

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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Sacrament of Reconciliation: Sundays between the 8:00 am and 9:15 am Masses and anytime by request.

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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.

Parish Calendar

Sunday, June 17	
Mass 8:00 am for Lyle Atterbury	
Rosary 8:45am	Chapel
Mass 9:15 am for Lyle Atterbury	
Second Collection - Catholic Communications	
Monday, June 18	
Choir Practice 6:00pm	Church
Wednesday, June 13	
Mass Noon	Chapel
Friday, June 15	
Mass Noon	Chapel
Sunday, June 24	
Mass 8:00 am for Mary Ann Knieb-Sadler	
Rosary 8:45am	Chapel
Mass 9:15 am for Parishioners	

Pray with Scripture...

June 17:

Ez 17:22-24
Ps 92: 2-3, 13-14, 15-16 (2a)
2 Cor: 5:6-10
Mk 4: 26-34

June 24:

Is 49: 1-6
Ps 139: 1-3, 13-14, 14-15
Acts 13:22-26
Lk 1: 57-66, 80



Standing in the Need of Prayer

St. Therese Little Flower community prays for the following people: Liesa Brown, Mary L. Brown, Louis Byrd, Bishop F. Cheri, Lisa Coan, Ethel Collins, Virginia Daub, Jo Davis, Pamela Denson, Carol Dodd, Jessie Mae Frazier, Joann Freeman, Dick Garnier, Venita Hodge, Ashley Johnson, Joyce Jones, Marty Kata, Susan Kelly, Wenda King, Dave Kist, Fr. Gerry Kleba, Keith Kloster, Zach Kloster, Raymond LaNear, Doreen Lacy, Charles Lidge, Jim Lipps, Stephen Loston, Bob McCombs, Ted McKim, Helen McVay, Venus Moore, Margaret Mulligan, Rosalind O'Hora, Iness Panni, Luqrecia Preston, Judy Rieck, Oden Sainte, Joseppi Sandoval, Lee John Scott, Arthur Shelton, Allen Shelton, David Smith Jr, Jeremiah Smith, Elaine Stevenson, Michael Stevenson, Blanche L. Thomas, Jesse Wilkes, Mildred Wilkes, Antwine Williams, the elderly and infirm, the chronically ill and their caregivers; for those who attend to the dying and grieving; for medical professionals and first responders.

Liturgical Roles


June 24		
	8:00 Mass	9:15 Mass
Lectors	B. Edsall K. Miller	G. Johnson D. Burdett
Eucharistic Ministers	W. Hodge V. Hodge	Sr. J. Tolle, S. Ways T. Lee, D. Dakotas M. Sweat
Hospitality	K. Preston G. Burrell	D. Cross C. Johnson M. Graham J. Jones
Servers	A. Preston	L. Stevenson P. Tancredi

Remember Your Pledge?

Last year during our annual pledge campaign many of you made a pledge, and many of you increased your pledge. **We can't thank you enough** for caring about St. Therese and those we serve.

Our **fiscal year ends soon** so here is an update on where we stand on pledge payments. **As of the end of May, only 44% of us are current on our pledges.** The remaining 56% of us have fallen behind in honoring our commitment. Our **unpaid pledges mean that we will be \$12,000 short** of meeting our campaign goal.

Please **consider catching up on fulfilling your pledge.** You can get information on the amount of your pledge and where you stand by **calling or emailing Dave Kies, Business Manager, 816 444 5406 or dkies@stlfkc.org.** Just 13 days left in the fiscal year. Please help us balance the budget! You can send your check to the office, put it in the basket on Sunday or pay online at **stlfkc.org (Click on Give)**

	Required Weekly Giving	Actual Weekly Offertory
	\$4,019	\$140 Plate \$3,460 Envelopes
Total Contribution Income		\$3,600
Emergency Assistance		\$195

Reflection from Sr. Helen Flemington

Joy unspeakable

is not silent,
it moans, hums, and bends
to the rhythm of a dancing universe.
It is a fractal of transcendent hope,
a hologram of God's heart,
a black hole of unknowing.

For our free African ancestors,
joy unspeakable is drum talk
that invites the spirits
to dance with us,
and tell tall tales by the fire.

For the desert Mothers and Fathers,
joy unspeakable is respite
from the maddening crowd,
and freedom from "Church" as usual.

For enslaved Africans during
the Middle Passage,
joy unspeakable is the surprise
of living one more day,
and the freeing embrace of death
chosen and imposed.

For the tap dancing, boogie woogie,
rap/rock/blues griots
who also hear God,

joy unspeakable is
the space/time/joy continuum thing
that dares us to play and pray in the
interstices of life,
it is the belief that the phrase
"the art of living" means
exactly what it says.

Joy unspeakable is
both Fire and Cloud,
the unlikely merger of
trance and high tech lives
ecstatic songs and a jazz repertoire
joy unspeakable is a symphony
of incongruities
of faces aglow and hearts on fire
and the wonder of
surviving together.

Barbara A. Holmes, Joy Unspeakable:
Contemplative Practices
of the Black Church

Upcoming Events at St. Therese

June 17	Father's Day Urban Ranger Lunches
June 19-23	Lyke Conference
June 20	Senior Center "Stepping On" Workshop
June 24	Reception for Sr.
June 28	Hogan Rummage Sale

Repast Committee Teams

The Repast Committee has been reorganized into two teams.

Team Leaders are Treva Lee and Birdie Miller.

The teams will alternate set-up, preparation and serving when there is a need. The team leaders will call those who have volunteered to be on the individual teams when needed.

If you have not already expressed an interest in serving on one of these teams, please contact Treva or Birdie.

These are teams that need women and men to serve.

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



THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!

The Neighborhood Block Party is done for another year. Lots of good food and fun things to see and do. I have to say huge thank you's to everyone who helped. So many people help make this a successful event.

Our Knights of Columbus helped pass out fliers and did all the cooking, special shout out to Chef Kevin. Jesse Frazier made an awesome flyer. I cannot express enough gratitude to Elliott Clark, BJ Atkinson, Sharon Sanders, Birdie Miller, Yvette Tunley, Estelle Tunley, Martha Graham, Peggy Baker and so many more who volunteered or donated items. When I do this event I am always so grateful for all the wonderful people in this parish family. Thank you everyone!

Diana Burdett



Senior Center News

St. Therese Senior Center shares information on Elder Abuse

World Elder Abuse Awareness Day was June 15. The Senior Center discussed the issue and shared information, including the following.

Elder abuse is a crime. It is harm done to a senior by someone he/she knows and trusts, whether a family member, visitor, social worker, doctor or nurse. It affects thousands of Americans in all cultural, social, and income groups.

Often it is not reported because the senior is afraid of revenge by the abuser or is ashamed that he cannot handle the abuse himself. He/she may be concerned with being labeled as too demanding or senile. Here are some warning signs to look for:

⇒ Physical Abuse

This can include hitting, beating, pushing, sexual assault, forcing consumption of drugs, or locking the senior in a room or house. Also look for:

- ◆ **Unusual cuts, bruises, burns, and bites**
- ◆ **Poor personal hygiene**
- ◆ **Untreated bedsores**
- ◆ **Dirty clothing and linen**
- ◆ **Emotional withdrawal**

⇒ Emotional Abuse

This may include yelling, use of harsh words, ignoring the senior, treating the senior like a child, and not allowing the senior to speak with others. Look for:

- ◆ **Confusion**
- ◆ **Fear and anxiety**
- ◆ **Refusal to speak in front of someone**
- ◆ **Certain subjects are not discussed**

⇒ Financial Abuse

This may include not allowing the senior to spend money the way he/she wants, telling lies to get money or property from the senior, stealing money, jewelry, or other possessions, or forcing a senior to sell or give away property or sign a Power of Attorney.

Also look for:

- ◆ **Malnutrition**
- ◆ **Belongings are missing**
- ◆ **Sudden changes in the senior's will**
- ◆ **Signing of a Power of Attorney without discussing it with a lawyer**

If your elderly relatives or friends show signs of abuse, follow these steps to help them:

- ◆ **Make a note of the signs you see.**
- ◆ **Call the Missouri Division of Senior Services Abuse Hotline at 1-800-392-0210.**
- ◆ **Talk to the senior and offer help. Explain that counselors from agencies can help without laying blame on anyone.**
- ◆ **If you suspect fraud, physical or sexual assault, theft, forgery, or forcible confinement, contact the police.**

If you think a resident of a nursing or retirement home is being mistreated by a staff member, visitor, or other resident, report it to the person in charge and follow up to be sure action is taken.

Senior Center Daily

Lunch Hours:

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 Senior Ctr.

444-3514

Senior Center Menus

Monday, 6/18—Salisbury Steak, Gravy, (brown) Lo Sod, Sweet potato, Broccoli, Fruit Cut/Citrus, Wheat Bread, 1% Milk, Margarine Lite. Oatmeal/Raisin Cookie

Tuesday, 6/19—Beef Stew/vegs, Salad/tom/car, Banana, Corn Muffin, 1% Milk, Margarine Lite, Salad Dressing Ranch, Oatmeal/Raisin Cookie

Wednesday, 6/20 Swedish Meatballs Gravy (brown) Stewed tomatoes, Cabbage, Apple Slices, Multigrain Bread, Rice, 1% Milk, Margarine Lite,

Thursday, 6/21—Beef-mac/casserole, Green Beans/, Pears, Wheat Bread, 1 % Milk, Margarine Lite, Vanilla Waf/Ban Pudding

Friday, 6/22—Chili Beans in Chili, Cheddar Cheese-RF, Salad/tom/car, Diced Onions, Peach Cobbler, Crackers wheat, 1% Milk, Salad Dressing French

Stepping On Workshop continues each Wednesday from 9:30-11:00 am. Program presented in collaboration with Truman Medical Center. This is a healthy living workshop to support seniors with balance and removing hazards at home.

I praise you

for I am wonderfully made.

Psalm 139



Reception for Sr. Helen Flemington....

We will have a reception for **Sr. Helen** next Sunday, **June 24** after both Masses to thank her for being a part of the leadership team at St. Therese for the past 3 years.

She will continue to be a part of our community, but will leave the staff at the end of the month and offer her gifts to other worthy efforts in the area. **Let's thank Sr. Helen** for her wonderful service to our community!

Juliets Luncheon

Please join the Juliets for a fun, yet engaging lunch on the Fourth Thursday of June (hoping the fourth Thursday works better for everyone's schedule). It's a great time to chat and get better acquainted in a casual atmosphere enjoying comfort food. Hope you can make it

Date: June 28, 2018.

Time: 1:00 p.m.

Location: Anna's Oven, 1809 W. 39th St., KCMO.

(Parking is available on the street and behind the cafe, which is just 4 doors east of State Line Road (on south side of street).

For more information or if you need a ride, contact Isabelle Abarr, at 816-872-5423, or Isabelle50860@yahoo.com.

Hogan Prep Rummage Sale

Hogan Prep is having a rummage sale to benefit students who have unmet basic needs due to low income.

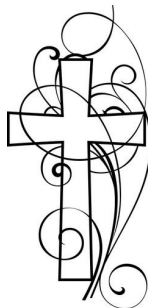
Thursday, June 28—9am-1pm

Friday, June 29—9am-5pm

Saturday, June 30—9am-2pm

Please come out to support them at the school 5809 Michigan Ave.

Bulletin announcements should be forwarded by Noon Wednesday to bulletin@stlfc.org.

**Weekly Health Corner****"What's Biting You?"**

The CDC states that this year there are more **mosquitoes and ticks** than usual due to the warm weather and plenty of rain. There are many diseases that ticks and mosquitoes carry—so be armed when you are outside.

Some of these are **West Nile Virus, Lime disease, Rocky Mountain spotted fever, deer fever, dengue and Powassan virus**. The best way to keep yourself free of bites is to use an insect repellent that has DEET in it. For mosquitoes spray all of your clothing and skin with repellent. Never spray on face—spray on hand and rub on face and then wash your hands. If you have repellent on your hands do not touch your eyes, nose or mouth.

Be very careful putting repellent on little children. Do not put it on their hands as they tend to put fingers/thumbs in their mouth. For ticks, spray your shoes and socks and tuck the hem of pants into your socks. When returning home check all over your body for ticks. If removed early enough you may prevent diseases that ticks carry.

Both mosquitoes and ticks can carry diseases that can make you very sick and death has also occurred from some. If traveling in the Southeastern US remember about Zika virus especially if you are pregnant.

When traveling in the Southwestern US beware of fleas that carry plague. Yes, that's the Black Death you learned about in history. Plague is carried by prairie dogs and the fleas that bite them and then bite you can give you the plague. After visiting that area if you have symptoms of flu and aching all over tell your doctor that you were in an area that has the plague. **Antibiotics can cure the plague.**

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