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*Called to Serve*

# 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.

## Liturgical Roles\*

January 6		
	<b>8:00 Mass</b>	<b>9:15 Mass</b>
<b>Lectors</b>	G Burrell J Sandoval	J Broyle G Johnson
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	B Miller A Pickett	K Burdick D Burdett T Lee M Sweat A Johnson
<b>Hospitality</b>	D Sanders J Alpough	D Cross S Jones Sr. G Smits C Johnson
<b>Servers</b>	L Stevenson	P Tancredi 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...

<p><b>December 30</b>                      Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14                      Psalm 128: 1-2, 3, 4-5                      Colossians 3:12-17                      Luke 2: 41-52</p>	<p><b>January 6</b>                      Isaiah 60:1-6                      Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13                      Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6                      Matthew 2:1-2</p>
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### BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please submit requests for bulletin announcements by Noon on Wednesday to [bulletin@stlfc.org](mailto:bulletin@stlfc.org).

Parish Calendar	
<b>Sunday, December 30—Feast of the Holy Family</b>	
Mass 8:00 a.m. for Parishioners	
Rosary 8:45 a.m.	Chapel
Mass 9:15 am for Parishioners	
<b>Monday, December 31</b> — Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God, Vigil Mass at 7:00 p.m. St. Peter	
<b>Tuesday, January 1, 2019—Solemnity of Mary</b>	
Mass 10:00 a.m.	St. Peter
Holy day of Obligation	
<b>Wednesday, January 2, 2019</b>	
Mass Noon	Chapel
<b>Friday, January 4, 2019</b>	
Mass Noon	Chapel
<b>Sunday, January 6—Epiphany of the Lord</b>	
Mass 8:00 a.m. for Parishioners	
Rosary 8:45 am	Chapel
Mass 9:15 am for Parishioners	



## Standing in the Need of Prayer

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

Debra Bronston, Liesa Brown, Mary L. Brown, Louis Byrd, Paula Cassidy, Randy Chestnut, Bishop F. Cheri, Lisa Coan, Quinn Cogan, Jo Davis, Pamela Denson, Connie DiDonna, Carol Dodd, Iona England, Jessie Mae Frazier, Joann Freeman, Mona Hicks, Dan Ivory, Elijah Jones, Joyce Jones, LaToya Jones, Marty Kata, Wenda King, Keith Kloster, Zach Kloster, Raymond LaNear, Doreen Lacy, Charles Lidge, Jim Lipps, Helen Logan, Stephen Loston, Bob McCombs, Ted McKim, Helen McVay, Venus Moore, Margaret Mulligan, Keion, Tanisha and Tammy Parrish, 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, Jeremiah Smith, Elaine Stevenson, Michael Stevenson, Blanche L. Thomas, Clifton Tunley, Turano Family Special Intentions, 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.

**THE CATHOLIC STEWARD**



Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or 1 Sm 1: 20,22, 24-28; Ps 128: 1-5 or Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10; Col 3:12-21 or Col 3: 12-17; or 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24; Lk 2:41-52

The Holy Family experienced many of the same joys and trials that all parents and children experience today. And, so, we can look to this Family for help in our own family lives and see in them a model of stewardship in family life.

The Gospel passage from Luke starts by telling us something about Jesus' parents: "Each year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the feast of the Passover, and when he was twelve years old, they went up according to festival custom." This Family took seriously the stewardship of their time. The "Holy Couple" carefully observed the traditions and practice of their Jewish faith and brought up their Son to do the same. They worshiped as a family, and with their faith community. And they did so faithfully.

We can take their example to heart by making Sunday Mass attendance a priority for our families, by making prayer with our family a priority every day, by making sure that we regularly celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and by observing in our family life the feasts and fasts appropriate to the liturgical calendar. When we, as families, prioritize our Time with God and worship of Him we will be imitating the Holy Family.

On this Feast of the Holy Family, let us reclaim the beauty and importance of family life. Let's commit to steward our families well in 2019, making time spent with God and practicing our faith the most important appointments on our family calendars.

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...to all who contributed to our celebration of **Christmas**. If you helped with the decoration of the church, were a part of the music ministry, dance ministry, helped with the Sunday School Program, or were a minister of the Mass, if you brought food for the reception, helped serve or clean up, if you joined in any way to celebrate with us ...Thank You! And Happy New Year!

**Book Club to Feature  
Local Boy's Book**



The St. Therese Book Club will begin the New Year by reading a book written by one of our own members, Art Winter, who is now trying to find a publisher. Not wanting to wait, we decided to have copies made at the local UPS store, and we'll begin discussing the book starting on January 17.

The book is entitled Priesthood of the Pews: Catholic Worship and Christian Living for the People of God. Art says he wrote it as a retirement project to address two problems he never resolved to his satisfaction while he was working. The first: a lifelong feeling of God's absence from his daily life; to be with God he had to be in the church and involved in church activities. The second: he never seemed to develop, even after the Second Vatican Council, a real sense of actively participating in the Mass. As he puts it, he was a member of the team, but one sitting on the bench.

For solutions to the first problem, Art draws on the German theologian, Karl Rahner, and his ideas on God's grace being present and active everywhere and his notion of "liturgy of the world." For the second problem, he explores the teachings of the Second Vatican Council and the church's documents implementing its changes in the liturgy.

The book promises stimulating discussions. We'll begin in the parish Living Room on Thursday, January 17. After that, we'll meet on the first and third Thursdays of February, March, April and May, ending on May 16. All meeting times will be from 4 p.m. to 5:30 PM in the parish living room. I will have copies available after the Mass on January 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>. The books are costing us \$8.00 each.

*Sister Helen Alder, Book Club Coordinator*

**St. Therese Little Flower**

**POPE FRANCIS:  
A Man of His Word**



This DVD will be shown on January 10th in the church hall. This is an excellent documentary about Pope Francis. At times you feel like he is talking directly to you.

Simple supper at 6:30 and the movie from 7 to 8:30. Please sign up in the back of the church if you plan to come. Also, let us know if you can bring some food for supper.



Kwanzaa is a pan-African holiday which celebrates family, community and culture created by Dr. Maulana Karenga in 1966 and celebrated from December 26--January 1.

Seven Principles describe the focus of the Kwanzaa week of celebration and the hopes for every week of the year:

**Umoja (OO-MO-JAH) Unity** stresses the importance of togetherness for the family and the community, which is reflected in the African saying, "I am We," or "I am because We are."

**Kujichagulia (KOO-GEE-CHA-GOO-LEE-YAH) Self-Determination** requires that we define our common interests and make decisions that are in the best interest of our family and community.

**Ujima (OO-GEE-MAH) Collective Work and Responsibility** reminds us of our obligation to the past, present and future, and that we have a role to play in the community, society, and world.

**Ujamaa (OO-JAH-MAH) Cooperative economics** emphasizes our collective economic strength and encourages us to meet common needs through mutual support.

**Nia (NEE-YAH) Purpose** encourages us to look within ourselves and to set personal goals that are beneficial to the community.

**Kuumba (KOO-OOM-BAH) Creativity** makes use of our creative energies to build and maintain a strong and vibrant community.

**Imani (EE-MAH-NEE) Faith** focuses on honoring the best of our traditions, draws upon the best in ourselves, and helps us strive for a higher level of life for humankind, by affirming our self-worth and confidence in our ability to succeed and triumph in righteous struggle.

**Poinsettias Given in Memory**

Juanita Cherry in memory of  
**Howard and Cherry Families**

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**Bill and Mary Poppie**  
**Loren and Harriett Freeman**  
**Judy Warbeck Freeman**

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**Jake and Kathy Davis**  
**Dick Garnier**

Elizabeth Smith in memory of  
**Mom and Dad and Smith Family**

Anola Pickett in memory of  
**Pickett and Doyle Family**



**Weekly Health Corner**



**MAKING RESOLUTIONS !!**

This year instead of making resolution about NOT doing things make them to do more POSITIVE THINGS.



- ❖ Smile more.
- ❖ Greet people on the street or at work with a smile and a "Hello".
- ❖ Compliment people for things they have done or how nice they look.
- ❖ Thank people for the little things they do in your life.
- ❖ Hold doors for people or step aside to let someone a head of you in line or in traffic.
- ❖ While driving or walking really notice things around you-- there is beauty everywhere.
- ❖ Each day thank God for your life, family, friends and the wonderful things that happen in your life.

**Happy New Year!! Happy Resolutions 2019!!**

**When You are in the Hospital**



Due to the current HIPPA laws which protect patient privacy, St. Therese Little Flower is not automatically notified when one of our members is hospitalized. You, or a family member, must personally call the parish office to share that information. Please rest assured that this information is kept confidential, unless you give us permission to share it. Your notification is the only way that we are aware of your need for prayers or a visit. Some hospitals in the area have volunteer Communion ministers, or ministers are usually provided to that hospital by the nearest Catholic church. If you wish to receive Holy Communion during your stay, you must inform the hospital that your religious status is Catholic and request that they notify the hospital Chaplain's office that you wish to receive Communion. And finally, please call the parish office to arrange for the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick before any scheduled surgery.

# Senior Center News

The Senior Center New Year's Eve Party will celebrate the blessings of 2018 and hopes for many more blessings in the New Year.



Come out to join the Seniors. Lunch at 11am Their midnight toast bringing in the New Year will be at Noon (which is midnight in Thailand) All are Welcome!

After the celebration, the Center will then be closed until Monday, January 7, 2019

### Senior Center Daily Lunch Hours:

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

Over 60 yrs. — \$2 suggested donation

All others \$5.75

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

St. Therese Senior Center  
816.444.3514

Erik Dickinson

Seeking Opportunity for Councilman-at-Large Seat



Many of you have supported the Urban Ranger Corps (URC) over the years, since its founding by Fr. John Wandless.

URC President Erik Dickinson is planning to run for the 5th District Councilman at Large Seat next April. He is collecting signatures to get his name on the ballot. Carol Johnson has placed signature forms on the tables at the back of church. If you are a registered Kansas City, MO voter and would like support Erik's efforts, take a moment to sign the form.

Your signature is not an endorsement of Erik's candidacy, but gives him the opportunity to run for that seat in next spring's election.

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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](mailto: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](mailto:chastain@diocesekcsj.org)

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