



# THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

St. Therese Parish ~ June 6, 2021

Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, and they all drank from it. He said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed for many. Amen, I say to you, I shall not drink again the fruit of the vine until the day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God." - Mk 14:23-25

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**Mass Schedule**  
Saturday: 4:30pm (live streamed through our Facebook page)  
Sunday: 8:00am; 10:00am; Noon; 5:00pm  
Daily Weekday Masses -  
Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday: 6:30am  
Monday-Saturday: 8:30am  
**(COVID-19 Protocols for all Masses)**

**Confession**  
Tuesday/Wednesday: 8:00-8:20am  
Saturday: 2:30-4:15pm

**Business Hours**  
Parish Office Hours:  
Monday-Friday: 8:00am-4:00pm  
School Hours:  
Monday-Friday: 7:30am-3:30pm

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2. Contact your local law enforcement agency or call 911, and
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	Weekly	Year-to-Date
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Budgeted	<u>\$80,636</u>	<u>\$3,709,256</u>
Difference	(\$28,112)	\$96,267
Building Loan Balance		\$2,691,409
Debt Retirement Contributions	\$777	\$410,224
Principal & Interest payments		(\$508,770)
Difference		(\$98,546)

*From the Pope's Pulpit and the Pastor's Pen*



From the Pope's Pulpit  
*The Holy Spirit is the Gift of God who helps us to be free people, people who want and know how to love, people who understand that life is a mission to proclaim the wonders that the Lord accomplishes in those who trust in him.*

May 26, 2021



Sometimes when traveling, getting to Mass can be difficult but there is now a resource to help you. Just call 1-800-MASS TIMES (1-800-627-7846). There you can access a listing of Sunday Mass times for anywhere in the country. You may also visit the web site at [www.masstimes.org](http://www.masstimes.org).

**From the Pastor's Pen**  
 Our responsibility to share in the Eucharist every Sunday and holy day of obligation resumes this weekend and it is serious one. Our diocesan theme for this, that will be in place for some time is *Come Home to Communion*.

My hope is that this will be a time to deepen our understanding of the Sunday obligation in a positive light.

As I shared in a recent video, we are obliged to do what we can but not what we cannot. For example, if one is ill with a high fever, there is no obligation because that person cannot reasonably attend. The challenge is to make sure we fulfill our obligation when we can and not make excuses.

Although Bishop Johnston has lifted the dispensation, he has added that it still holds for those with serious health concerns, pre-existing conditions, or who are caregivers to the vulnerable. They continue to have the grant of a particular dispensation.

If we could really grasp the great depth and meaning of the Eucharist, there would be little need to talk about an obligation. At the same time there is nothing wrong about doing something out of a sense of commitment. Such a sense of commitment or responsibility is what gets so many of us out of bed and off to work in the morning.

We do not come to Mass simply to get, but to give. We seek to make a sincere gift of ourselves to God through the death and resurrection of Jesus. Through that giving, we do receive, as Jesus continues to enter into our world seeking communion with us. He comes not just to be close to us but to be united with us through a worthy reception of Holy Communion.

To worship God at Mass is an act of justice as we strive to give God what he is due—our worship. Through the Eucharist we seek to grow in justice. Through the Eucharist God invites us to grow in intimacy with him. My hope is that all this may deepen that intimacy.  
 Father Joe Cisetti

**STAFF COLUMN - BETTY PHIL-**

Hello Everyone! New adventures at St. Therese Early Education Center as we completed the 2020-2021 school year. I am excited to report that our "Jesus Time" teacher, Carole Joy returned to the EEC after a time in the hospital. Jesus Time has been busy as the EEC honored Mary, the mother God and our heavenly mother with prayers, stories and songs.

The EEC follows our religion program using the diocesan standards covering the liturgical seasons and Catholic tradition. The standards include suggestions for activities and reading material for different age groups.

Other topics during the month of May included the reading of Bible stories about

the Ascension of Jesus and concluded with lengthy discussions about Jesus disappearing into the clouds. The last week in May we read about Pentecost when the Holy Spirit descended upon the apostles (in the form of a "white dove"), Mary, and the crowd of people from different lands. For fun (and the finishing of the liturgical season) the children read The Legend of the Sand Dollar. Our little ones enjoyed sharing the features of the real sand dollars with each one taking home one of the "white doves".

As the EEC plans for the upcoming 2021-2022 school year, we are happy to announce that the pre-kindergarten EEC children will be attending Catechesis of the Good Shepherd through-

out the year, which includes two hour sessions each week in the atrium on the third floor of EEC. Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is also open to any 3-6 year old children of the parish who do not attend EEC. If you are interested in your child attending CGS, you may email Jennifer Davis at [jdavis@sttheresenorth.org](mailto:jdavis@sttheresenorth.org) or Nancy Janasz at [cgs@sttheresenorth.org](mailto:cgs@sttheresenorth.org).

In closing, a special thank you to all parish families for your continued prayers for the staff, children, and families of the EEC. We see evidence of the Lord's beautiful presence every day.



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 Jerome D. (Jerry) Shea – June 8  
 Thomas J. Palecki – June 10  
 Willie Mae Riley – June 10  
 Fred J. Gray – June 11  
 Mary C. Mackin – June 11  
 Sandra Stevens – June 11

## BIRTHDATE REMEMBRANCES

John S. Perlik – June 7  
 Patrizia M. Callahan – June 9  
 Margaret Ann Schmidt – June 9  
 John J. Gioia – June 10  
 Adolph Joseph Strobbe – June 10  
 Maureen DeHaemer Robertson – June 11



## St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry

We serve those in need in southern Platte County with food and emergency financial assistance.

With 100% of our funding coming from donors and because we are an all volunteer ministry, 99% of the donations go toward client assistance. This partnership allows us to be there, when people are in need.

Our special donations request is for: **cooking oil, spices, dish soap, salad dressing**

Altar and Rosary

Our Lady's Gift Shop is open before and after weekend Masses. We are also available for individual appointments by request. Contact Dianne Hartline @ 816.695.6953 or Berenice McHale @ 816.509.0576.



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St. Therese Parish has supported this organization for quite a few years. Stop by the Wooldridge Center after Mass to view the craftsmanship and purchase a piece of art, supporting your fellow Christians who choose to stay and protect the holy sites where Jesus himself lived. Your purchase will make a difference in the lives of many Christian families.

You may also order from their website at: [www.BlestArt.org](http://www.BlestArt.org). They accept cash, checks, and major credit cards.

## Knights of Columbus



Calling all Knights – Our general meeting will take place next Monday, June 14th at 7:00, in the Knights hall on the 3rd floor of the EEC. This is an important meeting as we elect our new officers. Join us to make a difference and show support to the council and each other. Remember that your time can make a bigger contribution to your parish, community and nation. Great things are happening and with your assistance, we can keep our successes coming. Contact Bill at 816.520.5656 or Rob 816.516.9693 with questions.

Grief Support – Losing a loved one can be devastating but help is here. The Knights of Columbus men's support group wants to guide you along the way. Join others who have experienced loss too, by reaching out to those that care about you [findinghelp7199@gmail.com](mailto:findinghelp7199@gmail.com).

## Baptisms -

Let us welcome into the family of God and into the St. Therese family those newly baptized.

Josephine Catherine Pisciotta, daughter of Anthony & Antoinette Pisciotta

Henry Scott Strawn, son of Scott & Stephanie Strawn

Blaze Michael McKellar, son of Mark & Lily McKellar

## Parish and School Summer Hours

Parish Office,  
 Monday - Thursday, 8:00am-4:00pm  
 CLOSED Wednesdays, 1:00-3:00pm (staff meeting)

Friday, 8:00am-12:00pm

School Office,  
 Monday - Thursday, 9:00am-1:00pm  
 Friday, 9:00am-12:00pm

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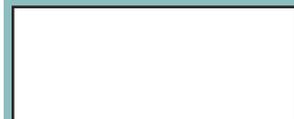
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Our other source of parish communication sent weekly on Thursday morning is the newsletter. Are you receiving this message? If not, we may not have your current email address. Send an email to Donna so that we can get you on board with the news of the week from your parish family. Thank you for keeping your data current and correct.

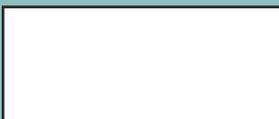
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## FR. KLEINE'S KORNER

*"It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Christ our Lord."*

- The Roman Missal

These words are taken from the preface of the celebration of the Liturgy. Every Mass has a Preface leading into the Eucharistic Prayer, and every Preface starts in some way similar to this.

We not only give thanks to God for the gifts we are about to receive at the Mass— chief among which is the Eucharist (which means 'Thanksgiving' in Greek) – but also acknowledge to our Father in Heaven that our salvation is dependent on the grace-filled gratitude we possess and express.

St. Ignatius Loyola stated that *"giving thanks is the condition necessary for love,"* which makes sense. If we lose our gratitude for something, we either ignore it or take it for granted. If we aren't grateful for the love and lives of others, or God and His many gifts to us, then we tend to interact with them in hollow or empty ways.

This is true for the people in our lives, and especially true for our relationship with and love of God.

To cultivate gratitude in our hearts and minds, and to remain in that gratitude throughout, is to grow in love.

Ordinary Time can be an occasion in which the Adversary tempts us to view the mundane, the small, the 'ordinary' as time that is unimportant, either for ourselves or our Lord. We can be tempted to see only the special times as worthy of merit and thanksgiving, and everything outside that as something we just need to get through.

But our Lord sanctified the ordinary through His Incarnation, living an ordinary human life, spending three decades living in the ordinary, and making the ordinary His prayer of joy and thanksgiving to the Father.

This Ordinary Time might be an opportune time for us to examine some ways we can grow in the grace of gratitude, and more consistently profess our gratitude for our Lord and the blessings He's gifted us with.

And an opportunity to – like St. Therese and St. Philip Neri before us – see the small and the ordinary as our joyful opportunity to encounter Christ and give Him love through those works and time.

1) Carry on our person a sacramental: a rosary, a holy medal, a crucifix, etc.

Carry this sacramental on your person where you can physically feel it throughout your day. Rather than carrying it in your purse or wallet, wear it around your wrist or neck, or carry it in your pocket.

Whenever you see or feel the physical presence of that sacramental throughout your day, let that be your reminder to pray. Nothing overly long or burdensome, just a quick prayer from the heart.

If this occurs during times of temptation, pray to the Lord for strength to resist. If this occurs after sin, pray to the Lord for forgiveness and His help to do better next time. And if this occurs in times of joy – such as while re-watching Fullmetal Alchemist Brotherhood – let it be a reminder to offer up a prayer of gratitude for all the blessings and gifts our Lord has provided.

Let it serve as a reminder to pray always, to invite our Lord into every moment of our lives, to do all things for the glory and love of God, and to rest in that love.

2) Start a prayer journal.

Every day, at a time of your choosing (but try and keep the time the same each day so as to build a consistent habit), spend five to ten minutes writing down in the journal all the blessings and gifts you've received from our Lord, both past and present. Write down all the ways in which He has shown you how much He loves you.

The writing it down will help it to be intentional and thought out, and help you to dwell on those blessings in prayer. For each blessing you repeat throughout the days, try and differentiate why your grateful for the blessing. So if on Monday you're grateful for your family, this practice of a prayer journal should help to broaden our awareness of the myriad of gifts and blessings God's given to us, and help us to remain in a grateful mind-

set throughout our days, especially during times of trial, hardship, and suffering.

3) Play Five Joys

At any time throughout the day, proclaim "Five Joys!" At which point, you and your friends proceed to recount at least five joys you've experienced in the last 24 hours.

4) Conversation with Our Lord and the Saints

Prayer is first and foremost meant to be a relationship (CCC 2258), and every good relationship requires time spent in conversation, where we both speak to and listen to the one we love.

Be it long in depth dialogues or brief breath prayers, talking to our Lord, His Saints, and our Guardian Angel throughout the day in whatever we're doing can help us to be more grateful of their love, their presence, and the opportunity to make every moment an offering to God.

To be grateful is to remember the love of God, and to hope and trust in His love for the future. Below are some further words of wisdom on how we can continue to grow in the grace of gratitude, and thus grow further in love with our neighbor and God.

Fr. Mike Schmitz – Giving Thanks is Necessary <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rjgsV2UUjG8>

Fr. Mike Schmitz – Thanksgiving Special: Squanto [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=\\_06UHMDk778](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_06UHMDk778)

Fr. Mike Schmitz – How to Avoid Being Ungrateful <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gxQINr8c8jU>

Mother Angelica – Thanksgiving <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EiphM93DG1U>

*We thank You our Father in Heaven, for the bountiful gifts of Your mercy and love. Please help us to live lives rooted in our gratitude for You, that we may never fail to remember your love for us, and may strive in all we are and all we do, to return that love to You, and be Your love to the world.*

And in accord with what is right and just, help the Chiefs return to the Super Bowl for the third year in a row!

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## Circle of Friends

June Activities

8th – Second Tuesday - Dinner and planning session at the Platte Woods Pizza Shoppe, 7687 N.W. Prairie View Rd., 6PM. Bring your suggestions for summer activities.

16th - Lunch and Movie – Gather at Subway (6242 NW Barry Rd) at noon. We'll review movie listings over lunch and make a decision.

26th – Gates BBQ – Let's enjoy great BBQ at a family-owned operation that began in Kansas City in 1946. Location: 1221 Brooklyn. Time: 6PM. Let John know if you want a ride.

4th of July – We'll plan on Gladstone's Oak Grove Park as long as Gladstone doesn't cancel again because of COVID restrictions. More details will come in the July / August newsletter.

All activities - Please RSVP to John  
816.587.2359.

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

<b>Sunday June 6</b>	11:00am-12:00pm: VBS Volunteer Meeting, Wooldridge Center
<b>Monday June 7</b>	8:30am: Mass 9:00-10:30am: Prayer Session, Parish Library 7:00-9:00pm: Knights Officer's Meeting, 3rd Floor EEC
<b>Tuesday June 8</b>	6:30 / 8:30 Mass 8:00-8:20am: Confessions 9:30-11:00am: Mary, Martha, Lazarus Prayer, Birkel Room 4:00-8:00pm: Adoration in Church 6:30-8:00pm: Welcome/CRHP Women's Team 12, Wooldridge Center
<b>Wednesday June 9</b>	6:30 / 8:30 Mass 8:00-8:20am: Confessions 6:30-8:30pm: Pastoral Council Meeting, Birkel Room
<b>Thursday June 10</b>	7:30-8:30am: Fatima Prayer Group, Parish Library 8:30am Mass 9:30-11:00am: Queen of Peace Prayer Group, Birkel Room
<b>Friday June 11</b>	6:30 / 8:30 Mass 9:00am-2:00pm: Eucharistic Adoration, Church 5:30-6:00pm: Wedding Rehearsal, Andon Family 7:00-7:30pm: Divine Mercy- recited, Church
<b>Saturday June 12</b>	7:00-8:30am: That Man Is You, Birkel Room 8:30am Mass 10:00-3:30pm: Bride's Prep, Parish Library 1:00-2:00pm: Wedding, Andon Family Double Wedding 2:30-4:15pm: Confessions
<b>Sunday June 13</b>	

## Parkville Women's Clinic Vitae Selects PWC as 10th Alpha Center

Vitae has established a network of pregnancy centers across the US, and is making an impact for life with the digital services they provide to connect clinics with clients at the critical point of decision. Recently, Vitae announced PWC has been selected as an Alpha Center and will receive services valued at \$65,000 annually including support such as:

- Spanish ad campaigns
- Testing of messages
- Chat feature to connect with potential clients
- After-hours help line
- Personalized digital ads

Sonya Rice, PWC Executive Director, said, "We are ecstatic about being chosen. Together, we are accomplishing the core mission of reaching the abortion-determined woman and building a culture for life."

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Cynthia Barchesky	Charlene Fick	Ellen Madrick	Larry Ryan
Nathalie Blogin	Ken Finke	Arlene Marshall	Mary Ann Ryan
Debra Bommarito	Sandy Gardner	Betty McDonald	Jossalyn Sainz
Joe Boswell	Bert Giarraputo	Wendy McKellar	Natalie Ann Salas
Bryan Bownik	Rosemary Gill	Jessica McLain	Forrest Salyers
Frank Brady	Pete Godfrey	David McPherson	Paula Scott
Irwin & Lois Broussard	Pat Goss	Adrianna Marjanovic	Carmen Serrone
Ed Burgess	Lisa Grable	Jerry & Pat Musil	Carolyn Shatto
Daniel Burnos	Suzanne Grisham	Arlene Nadeau	Joanne Smith
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William & Dorothy Campbell	Mary Henke	Nathan Newton	Joann Strever
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Joe Cento	Barbara Jordan	Jill Pehlman	Donna Vining
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Larry Colling	Glenda Kimsey	Dorothy Porter	Lionel White
Helen Colwell	Garrett Krier	Jackey Pratt	Leanore Wilke
Janet Cozad	Clara Lawson	Helen Prendergast	Nicholas Worth
Albert Daniels	Natalie Lewis	Leticia Rabang	Gloria Wright
Rachel Day	Francis Logan	Danielle Reeder	Dcn. Tony Zimmerman
		Pat Reeder	

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### SUNDAY, June 6

8:00am - Father Joseph Cisetti  
 10:00am - Jan Stratman +  
 12:00pm - Hella Grossman +  
 5:00pm - Mass for the People

#### MONDAY, June 7

8:30am - Neada Distefano +

#### TUESDAY, June 8

6:30am - Rosemary van Haaren +  
 8:30am - Hella and Rudy Grossman +

#### WEDNESDAY, June 9

6:30am - Erica Zamarron  
 8:30am - John Gioia +

#### THURSDAY, June 10

8:30am - Nash Anthony Potts

#### FRIDAY, June 11

6:30am - August Hermreck +  
 8:30am - Neada Distefano +

#### SATURDAY, June 12

8:30am - Souls in Purgatory  
 4:30pm - Sam Donnici +

#### SUNDAY, June 13

8:00am - Rosemary Nollette +  
 10:00am - Mike Mihelic +  
 12:00pm - Okbong Lee +  
 5:00pm - Mass for the People

(Crosses, † indicate deceased loved ones)



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For parishioners, relatives of parishioners and their families

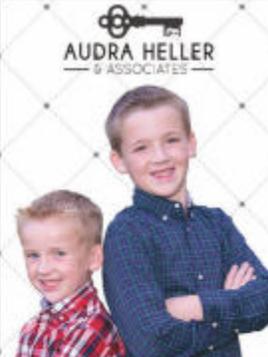
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