

# ST. THERESE OF THE CHILD JESUS

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## Fifth Sunday of Easter

**May 3, 2026**

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. . Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co

### WEEKLY PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR

<b>MON</b>	<b>05/04</b>		
<b>TUES</b>	<b>05/05</b>	<b>6:00PM</b>	<b>Holy Name Meeting Church Hall</b>
		<b>7:00PM</b>	<b>Knights of Columbus Meeting Church Hall</b>
<b>WED</b>	<b>05/06</b>		
<b>THURS</b>	<b>05/07</b>	<b>11:30AM</b>	<b>Christian Mother’s Roary, Mass &amp; Meeting</b>
<b>FRI</b>	<b>05/08</b>		
<b>SAT</b>	<b>05/09</b>	<b>3:00PM</b>	<b>Confession</b>
<b>SUN</b>	<b>05/10</b>		<b>Happy Mother’s Day!</b>

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK: (May4<sup>th</sup> – May 10<sup>th</sup>)

<b>MON</b>	<b>5/04</b>	<b>7:50AM</b>	<b>+ Edward Pavlosky – (Wife, and Children)</b>
<b>TUES</b>	<b>5/05</b>	<b>7:50AM</b>	<b>+ Martin and Matilda Simcic – (Family)</b>
<b>WED</b>	<b>5/06</b>	<b>7:50AM</b>	<b>+ Frances Mondri – (Alyson Schultz)</b>
<b>THUR</b>	<b>5/07</b>	<b>7:50AM</b>	<b>+ Richard Froehlich Jr. – (Family)</b>
		<b>12:00PM</b>	<b>+ Christian Mothers</b>
<b>FRI</b>	<b>5/08</b>	<b>7:50AM</b>	<b>+ (A) Jack Trabert – (Daughter, Heidi &amp; John Bence and Family)</b>
<b>SAT</b>	<b>5/09</b>	<b>4:00PM</b>	<b>+ (B) Michael Delich – (Children &amp; grandchildren)</b>
<b>SUN</b>	<b>5/10</b>	<b>7:30AM</b>	<b>+ Mother’s Day Triduum)</b>
		<b>10:30AM</b>	<b>+ Holy Name</b>

# Sunday, May 3, 2026

**Stewardship Reflections:** The readings on this fifth Sunday of Easter present us with themes of dwelling places and home. As Christian stewards, we are well aware that this world is not our permanent home. We are merely pilgrims here, making our way through the stewardship way of life to our true home, heaven.

Yet, as we make our way to heaven, we are called to make our dwelling here - whether we are in a household of one or bursting at the seams - our true 'domestic church' starts at home. Stewardship is not just about going to Mass once a week, serving in ministries, and giving financially to the parish. Those are all important, but stewardship begins long before we step onto our parish campus. It begins with our families, our domestic church.

Let us respond to God's great love by becoming good stewards of our earthly dwellings, making our homes true 'domestic churches' where we honor God with our prayer, our thoughtfulness to each other, and our generous hospitality to all. Let us never forget that stewardship starts at home.

## LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS (April 27<sup>th</sup> – April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2026)

Weekly	.....	\$	3,480.00
Building Fund	.....	\$	130.00
Easter	.....	\$	25.00



### CONGRATULATIONS

We wish to congratulate the following who received the Sacrament of Confirmation this past Thursday, April 30<sup>th</sup> at St. John Gualbert:

**Patrick Sakmar**                      **Devyn Shingler**

Congratulations and God's Blessing to you both.



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### Sent To Serve

Thank you to the families who have pledged as of March 31<sup>st</sup> 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. You have until Dec 31<sup>st</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> 2026**. We are asking again for **Themed baskets at least \$30 in value**. There are donation request forms in the vestibule for you to ask your favorite restaurant, beauty shop, or establishment etc. This is a Church Fundraiser; we will need as many hands as possible.

### REGINA CAELI -

- 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

### Mass for Widows and Widowers

Remember your loved ones on Sunday, May 24, 2026 with a televised Mass Celebrated by Bishop Mark Bartchak at 11:00 am on WATM ABC 23. All spouses will be acknowledged and remembered at the Mass. All persons who have lost a spouse through death throughout the Altoona-Johnstown Diocese are invited to register by contacting the Family Life Office 814-317-2643 or email [familylife@dioceseaj.org](mailto:familylife@dioceseaj.org). When registering, please give your name, address, phone number and the name of your spouse who has passed away. The last day to register is Thursday, May 21, 2026. The event is sponsored by the Diocesan Family Life Office and the Catholic Ministries Drive.



**The Annual West End Trash to Treasures** indoor yard sale, is scheduled for May 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> at St Therese Church Social Hall, from 8-1PM. Get your Spring cleaning going and donate your items. Every little bit helps. Call 814-322-5558, or 814-248-8989 for pick - up of your items or drop off on May 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> at the hall. Proceeds from this sale go toward our project-surveillance cameras, garden/flower boxes, and community events.