

St. Therese Little Flower Parish

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Mass Schedule

Sunday - 8:00 & 9:15 am

Wednesday and Friday (Chapel) 12:00 pm

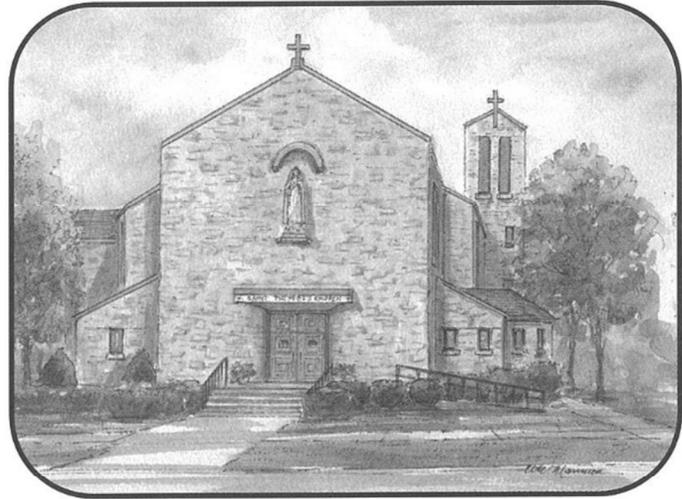
Holy Days - Check Bulletin or Call Office

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.

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Parish Calendar

<p>Sunday, January 15 Mass 8:00 am – St. Therese Parishioners Rosary 8:45 am– Chapel Mass 9:15 am– St. Therese Parishioners 2nd Collection: Catholic Home Missions</p>
<p>Monday, January 16 Carillon Tribute to Martin Luther King Jr 11:00am Choir Practice 6:30–8:00 pm Church</p>
<p>Wednesday, January 18 Mass 12:00 Noon Chapel</p>
<p>Thursday, January 19 4:00-5:30pm Book Club Living Room</p>
<p>Friday, January 20 Mass 12:00 Noon Chapel</p>
<p>Sunday, January 22 Mass 8:00 am – St. Therese Parishioners Rosary 8:45 am– Chapel Mass 9:15 am– St. Therese Parishioners 2nd Collection: Military Services</p>



Standing in the Need of Prayer

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Dick Garnier	Venus Moore	Dan Whitman
Frankie Hutchinson	Jim Muldoon	Mildred Wilkes
Walter Jackson	Margaret Mulligan	Jesse Wilkes

Liturgical Roles

<u>January 15, 2017</u>	<u>January 22, 2017</u>
<u>2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time</u>	<u>3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time</u>
Is 49: 3, 5-6	Is 8: 23-9:3
Ps 40: 2, 4, 7-8, 8-9,10	Ps 27: 1, 4, 13-14
I Cor 1: 1-3	I Cor 1: 10-13, 17
Jn 1: 29-34	Mt 4: 12-23

<u>January 22, 2017</u>	
	<u>8:00 am Mass</u>
Lector	Sharon Sanders, Gloria Burrell
Euch Min	Birdie Miller, Valerie Tucker
Hospitality	Ayanna Bridges, Kenneth Preston
Server	Steven Atkinson
	<u>9:15 am Mass</u>
Lector	Glenda Johnson, Paul Tancredi
Euch Min	Treva Lee, Sr. Helen Alder, Kevin Burdick, Joe & Elaine Nolke
Hospitality	Dawn O'Bannon, Elaine Stevenson, John Jones, Joyce Lucas
Server	Paul Tancredi, Lester Stevenson

	<i>Required Weekly Giving</i>	<i>Actual Weekly Giving</i>
	\$4,019	\$98 plate \$2,948 envelopes
Total Contribution Income		\$3,046
Emergency Assistance		\$275

ANointing of the Sick is available every 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.



Our STLF community garden has four available beds for rent for \$10.

If you are interested in gardening during the 2017 year, contact Sr. Ann Landers at 816-363-7759 or at palanders@french.toast.net

Reflection from Sr. Helen Flemington

2nd Sunday Ordinary Time 2017

The two main elements of communication are talking and listening. Both are necessary. In our relationship with God, we must talk and listen. We open ourselves to God by telling God what is deepest within us, praising, thanking and asking. But we must also learn to listen to God. In our psalm today we read, "Here I am Lord! I come to do your will." God asks for an open ear. We usually talk about 'an open mouth' but ordinarily we don't use the expression 'an open ear'.

Our private prayer is absolutely necessary as we try to listen for the voice of God. But a major area in which we must also learn to listen for the voice of God is in our daily life situations. Our life is made up of many events, big and small, and it is through these daily happenings that we hear the whisper of the divine. It is here that we must have an open ear.

A major obstacle to such listening is the presumption that I already know the meaning of what happens in my daily life. I am not open to seeing anything new in the ordinary events of my life. I make a terrible presumption that every day is the same and everyone I know is the same. I've got it all figured out. Nothing new ever really happens. I presume that I know what is expected of me in every situation and I react to people and things out of a routine rather than seeing with fresh eyes. If God is trying to speak to me through daily events and interactions with people, I have stopped listening because I have made a judgement that I know it all.

May God help us to listen closely in our daily lives to all that God wishes to reveal to us.

Thank you, Dr. King for your wisdom and faith.

"Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that.

Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that."

"Love is the only force capable of transforming an enemy into friend."

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Health Corner: Safe Snow Shoveling



Shoveling snow is not an easy job--even for someone who is healthy and fit. It can cause major stress on your muscles and heart if the lifting is not done properly. Before shoveling, make sure you are capable of doing heavy exercise, and always dress properly.

BEFORE YOU SHOVEL

- Warm up and stretch
- Do not shovel right after eating or while smoking.
- Use a shovel with a handle that is long enough to let you keep your back just about straight when lifting.
- Take it slow with frequent breaks.
- Push the snow whenever possible rather than lifting it.
- Lift smaller loads of snow.
- Lift with your legs rather than your back.
- Step in the direction you are throwing the snow. Don't twist.
- If you have any health problems or are not used to vigorous exercise, don't shovel!!

Save the Date—Mardi Gras 2017

The St Therese Mardi Gras will be held on **February 24, 2017** at the Hillcrest Country Club. Plans are underway to make this Mardi Gras even more fun than our last one. If you have thoughts, suggestions, or would be available to share your talents, contact Sheilahn Davis-Wyatt at sedwyatt@gmail.com or 816-591-1962.



2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Military Services Collection next Sunday

The AMS (American Military Services) provides pastoral care for military personnel and their families. These souls are a most vulnerable population due to the hardships entailed in military service. Unfortunately, the AMS lacks access to the funding sources territorial dioceses such as ours enjoy. So to help strengthen outreach to souls cared for by the AMS, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops approved a special collection to be held every 3 years. Its proceeds support the AMS ministry.

Bishop Johnston wants to have this collection in our diocese. Please do support this collection. Know of our gratitude and that of the AMS.

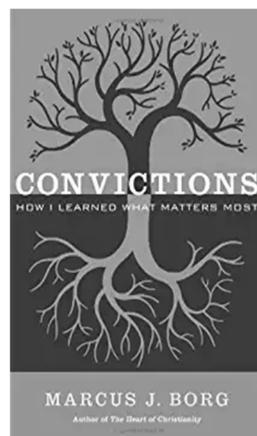


Carillon Tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

We are each encouraged to offer a fitting tribute to the legacy of Dr. King on Monday, January 16, the official holiday. You might consider praying or meditating at St. Therese Little Flower Church during a one-hour carillon tribute to Martin Luther King, Jr. beginning at 11:00 am. You are welcome to come for all or part of this tribute. The music will also be heard in the surrounding neighborhood.

St. Monica Parish will host a Mass in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr at 10:00 am on January 16. St. Monica is located at 1616 Paseo. Come and pray for peace.

The 24th annual “**SUPPORT OUR SEMINARIANS**” Benefit Dinner is dedicated to the 100th Anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima. It is scheduled for Friday, January 27, 2017. This event benefits seminarians from the Archdiocese of Kansas City, KS, the Diocese of Kansas City - St. Joseph, and Conception Seminary College. It promises to be an evening filled with fun and laughter, celebrating our Catholic faith, dining on wonderful food, and socializing with our priests and seminarians! We have two wonderful speakers this year, Fr. Richard Storey, who is currently the pastor of Cure of Ars Parish in Leawood, KS and Cruz Gallegos, who is a senior at Conception Seminary College. SOS will be held at **Union Station, 30 West Pershing Rd, Kansas City, Missouri**. The reservation price is \$175.00 per person with ten seats per table. To reserve your place, or an entire table, or donate to the marketplace or VIP silent auction, contact: Martha Hodes (913) 207-9893 or mmmhsos512@gmail.com. Check out our new website: www.supportourseminarians.com.



The Book Club will meet again on **January 19** in the living room from **4-5:30 pm** and we will discuss **CONVICTIONS: How I Learned What Matters Most** by **Marcus Borg**. Our evening's discussion will focus on the preface and Chapter 1 of the book.

COUNSELING

The darker winter months can contribute to lack of energy and depression. If this is your experience, consider counseling. Fr. Garry Richmeier is a Licensed Professional Marriage and Family Therapist, providing marriage, family, and individual counseling, as well as Spiritual Direction. He has offices in Liberty and in midtown Kansas City, and takes donations in lieu of set fees. For more information or to schedule an appointment, contact Fr. Garry at [816-415-2998](tel:816-415-2998) or garrycpps@gmail.com

January 15, 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>Monday 1-16</p> <p>Martin Luther King Jr Day</p> <p>Senior Center is closed</p>	<p>Tuesday 1-17</p> <p>Beef Pattie Salad/tom/car Steak Fries Banana HambBun WhoGrain</p> <p>2% Milk Margarine Lite Salad Dressing /1000 Ketchup/Mustard</p>
<p>Wednesday 1-18</p> <p>Fish (Breaded) Coleslaw w vin/dressing Spinach Fruit Cup Citrus White WhlGrn Bread</p> <p>2% Milk Margarine Lite Tartar Sauce Vinegar</p>	<p>Thursday 1-19</p> <p>Chicken Diced Seasoning Chddr Cheese- RF Salad/tom/car Chuckwagon Corn Apples Stewed Tortilla Who Wheat 2% Milk Margarine Lite Salad Dressing Ranch Taco Sauce</p>
<p>Friday 1-20</p> <p>Tuna Noodle Cass Cauliflowere/Peas Cucumber Onion Salad Banana Wheat Bread</p> <p>2% Milk Margarine Lite</p>	<p>Daily Lunch Hours</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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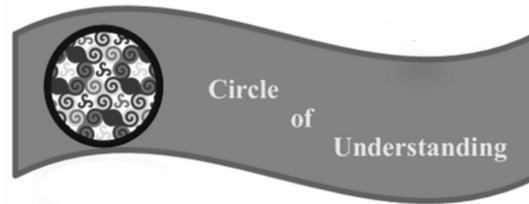
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Join our Circle of Understanding the first Wednesday of each month beginning February 1 where people of different faiths, races, cultures, sexual orientation, backgrounds, and ways of life will share their stories to come to a greater understanding of one another as a fundamental step to harmony in the midst of diversity. A simple soup supper will be served at 6:00 with the Circle following at 6:30 at Precious Blood Renewal Center, 2130 St. Gaspar Way, Liberty, MO. Register to attend with Lucia Ferrara at info@pbrenewalcenter.org

Pre-Super Bowl Party Dance

Beginning Experience Fundraiser

Saturday, Feb. 4th

7:00 - 11:00 pm

St. Thomas More Hall

119th and Holmes in Kansas City, MO

Questions: Contact Bruce at [816-807-7891](tel:816-807-7891)

Wear your favorite team jersey or gear (pro or college, football or other!) for a little extra fun. The "tailgate table" will be loaded with a football theme assortment of flavorful snacks, ice-cold beer and soda. The Zepster will be hitting the end-zone with "tunes and croons" so don't miss out!

<http://www.beginningexperiencekc.org/>

*In a democracy,
the most
important office
is the office
of citizen.*

Louis D. Brandeis

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