

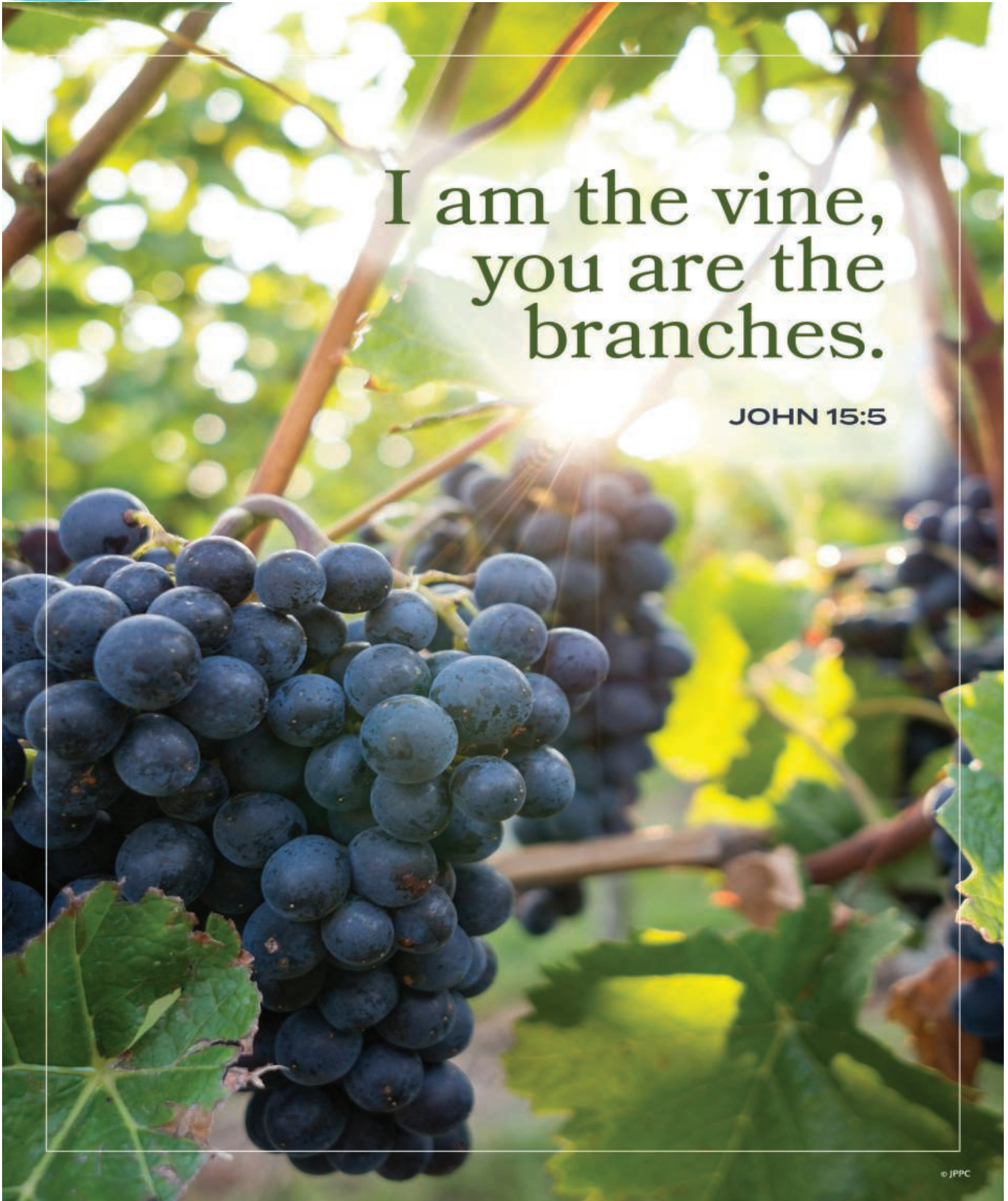


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JOHN 15:5



This Week	Stewardship		
<p>Saturday, April 27 - 2nd Collection this weekend - Catholic Home Missions 7:30AM - Men's Group 4:00PM - Confession 5:00PM - Mass - St. Therese Parishioners</p> <p>Sunday, April 28 8:00AM - Mass - RuthAnn & Jim Daly (L) 10:30AM - Mass - St. Therese Parishioners</p> <p>Monday, April 29 No Mass, nor activities noted</p> <p>Tuesday, April 30, 2024 11:30AM - Rosary 12:00PM - Mass - Sam Bio (D)</p> <p>Wednesday, May 1 10:30AM - Walking with Purpose - Potluck - Last Class No Daily Mass PM: Choir practice</p> <p>Thursday, May 2 11:30AM - Rosary 12:00PM - Mass - Charles Santorella (D) 12:30PM - Adoration 12:30PM - Scripture Circle</p> <p>Friday, May 3 10:00AM - Pro-Life Apostolate 11:30AM - Rosary 12:00PM - Mass - Peggy Riordan (D)</p> <p>Saturday, May 4 - 2nd Collection this weekend - Catholic Communications 7:30AM - Men's Group 4:00PM - Confession 5:00PM - Mass - Betty Yamey (D)</p> <p>Sunday, May 5 8:00AM - Mass - St. Therese Parishioners 10:30AM - Mass - Esther & George Penna (D) - First Communion</p> <p>Monday, May 6 No Mass, nor activities noted</p> <p>Tuesday, May 7 11:30AM - Rosary 12:00PM - Mass - Rev. Paul H. Sweeney (D)</p> <p>Wednesday, May 8 11:30AM - Rosary 12:00PM - Ray Malone (D)</p> <p><i>All items subject to update, correction, or change Always call if questions...</i></p>	Offertory	Needed	Received
	March 2024	\$ 64,200.00	\$ 95,090.42
	April 7, 2024	\$ 13,993.00	\$ 21,901.55
	April 2024	\$55,972.00	\$ 21,901.55
	Consider online giving: visit www.catholicwb.org, click on "Giving" and follow the prompts.....		
	<p>TODAY'S READINGS</p> <p>First Reading - Paul is at first much feared by the disciples because of his past persecution of them. But his conversion led to the peace described here. (Acts 9: 26-31)</p> <p>Psalm — I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people. (Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32.)</p> <p>Second Reading — The test of one's acceptance by God is the willingness to do what pleases Him, namely loving one another as he commands. (1 John 3: 18-24)</p> <p>Gospel — Jesus describes Himself as the true vine, replacing the older image of Israel as the vine. The disciples, representing Jesus in the world, give glory to the Father. (John 15: 1 - 8)</p>		
	This Week's Scripture Readings		
	<p>Monday Acts 14:5-18 Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16 Jn 14:21-26</p> <p>Tuesday Acts 14:19-28 Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21 Jn 14:27-31a</p> <p>Wednesday Acts 15:1-6 Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5 Jn 15:1-8</p> <p>Thursday Acts 15:7-21 Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10 Jn 15:9-11</p> <p>Friday 1 Cor 15:1-8 Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 Jn 14:6-14</p> <p>Saturday Acts 16:1-10 Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5 Jn 15:18-21</p> <p>Sunday Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48 Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 1 Jn 4:7-10 Jn 15:9-17</p>		
<p><u>Fifth Sunday of Easter</u></p> <p><i>"...without me you can do nothing."</i></p>			
<p>This Week's Saints/Special Observances</p>			
<p>Sunday: Fifth Sunday of Easter Monday: Saint Catherine of Siena Tuesday: Saint Pius V Wednesday: Saint Joseph the Worker Thursday: Saint Athanasius Friday: Saints Philip and James Saturday: Saturday of the Fifth Week of Easter Sunday: Sixth Sunday of Easter</p>			
	<p>Please use care when parking in the handicap spaces and display a current blue placard in addition to the handicapped tag. (Other cars should not be parked so close as to render these spaces inaccessible.)</p>		

St. Joseph's Workers

(First Thursday evening of every month)
Confirm with Organizer re: April schedule
Usual schedule: 5:30PM Adoration
6:30PM Benediction

Followed by Men's Presentation or Talk on a Spiritual Topic, then 7PM Men's Fellowship

nypdgreen34@gmail.com

PRIESTHOOD DISCERNMENT RETREATS (Young Men 18+)

Holy Name of Jesus Cathedral - 9AM to 12PM noon:
(includes Mass of Ordination to the Priesthood...)
Saturday, June 1, 2024

Contact:
Brenda Elizalde
Office of Vocations
984-900-3104
Brenda.elizalde@raldioc.org

Or visit to register or inquire re: future events -
Ncpriest.org/events/priesthood-discernment-retreats/

Fr. Tighe Memorial Golf Event

(Benefits the Seminarian Partnership Program)

Monday, May 20 - 9:30AM Shotgun start

Longleaf Golf and Family Club

10 Knoll Rd, Southern Pines

To register or sponsor: 919-568-1067 or email,

donna@foundationdor.org

Scholarships for Future Saints

The Msgr. Dennen Assembly of the Knights of Columbus will be awarding scholarships to Catholic students who will be enrolling in college/university in the Fall *for the first time*. Requirements to apply: your biographical information, a completed application, and an essay on the spiritual journey of a Saint.

Need information or an application? Email:
scholarship@kofc2017.org
Deadline to apply: May 30, 2024

Interested in the Knights of Columbus, the largest Catholic fraternal service organization in the world?

Contact: Anthony Melilli, anthony.melilli@yahoo.com OR

any Knight for information on the St. Therese Council, #12885, Wrightsville Beach, and our principles of: charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism.....

Scripture Circle

Meetings held on Thursdays at 12:30PM in the Parish Hall

All welcome for reading, prayer, and faith-sharing!

Contact NourishYourSpirit2012@gmail.com

St. Therese Pro-Life Apostolate

In the Parish Hall, Monthly, *First Friday*
10:00AM*

Contact: jpaparozzi@yahoo.com 910.471.1534
or tahoolie@fidei.email
910.620.1009

Come Learn more about Abortion, Euthanasia, Human Trafficking, the Death Penalty, Abortion pill reversal, and other pro-life topics.....

April 2024

A key priority of the pro-life movement is to expose the corruption of the abortion industry. Making abortion legal can never keep it safe. One cannot practice vice virtuously. If one is willing to take a baby's life, might one be willing to do other kinds of evil as well? We must bring to light the evils being done behind closed doors in abortion centers.

Pregnant & Need Help?

Some additional resources.....

Lifeline Pregnancy Center - 910.392.0001

HOPEAFTERABORTION.ORG

Project Rachel - 1.888.456.4673

Save the date: Rally & March for Life

May 18 - Halifax Mall, Raleigh NC
12:45PM

Catholic Home Missions

2nd Collection April 27-28

Supports essential pastoral programs in financially challenged dioceses and eparchies in the United States.

Strengthen the Church at Home

Visit: uscgb.org/committees/catholic-home-missions

**Ancient Order of Hibernians (Brunswick Co.)
Raffle for Vacation for TWO to Ireland
(Travel before June 1 2025)
Proceeds benefit Ancient Order charities**

Need more info?

www.brunswick.ncaoh.com

Or call: Jim O'Reilly - 910.409.7025

Need a priest to visit you while in NOVANT-NHRMC?

You, your family, or your nurse must contact the Spiritual Care Dept. in the hospital & they will have their liaison contact a priest. (There may be infection-control procedures in place.)
Scheduled surgery? Contact the Parish Office *prior* to it in order to schedule a time for Anointing of the Sick by Father *before* you are admitted.

Any person wishing a low-gluten host must come to the *back-door* of the sacristy *early* and ask Father directly, well prior to the start of Mass. (So preparations may be made.)

SUPPORT YOUR PARISH

In 2024 Give Online Giving a Try!

Visit: www.catholicwb.org

Click on: "Giving"

Read the online data, then hit [click here](#).

Follow the instructions to set up an account and password. *Use the email address on file with your Parish enrollment.....* You can set up a recurring scheme, or do a one-time gift on the weekends you are away.

Diocese of Raleigh Bishop's Annual Appeal 2024: Learning from our history...Shaping our future

PARISH GOAL: \$ 106,225.95

[Keep the momentum going...!]

Visit to give online:

<https://dioceseofraleigh.org/give/baa>

SACRAMENTS

Reconciliation: Confessions are heard on Saturdays from 4:00 PM - 4:45PM in the Reconciliation Room at the Church, and other times by appointment.

(Additional time may be offered during Advent and Lent.)

Eucharistic Adoration: Thursday 12:30PM - 5:30PM

Baptisms: Important information can be found on our website at www.catholicwb.org/sacraments as to how to get started. Baptisms for children are scheduled no more than 2 months in advance. Adults interested in becoming Catholic should inquire about the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA).

Anointing: Persons concerned about their health are encouraged to receive the Sacrament of the Sick. (Hospital & nursing home patients should notify the Registration Department, the social worker, or Pastoral Care upon check-in.)

Marriage: Couples from St. Therese planning marriage are asked to contact the Parish Office *at least 6 months prior* to their proposed wedding date.

Confirmation: Adults seeking Confirmation should call the Parish Office.

Faith Formation, Confirmation, First Communion classes are ongoing.

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**St. Therese is a joyful and welcoming Catholic Parish,
united in Christ, promoting discipleship through community,
outreach and service.**

DIAPER DRIVE (Benefitting various agencies)

Collection for the Diaper Bank before/after all Masses May 11 -12 (Mother's Day Weekend)

Did you know that Catholic Charities' most requested item from clients is diapers? Primarily due to the cost, families often cannot afford this basic infant/child item. *Why?* These families are *poor*: with 17 out of 20 of them at or below Federal Poverty Level Guidelines. *Will you help?* All sizes accepted: Infant thru Toddler - though larger sizes are preferred. Adult diapers and Baby Wipes will be welcomed too. ALSO: *New or gently-used baby clothes* are requested by Catholic Charities.

Questions? wagner7845@gmail.com

GUARDIAN AD LITEM

The North Carolina program in New Hanover and Pender Counties is looking for volunteers to represent and promote the best interests of abused, neglected and dependent children. Screening, training, guidance, and supervision are provided. If you have an interest in volunteering to provide a voice for children in our community, contact the GAL office: 910-343-5360. Visit: www.volunteerforgal.org

Wilmington Catholic Radio

Wilmington Catholic Radio can be heard on stations **91.7 FM, 93.1 FM, and 103.1 FM** in Wilmington. Shows can also be heard online on their website at:

www.wilmingtoncatholicradio.com

ADORATION

Thursday, after daily Mass

Concludes with benediction at 5:30PM.

Drop in anytime; or contact Chris Batley if you would like to be on the list (2 per hour who commit to a certain time.) Please update your contact info., or add yourself if new!

**Come spend a Holy Hour with the Blessed Sacrament, or even a few *peaceful* minutes!
Chrisbatley.00@gmail.com**

Priesthood Discernment Pilgrimage

Please visit NCPRIEST.ORG if you are interested in joining men 18+ in the Diocese of Raleigh who are discerning a vocation. This three days, JUN 28 thru JUN 30, will give you an experience of the *dynamic reality of the priesthood*. You will meet seminarians, and priests of at least three different parishes.

Contact the Vocations office to sign up!

Catholic Home Missions Appeal

Funds dioceses that are unable to offer their people the basic pastoral ministries of word, worship and service without outside help. Primarily: evangelization, religious education, training for priests - deacons - religious - and laypersons. Please be generous this weekend!

Usccb.org/committees/catholic-home-missions

Men - start your weekend off right!

Saturdays at 7:30a.m.

Join other men of St. Therese on Saturday mornings for coffee, bagels, and candid conversation about how we can become better Catholic men.

We read and discuss scripture, but most of the time spent together consists of open dialogue about how these readings relate to real events in our lives. We are fortunate to have our faith to guide us. Meeting like this helps our faith to stay strong and to grow.

Inquiries? Email: jim@gibson-consultants.com

Please Pray for...

Rob Alford, Robert Anderson, Jeanne Ashey, Bill Baker, Jr., Mark Bianco, Eileen Ballance, Paula Basso, Bill Batley, Todd Baumgartner, Doreen & Ed Bill, Nicole Birt, L. Black, Daphne Boothe, Carol Brands, Shealyn Breen, Nancy Brier, Chuck Brown, Silas Brown, Matthew Burns, Joyce Bussewitz, Leonel Cardenez, Rob Carroll, Rocco Campagna, Jimmy Carl, Sarah Cicuto, Caroline Ciocca, Carla Clark, Anne Cline, KS Cowlin, Dale Cromartie, Shawn Dahm, N. Davy, Tracy Draughon, Jim Dvorak, Bob & Nancy Farris, Charlie P. Farris, Karen Fitch, Joe Foley, Mary Galioto, Rev. Gene Grabowski, Beth Grady, Jacqueline Gurarino, Gerry Geist, Wyatt Gildersleeve, Thomas Giorgio, The Griffin Family, Esther Caeli Gripshover, Jacqueline Guarino, Elizabeth Hagan, Claudia Hamilton, Craig Hoffman, Bob Horne, Clayton T. Housler, Lenore Hulser, Patrice Huson, Ed Hyer, Rachel Jacobs, David Johnson, Valerie Johnston, Noah Joseph, Dorothy Kelty, Laurie King, David Kmiec, Frank Kohn, Isabella Kolcun, Marie Korlacki, Mike Kranchalk, Rich Lalier, Kathleen LaMonica, Anna Langlois, Cheryl Lee, Annie Lewis, Jim Liddy, Aubrey Lueck, David Mabee, Jessica MacKay, Miriam Marlar, Matthew Martin, Elizabeth M. McConnell, Bill McCord, Holly McKittrick-Boyle, Anne Meister, Greg Meyers, Michele Milkiewicz, Nicole Miller, Carmel Moffo-Hackert, Patricia Moore, Toni Meunier, Grace Morchauser, Nicole Miller, Mary Murray, Joseph Nash, Terry Noe, Nick Onufrak, Gregory O'Toole, Erin Pascaros, Debbi Pollock, Peter Pruiem, Marylee Reaume, Amanda Reda, Omaira Reid, Marissa Rhyne, Tom Rice, Keith & Olga Rohland, Judy Ross, Sonya Row, Garry Rust, Mary Sanza, Charlie Sarracino, Cheryl Schmitter, Steve Scott, Carol Schultz, David Scullin, Diane Sheedy, Lou Skrapits, Melanie Smith, Don Sonne, Stella Spratt, Karen Soteco, Nora Stamper, Irene Stein, Archie Stone, Cynthia Sullivan, Debra Sullivan, Joseph Sullivan, Shawn Sweeney, Tom & Martha Swyney, Ashley, Brian & Clara Stamper, Mary Teller, David Thompson, Janet Trowell, Hailey Tucker, Donna Tumolo, Wayne Turner, Ben Van Pilsun, Larry Vacek, Nota Violagis, Melinda & Dale Walker, Kyle Warren, Stephen Weber, Nancy Weicht, Phil Williams, TJ Wilson

[Please notify the office re: any updates, additions or deletions]

Other Opportunities to Give....

APR 27 Catholic Home Missions

May 04 Cath. Communication Campaign

May 26 Priests' Retirement

Thank you for your generosity!

Into the Breach II Video Series

This series "*The Mission of the Family*" helps Catholic men lead lives of faith and virtue in today's world.

(Rescheduled start date: May 9)

6:30PM

[five sessions]

Contact: any member of the Knights of Columbus

anthony.melilli@yahoo.com

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[If you are interested in placing an ad to help defray the cost of producing our church bulletin - please contact: **kzechello@jppc.net** and refer to Bulletin #727] The last few spots are available....

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<https://www.jppc.net/onlinebulletins/727template.pdf>

Walking with Purpose

Email: **meg.small352@gmail.com**

www.walkingwithpurpose.com

Watch for the start of the next series....

St. Mary Basilica Shrine invites us to:
The Sister Isaac Center Quarter Auction and Raffle
April 27, 11AM to 1PM

St. Mary lower school cafeteria, 412 Ann St.
Big prizes! Including getaways & golf packages....
Contact: **outreach@thestmaryparish.org**

Safe Environment Training

May 14, 7PM - Webinar

<https://register.gotoweinar.com/register/3493234640628316511>

Pray the Rosary!

Many gifts are attributed to those who faithfully pray the rosary, including: receipt of signal graces & armor against Hell, destruction of vice, decrease of sin, defeat of heresies, and more! Pray *before* daily Masses at **11:30AM. in the church....**

Altar Flowers

April 14 Flowers by Ellen & Kevin Gannon
April 21 Flowers by John Dwight in Memory of Margaret and Jane Dwight
April 28 - Open

May 5 Flowers in Honor of First Communion candidates by their parents
May 12 Flowers by St. Therese Moms
May 19 Flowers sponsored by Walter Link
May 26 - Open

Food Pantry News

"...let us not love in word or speech but in deed and truth...."

YOU can help the poor and working-poor in our area (over 200 families) who use the Food Pantry.

You can also make a monetary donation - write your check (with a notation that you are a St. Therese parishioner) and mail directly to:

St. Joseph's Food Pantry, 1303 US 117, Burgaw, NC 28425

Want to help drive St. Therese's weekly donations to Burgaw? Contact: Jane Yemma, 910.547.4243

The Pantry thanks St. Therese parishioners for their donations!

Remember: Soups, stews, chili, etc. continue to be welcomed, as do "the usuals".....canned fruit, vegetables, cereals, canned tuna & chicken, rice, beans, macaroni/pasta, peanut butter....

[Please make sure all donations have *not* exceeded expiration dates....]

Want to make arrangements to drop off food at Joseph's directly? It can be done **MONDAY, 10AM-12PM** only. Contact Patricia Kopchick: 518-275-9887

Driving to Burgaw? Always call first to check if any schedule changes are planned...



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