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Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 7, 2023

FIRST READING: To meet their growing needs, the community chooses seven reputable men to the new Greek believers. (Acts 6: 1-7)

PSALM: Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place out trust in you. (Psalm 33)

SECOND READING: We, like living stones, let ourselves be built into a spiritual house. (1 Peter 2:4-9)

GOSPEL: "Show us the Father, "Philip asks Jesus. To which Jesus replies" "Whoever sees me, sees the Father." (John 14: 1-12)

LITURGICAL REFLECTION: VOCATION

Catholics in the United States spend a lot of time talking about "vocation" and how each of us discerns our vocation in life. However, in today's apostolic letter, Peter gives us the "cornerstone" of our vocation, the first and foremost in the call of each one of us as a result of our Baptism. He describes our vocation as "a chosen lineage, a royal priesthood, a nation consecrated to God, a people of his property to proclaim the wonderful works of him [Christ] who called us from darkness to his admirable light" (1 Peter 2: 9) . All of us, regardless of the path by which our vocation of life leads us, have been chosen by God, made holy, and anointed as priests in the high priesthood of Christ by our Baptism. All this, so that we can announce the wonders of Christ. We are given a vocation to proclaim through service, word, and the sacrament within the home, at work, and wherever life takes us.

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WEEKLY PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR

SUN	05/07	10:30AMMay Crowning
MON	05/08	6:00PM Summer Bash Meeting Church Hall
TUES	05/09	
WED	05/10	
THURS	05/11	
FRI	05/12	
SAT	05/13	3:00PM CONFESSION
SUN	05/14 HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK: (May 8th – May 14th)

MON	5/01.	7:50AM.	+ Thomas Friedman – (Joseph Kresesky)
TUES	5/02.	7:50AM.	+ Marsha Loncella – (Sandra Huston & Blanche Timmeney)
WED	5/03.	7:50AM.	Sr Amelia O.C.D.
THUR	5/04.	7:50AM	+ Kevin Gritzer – (Mick & Joyce Muto)
FRI	5/05.	7:50AM	+ (A) John Cynar – (Wife & Children)
SAT	5/06	4:00PM	+ Stella David – (Loving Daughter, Dolores)
SUN	5/07.	7:30AM.	+ Mother's Day Triduum
		. . . 10:30AM.	+ Holy Name



Sunday May 7, 2023

Stewardship Reflections; As Christian stewards, we are well aware that we are merely pilgrims here, making our way through the stewardship way of life to our true home, heaven. As we make our way to heaven, we are called to make our dwelling here, a true "domestic church." The stewardship way of life begins long before we set foot on the parish grounds. Stewardship starts at home. It begins with our families. It is the primary place where we practice intimate and selfless love of other persons. In our Gospel passage from John, Jesus speaks of heaven as a home filled with dwelling places. Let us respond to this great love by becoming good stewards of our earthly dwellings, making our homes where we honor God with prayer, our thoughtfulness to each other and not forget that hospitality starts at home.
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LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS (April 29th & April 30th 2023)

Weekly	\$ 3,889.00
Fuel	\$.....10.00
Building Fund	\$.....90.00
Easter	\$ 70.00

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



May Crowning will be held TODAY Sunday, May 7th 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.

CONGRATULATIONS

To the following who received the Sacrament of Confirmation this past Thursday, May 4th at St. John Gualbert:

Kyleigh Duranko **Sidney Pastorek**
Leah Petrore **Addison Oswalt**

Congratulations and God's Blessing on all of you!

Mother's Day Triduum...May 14th to May 16th, for all Mothers and Grandmothers, both living and deceased. There are Mother's Day Remembrance envelopes available in the vestibule. This is a wonderful way to honor your mother, whether she is living or deceased.

We still have a few frozen piroghis for sale. You can call the office from 9-2 Monday - Friday to make arrangement for pick-up.

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 22nd & 23rd 2023**. We are asking again for **Themed baskets at least \$25 in value**. The next meeting is **TOMORROW 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!**

Families and the Gospel - (John 14: 1-12)

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."

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! If you have items to donate, please call 814-322-5588 or 814-248-8989. No Large Appliances No clothing. Proceeds from this sale go toward our projects: surveillance cameras, garden/flower boxes and community events



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