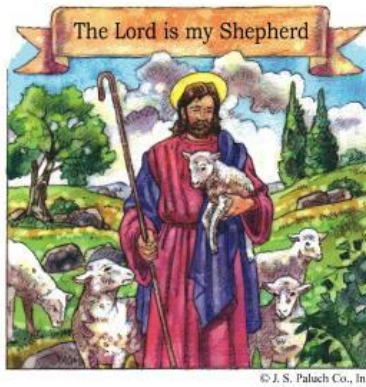


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## Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 30, 2023

**FIRST READING:** All peoples called by God will receive the gift of the Spirit if they repent and are baptized (Acts 2:14a, 36-41).

**PSALM:** My shepherd is the Lord; I shall not want (Psalm 23).

**SECOND READING:** Once we were like straying sheep; but now we have been returned to the shepherd, our guardian (1 Peter 2:20b-25).

**GOSPEL:** The shepherd leads the sheep out into pastures of abundant life (John 10:1-10).

### **LITURGICAL REFLECTION:** OUR PROTECTOR

Today's readings invite us to recognize our need for one who ensures our safety, nourishes us, and leads us to peace and security, like sheep who rest in the care of a good shepherd. Such a shepherd will protect and save the sheep, even from the most deadly of predators. Today, we ponder the incredible news that Jesus accepted death on the cross in order to open the gates of eternal life with God for us. Through his resurrection, Jesus protects and saves us from the power of sin and death. We need only accept his love and live as God's people in this life, relying on the Lord who is the door to new life for us and for all..

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### **WEEKLY PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR**

<b>SUN</b>	<b>04/30</b>	
<b>MON</b>	<b>05/01</b>	
<b>TUES</b>	<b>05/02</b>	<b>7:00PM . . . . Knights of Columbus Meeting</b>
<b>WED</b>	<b>05/03</b>	
<b>THURS</b>	<b>05/04</b>	<b>11:30AM . . . . Christian Mothers Rosary, Mass &amp; Meeting</b> <b>7:00PM . . . . Confirmation St John Gualbert</b>
<b>FRI</b>	<b>05/05</b>	
<b>SAT</b>	<b>05/06</b>	<b>3:00PM . . . . CONFESSION</b>
<b>SUN</b>	<b>05/07</b>	<b>10:30AM . . . .May Crowning</b>



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### **MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK: (May 1<sup>st</sup>– May 7<sup>th</sup>)**

<b>MON</b>	<b>5/01 . . . . . 7:50AM . . . . .</b>	<b>+ James Marshall – (Mom &amp; Family)</b>
<b>TUES</b>	<b>5/02 . . . . . 7:50AM . . . . .</b>	<b>+ Kevin Gritzer – (Zachary Marshall)</b>
<b>WED</b>	<b>5/03 . . . . . 7:50AM . . . . .</b>	<b>Sr Marita Cecilia of the Infant Jesus O.C.D.</b>
<b>THUR</b>	<b>5/04 . . . . . 7:50AM . . . . .</b>	<b>+ M/M Joseph Cisz – (Daughter, Joan Cisz)</b>
	<b>. . . . . 12:00PM . . . . .</b>	<b>+ Christian Mothers</b>
<b>FRI</b>	<b>5/05 . . . . . 7:50AM . . . . .</b>	<b>+ (B) Joseph A. Turturica – (Aunt Patty)</b>
<b>SAT</b>	<b>5/06 . . . . . 4:00PM . . . . .</b>	<b>+ (A) Agnes Labuda Mash – (Sister, Maire &amp; Paul Nikonow)</b>
<b>SUN</b>	<b>5/07 . . . . . 7:30AM . . . . .</b>	<b>+ (A) Terri Spinda – (Husband, Ed &amp; Family)</b>
	<b>. . . 10:30AM . . . . .</b>	<b>+ (B) Michael Delich – (Children &amp; Grandchildren)</b>



## Sunday April 30, 2023

**Stewardship Reflections:** Today's readings offer us a glimpse into the heart of our loving Savior. He is the Good Shepherd and we can confidently place our trust in Him as we live the stewardship way of life. Jesus' description of Himself as the "Good Shepherd" shows us our Lord's tender and personal love for each one of us. We can express our gratitude to Him by embracing the stewardship way of life — in the offering of our time, talent, and treasure to his flock. Embracing this way of life certainly requires trust on our part. But Christ has proven Himself worthy of our trust. He "bore our sins in His body." He calls Himself our shepherd and is the guardian of our souls. He has withheld nothing of Himself and His goodness from us. He would never ask anything of us that would bring us harm. He tells us "I came so that [you] might have life and have it more abundantly." This Easter season, let us resolve to entrust ourselves and our lives gratefully to Him. Catholic Stewardship Consultants, Inc. 2019/7/05)

### LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS (April 22<sup>nd</sup> & April 23<sup>rd</sup> 2023)

Weekly	.....	\$ 2,779.00
Easter	.....	\$ 80.00

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

### RITE OF SENDING

Today we celebrate the Rite of Sending to our Students, and ask God to Bless them as they continue their journey in faith.

Kyleigh Duranko - St. Gemma  
Sidney Pastorek - St Agatha  
Leah Petrore - St Rose  
Addison Oswalt- St Gianna

*With Christ as the center of your life you, will never be disappointed.*

*-Pope Francis*



May Crowning will be held next **Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup>** at 10:30AM Mass.

The May Queen this year is **Addison Oswalt**. Accompanied by her court, Kyleigh Duranko, Sydney Pastorek, Leah Petrore, and Addison Wharton.



Anyone interested in becoming a Eucharistic minister? Please stop and see Fr Crookston after 10:30 Mass  
**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

## Summer Basket Bash

The **Summer Bash** has been set for **July 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> 2023**. We are asking again for **Themed baskets at least \$25 in value**. The next meeting is **Monday, May 8<sup>th</sup> 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 **this Friday, May 5<sup>TH</sup> and Saturday, May 6<sup>TH</sup>** from 9 to 12:00PM in the Social Hall.

**Gathering dates will be:**

- 9 to 12AM on May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup>

**KOC Council #10409** - This month's meeting will be held Tuesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7PM in the Church Hall.

**Christian Mothers** will hold their Monthly Rosary, Mass & meeting this Thursday, May 4<sup>th</sup> starting at 11:30AM.

**Families and the Gospel** - (John 1: 1-10)

In today's gospel Jesus tells us, HE IS THE WAY and warns anyone who offers "another way" to happiness is "a thief and a bandit." Strong words! Don't listen to the sales pitch of society for happiness. Look to yourself where God is present and "calls you by name and leads you to abundant life."