

# ST. THERESE OF THE CHILD JESUS

THE CHURCH OF THE FRANCISCANS  
BERNARD KARMANOCKY, OFM, PASTOR  
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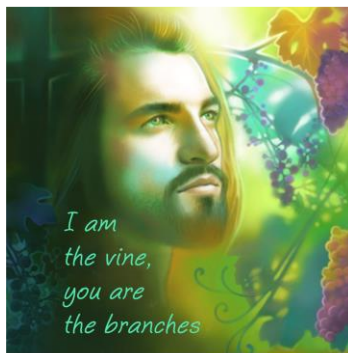
## CHURCH/RECTORY

536 Decker Avenue  
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## OFFICE HOURS WEEKLY

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9:00AM---2:00PM

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## Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 28, 2024

FIRST READING: Barnabas reported to the apostles how Saul had seen the Lord on the way  
(Acts 9:26-31)

PSALM: I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people (Psalm 22)

SECOND READING: This is God's commandment: that we may believe and love (1 John 3:18-24).

GOSPEL — I am the true vine; whoever remains in me will bear much fruit (John 15:1-8)

LITURGICAL REFLECTION. . . . The 5th Sunday of Easter Year B readings highlight our essential connection to God and each other, showcasing themes of transformation, community, active love, obedience, and spiritual fruitfulness. Saul's journey from persecutor to apostle, underlined by Barnabas's support, exemplifies God's transformative power and the importance of community. The second reading urges love in action and obedience to God's commandments, reinforcing our relationship with Him. The Gospel of John emphasizes Jesus as the vine, underscoring the necessity of remaining in Him to bear fruit, symbolizing our discipleship and the glorification of God through our lives.

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### WEEKLY PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR

|          |      |                   |  |
|----------|------|-------------------|--|
| SUN      | 4/28 | 6:00PM . . . . .  | Summer Burger & Basket Meeting Church Hall |
| MON      | 4/29 | 9-12PM . . . . .  | Flea Market Drop Off                       |
| TUES     | 4/30 | 9-12PM . . . . .  | Flea Market Drop Off                       |
| WED      | 5/01 | 9-12PM . . . . .  | Flea Market Drop Off                       |
| THURS    | 5/02 | 11:30AM . . . . . | Christian Mothers Rosary, Mass & Meeting   |
| FRI      | 5/03 | 9-12PM . . . . .  | Christian Mothers Flea Market Social Hall  |
| SAT      | 5/04 | 9-12PM . . . . .  | Christian Mothers Flea Market Social Hall  |
|          |      | 3:00PM . . . . .  | Confession                                 |
| Next Sun | 5/05 | 10:30AM . . . . . | First Holy Communion                       |



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### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK: (April 29– May 5<sup>th</sup>)

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|------|----------------|----------------------------|--|
| MON  | 4/29 . . . . . | 7:50AM . . . . .           | + Eugene Babik (3 Month Mind) – (Family)                 |
| TUES | 4/30 . . . . . | 7:50AM . . . . .           | + (A) Mary Barczak - (M/M Peter Maleniak)                |
| WED  | 5/01 . . . . . | 7:50AM . . . . .           | + Larry Forgas – (Ed Spinda & Yvonne)                    |
| THUR | 5/02 . . . . . | 7:50AM . . . . .           | + Kathleen Paige – (Georgeann Petak)                     |
|      |                | . . . . .12:00PM . . . . . | + Christian Mothers                                      |
| FRI  | 5/03 . . . . . | 7:50AM . . . . .           | + (A) Agnes Labuda Mash – (Sister, Marie & Paul Nikonow) |
| SAT  | 5/04 . . . . . | 4:00PM . . . . .           | + (B) Bernard & Theresa Conway – (Family)                |
| SUN  | 5/05 . . . . . | 7:30AM . . . . .           | + (A) Terri Spinda – (Husband Ed)                        |
|      |                | . . . . .10:30AM . . . . . | + (A) Jason Mulvehill – (Parents, Terri & Patrick)       |



## Sunday, April 28, 2024

**Stewardship Reflections:** Our readings today teach us what it means to bear fruit as disciples of Christ. We hear in each of our readings that it is from the Lord that good effects will be produced in our lives. And Jesus clearly tells us how to do this in our Gospel, as He says, "I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing." We can remain in Christ by staying faithful to His commandments and frequently receiving the sacraments. And our day to day moments should be a reflection of those commitments.

Let us begin this week reflecting on these questions, 'how is God bearing fruit in my life?' and 'have I invited the Holy Spirit to work in my life?' Then let us consider the areas of our days that we can more fully invite the Lord into. May we strive to stay connected to the Vine.

### LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS (April 20<sup>th</sup> & April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024)

|               |       |             |
|---------------|-------|-------------|
| Weekly        | ..... | \$ 3,084.00 |
| Building Fund | ..... | \$ 250.00   |

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

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**Sincere Condolences** - The St. Therese Community would like to offer our sincere condolences to the family of **James Golby** who was called to his eternal reward this past week. May God grant His eternal rest to **Jim** and peace and consolation to his family. Jim was the brother of Audrey Coshun

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### CONGRATULATIONS

To the following who received the Sacrament of Confirmation last Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup> at St. John Gualbert:

**Chase Pollino**                      **Aubrie Shingler**

Congratulations and God's Blessing on all of you!



The St Therese Christian Mothers Spring Flea Market. Flea Market Days:  
Friday May 3<sup>rd</sup> 9-12  
Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup> 9-12

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## Summer Basket Bash

The Summer Bash has been set for July 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> 2024. We are asking again for Themed baskets at least \$25 in value. The next meeting is TODAY Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup> at 6PM.

**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

### Catholic Ministries Drive

**Encountering Christ.** Thank you to all the families who have pledged to date a total of **\$7,485.00** towards our target amount of **\$24,902.00**. Through it, your sacrificial gifts of prayer and treasure will make an immediate impact on Ministries that care for the poor, strengthen family life, nurture our youth, and provide leadership development for clergy and laity. Please prayerfully consider making a pledge according to your means so we will be able to reach that target. You have until Dec 31<sup>st</sup> 2024 to pay your pledge in full. All funds over our target will be returned to St. Therese Parish.

### **Families and the Gospel** - (John 15: 1-8)

Like the vine grower in today's gospel, parents must "prune and cleanse" the branches in their family if their children are going to be rooted.

Discipline, limits and setting goals are a necessary part of parenting so our children will grow and "bear fruit."

### Community News & Events



May 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>, Annual West End Pickers, Trash to Treasure indoor yard sale, here at St Therese Social Hall **8AM-1PM** Proceeds from this sale go towards our projects- surveillance cameras, garden/ flower boxes, and community events.