robert J. Blake – April 19
Thomas C. Parisi – April 19
Eileen May Roberts – April 20
Mary C. Mackin – April 23
Frank Anthony Martino – April 24

Baptisms

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

Philomena Marie Maillard, daughter of
François-Joseph and Sheila Maillard

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.

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

Why I Love Being Catholic

We had another give away from Dynamic Parish for all our parishioners scheduled for Easter, but our current conditions will prevent that from happening until we all come back to church together.

We are planning on handing out copies of Matthew Kelly's book, "Why I Love Being Catholic."

In anticipation of the book's arrival

to us, I would like to challenge you to spend a little time thinking about *Why You Love Being Catholic*.

Write a brief email, story or a paragraph (or two) about what makes you love your Catholicism. It can be an event, a person, a priest, a place, or a combination of things that spurs your love for our faith.

Send them to me, Deacon Doug, at dwarrens@sttheresenorth.org. Let me know if you will allow me to share your name or would prefer anonymity. I will

gather a selection and use them as part of our promotion of our book when we come back together in Church.

I hope you are up to the challenge and I think it will be fun and interesting to share our stories.

May you continue to remain safe and you will remain in my prayers in the days ahead!

When we sin, a handful of negative effects befall us as a just consequence for our wrong doing.

First, we obtain guilt for our sin.

Second, we damage our relationship with God and others. If our sin is venial, then God's sanctifying grace (the share in His divine life) still resides within us, but the relationship is wounded.

If the sin is mortal, then we lose that sanctifying grace, and turn our backs on God. We break that relationship.

Third, we incur an eternal punishment for our sins. If the sins are habitually committed without remorse, and/or the sins are mortal and done without remorse, then we incur upon ourselves the eternal punishment of Hell.

The Sacrament of Confession seeks to remedy this. In personally coming before Christ through His priests, the sacrament of Confession:

- absolves us of our guilt
 - helps to repair our relationship with God, imparting on us sanctifying grace
 - removes our eternal punishment of sins; if we were destined for Hell, we no longer are
- However, when we sin, we also incur what's called temporal punishment. Temporal punishment is the righteous demands of justice that satisfaction be met for our sins.

i.e. if we broke a window, justice requires we fix it; if we've stolen, justice demands we return what we've stolen; if we've damaged a reputation, justice demands we help repair it.

We've committed an injustice in our sins and wounded those around us by our sins. In justice, we need to make reparations and restoration.

We need to fix the window.

Depending on the severity and number of the sins will depend on the 'amount' of temporal punishment one needs to do in life.

Purgatory seeks to primarily correct two things:

1) if we still have attachment to sins - we can be forgiven of our sins in Confession but

still have strong desires for them; i.e. I was forgiven of gluttony, but I still have a strong desire to be gluttonous

2) any temporal punishment left undone

If we die not having fully satisfied the requirements of justice for our sins, Purgatory mercifully bequeaths that to us - through the mercy of God and prayerful intercession of the Church - prior to entering Heaven, though Purgatory will both take great time, and pain. (the fires of Hell with the hope of Heaven, like purifying steel in fire)

To help us in fully satisfying the requirements of justice, God and His Church mercifully provide a list of indulgences one can enact. By faithfully completing these indulgences, we either partially or fully satisfy the requirements of justice for our sins (we either partially or fully repair the window, metaphorically speaking).

If one dies in a state of grace, without attachment to sin, and without any temporal punishment left to complete, through the grace and salvation merited for us by Christ on the Cross, one goes to Heaven.

Indulgences are typically a particular prayer or charitable act that is completed under certain parameters prescribed by the Church.

This can either be a mission trip or going to Adoration.

There's a boat load of options, both for partial or plenary (full) indulgences.

Indulgences must be accompanied by:

- Confession within 20 days
 - Receiving Communion within 20 days
 - Prayer for the intention and wellbeing of the pope (Our Father + Hail Mary + Glory Be with that intention suffices)
 - for plenary (full) indulgences to work, you must also be detached from all sin
- If you fail to have said detachment, plenary indulgences become partial.

So it's still worth your time to do.

Indulgences are extra-sacramental, they

don't replace confession, they work in tandem with it. Indulgences presume one has already been absolved of guilt and eternal punishment (ala gone to Confession).

These can be repeated, so knock your socks off!

Furthermore, please check out the wonderful apostolic blessing and adoration that Pope Francis gave us last week in response to the Corona Virus.

1. What Are Indulgences?

Blessed Is She - Indulgences (excellent summary)

<https://blessedisshenet.net/blog/indulgences/>

New Advent - Indulgences

<http://www.newadvent.org/cathen/07783a.htm>

Catholic Answers - Myths About Indulgences

<https://www.catholic.com/tract/myths-about-indulgences>

2. What Indulgences Can I Do?

Catholic.org - List of Indulgences

<https://www.catholic.org/prayers/indulgw.php>

Our Lady Warriors - List of Plenary Indulgences, Requirements to Fulfill

<https://www.ourladywarriors.org/indulge/plenary.htm>

My Catholic Source - List of Indulgences

<http://www.mycatholicsource.com/mcs/cg/indulgences.htm>

3. Pope's Special "Urbi et Orbi" Apostolic Blessing and Indulgence

Vatican News - Urbi et Orbi Blessing and Indulgence

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R-vE1ncKned8>

Vatican - Special Indulgences and Guidelines during the Pandemic

<http://press.vatican.va/content/salastampa/en/bollettino/pubblico/2020/03/20/200320c.html>

Have a wonderful, joyful, and grace-filled Easter Season!

God bless,

- Fr. Andrew Kleine

DIVINE MERCY

Listed below are the requirements to celebrate the feast of Divine Mercy Sunday and receive the graces mentioned taken from the diary of St. Faustina. Jesus also made another request - - "I want the image to be solemnly blessed on the First Sunday after Easter, and I want it to be venerated (and honored) publically so that every soul may know about it."

Venerate the Image (a bow or other act of reverence)

I desire the First Sunday after Easter to be the Feast of Mercy. (299)

On that day, the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon souls who approach the Fount of My Mercy. The soul that will go to confession and received Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment.

On that day are open all the divine floodgates through which graces flow. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me even though its sins be as scarlet. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My Mercy. (699)



Stay Connected -


Check out our parish website 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, 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 Divine Mercy Sunday Mass (live streamed on Saturday, April 18 through our Facebook page) video available on the website through Sunday night, April 19.

**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



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	

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, April 19, Divine Mercy Sunday

Maj. Nathanel Potts
Lori Reynolds +
Brad and Clarissa Grill

Mass for the People

MONDAY, April 20

Eileen Roberts

TUESDAY, April 21

Dale K. Fick +
Kathy Kleine and Family

WEDNESDAY, April 22

Joe and Dana Kleine & family

Monty Raine +

THURSDAY, April 23

Mary Mackin +

FRIDAY, April 24

Mary Nelson +
Mary Alice Deister +

SATURDAY, April 25

Lundergan/Szabo Families
Floyd Deister +

SUNDAY, April 26

Tom Warrens +
Beverly Navarro +
Alice Alcazaren +
Mass for the People

(Crosses, † indicate deceased loved ones)