

St. Therese Little Flower Parish

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Mass Schedule

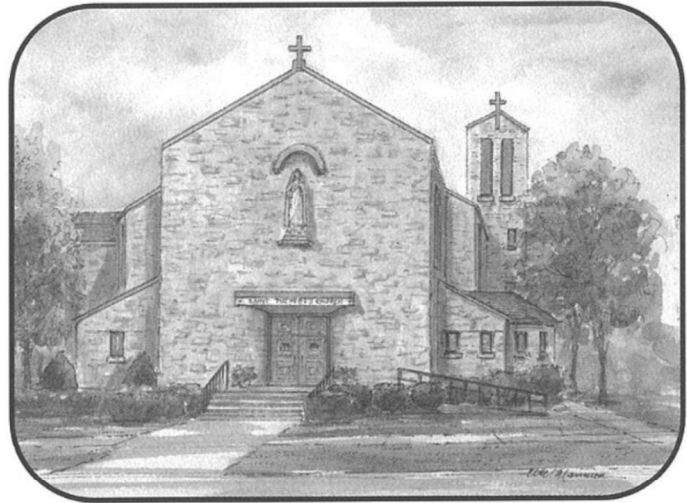
Sunday - 8:00 & 9:15 am
Wednesday and Friday (Chapel) 12:00 pm
Holy Days - Check Bulletin or Call Office

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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Baptism: Contact Sr. Helen Flemington

Catechumenate Class: Contact Sr. Helen Flemington or Father Steve.

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.

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Parish Calendar

<p>Sunday, January 29 Knights of Columbus Sunday Mass 8:00 am – Howell & Helen Harris Mass 9:15 am– St. Therese Parishioners Rosary after 9:15 Mass—Church Mardi Gras tickets for sale after each Mass</p>
<p>Monday, January 30 Choir Practice 6:30—8:00 pm Church</p>
<p>Wednesday, February 1 Mass 12:00 Noon Chapel Knights of Columbus 7:00-8:30pm Hall</p>
<p>Thursday, February 2 Book Club 4:00-5:30pm Living Room</p>
<p>Friday, February 3 Mass 12:00 Noon Chapel</p>
<p>Sunday, February 5 Mass 8:00 am – St. Therese Parishioners Rosary 8:45 am– Chapel Mass 9:15 am– St. Therese Parishioners Knights Pancake Breakfast after each Mass Mardi Gras tickets for sale after each Mass</p>



Standing in the Need of Prayer

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Liturgical Roles

February 5, 2017	
	8:00 am Mass
Lector	Gloria Burrell, Katherine Miller
Euch Min	Valerie Tucker
Hospitality	Kenneth Preston, Donald Sanders
Server	Lester Stevenson
	9:15 am Mass
Lector	Bridgette Atkinson Stephena MacKender
Euch Min	Sr. Joan Tolle
Hospitality	Mary Sweat, Fred Hudgins Sandy Jones, Glenda Johnson
Server	Leighton Moses, Victoria Moses

January 29, 2017	February 5, 2017
4th Sunday in Ordinary Time	5th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Zep 2:3; 3:12-13	Is 58: 7-10
Ps 146: 6-7, 8-9, 9-10	Ps 112: 4-5, 6-7, 8-9
I Cor 1: 26-31	I Cor 2: 1-5
Mt 5: 1-12A	Mt 5: 13-16

Our Weekly Offering	<i>Required Weekly Giving</i>	<i>Actual Weekly Giving</i>	
	\$4,019	\$277 plate	
		\$4,205 envelopes	
Total Contribution Income		\$4,482	
Emergency Assistance		\$50	

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.

Flu Season and Eucharist

The Flu season is upon us and as such, we each use necessary precautions to stay healthy and to avoid spreading colds and flu and other contagious viruses. Since CDC and Jackson County Health Department are both showing the State of Missouri as high incidence areas for flu, effective Feb 5, we will receive the Body of Christ only and will not share the cup for the next couple of months. This could change if circumstances warrant. We look forward to once again receiving the Blood of Christ.

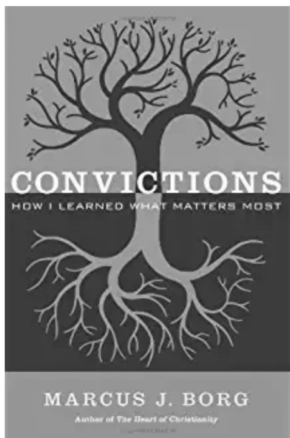
Reflection from Sr. Helen Flemington

4th Sunday Ordinary Time 2017

Blessed are the poor in spirit....the poor in spirit are those who know deeply within themselves that apart from God they are nothing. Their dependence on God is radical and comprehensive. Without God they can do nothing and are nothing. The poor in spirit are empty of all pride and pretensions. They are not satisfied in any way. Any gifts they may possess are just that – gifts given by God. They want nothing but to be filled with the love of God. Everything else takes second place.

Someone reflecting on the beatitudes of Jesus said, "Blessed are those who know they don't have it all put together. Blessed are those who are not certain and yet keep questing. Blessed are those who are uncertain of themselves yet seek certainty. Blessed are those who know that they have missed the mark and yet keep trying to find a better way."

Let us continue to hunger and thirst – for justice, for righteousness, for peace. Our hungers and thirst will allow God into our lives. When we come to acknowledge that we are all empty cups, we will then be in that blessed place where God can fill us.



The Book Club will meet again on **February 2** 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 Chapters 2 and 3.

Health Corner: Physical Fitness



Physical fitness is important in preventing heart disease and stroke which are the #1 and #5 Killers. The American heart Association recommends 150 minutes of moderate exercise or 75 minutes of vigorous exercise per week as a minimum. Doing 30 minutes a day for 5 days a week equals 150 minutes. Here are some tips for starting to exercise: 1) gradually increase your training, 2) listen to your body, 3) stay hydrated and wear appropriate clothing, 4) pay attention to lightheadedness, dizziness, chest pains, heart racing or skipping, leg or face swelling and shortness of breath. It is also good to know the location of an AED (automated external defibrillator) or medical assistance. If you do faint while exercising, you should stop and call your physician immediately and don't attempt to return to exercise until you have a physician's consent.

TAX PREPARATION SEASON IS HERE!

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 \$54,000 for 2016 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 Wednesday, February 8th. 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 8th. 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.

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Up and Coming Events

Today — Today — Today

The fourth annual "The Joy of Music" event, benefitting Our Lady's Montessori School, will be Sunday, January 29th, 2017 at Visitation Parish beginning at 3:00pm. This year's program includes S. Dussek **Sonata in C minor** (for harp), Deiterich Buxtehude's **Jesu, meus Lebens Leben** buxWV 62 (for vocal quartet, ensemble and continuo), and Felix Mendelssohn's **Organ Sonata No. 3** Opus 65. Doors open at 2:30pm. Free will offering will be gratefully accepted.

Next Sunday, Feb 5, after each Mass

Pancake Breakfast



Knights Super Bowl Breakfast!!
Sunday February 5th after each Mass.
Free will offering!! Pancakes, biscuits and
gravy, sausage and omelets for an
additional tip! Come and Help support your
Knights!

World Day for Consecrated Life

World Day for Consecrated Life will be celebrated in the Church on Thursday, Feb. 2, 2017 and in parishes on the weekend of Feb. 4-5, 2017. Please pray for all those who have made commitments in the consecrated life (vows of poverty, chastity and obedience), and be sure to thank them on their special day. May they continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ and respond generously to God's gift of their vocations.

Be sure and give Sr. Helen Flemington, Sr. Helen Alder, Sr. Joan Tolle, Sr. Ann Landers and Sr. Gabrielle Smits a special thumbs up and a hug and a prayer!

Troost Conference February 8 and February 9. (See insert) Plan on attending this free informative conference.

TROOST: A Vision for Peace and Action. A conference to emphasize the importance of taking action. This conference will host community leaders who are fighting for justice in OUR region. Register by going to:

www.peace.avila.edu

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BLACK HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATION – MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

On Sunday, February 19th, after the 9:15 mass, you are invited to a “Soul Food” dinner sponsored by the Parish Council. This is an opportunity for our parish community to celebrate and to share culture and memories. So mark your calendars and come hungry!

WHEN: Sunday, February 19th after the 9:15 mass.

WHERE: Parish Hall

COST: Free Will Offering

St. Therese Little Flower Parish Mardi Gras Celebration

The celebration will be held on Friday, February 24, 2017, 5:30 pm to 10:30 pm at the Hillcrest Country Club, 8200 Hillcrest Road, Kansas City, MO 64138. Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door which includes **great food, non-alcoholic beverages, great entertainment, silent auction, raffles for great gifts, and more.** Wine and beer will also be available.



This year's Mardi Gras will feature live vocalist and music from 5:30-6:30pm. We will also have a room where live music is played for your listening pleasure throughout the evening. You will also have the option of enjoying the music played by our DJ and dancing the night away.

Tickets will be sold after the 8am and 9:15am masses

each Sunday.



Mardi Gras....Calling All Volunteers and Lip Sync Talent

Mardi Gras is fast approaching and we need your support. There will be a sign-up sheet in the back of church requesting 1 to 2 hours of your time to help make this years Mardi Gras the best ever!

As a part of the **St Therese Talent** showcase this year, we urge you to call on your inner alter ego and participate in this years first ever **Lip Sync Battle**. One of the featured battles will be Fr Steve versus Fr Bryan. You don't want to miss this!! Sign-up sheets for this event will also be in the back of church today and next Sunday, February 5th.

January 29, 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><u>Monday 1-30</u></p> <p>Sloppy Joes Potatoes AuGratin WhiteCorn w/Pep Peaches & Strawb HambBun WhoGrain 2% Milk Margarine Lite</p>	<p><u>Tuesday 1-31</u></p> <p>Chicken Strips Potato Wedges Salad/tom/car Orange Multigrain Bread GrahamCrackers 2% Milk Margarine Lite Salad Dressing French Honey Mustard</p>
<p><u>Wednesday 2-1</u></p> <p>Catfish (Breaded) Coleslaw-creamy Spinach Trop Fruit Mix White WhlGrn Bread 2% Milk Margarine Lite Tartar Sauce Vinegar</p>	<p><u>Thursday 2-2</u></p> <p>Swiss Steak, w/tomato Mashed Potatoes Peas/Carrots Apple Sauce Multigrain Bread 2% Milk Margarine Lite Tapioca Pudding</p>
<p><u>Friday 2-3</u></p> <p>Chicken Patty Potatoes O'brien Broccoli Trop Fruit Mix HambBun WhoGrain 2% Milk Margarine Lite Miracle Whip</p>	<p><u>Daily Lunch Hours</u></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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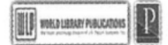
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