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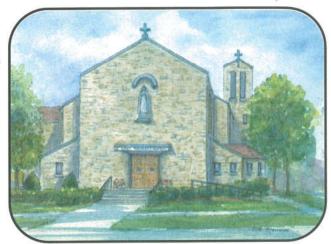
Sunday - 8:00 & 9:15 am Wednesday and Friday (Chapel) 12:00 pm Holy Days - Check Bulletin or Call Office

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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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

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Parish Calendar

Sunday, Nov 12, 2017

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Mass 8:00 am-St. Therese Parishioners

Rosary 8:45 am - Chapel

Mass 9:15 am-Carolyn Oetting

Youth Group 11:00am-12:30pm

Monday, Nov 13

Choir Practice 6:00pm Church

Tuesday, Nov 14:

6:00-7:30pm Pastoral Council Hall

Wednesday, Nov 15

Mass 12:00 Noon - Chapel

5:00-6:00pm Hope Committee Hall

Thursday, Nov 16

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

Friday, Nov 17

Mass 12:00 Noon - Chapel

Saturday, Nov 18

9:30-11am Liturgy Commtee Dining Rm Childrens' Christmas Program Practice 11am-12pm Church Hall

Sunday, Nov 19, 2017

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Mass 8:00 am- Kevin Kelly

Rosary 8:45 am - Chapel

Mass 9:15 am-St.Therese Parishioners

Youth Group 11:00am-12:30pm

Bake Sale after the 8:00 and 9:15 Masses



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Liturgical Roles

November 19, 2017		
	8:00 am Mass	
Lector	Alania Davis, Barbara Davis	
Euch Min	Bob Edsall, Judy Edsall	
Hospitality	Gloria Burrell, Donald Sanders	
Server	Steven Atkinson	
	9:15 am Mass	
Lector	Kevin Burdett, Sandy Jones	
Euch Min	Mary Sweat, Sully Ways,	
	Joe & Elaine Nolke, Aarion Johnson	
Hospitality	Treva Lee, Sandy Jones	
	Paulette & Lester Stevenson	
Server	Tim Doyle, Bill Seiter	

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Wis 6: 12-16 Prv 31: 10-13, 19-20, 30-31

Ps 63: 2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 Ps 12: 1-2, 3, 4, 5 I Thes 4: 13-18 I Thes 5: 1-6 Mt 25: 1-13 Mt 25: 14-30

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Reflection from Sr. Helen Flemington

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, 2017

St. Paul takes the straightforward approach. He comes right out and says "I don't want you to be ignorant of the truth, friends. Since we believe Jesus died and rose again, we know that God will personally take up everyone who dies." Paul goes on to describe a glorious scene—how Jesus is coming back again, and how, at that moment those already dead and those still living will all meet together with Jesus in the air. It sounds like he's picturing the family reunion to end all family reunions.

The gospel about the 10 bridesmaids who fell asleep waiting for the bridegroom tells us more about how to wait until all things are well again. All of us are like the bridesmaids, waiting for Jesus to come again and bring healing and peace to our troubled lives and world. And some of us already feel like we've been waiting a lot longer than others! But some people are wiser than others. When the waiting starts to seem long and tiring, the foolish ones will let themselves get distracted by non-essentials or drop out of the community entirely, unable to believe in Jesus' promises. But the wise among us will hang on. They'll turn to each other for words of encouragement, they'll tell stories of love and support in the midst of pain. Maybe they'll sing songs and paint pictures to remind themselves of God's promises. They'll keep their sense of humor and their hearts open and ready for the unexpected return of the bridegroom.

St. Paul says, "Don't grieve meaninglessly. Don't grieve without seeing that tiny beam of hope way down the tunnel. Don't despair utterly—because God really is there in your pain."

"It was shown to me that all shall be well, and all shall be well, and all manner of things shall be well."

Julian of Norwich

Weekly Health Corner



Do You Have Sleep Problems???

Do you awaken in the morning and still feel tired? Are you awake many times through-out the night? Do you awaken others with your snoring? Do you notice that your legs are very restless when you

try to go to sleep? These are some of the sleep problems that can keep you from getting a good night's sleep.

If you have problems with sleep talk to you doctor about them. You may need a Sleep Study. A sleep study is usually done in a sleep lab. You spend one night in the lab and the tech. monitors your sleep through-out the night. Then an MD studies your results and makes recommendations as to what will help you get a good night's sleep every night. Some problems need medications (usually not sleeping pills) to help you.

If you have sleep apnea or hypopnea you may need a C-pap machine. Sleep apnea is a condition where the person actually stops breathing for a period of time and may do this 10 to 100+ times a night. Hypopnea is a condition where for some reason the oxygen level in the person falls below normal while sleeping. Both of these conditions, if moderate to severe can be very hard on your heart. The brain measures the amount of oxygen you are getting and if it is below normal the brain makes the heart pump faster and faster to try to keep your oxygen level higher. This over working of your heart can lead to heart failure. The C-pap machine can be worn at night and it helps to push air into your lungs so that you take deeper breaths than you normally would. This in turn should help keep your breathing regular and raise your oxygen level to normal and thus you sleep more deeply. There are different masks and nasal pieces that you can wear to get the oxygen into your lungs.

These take time to adjust to but it is worth the time as you begin to sleep better and feel better. If you have questions about this ask Sr. Helen Alder-she is on a machine and it really helps.

November 12, 2017

Upcoming Events at St. Therese

Thursday, November 23 -

St. Therese joins St. Peter's Parish for Thanksgiving Mass

Saturday, December 2 - Advent Retreat Friday, December 8 -

Feast of the Immaculate Conception Wednesday - Friday, December 13-15 -

Christmas Basket Distribution

Friday, January 18 –Support Our Seminarians Dinner Friday, February 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.

A Time to Give

We are all blessed in so many ways. And, we are a very generous parish which believes in sharing its blessings with others.



Christmas Basket week is a time for us to give to others who are less fortunate...and it's only five weeks away! Our Christmas gift box will be in the back of church beginning today. We ask that you consider bringing one gift to put in the box each week – four weeks, four gifts! We have lots of toys and gifts for

our young children, but really, really need gifts for our teenage boys and girls, and adult men and women. Please consider one gift for each age group.

If you don't have time to shop, or don't know what to buy, please consider making a donation! You can put it in the collection basket on Sunday, bring it to the office or mail it to the attention of BJ!

BAKE SALE – Sunday, November 19th after the 8 am & 9:15 am Masses.

Proceeds will benefit our Christmas Basket Program.

Please consider bringing a baked good that morning or helping by purchasing some delicious goodies just in time for your Thanksgiving gatherings. We will take care of the pricing; please drop your baked goods off in the vestibule before either of the Masses on November 19th. For questions, please call Karen McDonald at 816-550-5416

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Meeting Tuesday evening, Nov 14 at 6:00pm in the Parish Hall

Agenda: Review of Ministry Fair and Discussion of Choir Director



Thank You to all the "Crafty People" who donated items for the craft sale that

was held at St. Mark's last
week. The benefit was for the
Christmas Basket Program. It was
our first time and there were several other vendors so competition
was tough but people were very
excited to hear about St. Therese.
We ended up bringing in \$110.00
B. J.

ATTENTION: MISSOURI BIRTH PARENTS AND ADOPTEES:

Missouri adoption law is changing!

On January 1st, 2018, adult adoptees (ages 18 and older) will be granted access to their original birth certificate. Birth parents have the right to protect their confidentiality under the new law, but they must act before January 1st.

For more information, contact the Missouri Bureau of Vital Records by phone at (573) 751-6387 OR by email at: vitalrecordsinfo@health.mo.gov Visit the Bureau's website at: www.health.mo.gov/data/vitalrecords/adopteerightsact.php for more detailed information about the new law.

"Be watchful! Be alert!
You do not know
when the time will come.
~ Mark 13:33



Save the Date: Advent Retreat using the Sunday Scripture Readings of the

Advent and Christmas Season led by Cele Breen, SCL and Denise Simeone.

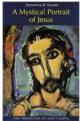
Mark your calendars:

Saturday, December 2

from 9:30-12:30 with refreshments at 9:00am.

People of all faiths are welcome. Pre-registration is helpful and walk-ins are welcome. Suggested fee: \$15.00, but donate whatever is possible, pay at the door. Bring a friend who has never attended one of our retreats for free!

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 Perspec-

tives on John's Gospel) by Demetrius R. Dumm. We will meet in the Living Room on Nov. 16 and discuss the Introduction and Chapter 1.

A Season of Resilience and Resistance: An Advent Day of Reflection led by Fr. Joseph Nassal, C.PP.S. We will look closely at a spirituality that reveals how to cultivate hope in difficult and dangerous times. Saturday, December 2, 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM. Suggested donation: \$30.00 (includes lunch). Scholarship funds available. Register by November 30 at info@pbrenewalcenter.org or 816.415.3745. Precious Blood Renewal Center, 2130 Saint Gaspar Way, Liberty, MO 64068

Counseling

The holidays can tend to magnify the stress, depression, anxiety, or interpersonal problems in one's life. If you would like help managing any of these things, consider counseling. Fr. Garry Richmeier is a Licensed Professional Marital and Family Therapist, providing family, marriage, 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 a time to visit, contact Fr. Garry at garrycpps@gmail.com or 816-415-2998

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Senior Center Menus		
Monday 11/13	Tuesday, 11/14	
Fish (Breaded)	Beef Pattie	
Coleslaw w vin/drsg	Salad/tom/car	
Fruit Cup/Citrus	Steak Fries	
White WhlGrn Bread	Banana	
1% Milk	HambBun WhoGrain	
Margarine Lite	1% Milk	
Tartar Sauce	MargarineLite	
Vinegar	Sal Dressing/1000	
	Ketchup/Mustard	
Wednesday 11/15	<u>Thursday 11/16</u>	
Chicken & Noodles	ChickenDiced Seasoned	
Cauliflower/Red Ppr	Chddr Cheese –RF	
Salad/tom/car	Salad/tom/car	
Orange	Chuckwagon Corn	
White WhlGrn Bread	Apples Stewed	
1% Milk	Tortilla Who Wheat	
Margarine Lite	1% Milk	
Sal Dressing/1000	Margarine Lite	
	Salad Dressing Ranch	
	Taco Sauce	
Friday 11/17	Daily Lunch Hours	
Chicken Oven Fried	11:30 am to 1 pm	
Gravy (Chicken, LS)	Over 60 yrs. –donation	
Mashed Potatoes	All others \$5.75	
Broccoli	Reservation at Sign-In	
Wheat Dinner Roll	Table in advance	
1% Milk	Thank You	
Margarine Lite	St. Therese Sr Ctr.	
IceCrm (FFSF)	444-3514	
Orange Cake	Don Bosco 691-2900	

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

Laboring with God toward Reconciliation

Tuesday, Nov 28: 7:00 pm Care of Creation

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.

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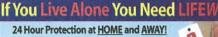
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