



ST. THERESE LITTLE FLOWER PARISH

"I will send down a shower of roses
from the heavens, I will spend my
heaven by doing good on earth."

— St. Thérèse of Lisieux



MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday Masses

Sunday.....9:00 a.m.

Weekday Mass

Wednesday.....12:00 p.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Contact Fr. Matt Rotert

Office Hours

Monday-Friday.....9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Closed Noon-1:00 p.m.

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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 the faith community and in reaching out to others. We confess the need to become more aware of one another and of the Lord calling us to be united in God's spirit. We will strive to develop this awareness not only for our own sake, but so that we may become credible and inviting to those seeking Christ and His Gospel.

We answer this calling first by faithfully sharing the Word and breaking Bread together. We then realize our vocation to affirm one another's gift, 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, May 30, 2021

Most Holy Trinity

Mass— 9:00 a.m. Celebrant: Fr. Bob Rost

Wednesday, June 2, 2021

There will not be Noon Mass—Priest Retreat

Bible Study—6:00-7:00 in the Senior Center

Sunday, June 6, 2021

Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)

Mass—9:00 a.m. Celebrant: Fr. Matt Rotert

PRAY FOR OUR COMMUNITY

St. Therese Little Flower community prays for the following:

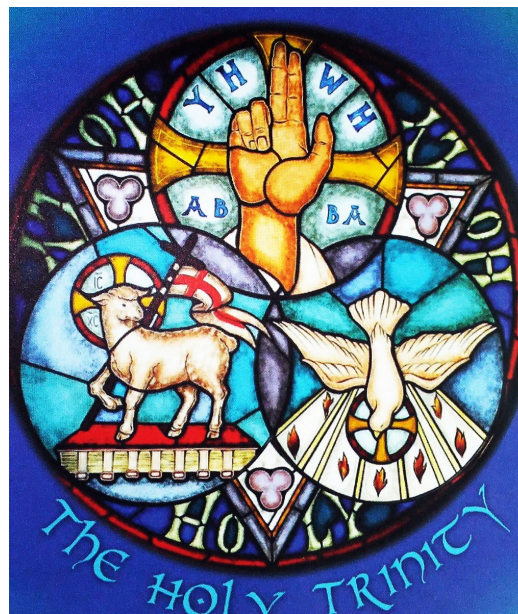
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Special intentions for those suffering from Covid-19 and their families, for the many disabled who are fighting the virus, for those in hospitals and nursing homes who cannot have visitors and families isolated from their loved ones, those who have died and the many health care workers and staffs who serve those who are ill, even at their own risk.

For the homeless and those lost in this world; for those who harbor hatred, those whose right to livelihood and respect are disregarded, those who live in fear and especially for those who have no one to pray for them. For all of God's people in this most difficult time.

For the brokenness that exists anywhere, in our hearts, minds, body and spirits, that we might be healed. For any brokenness that exists in our city, country and world, that we might be instruments of healing and peace.

"Heal Our Land, Lord. Heal Our Land!"



May 30, 2021

Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40

Psalm 33:4-5, 6, 9, 18-19, 20, 22

Romans 8:14-17

Matthew 28:16-20

June 6, 2021

Exodus 24:3-8

Psalm 116:12-13, 15-16, 17-18

Hebrews 9:11-15

Mark 14:12-16, 22-26

YOUR GIFTS

**Week of
May 23, 2021**

**Will be included in next
week's bulletin**

Please consider giving via bank draft from your savings or checking account or by debit or credit card. Go to stlfkc.org and click on "Give" to sign up or to submit your offering. **You can select Regular Tithe, Emergency Assistance, or Senior Center. You also have the option of having your donation submitted on a recurring basis.** Please be as generous as you are able, pray for us all and stay safe! Donna Arnone, Business Manager can assist in setting up your online giving.

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BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please submit requests for bulletin announcements by
Noon on Tuesday to bulletin@stlfkc.org.

Weekly Reflection on God's Word

Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40

Psalm 33:4-5, 6, 9, 18-19, 20, 22

Romans 8:14-17

Matthew 28:16-20

It's Trinity Sunday. God is revealed as Father and Son and Holy Spirit – all three. As Moses says in the first reading, "Ask now of the days of old, before your time, ever since God created man upon the earth; ask from one end of the sky to the other: Did anything so great ever happen before? Was it ever heard of?" God has found us, chosen us, and adopted us to be his own, part of his family. We are not slaves, he is not our master, but we call him Father, Abba, Daddy. We hear the voice of God speaking to us directly and intimately, including us as his children, as his family. "The LORD is God in the heavens above and on earth below, and that there is no other." We are all part of the family. God is our Father. He chose us and adopted us. Jesus is our brother.

This weekend here in America we are also celebrating Memorial Day. I'm meeting my cousin and we are going to the cemetery to put flowers on the graves of our ancestors – there are five generations of our family in the rural cemetery. It meant a lot to my grandmother and we continue the tradition and remember our family. Jesus says in the gospel that he is with us always until the end of the age. Family is forever.

I knew and remember my grandparents, and great-grandparents, and my great-great-grandmother, but there are also graves in the cemetery of my family members who died before I was even born, but they are still family. My grandparents are dead now, but they are still my family.

Jesus lived, and died, and is in heaven now, but he is still our brother, still our God. In the Gospel he tells the disciples to go spread the news about Jesus, about the trinity, about the family of God. That's still the story. This weekend we remember our family.



The Preston Girls

Faithful, Friendly, Flexible

Every Sunday St. Therese is blessed to have **Aaryanna** and **Breanna Preston** lend a hand however they can. They might help greet visitors or carry up our Book of Prayers at the Offertory or step into a server's robe and help on the altar. Whenever they're asked to help and whatever job they're given, they step forward with a smile and carry out their assignment.

Aaryanna--We'll soon say goodbye to Aaryanna, who just graduated from Hogan Prep High School. At Hogan, her favorite subject was English because she found it to be most expressive. This summer she plans to work, as well as spend time working out and listening to music. She'll be attending Houston Community College in Houston, Texas. Her long-term goal is a career in social work. Aaryanna has this advice for next year's grads: "Just finish strong and don't let anyone tell you otherwise."

She'd like to thank the St. Therese community for being part of her life. "The church impacted the kind of person I am and for that I'm grateful."

Breanna—A recent graduate of St. Peter's Grade School, Breanna finished with second honors and will attend Lincoln College Prep Academy next year. At St. Peter's, her favorite subject was social studies because she was able to learn what the world was like in the past. Breanna likes to spend her free time walking around Loose Park with her father or going to Brookside with friends. She also likes to bake and play tennis.

Breanna has this advice for next year's eighth graders: "Have fun and enjoy your eighth-grade year. It goes by fast, so take it all in."

Grandmother Julaine Preston and parents Kenneth and Lucqrecia Preston are understandably proud of these two young ladies. St. Therese is also proud of their accomplishments and grateful for their faithful service!

This is our final week highlighting our graduates with insight into their dreams and accomplishments. Special thanks to Anola Pickett who made these articles possible.

IN EVERYTHING
give Thanks

Updated Mailing Address

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20082 Dairy Lane
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DWB (DRIVING WHILE BLACK)

Thursday, Jun 3, 2021

Available to view June 3 at
10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

(YouTube)

Register at: <https://www.csjsl.org/events/dwb-driving-while-black> A link will be sent to you.

As part of the CSJ ongoing efforts to dismantle racism, the Mission Agenda Committee invites you to view an original production "dwb" (Driving While Black) by our own Roberta Gumbel and Susan Kander.

This 45-minute opera performance portrays the years of taught anxiety and legitimate fear that a person of color endures and keeps a tight focus on Black motherhood and that cherished American mythology of the open road.

Roberta, who performs this moving production, is a CSJ Associate at St. Therese of the Little Flower Parish in Kansas City, Missouri. It is loosely based on Roberta's experiences as the mother of an African American son in today's often violent society. She has performed in opera and concerts throughout the United States and Europe.

**Creator God, Jesus Our Friend, Holy Spirit**

Thank you for bringing us together once again as Community. We know that you have placed each of us exactly where we belong. We thank you for the privilege we have been given to serve this dynamic little parish family of St. Therese Little Flower.



We humbly ask that you continue to walk with each of us on our journeys and that you remind us to find those moments where we can quiet our spirits and listen for your voice.

All of this we pray in confidence that you hear the words from our mouth and in our minds and hearts, in the name of Jesus.

Amen**Dizziness****Dizziness****Dizziness**

Dizziness, which is often referred to as vertigo is when you may be feeling faint or light-headed as if the room is spinning.

As many as 30% of adults over 60 experience this at some point. It is not usually a serious medical condition, but it can affect your balance leading to falls and injuries.

One of the most common causes is benign paroxysmal position vertigo (BPPV). This occurs because of wear and tear on the inner ear and a shifting of some of the tiny crystals and fluid in the inner ear.

Some of the triggers for dizziness is when people change position quickly like getting out bed, rolling over in bed, bending over, or other quick movements.



Sometimes a drop in blood pressure may cause dizziness. Other causes may be side effects from certain medications like sedatives, antidepressants, and cough or cold medicines.

Another cause is dehydration. If you do feel mild dizziness, stop what you are doing and sit down or lie down immediately so that you don't fall.

The main treatment for bouts of dizziness is to:

- * 1) restrict head motions and move more slowly
- * 2) maintain adequate hydration be sure you are drinking enough water, and
- * 3) take medications that are considered anti-vertiginous, however these often cause drowsiness which can be a problem with balance and driving so try #1 and #2 before you try medication.

**St. Therese Weekly Bible Study**

Wednesdays 5:00—6:00 pm in the Senior Center

Studying the Book of Ruth.

Call Rosalind O'Hora if you plan to participate (816-394-5923). This will allow us to ensure proper distancing to keep all safe. Masks required.



Senior Center Hours

Mon—Wed, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Daily Lunch Hours:

Mon.-Wed, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Over 60 yrs. — \$3 suggested donation — All others \$5.75

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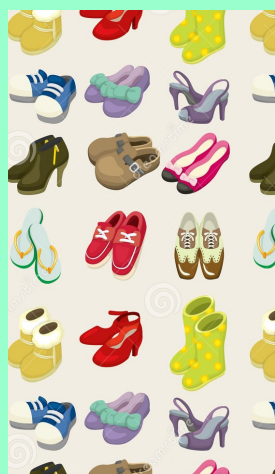
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St. Therese Senior Center — 816.444.3514

All seniors, volunteers and visitors must wear a mask.
Your temperature will be scanned as you enter the Center.

Senior Center News

SHOES SHOES SHOES SHOES!!



Gather those shoes that are stacking up in your closet and make them a part of a great cause—Gently used or new are welcome!

We need shoes that are practically new or gently used for the Senior Center Shoe Drive Fundraiser. The shoes are sent to developing nations and help support micro-entrepreneurs.

Questions may be directed to Sharon Sanders.

Please bring shoes to church or Senior Center by June 11 to help us meet our goal.



You are welcome to join in praying the Rosary in the church at 8:35 a.m. before the 9 a.m. Sunday Mass.



Effective immediately, registration for Sunday Mass is no longer required.

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Anointing of the Sick: Sacrament takes place at seasonal communal celebrations and may be requested as needed and offered after Mass.

Eucharist for the Sick: Contact the Parish Office.

Baptism, Catechumenate Inquiry, Marriage Preparation and Sacrament of Reconciliation—contact Fr. Matt

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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 Joe Crayon at 816.812-2500 or crayon@ombudsmankcsj.org, 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

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