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Third Sunday of Easter

April 23, 2023

FIRST READING: God has raised the crucified Jesus, who now pours forth the Holy Spirit upon us (Acts 2:14, 22-33).

PSALM: Our God shows us the way to live (Psalm 16).

SECOND READING: Our faith and hope are in God who raised Jesus from the dead (1 Peter 1:17-21).

GOSPEL: Through his words and in the breaking of the bread, the risen Christ made himself known to two disciples on their way to Emmaus (Luke 24:13-35).

LITURGICAL REFLECTION: EMMAUS AND THE MASS

Emmaus might as well be Brigadoon. We hear of it in this one story—and it's only in Luke—and then it disappears. The journey to Emmaus is one of the most beloved stories about Jesus, and yet the town is probably "mythical" in the truest sense. Like so much of life, this story is about the journey, not the destination. Running away from Jerusalem and their fears, probably going home in disillusionment, two of Jesus' disciples encounter a stranger on the road who, like a rabbi, is able to help them understand their experiences using his deep knowledge of scripture. Later, sharing a meal with him, they recognize the stranger as Jesus, and they return to Jerusalem to tell the others. How like our Mass—we hear the scriptures and an explanation of them, we share a meal, and then we go out to tell the good news.

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WEEKLY PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR

SUN	04/23	10:30AM	First Holy Communion
MON	04/24		
TUES	04/25		
WED	04/26		
THURS	04/27		
FRI	04/28		
SAT	04/29	3:00PM	CONFESSION
SUN	04/30	Rite of Sending



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK: (April 24th– April 30th)

MON	4/24.	7:50AM.	+ Michael & Helen Gritzer – (John & Doris)
TUES	4/25.	7:50AM.	+ Raymond Gombar – (John & Doris Gritzer)
WED	4/26.	7:50AM.	+ James Marshall – Patricia Gritzer
THUR	4/27.	7:50AM	+ Betty Quinn – (Mulkey Family)
FRI	4/28.	7:50AM	+ Nancy Schultz – (Nick Sturey)
SAT	4/294:00PM	+ (WA) 50 th Wedding Observation for Charles & Donna Karalfa
SUN	4/30.	7:30AM.	+ Thomas Friedman – (Bob Grove & Nancy Kuzimak)
		. . . 10:30AM.	+ (A) Mary Barczak – (M/M Peter Maleniak)



Sunday April 23, 2023

Stewardship Reflections: The two disciples on the road to Emmaus are dejected and despondent after Jesus' death. They knew Jesus personally. Hadn't they heard the Gospel message directly from His lips and heard the testimony of the women? How much more obvious could the Good News be? The reaction of the two disciples describes our own journey at times. We often lose our way and can fail to see all the gifts we have been given. But we can be like the two disciples when their eyes are opened once again. We can be transformed and our hearts set on fire with love for the Lord. We can go to the same sources as the two disciples on the road to Emmaus — the Scriptures and the Eucharist. In this Easter season, resolve to feast deeply on these two sources of grace. They are the fuel that will propel us on our journey towards heaven.

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**LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS
(April 15th & April 16th 2023)**

Weekly	\$ 2,616.00
Building Fund	\$ 124.00
Easter	\$ 511.75
Easter Flowers	\$ 2.00

Thank you and May God Bless you for your continued support of St. Therese Church.

REGINA CAELI - The Regina Caelis is said beginning Easter Sunday until Pentecost. It is said standing:

- V. Queen of Heaven, rejoice! Alleluia.
- R. For He whom you merited to bear, Alleluia
- V. Has risen, as He said, Alleluia
- R. Pray for us to God, Alleluia
- V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, Alleluia!
- R. For the Lord has truly risen, Alleluia.

Let us Pray: O God, who through the resurrection of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, has given joy to this world; grant, we beseech You, that through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, His Mother, we may attain the same joys of eternal life. Through the same Christ, Our Lord. Amen



Congratulations to **Cindy Silka** the BIG WINNER of the St Therese April Shower Ticket drawn on the Saturday, Apr 15th evening PA pick 3 daily number. The winning number was **257**. Thank you to all who purchased tickets, we appreciate your support.

Summer Basket Bash

The Summer Bash has been set for July 22nd & 23rd 2023. We are asking again for **Themed baskets at least \$25 in value**. The next meeting is **Monday, May 8th at 6PM**. Anyone interested in helping plan or working the Bash please attend the next meeting. This is a Church Fundraiser; we will need as many hands as possible. It is your chance to Get Involved!

St. Therese Christian Mothers Flea Market & Bake Sale



Our Flea Market and Bake Sale will take place **Friday, May 5TH** and **Saturday, May 6TH** from 9 to 12:00PM in the Social Hall.

Gathering dates will be:

- 9 to 12AM on May 1st, 2nd, and 3rd

Once again, we ask that ALL items be clean and in good repair. We will not take anything that is dirty, torn or damaged. Thank you so much for your cooperation. Start your spring cleaning! **Please omit clothing, shoes, TVs, computers, car seats, and outdoor grills as we are unable to sell these items.**

Families and the Gospel - (Luke 24: 13-35)

In today's gospel the disciples were returning home so "downcast" they did not recognize Jesus walking with them. In our homes we can be so overwhelmed with responsibilities we don't see God with us. Today's gospel tells us to stop and open our eyes to the blessings we are to one another.

Community News & Events

Drive by Spaghetti Dinner

Come to the **Church of the Transfiguration** on **Sunday, April 30th** and enjoy an easy and quick Sunday dinner. Come into our parking lot at 219 Third St Conemaugh, and follow the directions and pay for your dinner. It is **\$8 a meal** that includes hot Spaghetti, 2 meatballs, bun, salad, and dessert. Thank you for your support.

Trash to Treasures

May 12th & 13th. Annual West End Pickers. Trash to Treasures indoor yard sale, St Therese Social Hall, 8AM- 1PM. Something for everyone! Proceeds from this sale go toward our projects: surveillance cameras, garden/flower boxes and community events.