

St. Therese Little Flower Parish

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Mass Schedule

Sunday - 8:00 & 9:15 am

Wednesday and Friday (Chapel) 12:00 pm

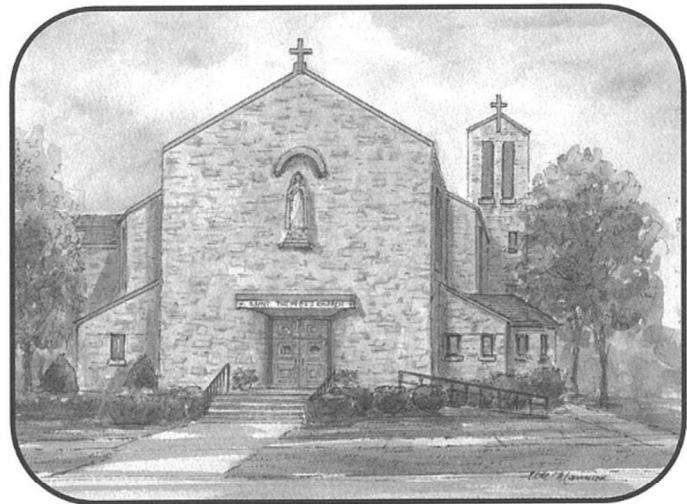
Holy Days - Check Bulletin or Call Office

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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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.

Second Sunday of Advent

Parish Calendar



Standing in the Need of Prayer

Sunday, December 4

Mass 8:00 am – *St. Therese Parishioners*

Rosary 8:45 am– Chapel

Mass 9:15 am– *St. Therese Parishioners*

Monday, December 5

Choir Practice 6:30—8:00pm Church

Tuesday, December 6

Hope Committee 5:00—6:00pm Church Hall

Wednesday, December 7

Mass 12:00 Noon Chapel

Advent Series 6:00—8pm Church Hall

K of C Meeting 7:00—8:30pm Office Building

Thursday, December 8

Offices Closed

Mass: Holy Day Feast of Immaculate Conception

12:00 Noon Chapel

Friday, December 9

Mass 12:00 Noon Chapel

Senior Center Christmas Party 10am –2pm Hall

Sunday, December 11

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

Bridgette Atkinson
Fred Brown
Liesa Brown
Margaret Brown
Bishop F. Cheri
Lisa Coan
Virginia Daub
Jo & Jake Davis
Katheryn Davis
Carol Dodd
Wendell Fuller
Dick Garnier
Frankie Hutchinson
Walter Jackson
Ashley Johnson
Maudedith Johnson
Ollie Johnson

Margaret G. Jones
Marty Kata
Ernest L. Jones
Wenda King
Dave Kist
Keith Kloster
Zach Kloster
Raymond LaNear
Doreen Lacy
Charles Lidge
Stephen Loston
Bob McCombs
Helen McVay
Venus Moore
Jim Muldoon
Margaret Mulligan
Sr. Martha Nieman

Marie Norrise
Rosalind O'Hora
Irene Phillips
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 11

8:00 am Mass

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| Lector | Alania Davis, Barbara Davis |
| Euch Min | Valerie Tucker, Anola Pickett |
| Hospitality | Gloria Burrell, Kenneth Preston |
| Server | Aaryana Preston, Gavin Serrato |
| 9:15 am Mass | |
| Lector | YOUTH |
| Euch Min | Mary Sweat, Sr. Gabrielle Smits, Sully Ways, Aarion Johnson |
| Hospitality | YOUTH |
| Server | Leighton Moses, Victoria Moses |

December 4, 2016

Second Sunday of Advent

Is 11: 1-10

Ps 72: 1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17

Rom 15: 4-9

Mt 3: 1-12

December 11, 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



Required Weekly Giving

\$4,019

Actual Weekly Giving

\$272 plate

\$1,980 envelopes

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| Total Contribution Income | \$2,252 |
| Emergency Assistance | \$350 |
| Thanksgiving (designated for EA) | \$323 |
| Christmas Baskets | \$410 |

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.

Reflection from Sr. Helen Flemington

An old farmer had plowed around a large rock in one of his fields for years. He had broken several plowshares and a cultivator on it and had grown rather morbid about the rock.

After breaking another ploughshare one day, and remembering all the trouble the rock had caused him through the years, he finally decided to do something about it. When he put the crowbar under the rock, he was surprised to discover that it was only about six inches thick and that he could break it up easily with a sledgehammer. As he was carting the pieces away he had to smile, remembering all the trouble that the rock had caused him over the years and how easy it would have been to get rid of it sooner.

Any obstacle standing in the way of a healthy relationship with Jesus is an obstacle to our true peace and happiness. Allow the Lord to remove all obstacles (rocks) in our lives. God has given us the power to change. This Christmas could be our most meaningful Christmas if we allow Jesus to come fully into our lives, touching every dark corner and every secret place we have harbored over the years. May we all allow the Lord to be born again—this time in our lives.

Advent Soup and Supper Series

This year we are highlighting "Faith, Hope and Love" on three Wednesdays in Advent: Nov 30, Dec 7 and Dec 21.
Time: 6:00pm—8:00pm

We will use three videos by Father Michael Himes followed by sharing on each topic. Our desire is that we will go more deeply into our understanding of faith, hope, and love and have meaningful discussions about our insights and comments.

Please sign up if you will be attending. We will also need volunteers to bring a simple meal for us to enjoy together.

POPE
FRANCIS
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.

Health Corner: Your Immune System



Your immune system helps you to fight off diseases, such as colds and flu, but also many more serious diseases. You can do this by:

- Immunizations for children at the regular times required as well as flu, tdap and pneumococcal vaccines for adults.
- Adequate rest helps to reduce the levels of stress hormones in your body. Stress hormones decrease the effectiveness of the immune system in fighting viral infections (colds and flu).
- Adequate nutrition with the correct amounts of protein and carbohydrates plus fruits and vegetables high in vitamin C help.
- The use of tobacco actually poisons the immune system. Drinking alcohol decreases the effectiveness of the immune system.
- Water is very important to body processes.

The immune system uses some of these processes to fight infection.

IF WE CARE FOR OUR IMMUNE SYSTEM IT
WILL TAKE CARE OF US!!

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

Second Sunday of Advent

DCCW Invite

All ladies of the parish are invited to attend the DCCW (Diocesan Council of Catholic Women) Quarterly Meeting to be held on December 7 at 9:00 am at St. Bernadette Parish, 9020 E 51st Terrace, Kansas City, MO. Registration begins at 9:00 am with coffee and goodies followed by a business meeting, Mass, entertainment, craft sales and catered luncheon. Please bring warm hats, gloves, mittens, etc. to be given to the Bishop Sullivan Center for distribution to inner-city families. Luncheon is \$11.00. For reservations, call Carolyn Huff at 816.690.4278 or by email to: lthouse4@centurylink.net. We look forward to seeing you.

DO YOU HAVE A GREEN THUMB?



Our STLF 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 for information.

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.

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

Online Spirituality, available via your fingertips by Kristen Whitney Daniels is an article that is currently in the NCR.

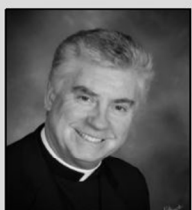
Kristen writes: "The internet is increasingly becoming the go-to source for spirituality resources. Here is a small selection of resources available to young adults and the young-at-heart who are looking to expand their spiritual life."

One of these is **3 minutes retreats**. Be sure and pass this along to your children and grandchildren who are usually very well connected to headphones and phones!

3 minute retreats — app(Loyola.press.com/3-minute-retreats-daily-online-prayer)

3 Minute Retreats aims to give users a daily, short, digestible retreat that suits even the busiest person. The free app was created by Loyola Press and is available to both iPhone and Android users. According to the website, the app provides "scripture passages, soothing music, and reflection questions" for users. The app is perfect for those who are looking to add more prayer into their lives but have difficulty fitting it into their daily schedule.

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Father
Don Farnan

Tues., Dec. 6 — at Avila University 7:00 pm- 9:00 pm

Impact of Personal Spirituality on the Parish Community

Fr. Farnan, ordained in 1987, is pastor of St. Charles Borromeo Parish. After graduating from Rockhurst College, he received a Master of Divinity from University of St. Mary of the Lake, Chicago, and a Master in Christian Spirituality from Creighton University. He has served as pastor of several parishes, most recently St. Thomas More. Diocesan positions in which he served are Director of Vocations, Director of Priest Personnel, and the College of Consultors. He established the Upper Room, an inner city literacy program for youth and their families. He is author of: *Crossroads of Hope: A Priest's Inner (City) Journey*; *This Bold Prayer: A Collection of Spiritual Essays*, and *A Parish for all Seasons: A Year in the Life of Saint Thomas More School*.

December 4, 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.



Please join us for a.....

Seniors Only Christmas Party!

**Friday, December 9, 2016
10am-2pm**

**St. Therese Little Flower Church
5814 Euclid
Kansas City, Missouri**

**Please RSVP by December 2, 2016
St. Therese Senior Center
816.444.3514**

10am-2pm Daily

**Come and enjoy good food, good fun
and make new friends!**

Senior Center Menu

Monday 12-5

Swiss Steak w/tomato
Mashed Potatoes
Peas/Carrots
Apple Slices
Multigrain Bread

2% Milk
Margarine Lite
Tapioca Pudding

Tuesday 12-6

Chicken Patty
Sweet Potato Wedges
Broccoli
Trop Fruit Mix
HambBun WhoGrain

2% Milk
Margarine Lite
Miracle Whip

Wednesday 12-7

Beef-mac/casserole
Green Beans
Vanilla Wafers
Pears
Multigrain Bread

2% Milk
Margarine Lite

Thursday 12-8

Mexican Taco Salad
Shredded Cheddar
Lettuce/D Tomatoes
Mexicali Mix

Orange
Nacho Light Chips
2% Milk
Margarine Lite
Taco Sauce

Friday 12-9

BarBQ Beef
Potato Salad
Calif Blend
Banana
HambBun WhoGrain

2% Milk
Margarine Lite

Daily Lunch Hours

11:30 am to 1 pm
Over 60 yrs. -donation
All others \$5.75
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