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Fifth Sunday of Easter







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St. Theresa of Avila & St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Churches Welcome you to our celebration of the Holy Eucharist on The Fifth Sunday of Easter—Sun., May 7, 2023

St. Theresa 5:00pm Mass (S), Sat., May 6 ~ +Don, Doris & Donnie Bertrand

St. Elizabeth 8:00am Mass (K), Sun., May 7 ~ Ruth & Rubin Bushue

St. Theresa 10:00am Mass (S), Sun., May 7 ~ The Lost

Monday, May 8

No Mass

Tuesday, May 9

St. Theresa 6:00pm Mass (S)

Wednesday, May 10

St. Theresa 9:00am Mass (S) ~ Tyler, Kellie & Carter Watson St. Theresa 9:30am-1:00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursday, May 11

St. Theresa 9:00am Mass (S) ~

Friday, May 12

St. Theresa 9:00am Mass (S)

Saturday, May 13

St. Theresa 5:00pm Mass (S) ~ +Marie Morton & Evelyn Spencer

Sunday, May 14—Sixth Sunday of Easter

St. Elizabeth 8:00am Mass (K) ~ +JoAnn Beer

St. Theresa 10:00am Mass (S) ~ +Anna Marie Terrell

<u>Last Weekend's Offering</u> Thank you! From Sat., April 29 & Sun., April 30, 2023

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton:

Envelopes:

Envelopes Loose:

Loose: \$180.00
Total contributions for the week: \$1000.00

St. Theresa of Avila:

Catholic Home Mission:

Online Giving:	\$1485.00
Total contributions for the week:	\$3398.85
Church restroom:	\$230.00
Building Collection:	\$60.00
Needy:	\$170.00
First Offering:	\$10.00

Next weekend,

Sat., May 13 & Sun., May 14

Liturgical Ministers-

Saturday 5:00pm—St. Theresa

Lectors: S. Morton Euch. Min.: D. Steele Greeter: M. Steele, D.Cox

Sunday 8:00am—St. Elizabeth

E. & J. Grandt

\$820.00

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Sunday 10:00am—St. Theresa

Lectors: L. Purcell Euch. Min.: D. Husk

Greeter: M. Frazier, S. Bushue

Music Ministers-

Saturday 5:00pm—St. Theresa

J. Javier

Sunday 10:00am—St. Theresa

A. Wilzbach, L. Husk

Homebound & Nursing Home Ministers:

Sun., May 7: Volunteer

Fifth Week of Easter

In the gospel for the **5th Sunday of Easter**, we hear Jesus console us, asking us to not let our hearts be troubled because he goes only to prepare a place for us and that "No one comes to the Father except through me."

In the continuing weekday readings from the **Acts of the Apostles**, we see Paul and Barnabas preaching to the Gentiles. They encounter some who want to make them gods; others who want to stone them. A major discussion is held about whether a Gentile had to become a Jew before becoming a Christian. Peter declared that God granted Gentiles "the Holy Spirit just as he did us" and urged them not to burden Gentiles with the difficult Jewish laws. The group turned to the Holy Spirit and prayed for guidance and decided that Gentiles did not have to adhere to Jewish laws. Paul followed the Spirit to expand his travels, ending with his decision to go to Macedonia.

John's Gospel continues the "Last Discourse" of Jesus, taking chapters 14 and 15 of the Fourth Gospel during the weekdays. These gospels offer a layered and poetic look at the kind of inseparable love we share with God. "Whoever loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and reveal myself to him." He promises the Holy Spirit who "will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you." He offers us peace and encourages us "not let your hearts be troubled or afraid." "Remain in me, as I remain in you. Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains on the vine. so neither can you unless you remain in me." "As the Father loves me, so I also love you. Remain in my love." He tells his followers, "It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain." Saturday, Jesus reminds us that if the world didn't like his announcing and living of this good news, then it won't like our announcing and living it either.

On the **Sixth Sunday of Easter**, we hear the incredibly comforting news from Jesus in **John's Gospel**: "I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you" as he promised to send the Advocate, the Spirit of Truth to us.

Taken from the "Weekly Guide for Daily Prayer" on the Creighton University's *Online Ministries* web site: https://onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/Prayer/A1-E-05.html

Daily Prayer This Week

We can hold the words of Jesus in our hearts all week. As we do, we will discover their attractiveness and invitation. We will also encounter resistance in ourselves and in others.

It takes practice to stay focused in the background of our daily life. We all have years of habit to overcome. However, we can practice letting this consoling message of Jesus find a place in our conscious awareness at various points in our day, whether it is in the shower, while getting dressed, or simply whenever we are on our way from one place to another. Sometimes it will take a conscious effort to let these thoughts replace the thoughts that are there already. In the background of our day is where our worries reside. It's where we carry anxiety and stress. Sometimes it is where we carry on imaginary conversations with others or "replay" past conversations. Often a song or piece of music just replays over and over.

This is a great week to get in touch with our deepening desires and to let my conversations with Jesus grow in friendship. The easiest way to do this is to simply say simple ordinary things – the very way I would say them to a close friend. Some examples might offer words that will inspire our own conversation with the Lord who loves us.

"Jesus, every time I hear you say I don't have to let my heart be troubled, I pause. I sense you are pointing to the 'troubles' I'm working through today. You're asking me to let go of them, aren't you? I'd like to, Jesus, but some of this is big stuff. It scares me. I know some of what I need to do, but I put it off. I know what I'm avoiding. It helps to focus on your love for me this week. I guess what I really need to ask you for today is that you let me trust you more completely. It is really nice these days to feel that you are so close to me, and that I'm not alone today."

"I haven't been very connected to you, Jesus. This conversation is difficult because it reminds me the embarrassing stuff I keep doing - even though right now, I'm ashamed to talk about it in your presence. Please forgive me. Some of this I want to bring to the Sacrament of Reconciliation, so that I can be re-connected with you again. I need a 'turning point,' Jesus. Thank you for being there."

"Good night, Jesus. Thank you for today. Let me put everything aside tonight. I know you will be with me all day tomorrow."

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Dear members of St. Theresa and St. Elizabeth Parishes,

May the Risen Lord bring a burst of new life to us all individually and collectively as we enter this Easter season.

We have been planning and talking for some time, about creating a mission statement that can guide our being a church that answers the needs of our times. We have scheduled for the community to come together on May 22, 23rd and 24th evenings to formulate the mission statement. To create a mission statement that suits our identity and mission. The survey registered for the duration of one month and hence needs to be completed by the end of April. This will give a week for Fr. Paulson to compute the results and have it ready when we meet together.

Please click on the link or use the QR code to access the survey and answer the questions as sincerely as possible. It can be completed by each member of the parish or as a family. I am requesting that all registered members/families of the parish do the survey and help our parish to streamline our being the Church we want it to be.

Happy Easter everyone.

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/JMPC6GQ



Save the Date! Mission Statement Meetings

May 22, 23 & 24 at 6:30pm in the St. Theresa gym All Parishioners from both Parishes are encouraged to participate.

Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal

The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord - Psalm 15

A special thanks to everyone who has so generously supported The 2023 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal – we are most grateful. If you haven't had an opportunity to make a gift as yet, we hope you will prayerfully consider doing so now. Gifts can be made through your parish or by visiting www.diobelle.org and clicking on "Giving". Seventeen (17) ministries and programs and all those they so faithfully serve are counting on YOU. Please make your contribution today.

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Thank you for all your gifts, no matter how small, they are all appreciated!



Wednesday Adoration

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Wednesday 9:30am-1:00pm
St. Theresa Chapel.

Come spend some time with the Lord.

ST. THERESA FOOD PANTRY

Schedule for weekend items to be brought...
For the week of May 13/14-pancake mix & syrup
For the week of May 20/21-canned vegetables
For the week of May 27/28-cereal
For the week of June 3/4-meal in a can

The Food Pantry is open the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month from 10am-11am. Donations can be dropped off in the Church at Mass times. Thank you very much for your donations! Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus (Council #6985).

Vintage 50's Quilt Raffle

St. Theresa Avila League drawing after all tickets are sold \$1.00 each or 6/\$5.00 tickets available from an Avila Lady or The Parish Office

Life Changes

Have you moved, dropped your landline or changed email address? Please send an email to sttheresaparish@hotmail.com or call 548-0899 with any changes or updates. *Thank you!*

Vocation Corner:

Today our reading from the Act of the Apostles declares the institution of the Diaconate ministry. This event calls forth seven men to assist the Apostles in spreading the Kingdom of God. We are blessed in this Diocese to have so many men who have accepted the call to the Diaconate. On June 3rd, the Diaconate Class of 2023 will be ordained. "Whenever a person is ordained, he is to serve the diocesan Church. Deacons are no different in this regard: they are assigned by the bishop to ministries for which the bishop perceives a great need, and for which the deacon may have special gifts or talents. Most often, this will be within a parish setting, just as most priests serve in a parish. Once assigned to the parish, the deacon and any other clergy assigned to the parish minister under the immediate supervision of the pastor. (USCCB)"



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Fr. Andy Knopik's 40th Anniversary of Ordination Celebration

Sunday, June 4

St. Ann Parish, Nashville, IL 10:30am Mass 12noon Reception

Everyone is invited.

Please RSVP

Gene Knopik 618-698-6732

by May 27th

(a count for the reception is needed)

Around the Diocese:

St. Lawrence Knights of Columbus, Sandoval, IL. **Pork Steak Dinner**. May 7, serving 11:30am-2pm. Meal includes pork steak, baked beans, potatoes, applesauce, dessert and drink. Hamburgers and fries will be available for kids. Dine in or carry out. Free will offering. Proceeds go towards K of C Charities. Thank you for your support!



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Blessed Imelda Lambertini wanted to receive Holy Eucharist, but she was too young. She knelt by the tabernacle and prayed that God would let her receive communion. The Eucharist miraculously floated out of the tabernacle for her First Communion!







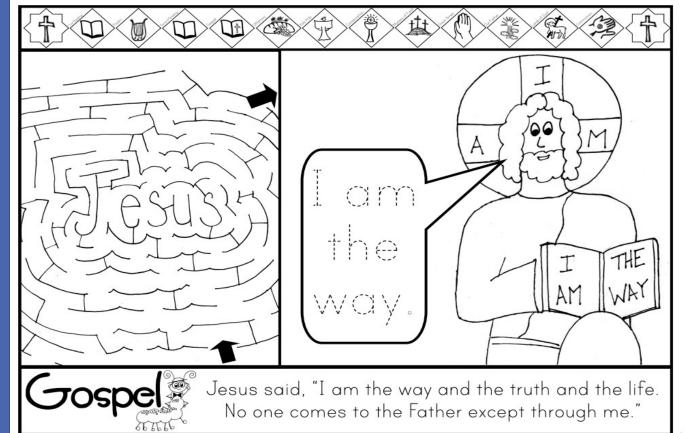
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Lord, let your let your mercy be on us, let your mercy be on us, let your mercy be on us, let woll as we place our trust in you.

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Find the tabernacle at your church. Genuflect toward the tabernacle before you enter the pew.

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Year A: Fifth Sunday of Easter

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Jesus is the Way to Heaven

In today's Gospel reading Jesus tells the disciples that He is the way to the Father in Heaven.

Jesus is the way for us to go to Heaven. But how can a person be a way to get somewhere? Jesus is always with the Father in Heaven, so the closer we are to Jesus the closer we are to Heaven!

How can we be close to Jesus? Here are some ways:

Pray to Jesus. Prayer is talking with God. When we want to be friends with someone we talk with them a lot.

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Try to be like Jesus. Always do

the right thing. When you need to decide what to do, think: "What would Jesus do in this situation?" Stay close to Mary, His mother. She will keep you close to Jesus.

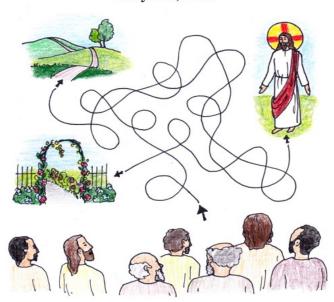
Receive Jesus in Holy Communion. The Eucharist is an amazing gift. It is Jesus coming to us so that we can receive Him into our bodies and souls. Communion is the closest we can be to Jesus until we get to Heaven.

Answers to Cross-Word- Across: 3.Father 5. is 9. time 10. because 11. on 13. will 15. and 17. whoever 18. who 20. than 22. speak Down: 1. of 2. Jesus 4. amen 6. still 7. seen 8. believe 11. own 12. know 13. kno

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Fifth Sunday of Easter May 7th, 2023



In today's Gospel reading, Jesus tells the disciples the way to the Father in Heaven.

Do you know which is the way?

Follow the squiggly line to find out!

Blessed Jane of Portugal May 12















SEVERAL MONTHS OF SUF-FERING, BLESSED JANE DIED AT THE AGE OF THIRTY-NINE.

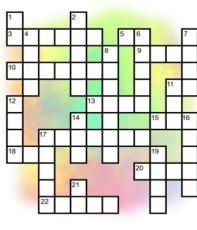
BLESSED JANE COULD HAVE HAD A RICH EASY LIFE AND MARRIED AN IMPORTANT MAN, BUT INSTEAD SHE CHOSE TO FOLLOW HER HEART AND LIVE FOR GOD ONLY. SHE DIED BECAUSE THE WOMAN SHE HAD CORRECTED DID NOT LIKE TO HEAR THAT SHE HAD DONE WRONG. LIKE JANE, WE MUST BE READY TO SUFFER FOR THE TRUTH

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"Show us the Father" Cross-Word

Use the words from the list to fill in the blanks and complete the puzzle.

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Please pray for the sick, their caregivers, residents in nursing homes** and the homebound...

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