



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, February 9, 2020 — 5th Sunday in OT

Mass 8:00 a.m. for Parishioners

Rosary 8:45 a.m. Chapel

Mass 9:15 a.m. for Parishioners

Wednesday, February 12, 2020

Mass — 12:00 p.m.

Senior Center Valentine Luncheon 10am—1 pm

Friday, February 14, 2020

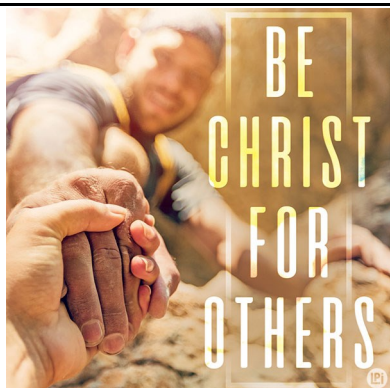
Mass — 12:00 p.m.

Sunday, February 16, 2020 — 6th Sunday OT

Mass 8:00 a.m. for Parishioners

Rosary 8:45 a.m. Chapel

Mass 9:15 a.m. for Parishioners



Standing in the Need of Prayer

St. Therese Little Flower community prays for the following:

Bridgette Atkinson, Wanda Battle, Ben Bongers, Liesa Brown, Mary L. Brown, Louis Byrd, Juanita Cherry, Randy Chestnut, Lisa Coan, Quinn Cogan, Evelyn Coleman, Craig Cowens, Sophia Jo Davis, Pamela Denson, Carol Dodd, Iona England, Jessie Mae Frazier, Joann Freeman, Dan Ivory, Elijah Jones, Joyce Jones, LaToya Jones, Marty Kata, Wenda King, Keith Kloster, Zach Kloster, Malcolm Knight, Raymond LaNear, Doreen Lacy, Charles Lidge, Aidan Liesveld, Helen Logan, Stephen Loston, Bob McCombs, Helen McVay, Venus Moore, Margaret Mulligan, Luqrecia Preston, Marilyn Richardson, Flannord Rideau, Judy Rieck, Fr. Bob Rost, Oden Sainte, Joseppi Sandoval, Lee John Scott, Sharon Sears, Arthur Shelton, Allen Shelton, Jeremiah Smith, Tracy Smith, Elaine Stevenson, Michael Stevenson, Blanche L. Thomas, Sr. Joan Tolle, Joshua Webb, Jr., Bobby J. Willis, Jesse Wilkes, Mildred Wilkes, Antwine Williams, the elderly and infirmed, the chronically ill and their caregivers; for those who attend to the dying and grieving; for medical professionals and first responders. For those who seek a better life for their families.

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.

Liturgical Roles*

February 16, 2020 — 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

	8:00 Mass	9:15 Mass
Lectors	J Sandoval B Miller	D Turano A Kaggwa
Eucharistic Ministers		Sr. A Landers
Hospitality	J Alpough D Sanders	D Cross G Johnson C Ivy-Woods T Lee
Servers	S Atkinson	B Seiter

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

Pray with Scripture...

February 9 Isaiah 58:7-10 Psalm 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 1 Corinthians 2:1-5 Matthew 5:13-16	February 16 Sirach 15:15-20 Psalm 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34 1 Corinthians 2:6-10 Matthew 5:17-37
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IN EVERYTHING give Thanks

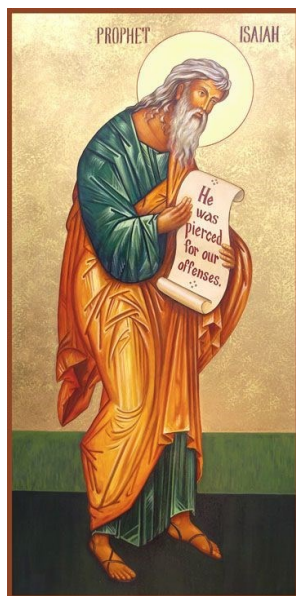
YOUR GIFTS	Week of February 2	% of February Budget
Offertory	\$2,462	16%
Emergency Assistance	\$ 237	4%
Total	\$2,699	13%

You can give 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 when you aren't able to be at Mass.

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

THE CATHOLIC STEWARD



Today's readings are part pep talk and part marching orders for us Christian stewards. They offer wonderfully clear guidance on what matters most to God in the way we prioritize our lives and the way He intends for us to use the gifts He has given us.

The first reading, from the prophet Isaiah, gives us very straight forward instructions: "Thus says the Lord: Share your bread with the hungry, shelter the oppressed and the homeless; clothe the naked when you see them, and do not turn your back on your own." The Lord gives no wiggle room here

— care for our brothers and sisters in need is a "must do" for the Christian steward.

But note how generous our God is to us when we do these things. "Then your light shall break forth like the dawn and your wound shall quickly be healed." The more we give ourselves away the more we will find ourselves, and "light shall rise" for us in the form of more of God's grace in our lives and more joy and peace in our hearts.

Our Gospel passage, from Matthew sends us out on our stewardship way with a bang as Jesus declares to us, His disciples, that we are the "salt of the earth" and the "light of the world." But, He adds, salt no longer gives flavor if allowed to go stale — light cannot bring its blessed brightness if left hidden. Therefore, we must act! We must live our lives so that others will see the things that we do — the ways that we serve others, care for the vulnerable, prioritize our family relationships and above all, our love for God — and then give Him glory.

This is the stewardship way of life. Let's give it our all!

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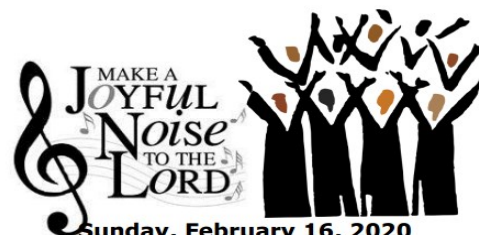
Saturday, February 29, 2020

Sisters of Selma: The March to Dismantle Racism Continues
with Rosemary Flanigan, CSJ and Barbara Moore, CSJ
who marched on Selma in March 1965

St. Teresa's Academy

5600 Main St. Kansas City, MO 64113

Join us as we mark the 55th anniversary of the marches from Selma, Alabama to the state capital of Montgomery, that were part of the civil rights movement in 1965. Sisters Rosemary and Barbara will share how their experiences at Selma shaped their futures, as well as their fellow sisters', to be at the forefront of social justice issues. How far has our society come addressing racism, and where do we still need to go? **Doors open at 8:30 a.m. Program 9-11 a.m. \$15 per session, breakfast included.** Register online at [Linger Over Breakfast](http://LingerOverBreakfast.com).



**Sunday, February 16, 2020
2:00pm**

**St. Louis Church
5930 Swope Parkway
Kansas City, MO 64130**



**Come and experience a "sharing" of faith, heritage
and diversity through Song, Dance and Word!**

A Love Offering will be taken up during the program to support our Building Fund and Evangelization Ministry!



Book Club will discuss
Rediscover the Saints by Mathew Kelly.
Meet on Thursday, February 20 and discuss
pages 61-82 in the living room from 4 to
5:30 p.m. All are welcome.

St. Therese Needs You for Mardi Gras 2020!

The St. Therese Mardi Gras is the major fundraiser for our parish and support is needed from EVERYONE! Each of us can support the effort:



By Donating to the Auction:

A gift card, a gift certificate, a **new, unused item**, or a service you can provide (house cleaning; grass cutting, baking, etc.) We would like to have **all auction items by February 10th** so please consider donating one of the items above by **dropping them off at the church office during the week or bringing to mass** and giving them to **Diana Burdett, Carol Johnson, or Estelle Tunley** Please be sure to include your contact information (including value of donation) with your donation so we can send you an acknowledgement letter.

By Donating an Item(s) for the Event:

- ♦ A 3 Liter Box of Bota or Black Box wine
- ♦ A 12-pack or more of Sprite/ lemon lime
- ♦ A 12-pack or more of Coke / cola
- ♦ A 12-pack or more of Pepsi
- ♦ Cash to purchase an item that will be prepared for the meal-\$10 or more goes a long way (we will purchase gumbo, side dish and dessert ingredients)

Please **bring your donations to the office or Mass** as soon as possible so that we can plan accordingly.

As always we want EVERYONE to attend and purchase your ticket, but feel free to support the event in multiple ways. We certainly appreciate whatever you can do! Tickets available after masses or go to stlflkc.org, click the Give tab and purchase your tickets.

Sign Up Sheets will be available on Sunday February 2 for:

- ⇒ Meal Service
- ⇒ Set up and decorate venue (morning of event)
- ⇒ Transport equipment, food and supplies
- ⇒ Gift card, and other auction item donations
- ⇒ Other as needed assistance
- ⇒ Auction helpers at the Mardi Gras

Carol Johnson is your contact for **auction items** and can be reached at 816.769.7534 or cjohnson1941@gmail.com.

This is a party, but it is a **Party with a Purpose!** So please be generous with your time, talents and resources!

February is Heart Month



The American Heart Association offers some tips on maintaining a healthy heart. Heredity is not something you can change, but these lifestyle changes are something that you can change and make a difference in your health. Here are 7 tips to maintain a Healthy Heart:

- ♥ Eat mostly plants. Adopting a plant-based diet can have a huge effect on the **health** of your **heart**.
- ♥ Reduce your fat intake to 10% of your daily calories
- ♥ Consume whole, unrefined plant foods such as fresh fruits, vegetables, whole grains and legumes
- ♥ Reduce your sodium intake
- ♥ Manage your weight
- ♥ Don't smoke!
- ♥ Exercise

St. Joseph Table Sunday, March 1 from Noon to 5 p.m.

St. Peter's School Cafeteria

Please join us for the annual St. Joseph Table benefiting St. Peter's Social Services. The celebration will begin with a blessing of the table and a free will offering spaghetti dinner, cookie and baked goods sale, and raffle. All proceeds benefit St. Peter's Social Services.

Catholic Charities Emergency Assistance Fund Second Collection February 15-16

Please help Catholic Charities of KCSJ as we strive to serve and lift our clients. There will be a second collection on February 15-16 for the annual Catholic Charities Emergency Assistance Fund. Thanks to your support of the CCEAF, we're able to help at-risk families meet their immediate needs and ultimately regain a sense of stability. Once the immediate crisis is resolved, Catholic Charities works with families on their personal pathway out of poverty – helping sustain them until they are self-sufficient and thriving. Please be generous. Contact Lynn Lichte, Donor Stewardship Specialist for more information or to help at llichte@ccharities.com or 816.659.8243.



Senior Center News

Senior Center Menu

Monday (2-10)	Tuesday (2-11)	Wednesday (2-12)
Breakfast: TBA	Breakfast: TBA	Breakfast: TBA
Lunch: TBA	Lunch: TBA	Lunch: TBA
Activities Chair Exercise Caring Concerns Game Day	Activities Bible Study Video Exercise	Activities Special Projects

Senior Center Daily Lunch Hours:

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

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

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

St. Therese Senior Center — 816.444.3514

St. Therese Little Flower Senior Center

Annual

Valentine's Day Party

Wednesday, February 12, 2020
10 am to 1 pm

*You know there will be great food,
Fellowship, and treats for everyone!*

*Sharon Sanders and her team of volunteers
will appreciate your presence.*



Please note date change!

St. Peter's VIP Valentine Luncheon

Friday, February 14, 11:30 a.m.—1 p.m. in the Narthex

Please join us for the Valentine's
VIP luncheon on Friday, February
14 from 11:30 to 1:00 in the St.
Peter's Narthex.

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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.

We are a member parish of Holy Rosary Credit Union - 816.221.2734

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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