

5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

St. Therese Parish - May 10, 2020
"In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you?" - Jn 14:2

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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

volunteer or employee, contact Kathleen or or call 816.812.2500.

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.

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YOUR GIFTS TO GOD & PARISH

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

	Weekly	Year-to-
		Date
Contributions	\$99,111	\$3,532,001
Budgeted	<u>\$77,675</u>	\$3,340,025
Difference	<u>\$21,436</u>	\$191,976
Building Loan Balance		\$3,080,338
Debt Retirement Contributions	\$2,545	\$92,512
Principal & Interest payments		(\$279,458)
Difference		(\$186,946)

From the Pastor's Pen

We pray the Rosary, and we ponder different event in the story of salvation. St. John Paul II taught that with the Rosary, the Christian people sit at the school of Mary and are led to contemplate the beauty on the face of Christ and to experience the depths of his love. He added that to recite the Rosary is nothing other than to contemplate with Mary the face of Christ.

Recently, Pope Francis noted, it is traditional in this month to pray the Rosary at home within the family. The restrictions of the pandemic have made us come to appreciate all the more this "family" aspect, also from a spiritual point of view.

For this reason, I want to encourage everyone to rediscover the beauty of praying the Rosary at home in the month of May. This can be done either as a group or individually; you can decide according to your own situations, making the most of both opportunities. The key to doing this is always simplicity, and it is easy also on the internet to find good models of prayers to follow. For the complete message (which is not long) of the Holy Father please visit: http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/letters/2020/documents/papa-francesco_20200425_lettera-mesedimaggio.html.

The Pope also lists additional prayers to the Blessed Mother to conclude the Rosary this month. These may be found on page 6 of this bulletin.

On our parish connections page:



https://www.sttheresenorth.org/c-19-in-fo-updates-resources there are links where you can pray the Rosary. You may pray the Joyful Mysteries with me, the Luminous with Father Randy and Sandy, the Sorrowful with Father Andrew and the Glorious with Deacon Rick and family.

There are also resources for the Divine Mercy Chaplet, Stations of the Cross and Mother of Perpetual Help Novena. Let us continue to pray for each other and our suffering world.

A blessed Mother's Day. God bless our mothers both living and deceased and all those women who have nurtured and loved us in any way.

Father Joe Cisetti

STAFF COLUMN - DONNA PATTI, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

As you may have recently read/heard, I celebrated 25 years as a staff member here at St. Therese. And as you can imagine, much has changed over the years.

I don't think that I imagined when I started in my 30's (YIKES), that I'd still be here in my 60's. However, it's been truly a lifeline. And that is because of the leadership and friendships that have come my way. Having worked with three pastors (Fr. Hart, Fr. Mike and Fr. Joe) and three business managers (John Wooldridge, Mike Birkel and currently, Jonathan), with their own styles has helped me learn to appreciate ALL of their skills. They've all been honest and caring, passionate and compassionate. We, as a community, have been blessed that

scandals have passed us by.

The innumberable associates, both seasoned and "newbies" have been a joy to watch grow and/or step up to the plate. The latest, Fr. Andrew, is such a kid at heart, how can you not just laugh with him.

And then there's my fellow staff members. When I began, we were a very small group, but the parish was much smaller too.

Some members have moved away or traveled home to our Lord. And among us, there are still a few who share a pew.

We all, you and me, should know, that each and every one who has come and gone, or is currently here, was placed here for a reason.

In the midst of trying times, we are here, there and everywhere – praying, sharing in your pain and sometime just "being."

As a collective group, we cherish each other and value all opinions, even if we might disagree (just a bit). It's what makes a staff so important to a faith community. It's what has kept me here for 25 years. And certainly a few more, I hope.

Call on anyone of us and we'll do our best to be there – FOR YOU! – TOO!

ST. THERESE MEMORIAL REMEMBRANCES

Elwood George Brown – May 10 Darice Ernst – May 11 Rita Wilbers – May 11 Pauline E. Riga – May 13 Mae C. Krug - May 14

BIRTHDATE REMEMBRANCES

Leo B. Valla, Sr. – May 11 Bertha Ruth Wilbers – May 11 Wilfrid "Bill" Barron – May 12 William Joseph Lamoy – May 16 Rosine C. Lueke – May 16

Altar & Rosary

To all, enjoy your time with family and friends. Altar & Rosary Society meetings will resume this fall.

For help contact a member of A & R should 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. You may also register online at www.sttheresenorth.org/altar-and-rosary-society.

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.

During this time Bonefish Grill of such challenge, Cascone's many of our Dominic's Casual parishioners have small businesses Frank James Saloon that are struggling. Gomer's of Parkville There are several food sponsors that Hideout support us through-La Bodega out the year. Please Nick & Jake's consider helping Repeal 18 them during this crisis through Texas Roadhouse curbside pick-up or Scott's Catering delivery. They'll appreciate Pizza Shoppe your support! 54th Street Bar & Grill

BC Bistro

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.

Prayers and Sympathy

For all those who have died, especially Frank Toth, father of Jim, Susan Cheryl Kallenbach, mother of Andy, Rebecca Cobes, mother of brothers Manuel & Raul; and Arturo Nardo, father of Arlene Spindler.

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

DYNAMIC PARISH - WE JOURNEY TOGETHER

Our Dynamic Parish focus for 2020 is a **Year of Prayer**. Once again our current situation of uncertain times and isolation brings prayer to the center of our days. But always, time, and what is happening, and what will happen, and what will pass, is uncertain but this has always been with us. One of the most hopeful and thoughtful reflections on time is: *Ecclesiastes 3:1-18*

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted; a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; a time to seek, and a time to lose;

a time to keep, and a time to throw away; a time to tear, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; a time to love, and a time to hate; a time for war, and a time for peace.

This year, 2020, has been a time of challenge but in our Year of Prayer, we find hope for a wonderful future.

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FR. KLEINE'S KORNER

We may be getting a little... let's say, weary.

Our current situation is not going to be resolved any time soon. Even with the lifting of the quarantine's restrictions in our various counties, our entire world is moving forward not in an "all clear" mentality, but in an "ease back in" mentality. Recovery and return to 'normalcy' will be slow, deliberately so, all in the effort to be prudent and charitable with others' wellbeing, health, and safety. Not to mention that our 'normal' will be forever changed to some degree or

It's that slow trek to return to 'normal' and the slow enduring of these hardships that we may find is causing us to feel fatigued. Motivation and enthusiasm may be taking quite the hit in all stages of our life, and that can include our relationship with God. The enforced restrictions or the repetitious limitations and seeming monotony of the day, coupled with all the prolonged disruptions to our normal routines and the hardships we continue to endure can eat away not only our patience or our perseverance, but that fire of love within us, be it that fire of love for our family, our hobbies, or our Lord.

We may even find ourselves becoming weary of playing the video games we love to play and watching the movies we love to watch (I promise you Star Wars Knights of the Old Republic II and Lord of the Rings Trilogy that won't happen; you guys are my family, and I would never tire of you).

The weariness can even wear down our love, especially during a time when things are slow to change or improve.

To prevent the vice of acedia from seeping into and infecting our lives, our Lord and His Church offers us three suggestions (well, they offer us a multitude of suggestions, but here's three):

1) Invite God In

- our Lord desires to be a part of every aspect of our lives, including the lowest points; He wants to accompany us on our journey to Him in Heaven, and wants to help us along the way; if we're finding our-

selves worn down and spiritually exhausted, turning to the source of all grace and love to help us carry that cross is as fundamental as it is essential; bring that exhaustion, that fatigue, that anxiety, frustration, and despondency into relational prayer with God, and thereby making it a means to deepen that relationship, and inviting the Lord to help us through it: He wants to accompany us in every aspect of our journey

2) Grace in Community

- we are deliberately made by our Lord to be in community with each other and to help each other; let's not try to give into the prideful lie of strength coming from accomplishing things alone; any football team worth their salt knows that a solo mentality leads to disaster; if we're in a low point or undergoing hardships, availing ourselves to conversation with and help from our friends, family, and community can literally be a Godsend, be this through the phone, email, video chat, or even snail mail (the Lord has gifted us the myriad of angels and saints to call upon for intercessory aid as
- furthermore, moving to helping others with their difficulties or low points, and being a source of charity and kindness for them can simultaneously help us to bring out of our low points.
- 3) Counting our Blessings and Remembering the Why
- resting in a mindset of gratitude can help us to persevere in difficult times; recounting and praying on our blessings each day, and giving ourselves time to reflect on them and give thanks for them can help to move us out of a prolonged stay in our "stickin' thinkin';" writing these blessings down, trying to expand upon them, or trying to add one more each day can help us to realize how loved we are by our Lord and help us to rest in that love.
- keeping a prayerful focus on the "why" we are enduring and striving through these hardships can be quite a boon for us too; surviving just to survive can lead to fatigue;

surviving as a testament of our love for our Lord, our family, and even ourselves makes all we do an act of love, not endurance, and maybe even acts of love we joyfully carry

Lastly, for our further prayerful reflection and aid, these Catholic speakers and their suggestions can be of great help for us as well. The Lord is so great that He can bring His grace and love out of any situation, any hardship, and any trial. He's doing that for us now, and is asking us to be open to discerning how He's trying to meet us and be with us during this pandemic.

Let's strive to be open to His guidance and His love.

Ascension Presents - How to Combat Spiritual Laziness

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4vwl-**DYHzVik**

Fr. Mike Schmitz - Feeling Sorry for Yourself?

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8SxPM-FPO4eE

Ascension Presents - Finding God in the Quarantine

https://www.youtube.com/ watch?v=iQcSLXcd3Fg

Fr. Mike Schmitz - Third Sunday of Easter Mass (Gospel + Homily begins at 12 minute mark)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nGT_ wBqDTDg

Have a blessed and grace filled Easter Season

- Fr. Andrew Kleine

First Prayer to Our Lady

O Mary,

You shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who, at the foot of the cross, were united with Jesus' suffering, and persevered in your faith.

"Protectress of the Roman people", you know our needs, and we know that you will provide, so that, as at Cana in Galilee, joy and celebration may return after this time of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the will of the Father and to do what Jesus tells us. For he took upon himself our suffering, and burdened himself with our sorrows to bring us, through the cross, to the joy of the Resurrection.

Amen.

We fly to your protection, O Holy Mother of God; Do not despise our petitions in our necessities, but deliver us always from every danger, O Glorious and Blessed Virgin.

The Second Prayer

"We fly to your protection, O Holy Mother of God".

In the present tragic situation, when the whole world is prey to suffering and anxiety, we fly to you, Mother of God and our Mother, and seek refuge under your protection.

Virgin Mary, turn your merciful eyes towards us amid this coronavirus pandemic. Comfort those who are distraught and mourn their loved ones who have died, and at times are buried in a way that grieves them deeply. Be close to those who are concerned for their loved ones who are sick and who, in order to prevent the spread of the disease, cannot be close to them. Fill with hope those who are troubled by the uncertainty of the future and the consequences for the economy and employment.

Mother of God and our Mother, pray for us to God, the Father of mercies, that this great suffering may end and that hope and peace may dawn anew. Plead with your divine Son, as you did at Cana, so that the families of the sick and the victims be comforted, and their hearts be opened to confidence and trust.

Protect those doctors, nurses, health workers and volunteers who are on the frontline of this emergency, and are risking their lives to save others. Support their heroic effort and grant them strength, generosity and continued health.

Be close to those who assist the sick night and day, and to priests who, in their pastoral concern and fidelity to the Gospel, are trying to help and support everyone.

Blessed Virgin, illumine the minds of men and women engaged in scientific research, that they may find effective solutions to overcome this virus.

Support national leaders, that with wisdom, solicitude and generosity, they may come to the aid of those lacking the basic necessities of life and may devise social and economic solutions inspired by farsightedness and solidarity.

Mary Most Holy, stir our consciences, so that the enormous funds invested in developing and stockpiling arms will instead be spent on promoting effective research on how to prevent similar tragedies from occurring in the future.

Beloved Mother, help us realize that we are all members of one great family and to recognize the bond that unites us, so that, in a spirit of fraternity and solidarity, we can help to alleviate countless situations of poverty and need. Make us strong in faith, persevering in service, constant in prayer.

Mary, Consolation of the afflicted, embrace all your children in distress and pray that God will stretch out his all-powerful hand and free us from this terrible pandemic, so that life can serenely resume its normal course.

To you, who shine on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope, do we entrust ourselves, O Clement, O Loving, O Sweet Virgin Mary. Amen.

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)

Rachel Day Paula Acconcia Eugene 'Bud' Anderson Gayle Dean Nicole Aerts-Bramble Ron & Betty DuPaul Anita Eastland Jay Atkinson Cynthia Barchesky Charlene Fick Nathalie Blogin Ken Finke Debra Bommarito Sandy Gardner Bryan Bownik Bert Giarraputo Art Braun Pat Goss Irwin & Lois Broussard Suzanne Grisham **Ed Burgess** Doris Hahn Daniel Burnos William Hansford Grace Heater **John Burton** Barbara Cahill Mary Henke Mike Callahan Ellie Higgins Frank Canino Becky Isom Iim Carroll Barbara Iordan Keith Carter Vince Kehr Marcia Kenski John Casey Joe Cento Glenda Kimsey Frank Cohara Garrett Krier Timothy Childers Anna Lapuma Larry Colling Clara Lawson Janet Cozad Natalie Lewis Albert Daniels Francis Logan

John Lopez
Judy Louth
Sal Lozano
Ellen Madrick
Arlene Marshall
Betty McDonald
Wendy McKellar
Mike McKenna
Jessica McLain
David McPherson
John Mikulic

John Mikulic
Jerry Musil
Arlene Nadeau
Paul Neidig
Nathan Newton
Cleo "Woody" &
Rosemary Nollette
Linda Osterhaus
Doyne Parisi
Jill Pehlman
Barbara Personelli
Dorothy Porter
Jackey Pratt
Helen Prendergast

Danielle Reeder Pat Reeder Gina Reiter Beverly Rietveld Amy Roberts Larry Ryan Mary Ann Ryan Jossalyn Sainz Natalie Ann Salas Forrest Salvers Carmen Serrone Carolyn Shatto Jim Soltis James Spawn Ted Stephens Joann Strever Rex Suman Telsie Szabo Maureen Tejeda Rosemary Van Haaren Donald Watson Geri & Pat White

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, May 10, Mother's Day

Debbie Marshall +

Living/Deceased members of the Fick & Basler families

For all mothers

Mass for the Peopler +

Mass for the People

MONDAY, May 11

Joe Thomas +

TUESDAY, May 12

Lloyd and Agnes Meier

Genevieve Beier +

WEDNESDAY, May 13

Snow Family Br. Raban

THURSDAY, May 14

Michael Null

FRIDAY, May 15

Lundergan & Szabo families

Br. Snow

SATURDAY, May 16

Rosine Lueke +

Spencer Norris +

SUNDAY, May 17

Cherne Family

Charles Joseph Hellinger +

Doug Eades +

Mass for the People

PRAYERS FOR THOSE SERVING IN THE MIDDLE EAST-

Leticia Rabang

For parishioners, relatives of parishioners and their families

Ryan Ault son of Robert & Kristi

John T. Buchner grandson of Alfred & Dorothy

Kyle Buehler, grandson of Darlene Buehler & Dave & Mary Thompson

Major Brian Conforti son of Frank & Patty Jeremy Flowers son of Brenda

Sean Frazier son of Liz & Sam

Jamie Frates husband of Rebecca

Bill Freund son of Bill & Barbara

Jacob Glodsbury son of John & Kim Douglas Lomshek nephew of Liz Stine

James McLaughlin son of Heath & Michelle

Jeremiah Murphy nephew of Dodie Murphy

James Pate husband of Jennifer

William Rory & Candice O'Brien brother & sisterin-law of Michael O'Brien

Nicholas Worth Dcn. Tony Zimmerman

Lionel White

Kristi Widmer

Tim Pachasa son of Andy & Nancy

Eric Rawlings husband of Candi & father of Jaeger

Christian Shattuck son of Brian & Laureen