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May 24, 2020
 The Ascension of the Lord
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Office hours: M, T, TH 9-11am; Wed 9-5pm; Fri 9-1pm (subject to change)

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ST TERESA PARISH WELCOMES NEW FAMILIES AND INDIVIDUALS MOVING INTO THE AREA. Please register by calling the rectory office. Any parishioners who are leaving the area or changing an address or phone number should notify the office.

BAPTISMS: Baptism will be held on the 1st Sunday of the month after Sunday morning mass. Call the office in advance to schedule. Parents are obligated to attend preparation sessions before a child's baptism if they have not attended one in the past five years. This can be done before the birth of the child. Call the office to register for class.

COUNSELING SERVICES: 1-937-299-9005 Offered by Bob Skipper at Spiritual Center of Maria Stein

BULLETIN ARTICLES: due in writing by 5:00pm on Tuesday. You may email article to: stteresachurch@bright.net.

Due to the increasing number of positive cases in Mercer County, medical professionals and area pastors are advising the we delay resumption of Mass one week.

- *Celina Cluster weekday Masses will resume Monday, June 1st*
- *Celina Cluster weekend Mass schedule resumes Saturday, June 6th with the addition of a 4:30pm Saturday Mass at St Teresa during coronavirus restrictions only.*
- *Communion Services will resume Monday, June 29th*

Mass Intentions
 Monday, May 25th 8 AM (Online Mass at IC)
 Tuesday, May 26th 8 AM (Online Mass at IC)
 Wednesday, May 27th 8 AM (Online Mass at IC)
 Thursday, May 28th 8:00AM (Online Mass at IC)
 Friday, May 29th 8:00AM (Online Mass at IC)
 Saturday, May 30th 5:00PM (Online Mass at IC)
 People Celina Cluster

Masses resume on June 1st
 (weekday)
 June 6th (weekend)
 with 4:30pm and 10:00am Mass at
 St Teresa during the pandemic only!
 With guidelines and social
 distancing practices in place.

Spiritual Communion:
 Since you are unable to receive Holy Communion at this time, you can make this prayer of spiritual communion, a source of grace in the midst of difficulty.
My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

+++++ Women's Group **Spring Flower Fundraiser** event is being held. If you haven't received a coupon, extras are available in the lobby for hanging basket, a flat of flowers or vegetables from A & A Greenhouse, Rockford. Redeemable by May 31, 2020.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK:
 Last week we shared the announcement from the Catholic Bishops of Ohio and Archbishop Schnurr that "public worship may begin in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati on Monday, May 25th." "May" is a small but significant word for us in Mercer County and the Celina Cluster. As many of you have been aware, the number of positive COVID-19 cases continue to increase in our local area.

In recent days, several local pastors, doctors and other health care professionals have been assessing the situation and out of concern for the safety of all, have decided to delay **resuming public masses to June 1st and June 6th for weekends.** This includes the Celina, Coldwater, Marion and St. Henry clusters. Holy Rosary in St. Mary's and Holy Redeemer in New Bremen are still opening as originally planned, but they are also in Auglaize County with fewer positive cases. A letter to all cluster parishioners, Guidelines for the Resumption of Public Worship and a SAMPLE of social distancing seating diagram (respective to each parish) has been posted on each of our parish websites and were mailed to all Celina Cluster parishioners on Friday. The guidelines for each respective parish were reviewed and discussed by parishioners from each parish who are health and safety professionals, and adapted accordingly with the health and safety of all parishioners in mind. Please note, that while the safety precautions may not be as critical for you, they could be a matter of life and death for someone else in our parish family.

We understand the yearning desire in so many to get back to some sense of normalcy and routine, something that is familiar and safe, and assures us that everything is going to be okay. What better place to begin than the very gift of the Eucharist that is truly food for the journey? At the same time, we need to remember that we live in a time of pandemic when the spread of the coronavirus is still increasing. We need to take those necessary precautions of staying at home if elderly and at risk of health complications, wearing a face mask if we do go out, washing our hands regularly with warm soapy water and/or using hand sanitizer if necessary and social distancing. These are health and safety measures intended to protect ourselves, our loved ones and all those we encounter.

Please read in full the letters sent or go to the website to understand the necessary changes made to keep everyone safe and healthy.
Fr Ken & Fr Tim

St Teresa Family Fun Night Online Auction has ended. Thank you to all who participated in this fundraiser. Thank you to area small businesses who donated items.

St Teresa Monthly Money Madness 2020-21 is still happening! Raffle tickets still available. This is a raffle that takes place from March—Feb. Each month for a year, you have a chance to win up to \$200. There are 4 monthly prizes given away. Each ticket cost \$50 only 100 tickets sold. Contact Ray/Lynn Moeller at 419-586-7312 or rgmoeller86@gmail.com.

Memorial Day

With heartfelt pride, we honor those brave men and women of our American armed forces who, throughout our history, gave their lives defending our nation's cause.
Let us never forget their heroic deeds.

Vocation View: "Go and make disciples of all nations!" Our lives must proclaim the Truth that comes to us from Christ; embrace the call to be a witness of Christ to the ends of the world! (Matthew 28:19)

SUNDAY COLLECTION		5-17-2020	
Envelopes/online (8)	\$ 510.00	Weekly Offering	\$ 510.00
Loose envelopes	\$ 0.00	Week Budgeted	\$ 1400.00
TOTAL RECEIVED	\$ 510.00	Over/Short	\$ -890.00
		YTD total Collection	\$ 50,902.95
		YTD total Budgeted	\$ 64,400.00
		Over/Short to date	\$ -13,497.05