



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, April 25, 2021

Fourth Sunday of Easter

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

Wednesday, April 28, 2021

Mass—Noon in the Main Church

Sunday, May 2, 2021

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Mass— 9:00 a.m. Celebrant: Fr. Jerry Waris

PRAY FOR OUR COMMUNITY

St. Therese Little Flower community prays for the following:

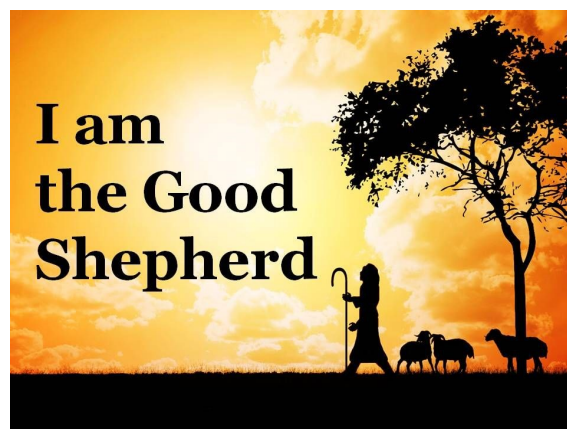
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Special intentions for those suffering from Covid-19 and their families, for the many disabled who are fighting the virus, for those in hospitals and nursing homes who cannot have visitors and families isolated from their loved ones, those who have 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!”



**I am
the Good
Shepherd**

Pray with Scripture...

April 25, 2021

Acts 4:8-12

Psalms 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29

1 John 3:1-2

John 10:11-18

May 2, 2021

Acts 9:26-31

Psalms 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32

1 John 3:18-24

John 15:1-8

YOUR GIFTS	Week of April 4, 2021	% of April Budget
Offertory	\$1,425.50	9%
Emergency Assistance	\$100.00	4%
Senior Center	\$94.00	9%
Other	\$14.00	
Total	\$1,633.50	8%

We look forward to the day when we can all worship together at St. Therese. In the meantime, we continue to support Emergency Assistance needs and our facilities. 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.**

If you want to discontinue receiving envelopes, please send message to: Donna at: busmgr@stlfkc.org.

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Weekly Reflection on God's Word**Acts 4:8-12 Psalm 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29****1 John 3:1-2 John 10:11-18**

For many of us, we don't often see many shepherds herding their sheep to market! The language and images in the gospel can seem a bit strange to us today and may even be outside our experience altogether.

In the gospel this Sunday, Jesus uses the image of the shepherd to describe himself and his relationship with us. At the time of Jesus shepherds were a part of daily life for many people. When Jesus uses the image and symbol of the shepherd, the people to whom he was speaking would have understood what he was talking about immediately. But what does the image of Jesus the shepherd mean for us today? While sheep all look the same to us, a shepherd knows each of them individually. When a shepherd calls a sheep, the sheep recognizes the voice and responds. Just as the shepherd knows the sheep, the sheep knows and trusts the shepherd. The shepherd guides and protects the sheep. The sheep go where the shepherd leads them.

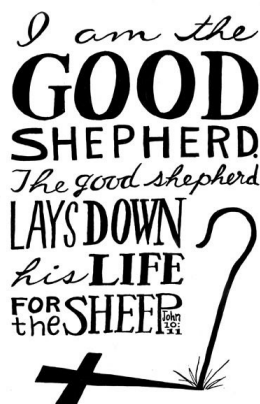
We are not sheep! But the Lord knows and loves each of us as individuals. We are not all the same to Jesus. He loves each of us personally and intimately. The Prophet Isaiah has a beautiful image of this when he writes, 'I have called you by your name, you are mine, do not be afraid. You are precious to me and I love you.' If a shepherd cares for his sheep with great love and devotion, how much more does Jesus love and care for each of us?

Jesus does not force us to listen to his voice when he calls us. He invites us to follow him freely. The choice whether or not to respond is ours. We may take our time in responding, but Jesus will never stop calling us by our name; he will wait until we do respond.

Jesus does not call and ask us to follow him just for the sake of it. He offers us not only the fullness of life; he offers us the fullness of his life. Jesus came so that each of us may have life and have it to the full. This fullness of life is offered to us here and now, not some time in the future.

As we continue our journey through Easter in preparation for the celebration of Pentecost, may each of us realize how deeply and personally Jesus loves us. When Jesus calls us by our name, may we answer in faith, gratitude and with grateful hearts. May we follow where he leads us.

Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate

**Saturday, May 1, 2021****9:00AM CT Live Stream**

Treat yourself to an enriching Saturday morning program that promises to feed your mind, body and spirit.

Sisters of Selma Panel Discussion: *The March to Dismantle Racism Continues*

Join us in the discussion with a panel of area civic, business, and religious leaders as to how we can join together in our continued march to dismantle racism. For more information and to register for this free event go to: <https://www.csjsl.org/events/linger-over-breakfast-kc-3>

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land Before Advent 2021

Perfect timing for a life-changing faith trip! Nazareth, Bethlehem, Cana, Mt. Tabor, Jerusalem, the Dead Sea and much more. Don't just see it --- experience it. Scriptures and the Mass will be far more meaningful afterwards. It's a trip you'll treasure the rest of your life! (Oct 25 - Nov 3, 2021) Save \$300-1200 over similar trips that offer less! Space is limited. For more info, contact Mark Wyble at **816-233-8427 8427 or religiousramblers@gmail.com**.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to **Alexis Cross-Tunley** on her senior project, directing and produc-

ing the Stephen's College "New Works" dance production in which she choreographed three pieces. Along with her high honors achievement this year she also received the "Heart of a Dancer Award. Alexis graduates from Stephen's College on May 8, 2021.

Great job Alexis!



Do you know anyone who lost a job or had hours cut during the COVID-19 Pandemic. Many people may be suffering in silence and not say anything directly but as friends we can see when a person we know may be struggling financially. If you suspect someone is having trouble

staying afloat, there is immediate assistance available. There are several agencies that received city-provided funds for rent, mortgage or utility help. They can go online for an application for help at KCMO.GOV/RentHelp or contact an agency directly: Metro Lutheran Ministries (816) 285-3137 (North) or (816) 285-3139 (South); Greater KC Housing Info Center (816) 931-0443. Be gentle but let a friend know they are not alone. B.J.



Catholic Charities KCSJ recently opened its first Food Pantry, “Lift Up—Kansas City” at our temporary site in St. Catherine of Siena Parish. The Pantry is available to anyone in our diocese and includes an online shopping portal for clients to choose groceries.

Our plan is to have mobile outreach deliver food and emergency services across the diocese. We continue to seek capital support in the form of a building, shelving, box trucks, vans & forklifts and also search for a permanent home to serve the southern portion of our diocese and a location in our northern counties. If you have knowledge of or access to any of these items, please let us know. For more information, contact Jessica Gant at 816-882-4781 or jgant@ccharities.com. To volunteer, contact Linda Hopkins at 659-8205 or lhopkins@ccharities.com.



Coping During the Pandemic



The Pandemic has put a lot of mental strain on many of us and has challenged our ability to cope in this unfamiliar environment. As such there has been an increased need for mental health services and other support. These are a few resources that may be helpful:



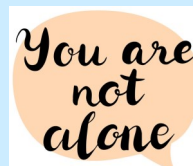
Turning Point, a free Community Resource of the University of Kansas Health System, is offering extensive online classes during this time of social distancing. Regardless of where you receive healthcare, Turning Point welcomes individuals (and their support persons) who are dealing with the challenges of serious or chronic illness. For a schedule of classes or for more information about joining Turning Point, call 913-574-0900 or <https://www.kansashealthsystem.com/health-resources/turning-point/programs>.

‘myStrength’ - Amidst the stress of the current Coronavirus crisis, the Missouri Coalition for Community Behavioral Healthcare is offering the application **‘myStrength’**, a self-help resource that is available 24/7, is private and confidential, and provides information and inspiration on multiple topics.

MOHelpNow COVID-19 Information | dmh.mo.gov
<https://dmh.mo.gov/covid-19-information> - Resources for adults and children to support mental health needs.

The **Northland Shepherd’s Center and Tri-County Mental Health Services (TCMHS)** recognize the need to support and encourage those in a caregiver role. TCMHS provides emotional support to individuals living within Clay, Platte, and Ray counties. The program offers support groups, individual therapy in an office setting or in-home. Call (816) 468-0400 for more information.

Help with handling stress. Whether stress manifests in anxiety, depression or addiction, there is always help. Visit <https://kansascitymentalhealth.com/>.



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.

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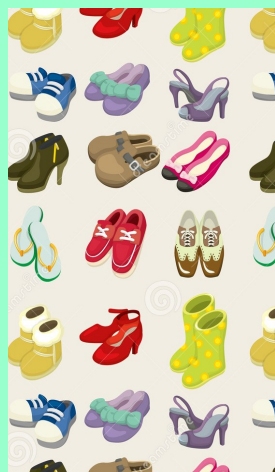
St. Therese Senior Center — 816.444.3514

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!



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.

The goal is to collect 7500 pairs of shoes!

Please start collecting shoes and bring them to church or

Senior Center beginning April 21 . Tell your friends, neighbors and family to join us in this effort!!

Let's do this for the Senior Center!! Questions may be directed to Sharon Sanders.

KEEP YOUR KEYS! STAYING SAFE ON THE ROAD

The Senior Center is hosting a free course on driving safety, **KEEP YOUR KEYS** on Wednesday, May 12 at Noon. You are invited to join the seniors for this course covering topics including:

- ⇒ How to stay medically and physically fit to drive
- ⇒ When and how to prepare for driving retirement
- ⇒ Tools and resources to help keep you safe on the road

This program is being presented by University of Missouri Health Care. **Please register** with Sharon Sanders ssanders@stlfc.org or call 816-444-3514 or 816-591-6284.

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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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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 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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