

St. Therese Little Flower Parish

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Mass Schedule

Sunday - 8:00 & 9:15 am

Wednesday and Friday (Chapel) 12:00 pm

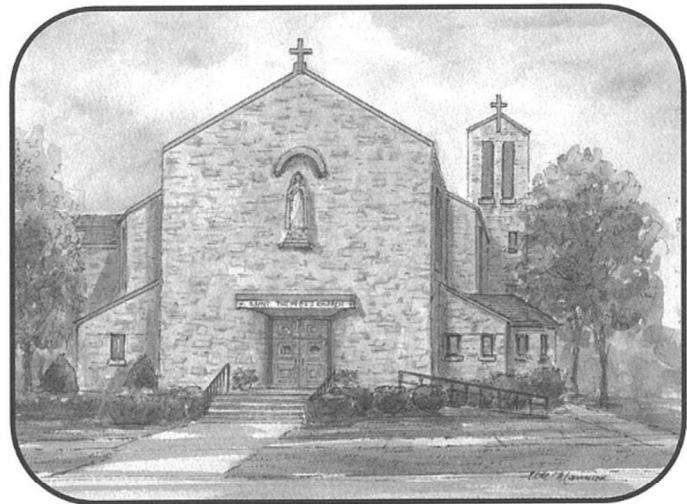
Holy Days - Check Bulletin or Call Office

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
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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.

Third Sunday of Advent

Parish Calendar



Standing in the Need of Prayer

Sunday, December 11

2nd Collection Today: Religious Retirement

Mass 8:00 am – St. Therese Parishioners

Rosary 8:45 am– Chapel

Mass 9:15 am– St. Therese Parishioners

Youth Group 11am -12:30pm Youth Room

Monday, December 12

Christmas Basket SetUp 10:00am—2:00 pm Hall

Choir Practice 6:30—8:00pm Church

Tuesday, December 13

Christmas Basket SetUp 10:00am—2:00 pm Hall

Finance Committee Committee 5:30pm Hall

Parish Council will join Finance Committee for

Wednesday, December 14

Christmas Basket Distribution 10 –3 Hall

Mass 12:00 Noon Chapel

Hogan Christmas Program 5:30—7:30 Church

Thursday, December 15

Christmas Basket Distribution 10 –3 Hall

Book Club 4:00pm—5:30 pm Living Room

Friday, December 16

Christmas Basket Distribution 10 –3 Hall

Mass 12:00 Noon Chapel

Sunday, December 18

Mass 8:00 am – St. Therese Parishioners

Rosary 8:45 am– Chapel

Mass 9:15 am– St. Therese Parishioners

Decorating for Christmas 10:30am—12:30pm Church

Bridgette Atkinson

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Margaret Brown

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Virginia Daub

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Katheryn Davis

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Jim Muldoon

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Rosalind O'Hora

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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

Liturgical Roles

December 18

8:00 am Mass

Lector	Bob Edsall, Sharon Sanders
Euch Min	Venita Hodge, Walter Hodge
Hospitality	Joseph Alpough, Ayanna Bridges
Server	Steven Atkinson

9:15 am Mass

Lector	Martha Graham, Dorothy Turano
Euch Min	Kevin Burdick, Sr. Ann Landers, Fred Hudgins, Sharon Kloster, Jean Poppie
Hospitality	Joseph Kinsella, DeJarne Cross, Elaine and Joe Nolke
Server	Paul Tancredi, B.J. Atkinson

December 11, 2016

December 18, 2016

Third Sunday of Advent

Is 35: 1-6A, 10

Ps 146: 6-7, 8-9, 9-10

Jas 5: 7– 10

Mt 11: 2-11

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Is 7: 10-14

Ps 24: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6

Rom 1: 1-7

Mt 1: 18-24



Required Weekly Giving

\$4,019

Actual Weekly Giving

\$191 plate

\$3,540 envelopes

Total Contribution Income

\$3,731

Emergency Assistance

\$475

Christmas Baskets

\$1,185

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.

December 11, 2016

Reflection from Sr. Helen Flemington

Author Irving Stone has spent a lifetime studying greatness, writing novelized biographies of such men as Michelangelo, Vincent van Gogh, Sigmund Freud and Charles Darwin. Stone was once asked if he had found a thread that runs through the lives of all these exceptional people. He said, "I write about people who sometime in their lives...have a vision or dream of something that should be accomplished...and they go to work."

"They are beaten over the head, knocked down, mocked and for years they get nowhere. But every time they're knocked down they stand up. You cannot destroy these people. And at the end of their lives they've accomplished some modest part of what they set out to do."

As we move through this season of Advent, we are asked to be people of faithfulness, of patience and endurance. Perhaps we could look more closely at our lives, and ask God to help us especially in those areas where we are about to give up. We have the assurance of Christ himself that he will see us through to the end.

Holiday Schedule at St. Therese

Christmas Eve Schedule

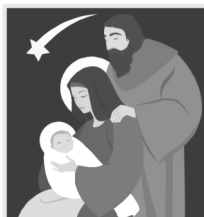
6:00 pm	Sunday School Christmas Program
6:30 pm	Christmas Caroling
7:00 pm	Christmas Eve Mass

Christmas Day Schedule

10:00 am	Christmas Day Mass
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Jan 1: New Years Day

8:00 am	Mass (Traditional)
9:15 am	Mass (Gospel Choir)



Please consider offering an hour or more to decorating the church for Christmas on **Sunday, December 18, 2016 following the 9:15am Mass.** Many hands will lighten our load. Thank you in advance!



Second Collection: This Sunday for Retired Religious

Aging religious need your help. Senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests spent years working in Catholic schools, hospitals, and agencies --- often for little pay. Their sacrifices leave their religious communities without adequate savings for retirement and eldercare. Your gift



to the Retirement Fund for Religious collection helps provide prescription medications, nursing care, and more. Please give to those who have given a lifetime. If you missed the chance to donate today, please just go ahead and drop an envelope in the collection basket next Sunday. There are extra envelopes in the back of church if you forgot to bring one. Just be sure and put your name on it.

Health Corner: Safety for the Holidays

Every year at this time we hear of terrible fires in homes. Here are some tips to avoid this danger:

- 1) Keep your live Christmas tree well watered at all times.
- 2) Check electrical cords and plugs for damage/wear.
- 3) Make sure extension cords and circuits are not overloaded.
- 4) Turn OFF electrical appliances and tree lights when you go to bed or leave the house.
- 5) After holiday parties check for fallen cigarette butts that may erupt into fires.
- 6) Supervise children at all times when they are near open flames/candles.
- 7) Keep all matches and fire starters well out of reach of children.

Third Sunday of Advent

Christmas in October St. Therese Style

Thank you to all who donated items for the "Christmas in October" project for the Christmas Basket Program. It is not too late to donate items. Just put them in the Christmas Gift box at the entrance of the church.

Christmas Basket Set up is this week beginning Monday. Come on and join in the fun.
Monday and Tuesday: 10am—2pm. Many hands make for lighter work.



Party Time: There will be no business parish council meeting on the 13th. We're meeting with the finance committee for a

Christmas party at 6:30 in the Parish Hall.

The Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph is committed to combatting 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

Join us for a Winter Solstice Celebration of Light, an evening of prayer, reflection, and a guided labyrinth walk facilitated by Fr. Joe Nassal, C.P.P.S. on December 21, 4:00 - 8:00PM at Precious Blood Renewal Center, 2130 St. Gaspar Way, Liberty, MO. Enjoy Soup and Salad. Free will offering accepted. RSVP to Lucia Ferrara at Hospitalitycoordinator.pbc@gmail.com or [816.781.4344](tel:816.781.4344).

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.

This year, we are reaching out to community sponsors to help underwrite the cost of the event and help us to make this a financial success. If you, your employer or you know of someone who is interested in being a sponsor for Mardi Gras, have them contact Sheilahn. Sponsorship includes tickets to the event for each level and individual or company name listed on all promotional materials prior to and at the event.

Sponsorship Levels

Captain (\$5,000)-requested tickets

Court Ball Royalty (\$1,000)-40 tickets

Carnival (\$500)-20 tickets

Parade (\$100)-4 tickets

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THE NAME

OF GOD

IS MERCY

The Book Club will meet on **Dec 15**, in the living room from **4-5:30 pm** and we will discuss **THE NAME OF GOD IS MERCY**, Chapters VI and VII.

DO YOU HAVE A GREEN THUMB?



Our STLFC community garden has four available beds for rent for \$10. If you are interested in gardening during 2016-17 year, contact:

Sr. Ann Landers at [816-363-7759](tel:816-363-7759) or at palanders@french.toast.net

December 11, 2016

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.

You are Invited



If you are 60 years of age or older and can't spend Christmas with your family or friends, Retired KCMO Police **Officer Richard White** invites you to attend the 40th Annual Christmas Dinner.

The free dinner will be served Christmas Day, Noon-1:30 p.m., at St. Peters Elementary School, 6400 Charlotte. ATA Transportation may be provided.

Contact: Senior Citizens' Christmas Day Dinner at 816-572-2646 no later than Monday, December 21st to attend or for a home delivered meal.

Call Monday-Friday 8:30 am-4:30 pm.

Senior Center Menu

<u>Monday 12-12</u>	<u>Tuesday 12-13</u>
Catfish (Breaded) Coleslaw-creamy Spinach Trop Fruit Mix White WhlGrn Bread 2% Milk Margarine Lite Tartar Sauce	Meat Loaf Gravy (Brown), Lo Sod Fiesta vegetables Mashed Potatoes Pears & Straw Wheat Dinner Roll 2% Milk Margarine Lite
<u>Wednesday 12-14</u>	<u>Thursday 12-15</u>
Chicken Parmesan Fett Ndls (whl grn) Antigua Blend Salad/tom/car Pineapple/man-or-mix White WhlGrn Bread Graham Crackers 2% Milk Margarine Lite Salad Dressing French	Beef Patties Salad/tom/car Steak Fries Banana HambBun WhoGrain 2% Milk Margarine Lite Sal Dress/1000 Ketchup/Mustard
<u>Friday 12-16</u>	<u>Daily Lunch Hours</u>
Chicken & Noodles Cauliflower/Red Ppr Salad/tom/car Orange White WhlGrain Bread 2% Milk Margarine Lite Sal Dressing/1000	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

2017 March for Life Pilgrimage Registration Now Open!

Join this multi-generational pilgrimage to our nation's capital, January 25-28, 2017. For more information or to register today, please visit www.respectlifekcsj.org or call 816.714.2367.

December 11, 2016

St. Therese Senior Center

Holiday Memories from the Senior Center

by Rudy Gutierrez



I remember my grandfather fixed an altar by December 25 every year. It was a tradition that my grandmother had. This was a time for the family to come together. My grandfather took down the old altar from the year before and he worked on making a new one. He started by putting a wire on the ceiling and then he decorated the wall with colored papers, showing the colors of the Mexican flag. Next he hung lights and ornaments from the ceiling. Then he put a picture of our Lady of Guadalupe in the center and the other saints around her.

On December 12 the family came and we prayed the rosary. Then all the women went to the kitchen and made tamales, and the men cooked them in an open pit outside. They cooked them until they were done. While the tamales were cooking, the men stood around and drank beer and told old stories. After the tamales were done, we ate them.

While the men waited for the tamales to cook, the kids—just boys—played games and drank soda. But we were **not** drinking soda. We drank 7up until the bottles were empty and then we filled the bottles with beer. Our dads didn't know. It was just the older boys my age that would do this. There would be about 40 of us all together.

We did this every year until my grandmother passed away.

Third Sunday of Advent

Sharon's Christmas Prayer

*She was five,
sure of the facts,
and recited them
with slow solemnity
convinced every word
was revelation.*

She said

*They were so poor
they had only peanut butter and jelly sandwiches to eat
and they went a long way from home
without getting lost. The lady rode
a donkey, the man walked, and the baby was inside the lady.*

*They had to stay in a stable
with an ox and an ass (hee-hee)
but the Three Rich Men found them
because a star lited the roof.*

*Shepherds came and you could
pet the sheep but not feed them.
Then the baby was borned.
And do you know who he was?*

*Her quarter eyes inflated
to silver dollars.*

The baby was God.

*And she jumped in the air
whirled round, dove into the sofa
and buried her head under the cushion
which is the only proper response
to the Good News of the Incarnation.*



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