

ST. THERESE OF THE CHILD JESUS

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Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

April 5, 2026

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: REJOICE AND BE GLAD

If Christmas is the “most wonderful time of the year,” then Easter is the most joyous, glorious, awesome time of the year! Really? Today’s readings don’t exactly brim over with the kind of holiday cheer we find at Christmas—except for the responsorial psalm, which admittedly rings with gleeful joy. But otherwise, not so much. In the first reading from the Acts of the Apostles, Peter gives a dry, condensed rendering of the story of Jesus to a group of Gentiles in Caesarea. The Colossians reading actually does have us looking forward to glory. Most underwhelming, though, is the Gospel proclamation of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. When we want to hear about angels and earthquakes and trumpets and glory, we hear about a dark, silent, empty tomb. This Easter Sunday story from John’s Gospel is startling in its emptiness. Like Peter in the story, we must enter into this mystery.

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WEEKLY PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR

| | | | |
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| MON | 04/06 | | |
| TUES | 04/07 | 6:00PM | Holy Name Meeting |
| | | 7:00PM | Knights of Columbus Meeting |
| WED | 04/08 | | |
| THURS | 04/09 | 11:30AM | Christian Mothers, Rosary, Mass & Meeting |
| FRI | 04/10 | | |
| SAT | 04/11 | 3:00PM | Confession |
| SUN | 04/12 | 10:30AM | Holy Name Mass |



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK: (April 6th – April 12th)

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| MON | 4/06 | 7:50AM | Good Health for Timothea Peskuric – (Husband, Michael) |
| TUES | 4/07 | 7:50AM | + Agnes Malysko – (Sister, Eileen Malysko) |
| WED | 4/08 | 7:50AM | + Rishard Froehlich Sr. – (Family) |
| THUR | 4/09 | 7:50AM | + Rita Ozog – (Loretta Ozog & Family) |
| FRI | 4/10 | 7:50AM | + Martin & Matilda Simcic – (Family) |
| SAT | 4/11 | 4:00PM | + (A) Dom Kurtz Sr. – (Kristi Lengyel) |
| SUN | 4/12 | 7:30AM | + Marcia Migut – (Denny & Marilyn Alberter) |
| | | 10:30AM | + Holy Name |

Sunday, April 5, 2026

Stewardship Reflections:

Easter Sunday

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 (March 28th – March 29th, 2026)

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| Weekly | | \$ 4,671.00 |
| Building Fund | | \$ 148.00 |
| Easter Flowers | | \$ 90.00 |

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



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

Holy Name Society monthly meeting will be held on **Tuesday, April 7th starting at 6PM** in the Church Hall.

KOC Council #10409 - This month's meeting will be held **Tuesday, April 7th at 7PM** in the Church Hall

Christian Mothers will meet this **Thursday, April 9th** starting at 11:30AM rosary, Mass & Meeting.

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, even the water line break and the change of venue did not stop that crew from making everything GREAT!

The KOC cooks out did themselves on the food, everything was delicious!! The kids enjoyed the sand art and the pretty paper sun catchers, and let us not forget the bag of goodies. A great time was had by all!

We appreciate your generosity.

St Therese Prayer Shawl Ministry.



Prayer Shawl Ministry

The next meeting of the prayer shawl ministry will be held on **Thursday, April 9th** right after the Christian Mothers meeting around 1:30PM in the Church Hall.



Catholic Ministries DRIVE Sent To Serve

The 2026 Catholic Ministries Drive
Our parish goal this year is \$23,100. We would not only try to reach our goal this year, but increase our parish participation. There are pledge cards in the back of Church. Please prayerfully consider making a pledge or one time offering.

Dear Parishioners,

Christ has Risen, Alleluia
He has risen, indeed, alleluia



This is a customary greeting among Christians during the Easter Season. When people cry out "Christ is risen" Satan's power and influence are defeated. We always need to hear this Good News, so that when life's trails confront us, we receive hope that light has overcome darkness and life had conquered death. So may this greeting be heard by you during this easter Season and remain in your hearts always.

May you and your loved ones have a most blessed and joyful Easter Season.

F. Bernard

Fr Balestino

SUMMER BASH & BASKETS

Dates are set June 20th & 21st ,2026

We are asking for and would appreciate the following donations:

Theme Basket (at least \$30.00 in value) for the basket raffle. If Basket making isn't your specialty you can make a monetary donation, we will make it for you! If you have a large family and would like to go together and donate a large prize, or if your company would be interested in donating a large prize, they would be much appreciated. There is also a Donation request form in today's bulletin, and in the Vestibule, take it to your favorite place of Business, restaurant, beauty shop etc., and ask for a donation for the basket party. **It is Never too Early**

Next Meeting is scheduled on Monday, April 27th at 6PM in the church hall

Things that are set - **Saturday Night Music "The Desperadoes" 5-8**

Saturday Night Bingo 6-8

Burgers, Kielbasa, Hot Dogs/ Kraut, Fresh Cut Fries Pizza and Funnel Cake to name a few.



St Anne Basket Party

Dinner tickets SOLD OUT

Soft Walk Through - Saturday April 11th from
4:00PM - 7:00 PM -
25 basket chances for only \$5 - **No Meal**



We would like to thank everyone who purchased a delicious pie from our fundraiser.

We hope you all enjoy them.

Thank you again for your all your support!

CALLING ALL VENDORS

Spring Carft & Vendor Show

St. Mary Byzantine Church

Saturday, April 18th - 10-6PM

Sunday, April 19th - 12- 5PM

Reserve Your Space

Call Fr Timothy 267-751-9492

stmarybyz@gmail.com



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