

ST. THERESE OF THE CHILD JESUS

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Second Sunday of Easter

Sunday of Divine Mercy

April 12, 2026

FIRST READING: All who believed were devoted to the teachings of the apostles, the communal life, the breaking of the bread, and prayer (Acts 2:42-47).

PSALM: Be thankful to God who loves us forever (Psalm 118).

SECOND READING: God has given us an undiminished inheritance, safeguarded for us in heaven (1 Peter 1:3-9).

GOSPEL: The risen Christ comes to his disciples with peace and the Spirit. The absent Thomas doubts (John 20:19-31).

LITURGICAL REFLECTION: EXEMPLAR OF THE FAITH
Poor Thomas. Singled out from among the disciples because he refused to believe what they were telling him—that they had seen, in the flesh, their friend and their Lord, Jesus Christ. Can any of us really blame him? All of the disciples were terrified, crestfallen, hiding. But what of Thomas? Just where was he when Jesus appeared the first time to the group huddled in fear? He had gone “out”—out of the community where his faith had life. Maybe this was actually a blessing for Thomas and not the curse associated with the “doubting Thomas” moniker bestowed on him by tradition. Oh, the divine mercy of the Lord! Could Thomas be the forerunner of all of us who come in fragile hope and uncertainty to the Christian community, so beautifully described in the reading from the Acts of the Apostles? Could Thomas be an ultimate exemplar of the faith described in the First Letter of Peter?
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WEEKLY PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR

MON	04/13		
TUES	04/14		
WED	04/15		
THURS	04/16		
FRI	04/17		
SAT	04/18	3:00PM	Confession Coffee & Donuts after Mass in the Church Hall
SUN	04/19		Coffee & Donuts after all Mass this weekend in the Church Hall

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK: (April 13th – April 19th)

MON	4/13	7:50AM	+ M/M Joseph Cisz – (Daughter, Joan Cisz)
TUES	4/14	7:50AM	+ Pinky Loncella – (Family)
WED	4/15	7:50AM	+ (A) Ted Figart (7yr mind) – (Wife, Ann & Family)
THUR	4/16	7:50AM	+ Richard Froehlich Jr, – (Family)
FRI	4/17	7:50AM	+ Edward Pavlosky – (Wife & Family)
SAT	4/18	4:00PM	+ Rose Marie Mikesic – (Daughter, Danette Miller & Family)
SUN	4/19	7:30AM	+ Pro Populo
		10:30AM	+ (A) Dom Kurtz Sr. – (Ed Spinda)

Sunday, April 12, 2026

Stewardship Reflections: The Christian steward approaches life with an "Easter vision" rooted in gratitude for and confidence in the salvation our Lord has won for us through His death and Resurrection. Today's readings on this Divine Mercy Sunday teach us how this approach plays out in daily life and reminds us that we can have complete trust in the mercy of God to lead us, step by step, to heaven.

Our first reading, from the Acts of the Apostles, describes this beautiful way of life as it was practiced by the first Christians. "They devoted themselves to the teaching of the apostles and to the communal life, to the breaking of the bread and to the prayers." And "they ate their meals with exultation and sincerity of heart, praising God and enjoying favor with all the people." This is a snapshot of the very first community of Christian stewards living out their daily life - embracing prayer (the breaking of the bread), formation (the teaching of the apostles), hospitality (the communal life and fellowship through joyful meals together) and mutual service. What an inspiration to us modern-day stewards!

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS (April 4th – April 5th, 2026)

Weekly	\$ 3,370.00
Building Fund	\$ 408.00
Easter	\$ 9,404.00
Fuel	\$ 2.00

Sincere Condolences - The St. Therese Community would like to offer our sincere condolences to the family of **Barbara Zett** who was called to her eternal reward this past week. May God grant His eternal rest to **Barbara** and peace and consolation to her family. Barbara was the **sister** of Bill Zett.



REGINA CAELI - The Regina Caeli 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, did vouchsafe to give joy to this world; grant, we beseech you, that through His Mother, the Virgin Mary, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life. Through the same Christ, Our Lord. Amen

Coffee & Donuts will be held in the Church basement after all Masses this weekend, April 11th & 12th, hosted by the Christian Mothers. Stop by for a delicious donut and good fellowship.



If you have not done so yet, please pick up your tickets in the vestibule for our Cash Raffle. **First early bird drawing will be Sunday, April 12th after the 10:30AM Mass.**



Thanks to All for a Beautiful Easter Celebration -

We would like to express our sincere gratitude to everyone who helped make our Easter celebration a beautiful experience! Thank you to those who cleaned, decorated, and arranged the flowers in the church. Special thanks the Lectors and Eucharist Ministers. We would also like to thank Barb Bartkovich, the Choir & Organists for providing us with the beautiful music. God Blessings to All!



Catholic Ministries
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Sent To Serve

Thank you to the families who have pledged as of March 31 a total of **\$8,640** towards our target amount of **\$23,100**. Saint Peter teaches us, "As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace" (1 Peter 4:10). Please prayerfully consider making a pledge according to your means so we will be able to reach that target. You have until Dec 31st 2026 to pay your pledge in full. All funds over our target will be returned to St. Therese Parish.

Summer Basket Bash

The **Summer Bash** has been set for **June 20th & 21st 2026**. We are asking again for **Themed baskets at least \$30 in value**. The next meeting is **Monday April 28th at 6PM**. Anyone interested in helping with soliciting for basket donate please call the office, or use the donation request form and ask your favorite restaurant, beauty shop, or establishment etc. This is a Church Fundraiser; we will need as many hands as possible. It is your chance to *Get Involved!*