



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.....8:00 & 9:15 a.m.

Weekday Masses in the Chapel

Wednesday and Friday.....12:00 p.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Contact Fr. Matt Rotert or Fr. Bill Fox

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, September 9

Mass 8:00 am for Patty Bertram

Rosary 8:45 am Chapel

Mass 9:15 am for Mary Ann Kneib-Sadler

Wednesday, September 12

Mass Noon Chapel

Friday, September 14

Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Mass Noon Chapel

Sunday, September 16

Second Collection — Latin America

Mass 8:00 am for Mary Margaret McNerney

Rosary 8:45 am Chapel

Mass 9:15 am for Walter Tague, Sr.

Liturgical Roles*

September 16

	8:00 Mass	9:15 Mass
Lectors	A Davis B Davis	C Allin G Johnson
Eucharistic Ministers	V Tucker B Miller	M Sweat D Dakotas S Kloster Sr. J Tolle S Ways
Hospitality	G Burrell K Preston	D Cross M Graham W Burke S Jones
Servers	L Stevenson	B Seiter T Doyle

*If you are unable to serve in a ministry that you are assigned, please contact another minister to take your place.

Pray with Scripture...



Standing in the Need of Prayer

*St. Therese Little Flower community
prays for the following people:*

Liesa Brown, Mary L. Brown, Louis Byrd, Randy Chestnut, Bishop F. Cheri, Lisa Coan, Ethel Collins, Jo Davis, Pamela Denson, Carol Dodd, Jesse Frazier, Jessie Mae Frazier, Joann Freeman, Dick Garnier, Venita Hodge, Joyce Jones, Marty Kata, 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, Kenneth Preston Sr., Luqrecia Preston, Flanord Rideau, Judy Rieck, Fr. Bob Rost, Oden Sainte, Joseppi Sandoval, Lee John Scott, Sharon Sears, Arthur Shelton, Allen Shelton, David Smith Jr, Jeremiah Smith, Elaine Stevenson, Michael Stevenson, Blanche L. Thomas, Wayne Walton, 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. For the homeless and those lost in this world; for those who harbor hatred and especially for those who have no one to pray for them.

September 9

Isaiah 35:4-7a

Psalms 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10

James 2:1-5

Mark 7:31-37

September 16

Isaiah 50:5-9a

Psalms 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9

James 2:14-18

Mark 8:27-35

YOUR GIFTS	Week of Sept. 2, 2018	% of September Budget	Final August 2018 Results
Offertory	\$3,181	16%	90%
Emergency Assistance	\$ 865	42%	114%
Total	\$4,046	18%	92%

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**St. Thérèse
Feast Day
2018**

Sunday, September 30, 2018 - 9:00 am
Swope Park, Shelter #2

We celebrate our feast day with Mass at 9 a.m.
The Knights will have the grill fired up!
Please plan to bring a potluck dish to add to the meal.

Beyond our Throwaway Culture

Wednesday, September 26, 2018 — Two Sessions
Morning: 10-11:30 a.m. or Evening: 7-8:30 p.m.
St. Sabina Parish, 700 Trevis Ave., Belton, MO

The session focuses on how we, both individually and collectively, contribute to a Throwaway Culture and how we can commit ourselves to use less disposable plastics, along with reducing the use of single-use plastic. Do come and invite friends as well so that together we can work on Pope Francis's vision of Caring for Our Common Home. To register, please email Biagio Biagio46@gmail.com.



Ephesians Bible Study

The ladies at St. Therese Little Flower and St. Peter's Church are invited to a bible study on the Armor of God in Ephesians 6. If you are looking for a new way to connect with others and study scripture this is for you! It's a 7-week study that will meet every other Monday starting September 17th, at St. Therese Little Flower Church Hall, 6:30 pm. For more information, contact Rosalind O'Hora at 816.223.3909 or Sandy Jackson at 816.217.9625/sandymjackson@live.com.



Are You Someone or Do You Know Someone Who. ..

- Has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic?
- Has a child over the age of seven who has not been baptized?
- Was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist?



The Journey of Faith Begins with Your Questions

*What is faith? How does faith grow?
What do Catholics believe and why is it different
from other faith traditions? How different is it really?*

The Quest begins with an "Inquiry" period, when questions lead to exploration. Drop in — no obligation, no commitment, no pressure at our Q&A sessions.

When: Monday, September 10, 2018 at 7 p.m.

Where: St. Peter's Parish, Romero Room (in the church basement)

If you'd like to take this Journey of Faith, call the RCIA Director, Fr. Bill Fox at 816.444-5406 or email him at bfox@stlffc.org

Already Catholic? If you love the faith and would like to help mentor someone on their journey, please sign up to become a sponsor or join the RCIA team.

Jesus looked at them and said,
"but for God all things are possible."
—Matthew 19:26

Advent Retreat — Save the Date

December 1, 2018, 9:30 a.m. -12:30 p.m.
St. Elizabeth Church
2 East 75th St. Kansas City MO 64114

Bishop Lillis High School Class of 1970

The 1970 Bishop Lillis High School class is planning a reunion October 5, 2018 at 6:00 p.m., at Paul and Jacks, 1808 Clay Street, North Kansas City, MO.



Please contact Carole Weigel Lakey(carolelakey@yahoo.com)
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Denise Diaz Garcia (dencar1734@gmail.com)

Gospel Reflection - 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Tender Healing Touch of Jesus

There has been in the past the idea that God in the Old Testament was cold, harsh, angry and judgemental; this is not the case. The first reading from the Prophet Isaiah says to us; 'Courage! Do not be afraid. God is coming to save you. The eyes of the blind shall be opened, the ears of the deaf unsealed, then the lame shall leap like the deer and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy.' What a wonderful description of who God is and what God does for us. God is deeply and passionately concerned about our welfare and well-being.

In the gospel, Jesus, continues this tender and compassionate concern as he heals the deaf man who has a speech impediment. As always, when Jesus meets anyone who is sick in any way; he reaches out and touches them where they need healing the most. This may sound like an obvious thing to do; but at the time of Jesus those who were deaf, dumb, blind crippled or who had leprosy were seen as sinners who were being punished by God. They were treated as being unclean and unable to take their place in the village or community. To touch them was to become unclean too. Jesus goes far beyond this religious and cultural taboo; he put his fingers into the man's ears and touched his tongue with spittle. The people who witnessed this would have been amazed, surprised and shocked. This is how Jesus reached out to those who were sick, poor or being ignored. When He spoke to the woman who touched the hem of his garment; he called her 'daughter.' He brought her back into her community and into the Family of God.

In some way or other, each of us are carrying a pain or hurt that needs to be healed. We all carry painful memories from our families. We hold on to hurts and disagreements that we have experienced because of other people or because of the way we have treated others. These are our 'disabilities'. They keep us down and hold us back from leading the full life God calls us to live. Jesus reached out compassionately to touch the deaf man where he needed healing the most. Jesus wants to do the same with each of us. He simply wants to reach out to touch and heal us where we are in most pain and most in need of his compassionate and tender healing.

However, this is not as easy as it sounds! We need to have the humility, faith and courage to be honest with ourselves and Jesus. As Jesus reaches out to us, we in turn need to reach out to Him to ask Him to heal us. We have to want to be healed. When Jesus met a sick man, He looked at him and asked, 'What do you want me to do for you?' Jesus looks at us and asks the same question. What in your life needs healing? What do you want Jesus to do for you today?

— Michael Moore OMI

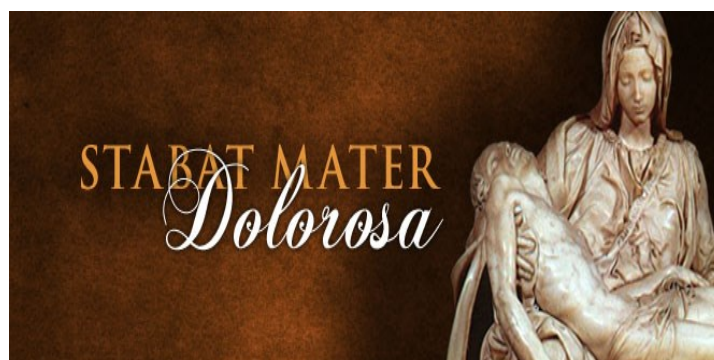
Weekly Health Corner



Attention Men!

Why do men resist going to the doctor when they are ill or for a yearly physical exam? Most of them understand that their car needs regular maintenance and may also need a "diagnostic check-up". Then why is it so difficult to get a man to have a physical check-up yearly and also go to the doctor when he is ill or having symptoms that something is not working correctly within his body or mind.

Preventive maintenance keeps a car in good condition and it also keeps the human body working correctly. Men of all ages can have physical or mental health problems and if caught early, there is usually a good outcome. So, **MEN, call your doctor tomorrow and make an appointment** for a physical exam! **We love you and want you to remain healthy and a part of our lives.**



Our Lady of Sorrows September 15

The Seven Sorrows (or *Dolors*) are events in the life of the Blessed Virgin Mary that are a popular devotion and are frequently depicted in art. These Seven Sorrows should not be confused with the five Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary.

- ✦ The Prophecy of Simeon. (Luke 2:34–35)
- ✦ The escape and Flight into Egypt. (Matthew 2:13)
- ✦ The Loss of the Child Jesus in the Temple of Jerusalem. (Luke 2:43–45)
- ✦ Mary meeting Jesus on the way to Calvary
- ✦ The Crucifixion of Jesus on Mount Calvary. (John 19:25)
- ✦ The Piercing of the Side of Jesus with a spear, and His Descent from the Cross. (Matthew 27:57–59)
- ✦ The Burial of Jesus by Joseph of Arimathea. (John 19:40–42)

Senior Center News

Senior Center Menu

<u>Monday(9/10)</u>	<u>Tuesday(9/11)</u>	<u>Wed (9/12)</u>
Tilapia, battered Sweet potato Spinach Trop Fruit Mix White Whole Grain Bread Tartar Sauce Vinegar Shortbread Cookie	Mexican Taco Salad Shredded Cheddar Lettuce/Tomatoes Mexicali Mix Orange Nacho Light chips Taco Sauce	Ribette w/BBQ Sauce Peas/Carrots Coleslaw w/ vinegar dressing Pears & Straw Whole Grain Hamburger Bun Oatmeal Raisin Cookie 1% Milk Lite Margarine
1% Milk Lite Margarine	1% Milk Lite Margarine	1% Milk Lite Margarine
Activities Chair Exercise Caring Concerns	Activities Bible Study Video Exercise	Activities Art Show
Game Day		

Senior Center Daily Lunch Hours:

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

Over 60 yrs. — donation

All others \$5.75

Reservation at Sign-In Table; 1 day in advance
“Thank You”

St. Therese Senior Center
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September 9



September 14

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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 or Fr. Bill.

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**



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