

St. Therese Little Flower Parish

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Mass Schedule

Sunday - 8:00 & 9:15 am

Wednesday and Friday (Chapel) 12:00 pm

Holy Days - Check Bulletin or Call Office

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Contact Fr. Steve to schedule.

New parishioners are most welcome!

To register, please call the office or talk to Father Steve after Mass.



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Eucharist for the Sick: Contact the parish office.

Credit Union: We are a member parish of Holy Rosary Catholic Credit Union - 816-221-2734

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

We, God's people, are a remnant whose faith has been tested and tempered by the transitions in our neighborhoods and our church. We do not have one common ethnic, religious, social or economic background. We do have a common experience of being the diverse but complementary members of the one Body of Christ. Because of this common experience, we choose to be St. Therese parish community.

We choose to use our gifts to build up the Body of Christ incarnate here. This mission must take place both within our faith community and in reaching out to others. We confess the need to become more

aware of each other and of the Lord calling us to be united in His Spirit.

We will strive to develop this awareness not only for our own sake, but that we may become credible and inviting to those seeking Christ and His Gospel. We answer this calling first, faithfully sharing the Word and breaking Bread together.

We then realize our vocation to affirm each other's gifts, to reach out to the poor, to work for justice, to help form young minds and hearts, to acknowledge the place of the elders in our community and to create a climate of fellowship for all people.

5th Sunday of Easter

Parish Calendar

Sunday, April 29

Mass 8:00am Intention: Our Parishioners

Rosary 8:45am Chapel

Mass 9:15am Intention: Chester Hishaw

A Walk through the Mass 10:45am

Monday, Apr 30

Choir Practice 6:00pm Church Hall

Wednesday, May 2

Mass 12:00 Noon Chapel

Knights of Columbus 7:00pm Hall

Thursday, May 3

Book Club 4:00pm Living Rm

Friday, May 4

Cinco de Mayo Party Sr. Center

Mass 12:00 Noon Chapel

Sunday, May 6

Mass 8:00am for Mary Ann Kneib-Sadler

Rosary 8:45am Chapel

Mass 9:15am for Jake Davis



Standing in the Need of Prayer

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Blanche L. Thomas
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Liturgical Roles

May 6	
	8:00 am Mass
Lector	Steven Atkinson, Birdie Miller
Euch Min	Judy Edsall, Bob Edsall
Hospitality	Kenneth Woodard, Joseph Alpough
Server	Aaryana Preston
	9:15 am Mass
Lector	Glenda Johnson, Carol Johnson
Euch Min	Tim & Netty Doyle, Kevin Burdick, Sr. Ann Landers, Sully Ways
Hospitality	Sue Svec, Sr. Gabe Smits
Server	Tim Doyle, DeJarne' Cross

	Required Weekly Giving	Actual Weekly Giving
	\$4,019	\$238 Plate \$3501 Envelopes
Total Contribution Income		\$3,759
Emergency Assistance		\$195

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Apr 29: 5th Sunday of Easter

Acts 9: 26-31

Ps 22: 26-27, 28, 30, 31-32

I John 3: 18-24

John 15: 1-8

May 6: 6th Sunday of Easter

Acts 10: 25-26, 34-35, 44-48

Ps 98: 1, 2-3, 3-4

I John 4: 7-10

John 15: 9-17

5th Sunday of Easter

Reflection from Sr. Helen Flemington

5th Sunday of Easter 2018

What is the pain that often comes when we try to move closer to Jesus? The way the Gospel describes this pain is this: Every branch that bears fruit, he prunes to make it bear more fruit. In other words, if we are doing well in our spiritual lives, if we are really trying to love God and our neighbor, then we will be pruned, that is, we will be purified. The Lord will show us how we can love even more, and that always requires some kind of change on our part. As we become more in tune with what the imitation of Christ really means in our life, we also become more aware of how we fall short of that imitation.

John loves that word “abide”. It appears over and over again in this reading. Abide can mean stay, reside, endure, support, live with. The word has a very inviting quality about it. And Jesus says: *if you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.* Abiding in Christ is at the heart of who we are. Abiding in Christ is at the very heart of our lives. When Jesus says: *I am the vine, you are the branches*, he was proclaiming the true secret of life. There is absolutely nothing as important as our union with Jesus Christ. Nothing! We actually draw life from Christ as the branch draws its life from the vine.

If we deliberately exclude Christ from a relationship, a business deal, an opinion, a decision, then we are putting that relationship, business deal, opinion, and decision into some foggy and confused part of our lives. There is no such thing as a partial relationship with Christ. We are either for him or against him. If we make the decision to exclude him from any area of our life, then we have made the decision to exclude him from all of our life. Does that sound shocking? Well, it can't be any more shocking than Jesus telling us: *apart from me you can do nothing.*

All of this implies that we may need to be pruned in order to really abide in Christ. We are asked to bring Christ into every aspect of our lives. To live, breathe, think, love and act as Jesus would. This is the secret of life – the secret of happiness.

Weekly Health Corner



Our Brains...

The brain is the most powerful organ in your body. It is important to keep the mind and memories as sharp as can be for as long as possible. There is no pill to maintain your memory, however research has found that lifestyle factors can influence your brain to remember facts and events with fewer glitches.

We recently did a health corner on eating your way to brain health, but there are other factors that can help as well.

There is evidence that exercise can help your brain become healthier in as little as 6 months. It needs to be purposeful activity for 150 minutes per week. Brain games may be helpful, but research recommends “cognitive stimulating activities” which can be any activity that engages your brain and helps it do new things: even photography classes, designing a quilt or listening to music.

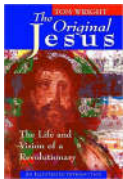
There is no evidence that cooking with aluminum pots etc. is harmful. There is also no evidence either that large doses of vitamins, supplements or herbs boost your brain power.

Managing your blood pressure is helpful because it maintains the health of your blood vessels. Scientists have discovered that your brain and your heart have similar needs. Being involved with others and doing things with others is good for your social life as well as for your brain.

5th Sunday of Easter - April 29

Upcoming Events at St. Therese

May 3	Book Club
May 11	Mother's Day Tea
May 17	Book Club
May 20	Pentecost Sunday
June 2	Lyke Liturgy: Go Ye Therefore Final Lyke Conf Fundraiser
June 10	Block Party
June 19-23	Lyke Conference



St. Therese Book Club meets on the 1st first and third Thursdays of the month at 4:00pm.

We are reading:

The Original Jesus by Tom Wright.

We will be discussing Ch 6,7 & 8 at 4:00pm on May 3 in the Living Room.

J.U.L.I.E.T.S. meet tomorrow. Come join us!

During the Great Depression, Anna worked daily to strengthen bonds among family and friends. She was patient, kind, and funny. She listened to us. She hugged us. And regardless of a meager budget, there was always good food at **Anna's table**.

This cafe was established, in part, by Ruth Dakotas and some of the proceeds go to help an orphanage for girls in Kenya.

And to this day there is still great food. Combine the great food and the hospitality it is no wonder that the **Juliets meet there on the last Monday of each month. It is a great time for the Juliets to chat and get better acquainted.**



The Senior Center is in need of help:

On Friday, May 11, 2018, the Senior Center will have the Annual Mother's Day Celebration. It is a Salad Tea Party. We are in need of at least 75 each of donated tea cups and saucers. They do not have to match and they will not be returned.

You are cordially invited to attend a Mother's Day Tea at St. Therese Little Flower Community Center

Place: St. Therese Little Flower Community Center

Date: Friday, May 11, 2018

Time: 11:00 – 1:00



PADRE MIGUEL

Dear Friends,
Hello to you from Kansas City. I am retired and in touch with our Bolivian friends and mission efforts. I have just published a memoir of my experiences in the Bolivian mission. I would appreciate your help in getting the word out and keeping the conversation about global Catholic mission today alive and based on shared experience. It is a new time with Pope Francis and the world mission of followers of Jesus.



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April 29, 2018

ST. THERESE LITTLE FLOWER PARISH
OPERATING INCOME STATEMENT

FISCAL YEAR TO DATE THROUGH MARCH 2018

	ACTUAL	BUDGET	VARIANCE F/(U)	VARIANCE %	PRIOR YEAR	VARIANCE F/(U)	VARIANCE %
INCOME							
CONTRIBUTIONS	\$163,696	\$165,148	(\$1,452)	-0.9%	\$161,579	\$2,117	1.3%
DEVELOPMENT/FUND RAISING	\$47,553	\$32,814	\$14,739	44.9%	\$29,438	\$18,115	61.5%
OPERATIONAL	\$42,137	\$41,052	\$1,085	2.6%	\$74,311	(\$32,174)	-43.3%
DIOCESAN ALLOCATIONS	\$9,378	\$9,375	\$3	0.0%	\$10,197	(\$819)	-8.0%
OTHER /BEQUESTS	\$42	\$1,730	(\$1,688)	-97.6%	\$26,234	(\$26,192)	-99.8%
EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE	\$52,601	\$46,326	\$6,275	13.5%	\$41,078	\$11,523	28.1%
TOTAL INCOME	\$315,407	\$296,445	\$18,962	6.4%	\$342,837	(\$27,430)	-8.0%
EXPENSE							
PERSONNEL	\$124,634	\$122,079	(\$2,555)	-2.1%	\$120,702	(\$3,932)	-3.3%
FACILITIES	\$41,188	\$42,728	\$1,540	3.6%	\$55,214	\$14,026	25.4%
DIOCESAN OBLIGATIONS	\$71,799	\$71,967	\$168	0.2%	\$66,393	(\$5,406)	-8.1%
GENERAL/OPERATIONAL	\$16,437	\$16,481	\$44	0.3%	\$15,005	(\$1,432)	-9.5%
OTHER	\$4,037	\$3,939	(\$98)	-2.5%	\$3,415	(\$622)	-18.2%
EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE	\$37,413	\$43,206	\$5,793	13.4%	\$36,682	(\$731)	-2.0%
EXTRAORDINARY	\$10,911	\$0	(\$10,911)	NM	\$0	(\$10,911)	NM
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$306,420	\$300,400	(\$6,020)	-2.0%	\$297,411	(\$9,009)	-3.0%
NET INCOME	\$8,988	(\$3,955)	\$12,943		\$45,426	(\$36,438)	

We are rapidly approaching the end of our fiscal and pledge year of June 30th. We would appreciate pledges being fulfilled by then. Thank you for your support. If you have any questions, please contact Dave Kies, Business Manager, at 816 444-5406 or dkies@stfkc.org.

April 29, 2018

<u>Senior Center Menus</u>		
<u>Monday, 4/30</u> Tuna Salad Potato Salad Cucumber Onion Salad Fruit Delight Rye Bread 1% Milk Margarine Lite	<u>Tuesday, 5/1</u> Beef-mac/casserole Green Beans Pears Wheat Bread 1% Milk Margarine Lite Vanilla Waf/Ban Pudding	<u>Wednesday 5/2</u> Chicken Diced Seasoned Cheddar Cheese –RF Salad/tom/car Chuckwagon Corn Apples Stewed Tortilla Who Wheat 1% Milk Taco Sauce Salad Dressing Ranch
<u>Thursday, 5/3</u> Meatball Sub Italian Veg Salad/tom/car Trop Fruit Mix HoagieRoll WhlGrn 1% Milk, Margarine Lite Salad Dressing Italian Graham Crackers	<u>Friday, 5/4</u> Mexican Taco Salad Shredded Cheddar Lettuce/D Tomatoes Mexicali Mix Orange Nacho Light chips 1% Milk Margarine Lite Taco Sauce	<u>Daily Lunch Hours</u> 11:30 am to 1 pm Over 60 yrs. –donation All others \$5.75 Reservation at Sign-In Table; 1 day in advance Thank You St. Therese Sr Ctr. 444-3514 Don Bosco 691-2900

The Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph is committed to combating sexual abuse in the Church. If you are a victim of sexual abuse, or if you observe or suspect sexual abuse: **1. Call the Missouri Child Abuse Hotline** at 1-800-392-3738 (if the victim is currently under the age of 18), and **2. Contact your local law enforcement** agency or call 911, and **3. After reporting to these civil and law enforcement authorities, report suspected sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult** to the Diocesan Ombudsman, Jennifer Valenti, at 816-812-2500 or Jenifer-Valenti@att.net, if the abuse involves a priest, deacon, employee, or volunteer of the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph. The Diocese has a sincere commitment to providing care and healing resources to victims of sexual abuse and their families. Please contact Victim Advocate Kathleen Chastain at 816-392-0011 or chastain@diocesekcsj.org

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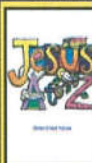
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