

ST. THERESE OF THE CHILD JESUS

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April 20, 2025

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

FIRST READING: Peter is an eyewitness: The Lord is risen (Acts 10:34a, 37-43).

PSALM: This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad (Psalm 118).

SECOND READING: All who are baptized, set your hearts in heaven (Colossians 3:1-4).

GOSPEL: Three witnesses, Mary, Peter, and John; each responds to the empty tomb (John 20:1-9)

LITURGICAL REFLECTION: EVERYTHING IS CHANGED

Easter changes everything. Having been raised from the dead, Jesus shatters the frightful images that haunt humanity. Betrayal, torture, crucifixion, death, burial—these terrors pale in the brilliant glory of Jesus resurrected. Today's psalm guides our response to God's power: "it is wonderful in our eyes." Today is indeed a day for wonder, for gasping in astonishment at Jesus' resurrection. For all of human history, death had been final. In the Acts of the Apostles, though, Peter testifies that Jesus, who was publicly executed, was raised to life by God. John's Gospel admits that the disciples "did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead." Even Jesus' closest friends were not expecting this innovation: life after death. In response to the Easter miracle, Paul tells us to become "a fresh batch of dough." Everything, even our very selves, must become new. Easter changes everything.

WEEKLY PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR

MON 04/21
TUES 04/22
WED 04/23
THURS 04/24
FRI 04/25
SAT 04/26
NEXT SUN 04/27



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK: (April 21st– April 27th)

MON 04/21 7:50AM. + Edward Pavlosky – (Family)
TUES 04/22 7:50AM. + Matilda Simcic – (Husband, Martin)
WED 04/23 7:50AM. + Margaret Murray – (Rose Reese)
THUR 04/24 7:50AM. + Agnes Maylsko – (Dave & Linda Tompson)
FRI 04/25 7:50AM. + Carl Pavlosky – (Family)
SAT 04/26 4:00PM. + (B) Regis Bender – (Fran Obarsky)
SUN 04/27 7:30AM. + Daniel Hutchison (one month mind) – (Joe & Karen Stibich)
..... 10:30AM. For the Intentions of Margie Knapp – (Roseann Subich)



Sunday, April 20, 2025

Stewardship Reflections: He is risen! He is truly risen! This is what the celebration of Easter is all about - the truth that Jesus was crucified for our sins and three days later rose from the dead, conquering death once and for all. We proclaim this truth every Sunday in the Nicene Creed: "For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate, He suffered death and was buried and rose again on the third day, in accordance with the Scriptures." Amazing!

We know it is true, but this Easter Sunday, let us ask ourselves if we live as if it is true. Do we simply recite this portion of our Creed week after week, or do we live as witnesses to this glorious reality? And how are we, as Christian stewards, to live as a 'witness' all these years later without firsthand knowledge? We may have to look a little more closely to 'bear witness', but if we try then we can have just as real an experience of the empty tomb and the redeeming power of the Resurrection.

We become witnesses of His glory when we: prayerfully read the Scriptures knowing they are a living love letter from God with a message to each one of us, each time we receive the precious Body and Blood of our Lord in the Eucharist, when we experience His personal and healing power in our hearts during Reconciliation, and when we pour out our lives in loving service to those around us and experience the deep satisfaction that only comes when we are imitating our Savior. This Easter, do not just recite the Creed - resolve to live as if it is true. Experience Jesus for yourself every day from now on. You will be a powerful witness to the truth that He is risen! He is truly risen!

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS (April 12th & April 13th, 2025)

Weekly	\$ 4,240.00
Building Fund	\$ 129.00
Easter	\$ 1,555.00

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

A Big Thank You for the Children's Easter Party

A special Thank You goes out to everyone involved in making this year's Easter Breakfast Party a success. The KOC cooks out did themselves on the food, everything was delicious!! The kids enjoyed painting their crafts and making the beautiful rosaries, and let's not forget the big bag of goodies. A great time was had by all, we appreciate your generosity.



Congratulations to **Mike Seigh** the winner of the Holy Name Last Supper Diamond Dot Picture. We would like to thank everyone who supported this project.



2025 Catholic Ministries Drive

Thank you to the families who have pledged as of March 31 a total of **\$3,475** towards our target amount of **\$25,800**. 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 31st 2025 to pay your pledge in full.

All funds over our target will be returned to St. Therese Parish.

Families and the Gospel: (John 20: 1-9)

Millions of Christians around the world celebrate the Resurrection today. It all began simply on the first Easter with one person telling another: "Mary told Peter" And "they believed." Faith is passed one person to another; it is caught, not taught and parents are the most effective persons to pass faith to their children

Next week there will be a sign-up sheet in the vestibule for **Fr Balestino 65th Ordination** to the Priesthood. The Mass will be held on Sunday, May 25th at 2:30pm here at St Therese, dinner to follow immediately after at the Social Hall. The sign-up sheet will be in the vestibule until Sunday, May 4th



Dear Parishioners,



Our Blessed Mother stood by the cross and understands the meaning of the cross. And tradition tells us the risen Lord appeared to her first at the resurrection. She stands by each of us when we are frightened, confused, and troubled to help us see beyond any darkness and night to the light of her Son's glorious resurrection.

May Mary stand by you to help you understand the mystery of the cross in your lives and to grasp the meaning and hope in the resurrection. And may we bring that hope into a world that needs to see the light of Jesus Christ risen from the dead.

May the Risen Lord shine on you and your loved ones this Easter Season and always.

F. Bernard

Fr Balestina

St. Therese Christian Mothers Flea Market & Bake Sale

Our Flea Market and Bake Sale will take place **Friday, May 2nd** and **Saturday, May 3rd** from 9 to 1PM in the Social Hall.

Gathering Dates April 28th, 29th 30th from 9AM-12PM



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.**

St Therese Prayer Shawl Ministry.



Prayer
Shawl
Ministry

The next meeting of the prayer shawl ministry will be held on Thursday, May 1st right after the Christian Mothers meeting around 1:30PM in the Church Hall.



May 9th & 10th, 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.

Community News & Events

Divine Mercy Prayer Group
next service project
Wednesday April 23rd
6:00pm – 7pm
Laurel View Village
2000 Cambridge Drive
Davidsville

We will be visiting with the Residents of Laurel view Village, Just being present to them to be company to them, whether we are talking, reading to them, playing a game with them...

Spiritual Work of Mercy.

Bring a Friend, The more the merrier!

Info: Cathy 814-288-1126 or Lolly 814-659-8717

Mom's House

is holding a **Walk-Thru Basket Party** at 1325 Franklin St.

on Saturday May 3, 10-4,
and Sunday, May 4, 11-3.

\$5 per sheet of tickets.

Winners drawn via Facebook Live on May 4

@ 3:15. Plenty of parking available! For information, call 814-535-4848.

