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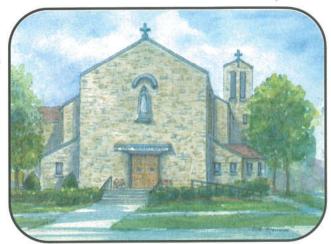
Sunday - 8:00 & 9:15 am Wednesday and Friday (Chapel) 12:00 pm Holy Days - Check Bulletin or Call Office

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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9:15 am Masses and anytime by request.

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Anointing of the Sick: Sacrament takes place at seasonal communal Catechumenate Class: Contact Sr. Helen Flemington or Father Steve celebrations. For individual request contact Father Steve at the parish

Eucharist for the Sick: Contact the parish office.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Sundays between the 8:00 am and Credit Union: We are a member parish of Holy Rosary Catholic Credit Union - 816-221-2734

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

tempered by the transitions in our neighborhoods and our church. We complementary members of the one Body of Christ. Because of this Word and breaking Bread together. common experience, we choose to be St. Therese parish community.

and in reaching out to others. We confess the need to become more climate of fellowship for all people.

We, God's people, are a remnant whose faith has been tested and 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, do not have one common ethnic, religious, social or economic but that we may become credible and inviting to those seeking Christ background. We do have a common experience of being the diverse but and His Gospel. We answer this calling first, faithfully sharing the

We then realize our vocation to affirm each other's gifts, to reach out We choose to use our gifts to build up the Body of Christ incarnate to the poor, to work for justice, to help form young minds and hearts, to here. This mission must take place both within our faith community acknowledge the place of the elders in our community and to create a

Parish Calendar

Sunday, Dec 3

First Sunday of Advent

Mass 8:00 am - St. Therese Parishioners

Rosary 8:45 am - Chapel

Mass 9:15 am - St.Therese Parishioners

Monday, Dec 4

Choir Practice 6:00pm Church

Wednesday, Dec 6

Mass 12:00 Noon - Chapel

Advent Simple Supper & Program

6-8pm Church Hall

Knights of Columbus 7pm Living Room

Thursday, Dec 7

Book Club 4:00-5:30pm Living Room

Friday, Dec 8

Offices are Closed

Senior Center Christmas Party 10am-1pm

Mass 12:00 Noon - Chapel

Saturday, Dec 9

Childrens' Christmas Program Practice 11am-12pm Church

Sunday, Dec 10

Second Sunday of Advent

Mass 8:00 am - St. Therese Parishioners

Rosary 8:45 am - Chapel

Mass 9:15 am - Kevin Kelly

CSJ Associate Invite 10:30am-1:00pm

Living Room

Youth Group 11:00-12:30pm Youth Rm

Standing in the Need of Prayer

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Raymond LaNear
Doreen Lacy
Charles Lidge
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Venus Moore
Margaret Mulligan
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David Smith Jr
Jeremiah Smith
Diana Stallman
Elaine Stevenson
Michael Stevenson
Blanche L. Thomas
Jesse Wilkes
Mildred Wilkes
Antwine Williams

Liturgical Roles

December 10, 2017			
	8:00 am Mass		
Lector	Alania Davis, Barbara Davis		
Euch Min	Venita Hodge, Walter Hodge		
Hospitality	Gloria Burrell, Kenneth Woodard		
Server	Aaryana Preston		
	9:15 am Mass		
Lector	YOUTH		
Euch Min	Sr. Helen Alder, Sr. Gabe Smits, Sully Ways, Aarion Johnson, Kevin Burdick		
Hospitality	YOUTH		
Server	Leighton Moses, Victoria Moses		

December 3December 101st Sunday of Advent2nd Sunday of Advent

Is 63: 16B-17, 19B; 64:2-7 Is 40: 1-5, 9-11

Ps 80: 2-3, 15-16, 18-19 Ps 85: 9-10-11-12, 13-14

I Cor 1: 3-9 2 Pt 3: 8-14 Mk 13: 33-37 Mk 1: 1-8

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First Sunday of Advent

Reflection from Sr. Helen Flemington

1st Sunday of Advent 2017

During the season of Advent we are invited to work on becoming aware of how we treat others in a generous and kind way. You will make great steps in learning to love in a deeper way. That's what the season of Advent is calling us to.

Staying awake means not only staying out of trouble, but it is a way to a happier and fuller life. The husband and wife who are awake to each other's lives is a happier married couple than the couple who just happen to be living in the same house. And the same can be applied to our friendships. Our awareness of who the other person is goes a long way towards fulfilling the commandment of love. Jesus was profoundly aware of what was going on in the lives of those to whom he was sent. That is why people responded to him in such a profound way. They sensed they were being listened to, being understood, being touched deeply.

We as a church must be awake to each other's needs and to the needs of the world we live in. If we are asleep to this, then social justice and concern for the world will not be a part of our lives, and as Christians we have an obligation to bring justice to our brothers and sisters in need. The members of St. Therese Little Flower truly are awake to our neighbors in need in our Christmas basket ministry and all the year round.

Let us continue to pray for the spiritual energy we need to stay awake. Peace and Joy!

Weekly Health Corner



Harmful Interactions

Be aware that foods you eat and the medications you take may cause harmful interactions. Here are some tips to help you be more aware:

- If you take blood thinners-avoid fish oil supplements; eating fish is OK.
- If you take certain statins for High Cholesterol: avoid grapefruit and grapefruit juice.
- If you take medicine for diabetes-avoid too much cinnamon.
- If you take certain anti-depressants: avoid red wine, hard cheese, and chocolate.
- If you take certain heart medicines: avoid too much calcium.
- If you take certain blood-pressure medicine: take it easy on bananas and other highpotassium foods.

For more information go to <u>aarp.org/PillBook.</u>

Everyone is invited to attend our Advent Wednesday nights in the church hall. There will be a simple supper followed by a presentation on November 29, December 6 and



20. The supper begins at 6:00 PM followed by the Advent program starting at 7:00 – 8:00.

Don't miss this opportunity to get to know our members in a new way and sharing our faith together in this special season.

On Wednesday, December 13 we will celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation at 6:00 PM in the church. Please join us on these four Wednesday nights.

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Upcoming Events at St. Therese

Wednesday, Dec 6 -Advent Simple Supper followed by presentation

Friday, Dec 8 -Immaculate Conception

Friday, Dec 8 -Senior Citizen Christmas Party

Wednesday, Dec 13-Sacrament of Reconciliation

Wednesday - Friday, Dec 13-15 -

Christmas Basket Distribution

Wednesday, Dec 20 -Advent Simple Supper
followed by presentation

Monday, Jan 1—New Year's Day Mass at
9:00am joining with St. Peter's at St. Peter's.

Friday, Jan 18—Support Our Seminarians Dinner
Friday, Feb 9 -Mardi Gras Party

Mark your calendars and look for more details in coming weeks.

FYI

Starting Saturday, November 11, 2017, from 11am-Noon we will begin practicing for the Children's 2017 Christmas Play. All interested children 12 and under are welcome to participate.

We have several speaking parts, parts for dancers and singers. We want our play to be successful so we must practice.

Dejarne Cross and her team will teach the dance portion of the Christmas Program practice. Wear comfortable attire and please be on time! All practices will be in the Church Hall.

The schedule is as follows:

Speaking & Singing Parts: 11:00am- 11:20am
Restroom Break: 11:25am- 11:30am
Dance: 11:30am- Noon

Parents: Please bring and pickup up your children on time.

One more "giving" Sunday!

It's hard to believe that Christmas Basket
Week is only one week away! You still have
time to bring some gifts for the Christmas
box next Sunday. Or, you can make a donation and put it in the collection basket on Sunday, bring
it to the office or mail it to the attention of BJ!

Special thanks to everyone who bought some goodies at the bake sale, and/or took a chance in the wreath raffle! Big thanks to Karen McDonald who coordinated the bake sale and made the wreath!

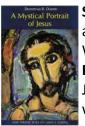
We've reached out to a lot of people through social media, but there is still a big need for gifts for our teenagers and adult men and women. Think of some items your teenagers might ask for and/or some special items for the men and women we will serve! Every gift we distribute during Christmas Basket week is so appreciated by those we serve.

A few quotes from Maya Angelou as you go shopping or write a check:

"Try to be a rainbow in someone's cloud."

"I have found that among its other benefits, giving liberates the soul of the giver."

"While I know myself as a creation of God, I am also obligated to realize and remember that everyone else and everything else are also God's creation."



St. Therese Book Club will meet on the first and third Thursdays of the month.
We will be reading A Mystical
Portrait of Jesus (New Perspectives on John's Gospel) by Demetrius R. Dumm. We will meet in the Living Room on Dec 7 at 4:00 and discuss the Introduction and

Chapters 2 and 3.

First Sunday of Advent

WHO ARE CSJ ASSOCIATES?

COME AND SEE on SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10 in the PARISH LIVING ROOM AFTER THE 9:15 MASS. A LIGHT LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED.

Associates are women and men, married and single, who are called by God to commit to extending the mission and sharing the spirit of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet without becoming vowed members. There are 6 Sisters of St. Joseph who are active members of STLF. Two of us, Sr. Ann and Sr. Gabrielle, plus eleven men and women belong to the Holy Family Associate community.

You may want to explore Association if:

- *you are seeking to engage in a deeper, more intentional spiritual journey with others;
- *you are looking for a faith community with whom to pray, minister and celebrate God's presence in life;
- *you desire to live in loving unity and further social justice.

You may contact any of these people to let us know you will be attending the "come and see".

Julie Broyle: 816-695-7601 Josie Sandoval: 816-808-9426 Sr. Ann Landers:816-363-7759 Sr. Gabrielle Smits -816-304-2360

Hear about being a CSJ associate from some current associates: "I would just say that Association helped fill a spiritual hunger in me beyond Sunday Mass, helped me grow closer to the Lord and gave me a spiritual community to share my love of God with." Julie Broyle

As Associates we commit to extending the mission of loving unity. We have enjoyed opportunities to be of service, grow spiritually, and pray together with the Sisters of St. Joseph. It is wonderful gift to share our lives with others who share the values we consider most important to us.

Chuck and Clara Uhlrich

In a world of challenge and change, being able see it through the lens of "right relationships" and "love of the dear neighbor without distinction," makes all the difference. This gift of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet is at the heart of our understanding as Associates. It is a powerful way to reframe and heal a fractured world. Ron Slepitza



2nd Collection next Sunday

Elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests need your help. Many served for years in Catholic schools, hospitals, and parishes—often for little to no pay. Now there is a shortage in retirement savings. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious provides funding for medications, nursing care, and more. Please give to those who have given a lifetime.

Save the Date

In a Dark Time...Eyes Begin to See: A Celebration of the Winter Solstice led by Fr.

Joseph Nassal, C.PP.S. - We pause in the midst of a most beautiful but busy season to reflect on the darkness of our times captured in the longest of nights. But the natural world holds great lessons about the renewal of the human spirit and how in the darkest of times we begin to see how we are deeply connected to one another and to the earth.

Thursday, **December 21st**, 5:30PM. Suggested donation: \$20.00 (includes soup supper). Scholarship funds available. Regis-

ter by December 19th

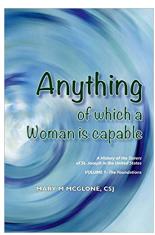
info@pbrenewalcenter.org or

<u>816.415.3745</u>. Precious Blood Renewal Center, <u>2130 Saint Gaspar Way, Liberty, MO 64068</u>.

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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



There will be a book launch/ signing event at Avila for our new CSJ history, Anything of Which a Woman is Capable on Tue., Dec. 5 at 4 p.m. at the Avila library.

Sister Mary McGlone will talk a little about the book and have them hot off the press for purchase for \$22.

She would love to see you there.

Anyone who wants to know more about where and why the sisters did what they did will find interesting responses in the lives of the women chronicled in this volume. Covering a geography from New York City to Los Angeles and Superior, Wisconsin to Florida, you will meet sisters who struggled with poverty and adversity, all for the sake of the people they called their "Dear Neighbor."

Laboring with God toward Reconciliation

Sunday, Dec 17: 6:30 pm At Risk Life/ Marginalized Individuals

Thursday, Jan 18, 2018

7:00 pm Peace/nonviolence

St. Francis Xavier Adult Faith Formation and Justice and Life Committees invite you to attend a series of prayer services focused on personal and social sin, reconciliation, transformation and righteousness. All services will be held at St Francis Xavier at 5200 Troost and are open to the public.

Presentation Parish Presents REFLECTION ON THE ADVENT SCRIPTURES

With Fr. Paul Turner

Father Turner is currently serving as Director of the Office of Worship for the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph and pastor of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. He is a well-known speaker and writer. Check out his website: paulturner.org

DECEMBER 6, 6:30 PM IN PRESENTATION CHURCH
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Knights of Columbus Council #4962 , Located at $\underline{\sf 5101~Blue~Ridge~Cut-off}$ will be having an

ALL YOU CAN EAT FISH FRY on Friday December 8th, 2017 from 1:00 to 8:00PM Cost is \$10 for adults, \$5 for children 5-12 , Free for children under 5 yrs.

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Beer and pop and dessert available for an additional donation.

Fish fry profits help support our many charities. For more information, call Greg Marquart at 816-803-9455.

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Senior Center Menus Monday 12/4 Tuesday, 12/5 Wednesday 12/6 Chicken Patty Beef Stew/vegs Swiss Steak,w/tomato **Sweet Potato Wedges** Salad/tom/car Mashed Potatoes Broccoli Banana Peas/Carrots Trop Fruit Mix Corn Muffin **Apple Sauce** HambBun Who Grain 1% Milk Multigrain Bread 1% Milk Margarine Lite 1% Milk Salad Dessing Ranch Margarine Lite Margarine Lite Miracle Whip Oatmeal/Raisin Cookie **Tapioca Pudding** Thursday 12/7 Friday 12/8 **Daily Lunch Hours** Beef-mac/casserole Mexican Taco Salad 11:30 am to 1 pm Green Beans Shredded Cheddar Over 60 yrs. –donation Vanilla Wafers Lettuce/D Tomatoes All others \$5.75 Mexicali Mix Reservation at Sign-In **Pears** Multigrain Bread Table in advance Orange 1% Milk Nacho Light chips Thank You Multigrain Bread St. Therese Sr Ctr. Margarine Lite 1% Milk 444-3514 Don Bosco 691-2900 Margarine Lite Taco Sauce



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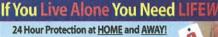
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