

St. Therese Little Flower Parish

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Mass Schedule

Sunday - 8:00 & 9:15 am

Wednesday and Friday (Chapel) 12:00 pm

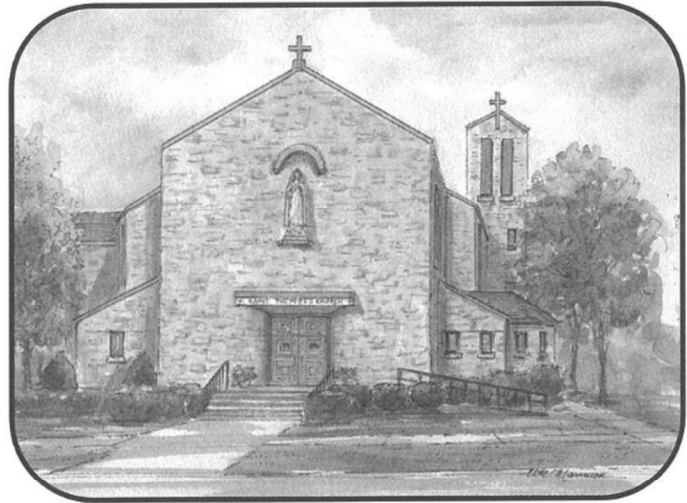
Holy Days - Check Bulletin or Call Office

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
 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 Lent

Parish Calendar

Sunday, March 12

Daylight Saving Time Begins

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, March 13

Choir Practice 6:30-8:00 pm Church

Helen Wambugu Visitation 10-11am Church followed by funeral Mass 11am-12:30pm

Repat 2-4pm Church Hall

Pastoral Council Meeting 6:30-8:00pm Hall

Wednesday, March 15

Mass 12:00 Noon Chapel

Lenten Supper and Journey of 40 days

Lenten Program 6:00-8:00pm Church Hall

Thursday, March 16

Book Club 4-5:30pm Living Room

Friday, March 17

Mass 12:00 Noon Chapel

Stations of the Cross 6:00-7pm Church

Sunday, March 19

Mass 9:00 – *St. Therese Parishioners*

(One Mass only)

Reception with Bishop Johnston Church Hall

March 12, 2017

2nd Sunday of Lent

Gn 12: 1-4A

Ps 33: 4-5, 18-19, 20, 22

2 Tim 1: 8B-10

Mt 17: 1-9

March 19, 2017

3rd Sunday of Lent

Ex 17: 3-7

Ps 95: 1-2, 6-7, 8-9

Rom 5: 1-2, 5-8

Jn 4: 5-42



Standing in the Need of Prayer

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Liesa Brown
Margaret Brown
Bishop F. Cheri
Lisa Coan
Virginia Daub
Jo & Jake Davis
Katheryn Davis
Carol Dodd
Jessie Mae Frazier
Joann Freeman
Wendell Fuller
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Ollie Johnson

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Irene Phillips
Judy Rieck
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

March 19, 2017

| | <u>9:00 am Mass</u> |
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| Lector | Paul Tancredi, Sandy Jones |
| Euch Min | Treva Lee |
| Hospitality | Joseph Kinsella, Dawn O'Bannon |
| | Judy Rieck, Dejarne' Cross |
| Servers | Leighton Moses, Victoria Moses |

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| | Required Weekly Giving | Actual Weekly Giving |
| | \$4,019 | \$779 plate \$3,505 envelopes |
| Total Contribution Income | | \$4,284 |
| Emergency Assistance | | \$940 |

Anointing of the Sick is available on 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.

Catherine Ray, mother of Valoree Smith and long time member of St. Therese Parish passed away in Texas. Catherine served at St. Therese Little Flower and was one of the most active volunteers for the Boys and Girls Club over a number of years. Please continue to pray for peace and consolation for Valoree and the entire family and friends.

Funeral arrangements are as follows:

St. Therese Church

Tuesday, March 14, 2017

Visitation 10:00 am to 11:00, followed by

Funeral Mass from 11:00-12:30pm.

The repast luncheon will be from 2-4pm in



March 12, 2017

Reflection from Sr. Helen Flemington

Second Sunday of Lent

During our "Journey of 40 days" we are asked to reflect on our Savior's suffering, death and resurrection. We are asked in some ways to walk with the one who suffered for us. In St. Paul's letter to Timothy he sends this invitation: *"Brothers and sisters: Join with me in suffering for the gospel. Relying on the power of God, who saved us and called us with a holy calling."*

The Good News of Jesus can bring hardship. Many of us continue to be surprised at this fact. We still naively think that if we are doing God's will, then we will not have to suffer. It's true that we probably wouldn't put it that way. We wouldn't say that because I follow Jesus we won't suffer. We really suffer because we are Christians- following Jesus' way which is not always the way of the world.

When Jesus came down from the mountain after being transfigured, he told his apostles not to tell anyone about it until after he had risen from the dead. He knew that he would have to suffer. He also knew that his followers would have to suffer. But he promises that he will always be with us, especially as we walk in his footsteps and bear the burdens that come with faithfulness.

Let's conclude with words from St. Francis de Sales: *Do not look forward in fear to the changes of life. Rather look to them with full hope that as they arise, God, whose very own you are, will lead you safely through all things. And when you cannot stand it, God will carry you in His arms. Do not fear what may happen tomorrow. The same everlasting Father who cares for you today will take care of you today and every day. He will either shield you from suffering or will give you unfailing strength to bear it. Be at peace and put aside all anxious thoughts and imaginations.*

Bishop James Johnston will celebrate Mass at St. Therese Little Flower on Sunday, March 19, 2017. We will have only one Mass at 9:00 am so that we might have the opportunity for a reception to welcome him and have an opportunity to meet and greet.

Health Corner: Tornado Season



Are you prepared for Tornado Season? Do you and your children know where to take cover? Most of us have heard that it is best to go to the basement of our homes and stay away from windows and anything that might fall on us. Or if no basement go to a room or hallway that is without windows and lie or crouch down---get in the bath tub. Then cover your self with a pillow and blanket. If you are in a vehicle stop immediately, get out and lie in a low ditch. NEVER stay in the vehicle or park under a bridge or overpass. The State of MO Emergency Management Agency has a website to help us prepare for severe weather.

The website: stormaware.mo.gov includes videos on how to take shelter during a storm, information about tornados sirens and weather alert radios and links to severe weather texting services to receive alerts about upcoming severe weather.

Call to Prayer and Worship

The Sunday Masses during Lent will have a Call to Prayer and Worship. It will be the sound of the Rain Stick. Please use that sound to find a quiet time to prepare for the Mass as we again walk this 40 Day Journey to the Cross and Resurrection.

Seamstress Wanted

We are getting low on our baptismal white garments. If you would be able to help, it would be appreciated! Let me know and I will give you samples.
Sister Helen Flemington

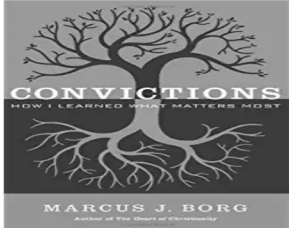
Second Sunday of Lent

"Journey of 40 Days" Wednesday Nights



Our next gathering again for our simple suppers, video presentation, and sharing our faith on will be this Wednesday, March 15. We will begin at 6:00 PM and end at 8:00 PM. Please join us during this "Journey of 40 Days" toward Easter.

See you there!



The Book Club will meet on **March 16** in the living room from **4-5:30 pm**, **discussing:** our evening's discussion will focus on **Chapter 6.**

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

Tuesday, March 14, 2017

6:30 – 8:00 Church Hall

Opening Prayer– Diana Burdett

**Approval of the minutes from the
2/14/2017 meeting**

**Review of Soul Food Dinner & Mardi
Gras**

St. Therese Mission

**Summer Community Party – Pastoral
Council Role**

New Council Members

Council Meeting Time?

Pastor's Report

Closing Prayer

Save the Date: The HOPE (Helping Our People Everywhere) Committee is organizing a fund raising concert for Saturday April 22, 2017 at 2:00. PM. It will be here at St. Therese Church. It will feature Jazz, Black Gospel, Folk Music, Drumline, and more. Mark your calendars and plan to attend. The proceeds will benefit the outreach of the HOPE committee to the community.

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.

March Newsletter

We are making a change in the distribution of the St. Therese Newsletter. Your newsletter will be coming to you on your email if we have your email address. We will also print some copies for those who do not use a



You Are Invited: 3 Gifts, 3 Days, 1 Holy Week

End your Lenten journey with Christ and fellow St. Peter's and St. Therese Little Flower parishioners at our parish mission. Fr. Richard Gielow, C.M., Director of the Vincentian Parish Mission Center, will celebrate a special Mass each evening and show us the gifts of love, faith and hope found in the great events of Holy Week.

Love, Faith, Hope: April 10, 11, and 12. St. Peter's Church. Mass at 7 p.m. Reception following.

An Ignatian Guide to Lent

Rockhurst Community Center

5401 Troost Wednesdays, 6:00-7:30 pm

March 15 Father Stephen Yavorsky "Opening to Christ"

March 22 Susan Friedrichsen "Bonding with Christ"

March 29 Mona Snider "Suffering with Christ"
April 5 Bob Bacic "Rising with Christ: Joy"

A simple soup supper followed by a thought-provoking presentation by a member of the Ignatian Spirituality Center of Kansas City. This event is sponsored by St. Francis Xavier. NO CHARGE, but a free will offering will be taken. For more information and/or to register to attend, contact Mariann McCormally (816-523-5115 x 204 mccormally@sfx-kc.org).

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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.

Can
You
Help?

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

Monday 3/13

Pepper Streak
Stir Fry Veg
Beets Pickled (Cold)
Mandarin Oranges
Multigrain Bread
Rice
2% Milk
Margarine Lite

Tuesday 3-14

Chicken Parmesan
Fett Ndl's (whl grn)
Antigua Blend
Salad/tom/car
Banana
White WhlGrn Bread
2% Milk
Margarine Lite
Salad Dressing French

Wednesday 3-15

Mostaccioli (WhlGrn)
w/Meat-sauce
Italian Veg
Salad/tom/car
Pineapple/man-or-mix
Italian Bread
2% Milk
Margarine Lite
Salad Dressing Italian
Graham Crackers

Thursday 3-16

Mexican Taco Salad
Shredded Cheddar
Lettuce/D Tomatoes
Mexical Mix
Orange
Nacho Light Chi[ps
2% Milk
Margarine Lite
Taco Sauce

Friday 3-17

Corn Beef
Cabbage
Carrots
Parsley Potatoes
Lime Sherbert
Rye Bread
2% Milk
Margarine Lite

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Come join the Sisters of St. Joseph in an informative presentation and delightful breakfast and fellowship.



Spirituality and the Moral Life

Today, we find ourselves confronted by

daunting moral issues made particularly challenging by the divisive climate in our society. Issues of immigration reform, climate change, respect for the rule of law, the right to life and health care, gun legislation are just a few of the concerns that we must grapple with as citizens. In addition, issues in our private lives can be just as daunting and cause what has been called "moral distress." In this presentation we will look at the intersection between personal spirituality and the moral life asking how attention to deepening our own spirituality can help us grapple effectively with the many moral decisions each of us faces on a daily basis.

Presented by: Jean deBlois, CSJ

Saturday, April 1, 2017

Held at: St. Teresa's Academy, Windmoor Center

Doors open at 8:30 a.m. Program 9-11 a.m. \$15 per session, breakfast included. Register online at www.csjsl.org or call 816-501-2944

Upcoming Events: Saint Paul's Outreach - Prayer Breakfast

Register today for the Saint Paul's Outreach City-Wide Prayer Breakfast on May 1! Help us celebrate "A Light in the Darkness" by praying for the young adults of Kansas City. Special guests include Archbishop Naumann, Archbishop Emeritus Keleher, and Bishop Johnston.

All funds raised from this prayer breakfast are tax deductible and go toward our mission of building Catholic communities that awaken faith on campus and within young adult environments in Kansas City.

Saint Paul's Outreach

Saint Paul's Outreach is a Catholic ministry that recruits, trains, and financially supports young men and women to become missionaries in the Kansas City area to our local young adults and college students. They currently have chapters at Johnson County Community College, UMKC, Benedictine College, and among post-college young professionals in the five-county metro (SPO also serves at Donnelly College and Emporia State). Last year, over 1500 local young adults were reached out to by Saint Paul's Outreach missionaries. They are supported by both local dioceses and are experiencing dramatic growth.

Dining to Donate with the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet

Jasper's Restaurant is once again sponsoring Dining to Donate for the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet. It will be held Wednesday, March 22. Jasper's will donate twenty percent of all lunch & dinner sales

to benefit the good works of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet. Enjoy a delicious meal at Jasper's with your friends and family, and help the Sisters at the same time.



If you would like to make reservations for Dining to Donate, contact Jasper's at (816) 941-6600, or jasperskc.com.

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More information: Mike Matteuzzi at 913-253-2510
or Sr. Audrey Doetzel at 816-868-3226

COUNSELING/SPIRITUAL DIRECTION

Lent is a good time to ask the question "How do we walk more closely with God and with each other?" If you would like some help answering this question, consider counseling or Spiritual Direction. Fr. Garry Richmeier CPPS is a Licensed Professional Marital and Family Therapist, providing marriage, family, and individual counseling, as well as Spiritual Direction. He has offices in Liberty and in midtown Kansas City, and accepts donations in lieu of set fees. For more information or to schedule an appointment, contact Fr. Garry at [816-415-2998](tel:816-415-2998) or garrycpps@gmail.com



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