

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: 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 of Ordinary Time

Parish Calendar

Sunday, Feb 4

5th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Mass 8:00 am - St. Therese Parishioners

Rosary 8:45 am - Chapel

Mass 9:15 am - St. Therese Parishioners

Monday, Feb 5

Choir Practice 6:00 pm Church

Wednesday, Feb 7

Mass 12:00 Noon - Chapel

7-8:30pm Knights of Columbus — Hall

Friday, Feb 9

Mass 12:00 Noon - Chapel

5:30-10:30pm Mardi Gras

Hillcrest Country Club 8200Hillcrest Rd

Sunday, Feb 11

6th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Mass 8:00 am - St. Therese Parishioners

Rosary 8:45 am - Chapel

Mass 9:15 am - St. Therese Parishioners



Standing in the Need of Prayer

Bridgette Atkinson
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Mary L. Brown
Louis Byrd
Bishop F. Cheri
Lisa Coan
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Arthur Shelton
Allen Shelton
David Smith Jr
Jeremiah Smith
Elaine Stevenson
Michael Stevenson
Blanche L. Thomas
Jesse Wilkes
Mildred Wilkes
Antwine Williams

Liturgical Roles

Feb 11, 2018

	<u>8:00 am Mass</u>
Lector	Alania Davis, Barbara Davis
Euch Min	Venita Hodge
Hospitality	Joseph Alpough, Kenneth Woodard
Server	Aaryana Preston
	<u>9:15 am Mass</u>
Lector	YOUTH
Euch Min	Mary Sweat
Hospitality	YOUTH
Server	Bill Seiter, DeJarne' Cross

Upcoming Events at St. Therese

Fri. Feb 9 -Mardi Gras Fundraiser

Wed. Feb 14—Ash Wednesday

Mark your calendars and check out the flyers and other bulletin information for more details in the coming weeks.

February 4

5th Sunday in Ordinary

Time

JB 7: 1-4, 6-7

Ps 147: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6

I Cor 9: 16-19, 22-23

Mk 1: 29-39

February 11

6th Sunday in Ordinary

Time

LV 13: 1-2, 44-46

Ps 32: 1-2, 5, 11

I Cor 10: 31-11:1

Mk 1: 40-45

During this difficult Cold and Flu Season, we will receive only the Body of Christ at Communion. We look forward to once again receiving both the Body and Blood of Christ after this highly contagious season.

Reflection from Sr. Helen Flemington

5th Sunday Ordinary Time 2018

In life we are in a kind of a circus act that requires continual balance. Life is often heavy on one side and a few days later life is on the light side. Sometimes we seem to have lost our balance.

When our lives are made up of 99% activity and 1% prayer, we sense that something is not right. In fact, when we are overly active, the little time that we give to prayer is often just prayer on the run. We need the balancing pole of prayer. Without it we are in danger of falling off the high wire, and seriously injuring ourselves on our spiritual journey. My guess is that many people do not even think about this need for balance in their spiritual lives, and yet we should keep holy the Lord's Day. In our age and day, this is forgotten. During this time we are reminded that we are the freed daughters and sons of God. Just as the Israelites were freed from the Egyptians, God has given freedom to us.

Each week we set aside some time when work and money take a back seat to what is at the heart of balance and take a fresh look at life. We know that



the person who walks high about the air on the tightrope needed a lot of practice to attain such a great balance. In our own lives we should try not to be-

come too discouraged when we have to renew our efforts at balance in our own lives. Any attempt we put forth to bring harmony into our lives is well worth the effort.


Photo Credit: <https://authorbeckyjohnten.wordpress.com/2014/12/15/making-sure-our-scales-of-life-are-balanced/>

Weekly Health Corner



Light Therapy

The right medicine is helpful for certain diseases, but sometimes the right medicine is a dose of bright light. Light therapy is helpful for Depression: SAD (Seasonal affective disorder) which is a form of depression is treated with light therapy; however it has been helpful in treating non seasonal depression. It works by stimulating the retina which sends signals to the brain which boosts the serotonin (a feel good hormone). Light therapy has been used in clinical trials with Alzheimer's. It was used for 20-25 minutes twice a week over a 12 wk. period and resulted in great improvements in cognitive abilities. Light therapy is being used in sleep disorders by "dawn" stimulation. These special light stimulators turn on 20-30 minutes before waking to the alarm. It helps reestablish healthy sleep cycles. Light and drug therapy has been used for precancerous skin cells and certain skin infections as well.

	Required Weekly	Actual Weekly Giving
	\$4,019	\$103
Total Contribution Income		\$2,861
Emergency Assistance		\$750

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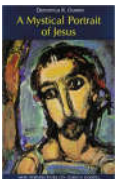
5th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Our community garden has two beds available for rent at \$10.00 for the year. If you have an urge to grow something for yourself and family and give some to the food pantry, let me know. Please call [816-363-7759](tel:816-363-7759) in the evening.

Sister Ann Landers



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



St. Therese Book Club meets on the first and third Thursdays of the month. We are reading:

A Mystical Portrait of Jesus

by Demetrius R. Dumm. We will meet in the Living Room on Feb 15 and will discuss Ch 10.

Mardi Gras is the major fundraiser for St. Therese Little Flower Parish. We have a 2018 Goal to raise \$30,000, which helps us offset the loss of revenue from Hogan Prep relocating to another building. This is no small undertaking, but we believe our goal can be met, if each of us contributes, according to our resources. How do we accomplish this goal? We can attend Mardi Gras. We can invite our family and friends to attend. We can make a cash donation or donate items for the auction. We have also reached out to sponsors who are able to support us by sharing significant donations. Please support Mardi Gras, as you are able, and we again will all benefit from the blessings of this loving and generous community.

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 \$60,000 for 2017 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 Monday, February 12th. 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 12th. 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. People needing proof of their Social Security or Supplemental Security Income benefits can get verification letters mailed to you by calling toll-free, [1-800-772-1213](tel:1-800-772-1213).

See insert.

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2018 Tax Sites

Free tax preparation for most taxpayers!



Drop-Off Only

Guadalupe Center

1512 Van Brunt Blvd., Kansas City, MO 64127

Prosperity Center

5151 Troost, Suite 100, Kansas City, MO 64110

Assisted Tax Preparation

Community Services League - Hawthorne Place

16995 E. Dover Lane, Independence, MO 64056

Community Services League - Independence

404 N. Noland Rd., Independence, MO 64050

Connecting for Good

3210 Michigan Avenue, Kansas City, MO 64109

El Centro Catholic Charities

2220 Central Ave., Kansas City, KS 66102

K-State Extension

11811 S. Sunset Dr., Suite 1500, Olathe, KS 66061

Kansas City Kansas Community College

7250 State Ave., Flint Building, Rm. 3632, Kansas City, KS 66112

Lee's Summit City Hall

220 SE Green Street, Lee's Summit, MO, 64063

MCC Maple Woods

2601 NE Barry Rd, Computing Business Building, Rm109, Kansas City, MO 64156

Operation Breakthrough and Rockhurst

3039 Troost Avenue, Kansas City, MO. 64109

Salvation Army

3013 East 9th Street, Kansas City, MO 64124

UMKC Bloch School

Bloch Heritage Hall, 5110 Cherry St., Bottom Floor, Room 005, Kansas City, MO 64110

**For information on dates
and times call 2-1-1 or
visit NextStepKC.org**



What to bring

- A Social Security card or Individual Taxpayer Identification # (ITIN) for each family member
- Valid picture ID (driver's license, state ID, passport, matricula consular, etc.) for all taxpayers
- W-2 forms for all jobs worked
- All 1099 forms for other income, if any
- Child care provider name, address, and tax ID
- Any other tax-related documents received
- Form 1098 or other education-related documents
- Bank account information for direct deposit
- A copy of last year's tax return (if available)
- All adults on return need to be present to sign.
- 1095-A form from the health insurance marketplace if you received insurance through the marketplace

Free Tax Preparation

Available to most taxpayers earning \$60,000 or less! Contact United Way 2-1-1 (or 816-474-5112) for more information about eligibility, wait times, temporary locations and weather-related site closures.

All sites are first come, first serve.



February 4, 2018



From the Youth Corner:

The Youth Group will be selling Mardi Gras masks for those looking for a custom-made design. Youth Group members will have masks on display after the 8am and 9:15am masses on January 21 and February 4 in the vestibule.

Mardi Gras Fundraiser - Latest News!

The featured Lip Sync Battle for this year's Mardi Gras will be between Fr. Leonard from St. Monica and Fr. Bryan from St. Therese (and yes parishioners will be getting in on the action as well). Come out and support our own Fr. Bryan, encourage Fr. Leonard and check out the other great entertainment that will be a part of your fabulous evening. Laissez les bons temps rouler!" "Let the good times roll!" Tickets will be sold after Mass and can also be purchased online at <https://www.stlfkc.org/>. If you're not able to attend or you would just like to donate to this, our major fundraiser of the year, you can do so at <https://www.stlfkc.org/give> on the Mardi Gras entry.

LIP SYNC BATTLE FEATURING:
Father Bryan Amthor & Father Leonard Gichera
St Therese Little Flower
St Monica

A vibrant poster for the Mardi Gras 2018 event. The background is a deep purple. On the left, there is a large, ornate green mask with gold and purple accents. To the right of the mask is a large pile of Mardi Gras beads in shades of purple, green, and gold. A long green feather is positioned vertically on the left side of the poster. The text is arranged in a clear, hierarchical manner, starting with the church name, followed by the event title, date, times, location, and ticket information. The overall design is festive and eye-catching.

St Therese Little Flower Catholic Church

Mardi Gras 2018

Friday, February 9th

Doors Open 5:30pm - Silent Auction·Live Music·Bar
6:30-10:30pm - Seating·Dinner·Talent·Dancing (Dinner 6:30-7:30pm)

Hillcrest Country Club 8200 Hillcrest Road, Kansas City, Missouri

TICKETS \$15 IN ADVANCE (call or purchase online at www.stlfkc.org)
\$20 AT THE DOOR includes Food & Non-Alcoholic Drink
Reserved Table of 10 Sponsor—\$250

WINE & BEER
AVAILABLE

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

A retreat using the Sunday Scripture
readings of Lent

Led by Cele Breen, SCL and Denise Simeone

Sat Feb 24: Registration and refreshments - 9:00am

Retreat: 9:30am-12:30pm

St. Patrick Catholic Church

1401 NE 42nd Terrace

Kansas City, MO 64116

People of all faiths are welcome.

Pre-registration is helpful and walk-ins are welcome.

Suggested fee: \$15, but donate whatever is possible,
pay at the door. Bring a friend who has never
attended one of our retreats for free.

Denisesimeone@hotmail.com or text/call

816.686.3612

*Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep
your covenant.*

Psalms 25:10 1st Sunday of Lent



Art by Mark Bartholomew - 1st Sunday of Lent
www.CelebrationPublications.org

Senior Center Menu

Monday 2-5

Beef-mac/Casserole
Scandnav-veg
Vanilla Wafer/Ban Pudding
Pears
Wheat Bread
1% Milk
Margarine Lite

Tuesday 2-6

Chicken & Noodles
Cauliflower/Red ppr
Salad/tom/car
Orange
White Whl Grain Bread
1% Milk
Margarine Lite
Salad Dressing 1000

Wednesday 2-7

Mexican Taco Salad
Shredded Cheddar
Lettuce/DTomatoes
Mexicali Mix
Orange
Nacho Light Chips
1% Milk
Margarine Lite
Taco Sauce

Thursday 2-8

Pepper Steak
StirFry Veggies
Beets Pickled Cold
Mandarin Oranges
MultiGrain Bread
Rice
1% Milk
Margarine Lite

Friday 2-9

Chicken Parmesan
Fett Ndl (whl grn)
Antigua Blend
Salad/tom/car
Banana
White Whl Grain Bread
1% Milk
Margarine Lite
Salad Dressing French

Daily Lunch Hours

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 Senior Center
444-3514
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Everybody Needs to Forgive Somebody

Led by Fr. Ron Will, C.P.P.S

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book: Everybody Needs to Forgive Somebody by

Allen Hunt Tuesday evenings, Feb 13, 20, 27,
March 6, 13, 27

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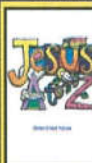
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