



# PENTECOST SUNDAY

St. Therese Parish - May 31, 2020

Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." - Jn 20:21

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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website: [www.sttheresenorth.org](http://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](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.

## Parish Monthly Financial Report

As of: April 30, 2020 .....

	Year to Date	Budgeted
Parish Revenue .....	\$ 3,965,998.00	\$ 3,625,304.00
Debt Revenue .....	221,922	349,334
School Revenue .....	1,102,446	1,150,788
EEC Revenue .....	857,139	1,006,634
Extended Care Rev. ....	170,619	216,666
Total Revenue .....	6,318,124	6,348,726
Parish Expenses .....	1,403,997	1,479,416
Debt Interest .....	126,355	122,374
School Expenses .....	2,918,577	2,844,391
EEC Expenses .....	1,045,484	1,126,838
Extended Care Exp. ....	93,173	101,134
Total Expense .....	5,587,586	5,674,153
Net Operating Income .....	730,538	674,573
Principal Payment .....	(148,993)	(166,670)
Depreciation/ Amortization Exp. ....	(79,570)	
Net Income .....	\$ 501,975.00	\$ 507,903.00
Debt Balance .....	\$ 3,078,104.00	
New Property .....	\$ 152,850.00	
Total Debt Bal. ....	\$ 3,230,954.00	

*From the Pastor's Pen*  
Prayer is the breath of faith.  
Pope Francis

Just a reminder that on our connections page, <https://www.sttheresenorth.org/c-19-info-up-dates-resources> there are many prayer resources.

You can pray the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary with me, the Luminous with Father Randy and Sandy, the Sorrowful with Father Andrew and the Glorious with Deacon Rick and family. Also available are the Divine Mercy Chaplet with Deacons Doug and Scott and the Mother of Perpetual Help Novena with Father Andrew. You may also pray the Stations of the Cross with Father Andrew and me. Please click and pray with us.

I look forward to the day when we will be able to start celebrating the Sunday Eucharist together



once again. Unfortunately, I cannot share for certain when that will be right now. Please pray that the situation improves and that both the infection and death rates go down. When that day comes, the return will be gradual with a number of safety protocols in place. We are making plans. Stay tuned and thank you for your patience.

In the meantime we strive to face each day with faith, courage and as much enthusiasm as we can reasonably muster up.

Father Joe Cisetti

## STAFF COLUMN - JONATHAN RHODES, BUSINESS MANAGER

Slowly but surely the community is trying to work its way back to "normal" and our St. Therese community is as well.

While keeping a close eye on the guidelines being shared by the local health departments, policies and procedures are being put into place so we can return to Mass, begin providing safe and effective childcare and prepare for bringing the STS students back in the fall, hopefully.

During this time the continued support of our parishioners and the entire St. Therese community has been nothing short of amazing. Thank you for con-

tinuing to make St. Therese an integral part of your lives during these difficult times.

Although the Early Education Center and our Viking Voyager aftercare program have been closed since the last week of March and we do not plan to reopen until the 1st of July, we have continued to financially support the employees in these programs to date.

This has been made possible by the generosity of our parishioners and a loan received through the Payroll Protection Program. All the proper steps and documentation are taking place to ensure

this loan is 100% forgiven by the federal government.

Prior to accepting these funds it was made clear that St. Therese would not add to our current debt balance with this loan. No money that would not be forgiven would be accepted. We are grateful for the opportunity to be able to continue to support the employees that have been so dedicated to St. Therese over the years.

Thank you, again, for your continued support and please stay safe.

We look forward to having everyone back at Mass very soon.

## ST. THERESE MEMORIAL REMEMBRANCES

James E. McNerney, Jr. – May 31  
Elsa Cermak Daily – May 31  
Kevin N. Anderson – June 2  
Patrick T. Lupone – June 5

## BIRTHDATE REMEMBRANCES

Bernice C. Gregory – May 31  
Edward P. Kreimer – May 31  
Claron J. Pickert – May 31  
J. Christopher Robke – June 1  
Harold "Cliff" Fairchild – June 2  
Vera L. Katlin – June 3  
Albion F. Kirk – June 4

## Prayers and Sympathy

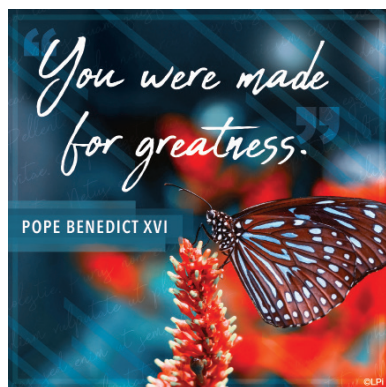
For all those who have died, especially Dennis Hensley, father of Linda Lock; Becky Collins wife of Ernie; Rosemary VanHaaren; and Mary Cash, mother of Donna Patti, grandmother of Mason and Michael Patti.

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.

Nicolette Michelle Savageau, daughter of Patrick and Courtney Savageau



## 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](mailto: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 private shopping.

Contact Amanda Bentley with meeting, 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.

## 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.

## Readings for the week of May 31

Sunday: Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 [cf. 30]/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39. Extended Vigil: Gn 11:1-9/Ps 33:10-11, 12-13, 14-15/Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b/Dn 3:52, 53, 55, 56 [52b] or Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Ez 37:1-14/Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [1]/Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 [cf. 30]/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39. Day: Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 [cf. 30]/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13/Jn 20:19-23

Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14/Ps 87:1-2, 3 and 5, 6-7/Jn 19:25-34

Tuesday: 2 Pt 3:12-15a, 17-18/Ps 90:2, 3-4, 10, 14 and 16 [1]/Mk 12:13-17

Wednesday: . . . . . 2 Tm 1:1-3, 6-12/Ps 123:1b-2ab, 2cdef [1b]/Mk 12:18-27

Thursday: 2 Tm 2:8-15/Ps 4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14 [4]/Mk 12:28-34

Friday: 2 Tm 3:10-17/Ps 119:157, 160, 161, 165, 166, 168 [165a]/Mk 12:35-37

Saturday: 2 Tm 4:1-8/Ps 71:8-9, 14-15ab, 16-17, 22 [cf. 15ab]/Mk 12:38-44

Next Sunday: Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56 [52b]/2 Cor 13:11-13/Jn 3:16-18



## FR. KLEINE'S KORNER

I've worked a total of ten years in the fast food industry.

I began at age fifteen and worked all through the end of college right up to the point where I entered seminary.

And I hated it.

Okay, that's not fair. I loved my time at Back Yard Burgers. Their burgers are freshly grilled to order and they're delicious! Go check them out now and tell them Fr. Andrew Kleine sent you (tip of the hat to you Mr. Scassellati)!

But I do not look back fondly on my seven years as a manager at Arby's. Demoralizing monetized work atmosphere. Void of human affirmation aside, the job was unfulfilling - debilitatingly so. I would pour myself into that job. Fifty hour work weeks became 60 to 80 hours. A plethora of times I would travel across Missouri to help out at other stores. I rarely if ever said 'no' to a request from upper management. I made this job the priority, and yet at the end of the day I would feel empty and depressed.

I sought to make this job a means to support myself, and instead was left questioning why I was working so hard and giving so much to a job that left me with no real affirmation and no sense of fulfillment.

What was the point of working all these hours and earning this pay if I had nothing worthwhile to work towards, if my only value to the company was as a cog in the machine?

It was coming at the expense of my own happiness, my faith, and my time and relationships with my family, my friends, and my God?

I had let my prayer be replaced by work, and my work to be done without prayer.

Thankfully, it was those same friends and family that helped me escape that downward spiral, to finally stop and listen to God, and to hear His call to the priesthood.

St. Benedict, founder of the Benedictine Order, based his life, his spirituality, and the rule of life of his monastic order around a single phrase.

*Ora et labora.*

*Work and prayer.*

It was his belief that the two were allies within the life and faith of a person. He held that the two needed to be balanced and in harmony with each other. Just as Pope St. John Paul II advocates that Faith and Reason are two avenues to lead us to contemplate, know, and love our Lord and His will, St. Benedict advocates that Prayer and Work are two means in which we come to not only contemplate our Lord, but live a life that emulates His own. Through a life of prayer lived in work and work offered in prayer, we draw closer in relation and love to Jesus Christ.

Moreover, we can cooperate with the works of salvation that He worked during His earthly ministry and had started since the beginning. We can be a cooperative instrument of His will that works to bring His love and salvation to all.

Our prayer without works flowing from it becomes stilted and lifeless.

Similarly, our work without prayer to support it becomes weary and unfulfilling.

The challenge is not to fall into the same pit that I had, where one consumes the other at terrible expense to oneself. Rather, through the grace of God and the prayerful intercession of His angels and saints, strive to find the balance between them that St. Benedict lived and professed. A balance where our faith and prayers can be lived out in every work we do, and our work will always be lovingly directed towards and in cooperation with our Lord and His will for us.

*Ora et labora.*

- Fr. Andrew Kleine



## GOSPEL MEDITATION

You can feel so small standing by the sea-shore. The vastness of all that is before you expands much farther than your eye can see. What is happening on the other side? As tides continue to ebb and flow, what occurs as they come and go remains largely a mystery and the effects of their presence unknown in your sight. Yet, things are moving and changing as you gaze upon the water, as the thumbprint of their presence is left behind. The greater the wind and wave, the greater the effect. But even a gentle breeze leaves its humble mark upon the seashore on which you stand. The smallest pebble still makes a ripple in the great blue expanse of ocean waters. It doesn't need to be big.

You never know the full impact of your smallest gesture or simplest of words. A yes or no, agree or disagree, here or there, this or that can influence time and history in ways you may never know. The Holy Spirit is like that: fierce and torrential, and then almost still and silent, creating and recreating nonetheless. Coming as a gentle breeze or a gusty wind, God's Holy Spirit continues to move over, around, and into the waters of our lives. The Spirit brings fruit and unknown possibilities to what we humbly bring with us and that same Spirit eventually brings all to fulfillment in Christ.

The first disciples didn't have much. They possessed simple faith and a willingness to go into uncharted territory with a love of their friend-God, humble offerings, and a knowledge that they were not alone. This allowed them to do amazing things with very little. Do you believe that you are being led and that you have a purposeful life? We often do not realize our value because we do not think that the little we have is good enough. How wrong we are! A little flour mixed with water and embraced by a prayer of blessing transforms simple offerings into the magnificent Eucharistic presence of God. If the Holy Spirit can do such amazing things with these humble gifts of the earth, even more can happen with you. Don't underestimate the value of the smile you gave a stranger, the door held open for an elderly widow, the listening ear offered to one who was lonely, the tolerance given to the wounded soul who is angry, and the loving shoulder you offered as a cradle under the head of someone in pain. Modest gifts offered with love can be transformed by the Spirit into wondrous blessings you may never know. It's Pentecost. Trust. You are not alone.

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## DYNAMIC PARISH - A JOURNEY

### Who do I want to be during COVID-19\*

#### Fear Zone

I grab food, medications and things I don't need.  
I spread emotions related to fear and anger.  
I complain frequently.  
I forward all messages I receive.  
I get mad easily.

#### Learning Zone

I start to give up what I can't control.  
I stop compulsively consuming what hurts me from food to news.  
I identify my emotions.  
I become aware of the situation and think how to act.  
I recognize that we are all trying to do our best.

#### Growth Zone

I think of the others and see how to help them.  
I make my talents available to those who need them.  
I live in the present and focus on the future.  
I am empathetic with myself and with . . . others.  
I think and appreciate others.  
I keep a happy emotional state and spread hope.  
I look for a way to adapt to new changes.  
I practice quietude, patience, relationships, and creativity.

\*from Dynamic Parish Group - Our Lady Queen of Angels, California

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

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### SUNDAY, May 31

Joe Thomas +  
Donald and Bernice Grabowski  
Gloria McGurn +  
Mass for the People

#### MONDAY, June 1

John Caresio +

#### TUESDAY, June 2

Lundergan and Szabo families  
Judy Harmeyer Hill +

#### WEDNESDAY, June 3

Matthew Brasil +  
Darren Faulkner +

#### THURSDAY, June 4

Mary Lee Hoffman +

#### FRIDAY, June 5

Hanna Mills +

#### SATURDAY, June 6

Gene Peters +  
Karla Simone +

#### SUNDAY, June 7

Ellen Kielty Anderson +  
Deister and Tiedtka families  
Richard Finn +  
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 & Laureen
	Jacob Glodsbury son of John & Kim	William Rory & Candice O'Brien	