

St. Therese Little Flower Parish

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Mass Schedule

Sunday - 8:00 & 9:15 am

Wednesday and Friday (Chapel) 12:00 pm

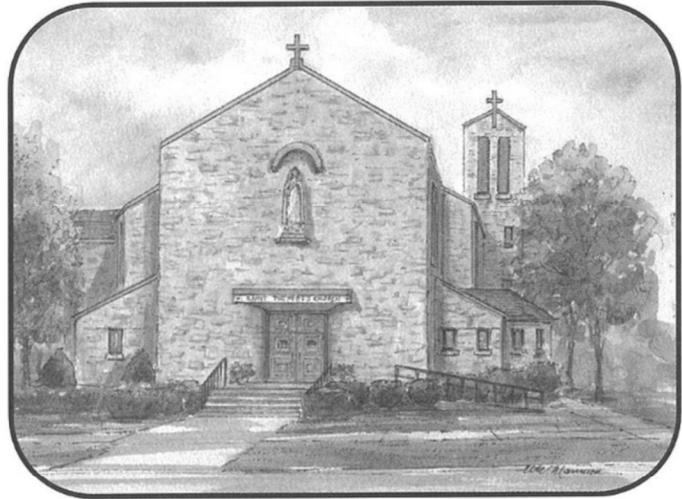
Holy Days - Check Bulletin or Call Office

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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Marriage: Preparation begins at least 9 months before the wedding.
Contact Father Steve.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturdays at 3:00 pm, Sundays
between the 8:00 am and 9:15 am Masses and anytime by request.

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Anointing of the Sick: Sacrament takes place at seasonal communal celebrations. For individual request contact Father Steve at the parish office.

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 in Ordinary Time

Parish Calendar

Sunday, February 5 <i>Mass 8:00 am – St. Therese Parishioners</i> Rosary 8:45 am– Chapel <i>Mass 9:15 am– St. Therese Parishioners</i> Knights Pancake Breakfast after each Mass Mardi Gras tickets for sale after Mass
Monday, February 6 Choir Practice 6:30-8:00 pm Church
Wednesday, February 8 <i>Mass 12:00 Noon Chapel</i>
Friday, February 10 <i>Mass 12:00 Noon Chapel</i>
Friday, February 10 <i>Mass 12:00 Noon Chapel</i> Confirmation Retreat Conception Abbey
Sunday, February 12 <i>Mass 8:00 am – St. Therese Parishioners</i> Rosary 8:45 am– Chapel <i>Mass 9:15 am– St. Therese Parishioners</i> Mardi Gras tickets for sale after Mass Confirmation Retreat - Conception Abbey

February 5, 2017 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 58: 7-10 Ps 112: 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 I Cor 2: 1-5 Mt 5: 13-16	February 12, 2017 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time Sir 15: 15-20 Ps 119: 1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34 I Cor 2: 6-10 Mt 5: 17-37
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	Required Weekly Giving	Actual Weekly Giving
	\$4,019	\$214 plate \$3, 375 envelopes
Total Contribution Income		\$3, 589
Emergency Assistance		\$1, 510

Anointing of the Sick is available on Sunday after Mass for anyone who needs it. If you are having a medical procedure or are battling an illness, please feel free to request this sacrament from the priest.



Standing in the Need of Prayer

Bridgette Atkinson Fred Brown Liesa Brown Margaret Brown Bishop F. Cheri Lisa Coan Virginia Daub Jo & Jake Davis Katheryn Davis Carol Dodd Jessie Mae Frazier Joann Freeman Wendell Fuller Dick Garnier Frankie Hutchinson Walter Jackson Ashley Johnson Ollie Johnson	Margaret G. Jones Marty Kata Ernest L. Jones Wenda King Dave Kist Keith Kloster Zach Kloster Raymond LaNear Doreen Lacy Charles Lidge Stephen Loston Bob McCombs Helen McVay Venus Moore Jim Muldoon Jack Mulligan Margaret Mulligan Marie Norrise	Rosalind O'Hora Irene Phillips Judy Rieck Betsy Saxe Leona Inez Scott Lee John Scott Arthur Shelton Allen Shelton David Smith Jr Jeremiah Smith Elaine Stevenson Michael Stevenson Blanche L. Thomas Dan Whitman Mildred Wilkes Jesse Wilkes Valorye Williams
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Liturgical Roles

February 12, 2017	
8:00 am Mass	
Lector	Alania Davis, Barbara Davis
Euch Min	Venita Hodge
Hospitality	Joe Alpough, Ayanna Bridges
Server	Aaryana Preston, Gavin Serrato
9:15 am Mass	
Lector	YOUTH
Euch Min	Mary Sweat
Hospitality	YOUTH
Server	Bridgette Atkinson, Dejarne` Cross

Flu Season and Eucharist

The Flu season is upon us and as such, we each use necessary precautions to stay healthy and to avoid spreading colds and flu and other contagious viruses. Since CDC and Jackson County Health Department are both showing the State of Missouri as high incidence areas for flu, effective Feb 5, we will receive the Body of Christ only and will not share the cup for the next couple of months. This could change if circumstances warrant. We look forward to once again receiving the Blood of Christ.

Reflection from Sr. Helen Flemington

5th Sunday Ordinary Time 2017

Our Gospel from last Sunday reminded us that we are blessed when we realize our poverty. Once again, our calling is from a God who works through our humanity. Just as those first followers of Jesus had many weaknesses to deal with, so do you and me. And so it is both our strength and our weakness that we are called to be salt and light.

A little boy was in church with his *mother*. As he looked around at the beauty of the stained glass windows he asked, "Who are those people?" The mother said, "They are saints." "Do you know what saints are?" He pondered for a moment and then said, "They are people the light shines through." That's the whole point, isn't it? We are not God. But if we allow the grace and power of God to shine through us, we can become saints.

As we turn in love towards one another, God will heal us of the wounds we all carry within ourselves. Yes, we are called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world. By staying close to Jesus, we will become whom we are called to become as we let His light shine through our ordinary lives. we are called to become as we let His light shine through our ordinary lives.

Health Corner:



Does Cardiac Arrest = Heart Attack?

Cardiac arrest is the leading cause of death with nearly 420,000 arrests occurring annually in the United States not counting those in the hospital. Often people use the terms cardiac arrest and heart attack interchangeable, but they are not the same.

Cardiac Arrest occurs when the heart malfunctions and stops beating suddenly. It is triggered by an "electrical" malfunction that causes an irregular rhythm, so then the heart can't pump blood to the other organs. The person becomes unresponsive and is only grasping for air and death will occur if there is no treatment.

Heart Attack occurs when flow to the heart is blocked. If the arteries are blocked oxygen can't reach the heart and that part of the heart begins to die. These symptoms (chest pain or discomfort, shortness of breath, cold sweats, and or nausea/vomiting) may start slowly and persist for hours, days or weeks. Even if you are not sure if it is a heart attack, call 9-1-1.

Cardiac arrest is an electrical problem, and Heart attack is a circulatory problem but they are related.

2nd Collection on February 19, 2017

People living in poverty may be the people next door. They are minimum wage earners, adults on fixed incomes, men and women suddenly out of work or single parents. 16 percent of Missouri's population falls below the federal poverty line. Please take an important step in the fight against poverty in our neighborhood and in our community. The second collection on Feb 19th will fund Catholic Charities emergency assistance efforts and provide help to so many in need, including **St. Therese Little Flower Emergency Assistance**. Catholic Charities grants money they collect back to individual parishes. Online giving is also available at: www.cceaf2017.org



Three of our young people have been in the Confirmation program this year. Next weekend, February 11-12, they will be on Retreat at Conception Abbey.

Please pray for **Tessa Bisges, Jesse Frzier and Danielle Ivy-Woods** on their journey to Confirmation.

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THE SALT
OF THE
EARTH



5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Upcoming Events

World Day for Consecrated Life will be celebrated in the Church on Thursday, Feb. 2, 2017 and in parishes on the weekend of Feb. 4-5, 2017. Please pray for all those who have made commitments in the consecrated life (vows of poverty, chastity and obedience), and be sure to thank them on their special day. May they continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ and respond generously to God's gift of their vocations.

Lets give Sr. Helen Flemington, Sr. Helen Alder, Sr. Joan Tolle, Sr. Ann Landers, Sr. Martha Nieman and Sr. Gabrielle Smits a special thumbs up and a hug and a prayer the next time we see them!

Troost Conference February 8 and February 9. (See poster on back bulletin board) Plan on attending this free informative conference.

TROOST: A Vision for Peace and Action. A conference to emphasize the importance of taking action. This conference will host community leaders who are fighting for justice in OUR region.

Register by going to:

www.peace.avila.edu or call Norma at 816.501.3627

BLACK HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATION – MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

On Sunday, February 19th, after the 9:15 mass, you are invited to a “Soul Food” dinner sponsored by the Parish Council. This is an opportunity for our parish community to celebrate and to share culture and memories. So mark your calendars and come hungry!

WHEN: Sunday, February 19th after the 9:15 mass.

WHERE: Parish Hall

COST: Free Will Offering

St. Therese Little Flower Parish Mardi Gras Celebration

The celebration will be held on Friday, February 24, 2017, 5:30 pm to 10:30 pm at the Hillcrest Country Club, 8200 Hillcrest Road, Kansas City, MO 64138. Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door which includes **great food, non-alcoholic beverages, great entertainment, silent auction, raffles for great gifts, and more.** Wine and beer will also be available.



February 2017						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28				

This year's Mardi Gras will feature live vocalist and music from 5:30-6:30pm. We will also have a room where live music is played for your listening pleasure throughout the evening. You will also have the option of enjoying the music played by our DJ and dancing the night away. Tickets are available after Mass each Sunday.

Mardi Gras....Calling All Volunteers and Lip Sync Talent

Mardi Gras is fast approaching and we need your support. There will be a **sign-up** sheet in the back of church requesting 1 to 2 hours of your time to help make this years Mardi Gras the best ever!

As a part of the **St Therese Talent** showcase this year, we urge you to call on your inner alter ego and participate in this years first ever **Lip Sync Battle**.

One of the featured battles will be **Fr Steve versus Fr Bryan**. **You don't want to miss this!!** Sign-up sheets for this event are in the back of church.

February 5, 2017

St. Joseph's Table at St. Peter's Church



Sunday, Feb 26th from 12-5pm St. Peter's Parish will host its 5th annual St. Joseph's Day Table in the Garden Room of the school. Join them for a free authentic spaghetti dinner, a beautiful St. Joseph Table, live music, and all the Italian cookies and desserts you could ever want. All proceeds go to support their Social Services Ministry. For more information visit: stjoetable.weebly.com

What: St. Joseph Table/Spaghetti Dinner

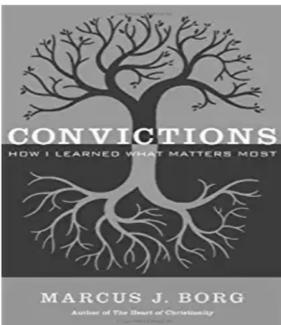
When: Sunday Feb 26th, 12-5pm

Where: St. Peter's School Cafeteria, 6400 Charlotte, KCMO 64131

Benefit for St. Peter's Social Services

Two Free Tickets for you to spend at a relaxing Sunday concert Feb 19.

On Sunday, Feb. 19, Rockhurst University's Musica Sacra Chorus and Orchestra, under the direction of Timothy L. McDonald, will perform Isabella Leonarda's (1620-1704) *Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary* and the popular *Mass in G* by Franz Peter Schubert (1797-1828). **The concert begins at 7 p.m. in Rockhurst University's Arrupe Hall Auditorium.** Live Program Notes begins at 6:15. For tickets (\$22, \$12), call the Central Ticket Office (816) 235-6222, visit www.rockhurst.edu/mstickets or purchase at the performance. For information, call (816) 501-4607. Parking is free in lots accessed through the university's entrance at 54th and Troost Ave., Kansas City, MO. Please call the parish office for the free tickets!

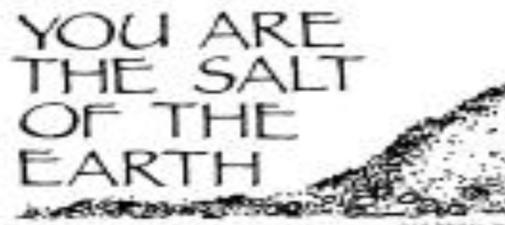


The Book Club will meet on **February 16** in the living room from **4-5:30 pm**, discussing **CONVICTIONS: How I Learned What Matters Most** by Marcus Borg is our current book. Our evening's discussion will focus on **Chapter 4.**

TAX PREPARATION SEASON IS HERE!

Once again, AIM-VITA, NextStepKC, the United Way and the IRS are sponsoring a **Free Tax Preparation** program for Low Income Wage Earners and Retirees. If your combined family income is less than \$54,000 for 2016 you qualify to have your taxes prepared and electronically filed free of charge. There are many sites throughout the area where you can do this beginning February 1, 2017. **One of those sites is right here at St. Therese Little Flower beginning Wednesday, February 8th.** An insert in this week's Parish Bulletin explains what you need to know to either schedule a tax preparation appointment here at St. Therese, or, if you wish, to visit another site to have your taxes prepared. We will prepare taxes this year at St. Therese beginning February 8th. You may schedule an appointment by calling the Parish Office at [816-444-4506](tel:816-444-4506). Or, you can have your taxes prepared at any of the other sites shown on the back of the flyer at the times listed.

Counseling The increase of daylight at this time of year has always been a symbol of hope. If you are struggling to find hope in your life, consider counseling. Fr. Garry Richmeier is a Licensed Professional Marriage and Family Therapist, providing counseling, as well as Spiritual Direction. He has offices in Liberty and midtown Kansas City, and takes donations in lieu of set fees. For more information or to schedule an initial visit, contact Fr. Gary at 816-415-2998 or garrycpps@gmail.com.



February 5, 2017

St. Therese Senior Center

The Senior Center has been blessed with many volunteers from St. Therese, St. Peter's and others to keep pace with the "Meals on Wheels" Program. As a reminder, **St. Therese Parish takes ownership of the volunteer need on Wednesdays from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. as a part of our outreach ministry. Thank you to those who have been faithful to this ministry.**

Of course, you are welcome to volunteer on other days and in other ways. If you have a craft or activity that you want to lead, please contact Sharon Sanders at the Senior Center.

Use the link below to sign up as a Meals on Wheels volunteer::

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0848A8AE2DA0FB6-wednesday>

The sign-up is super easy! If you don't have online access, call Diana Burdett: 816-560-4466.



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, Jenifer Valenti, at 816-812-2500 or JeniferValenti@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

Senior Center Menu	
<p><u>Monday 2-6</u></p> <p>Turkey Gravy Turkey LS Mashed Potatoes Green Bean Casserole Fruit Delight Wheat Dinner Roll</p> <p>2% Milk Margarine Lite</p>	<p><u>Tuesday 2-7</u></p> <p>Beef-mac/casserole Scand-nav-veg Vanilla Waf/Ban Pudding Pears Wheat Bread</p> <p>2% Milk Margarine Lite</p>
<p><u>Wednesday 2-8</u></p> <p>Mexican Taco Salad Shredded Cheddar Lettuce d/Tomatoes Mexical Mix Orange Nacho Light Chips</p> <p>2% Milk Margarine Lite Taco Sauce</p>	<p><u>Thursday 2-9</u></p> <p>Peppersteak Stir Fry Veg Beets Pickled (Cold) Mandarin Oranges Multigrain Bread Rice</p> <p>2% Milk Margarine Lite</p>
<p><u>Friday 2-10</u></p> <p>Chicken Parmesan Fett Ndl (whograin) Antigua Blend Salad/tom/car Banana White WhlGrn Bread</p> <p>2% Milk Margarine Lite Salad Dressing French</p>	<p><u>Daily Lunch Hours</u></p> <p>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</p>



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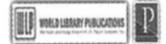
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