



# 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.  
First Sunday of every month.....9:00 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 29, 2019—Feast of St. Therese

Rosary 8:45 a.m. Chapel  
**Mass 9:00 a.m.** for Parishioners Swope Park

### Wednesday, October 2, 2019

**Mass — Noon** Chapel

### Friday, October 4, 2019

**Mass — Noon** Chapel

### Sunday, October 6, 2019 — 27th Sunday OT

Rosary 8:45 a.m. Chapel  
**Mass 9:00 a.m.** for Parishioners  
**10:00 a.m. Budget Status Update** Parish Hall

### Mark Your Calendar—Upcoming Events

**Sunday, Oct. 6:** One Mass at 9 a.m. followed by First Sunday Budget Status Update in the Church

### Visiting Priests

**Wednesday, Oct. 2—Mass at Noon** Fr. Bob Rost  
**Sunday, Oct. 6—Mass at 9am** Fr. Jerry Waris  
**Sunday, Oct. 27—Mass at 8am and 9:15 am** Fr. Bob Rost



## 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, Randy Chestnut, Lisa Coan, Quinn Cogan, Evelyn Coleman, Sophia Jo Davis, Pamela Denson, Carol Dodd, Iona England, Jessie Mae Frazier, Joann Freeman, Mona Hicks, Dan Ivory, Ollie Johnson, 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, Hazel McAllister, Bob McCombs, Helen McVay, Venus Moore, Margaret Mulligan, Luqrecia Preston, Marilyn Richardson, Flanord 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, 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\*

### October 6—27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### First Sunday Parish Budget Discussion

One Mass at 9 a.m.	9:00 Mass
Lectors	G Burrell, K Burdick
Eucharistic Ministers	B Miller, D Dakotas, Sr. A Landers, M Sweat, A Pickett
Hospitality	D Sanders, K Preston, D Cross, S Jones
Altar Servers	L Stevenson, 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...

### September 29

Amos 6:1a, 4-7  
 Psalm 146:7, 8-9, 9-10  
 1 Timothy 6:11-16  
 Luke 16:19-31

### October 6

Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4  
 Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9  
 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14  
 Luke 17:5-10

IN EVERYTHING  
 give Thanks

YOUR GIFTS	Week of September 22	% of September Budget
Offertory	\$5,172	34%
Emergency Assistance	\$155	3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,327</b>	<b>25%</b>

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## THE CATHOLIC STEWARD



Am 6:1A, 4-7; Ps 146:7-10; 1 Tm 6:11-16; Lk 16:19-31

We all have been given great power by God in the form of Time, Talents, and Treasure. Today's readings remind us that this power is meant to be used for great good. And, the failure to do so has eternal consequences.

We see the urgency for us to put our powers to good use in today's Gospel passage from Luke. Our Lord tells the rather chilling parable of the rich man who ignored poor Lazarus during their lifetimes. At the moment of the rich man's death, he goes down to the netherworld while Lazarus is taken to the eternal joy and comfort in the bosom of Abraham. The rich man keenly regrets his indifference towards the needs of Lazarus, but it is too late for regret. His choices have played out, and now the rich man will face the consequences of his failure to use the gifts God gave him.

Pursuit of God's kingdom and care for the poor are not trifling matters. Our Lord makes this clear to us over and over in the Scriptures and the constant teachings of our 2,000 year-old Church. We are free to ignore these teachings and live instead for ourselves. But there will be tragic results for us in the end. And, because we are made for eternity, living selfishly on this earth doesn't really bring us true happiness anyway.

So how can we use our great powers for great good? By embracing a stewardship way of life. By putting God first in all areas of our lives — in the way we spend our time, the ways we share our talents, the ways we give of our financial resources. Stewardship living calls us out of our comfort zone and into commitment to the Lord and the things that matter to Him.

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**St. Thérèse of Lisieux**, also called **St. Teresa of the Child Jesus** or the **Little Flower**, original name **Marie-Françoise-Thérèse Martin**, (born January 2, 1873, Alençon, France—died September 30, 1897, Lisieux; canonized May 17, 1925; feast day October 1), Carmelite nun whose service to her Roman Catholic order, although outwardly unremarkable, was later recognized for its exemplary spiritual accomplishments. She was named a doctor of the church by Pope John Paul II in 1997.

Thérèse was the youngest of nine children, five of whom survived childhood. After her mother died of breast cancer in 1877, Thérèse moved with her family to Lisieux. In the deeply religious atmosphere of her home, her piety developed early and intensively. All four of her elder sisters became nuns, and at the age of 15 she entered the Carmelite convent at Lisieux, having been refused admission a year earlier. Although she suffered from depression, scruples—a causeless feeling of guilt—and, at the end, religious doubts, she kept the rule to perfection and maintained a smiling, pleasant, and unselfish manner. Before her death from tuberculosis, she acknowledged that, because of her difficult nature, not one day had ever passed without a struggle. Her burial site at Lisieux became a place of pilgrimage, and a basilica bearing her name was built there (1929–54).

The story of Thérèse's spiritual development was related in a collection of her epistolary essays, written by order of the prioresses and published in 1898 under the title *Histoire d'une âme* ("**Story of a Soul**"). Her popularity is largely a result of this work, which conveys her loving pursuit of holiness in ordinary life. St. Thérèse defined her doctrine of the Little Way as "the way of spiritual childhood, the way of trust and absolute surrender."



In true St. Therese fashion, you made phone calls, sent cards and text messages, FB posts and more to reach out to friends and family to join us for such a wonderful gathering last week for Come Back Sunday. Thank you for anything that you did to help with such a Spirit filled Sunday at St. Therese— a reminder of how it was in the past and what's possible as we go forward. From the greetings as people arrived to our worship and finally food and fellowship, we came together for this community that we dearly love. Thank you St. Therese!!!



**The Next Freedom in Christ Series begins October 6**

Based on the book *Unbound: A Practical Guide to Deliverance* by Neal Lozano is scheduled to begin Sunday, October 6, 2019, 1:30—3:30 p.m. at St. Andrew the Apostle Parish 6415 NE Antioch Road, Gladstone, MO in the Fr. Pilecki Room The 8-part series will be held on Sundays: the 6th, the 13th, the 20th, and the 27th in October; concluding on a retreat November 1-3 at the Franciscan Retreat Center in Independence. Cost: \$145 — includes workbook, materials, and retreat. Limited availability. \$145 Registration is due by October 1, 2019. Register by email to [unbound.kc@gmail.com](mailto:unbound.kc@gmail.com) or by calling EITHER 816.289.2506 OR 816.365.3673 to leave a message or for any questions.

*Unbound Ministry is based on the idea that the gospel has the power to make a difference in a person's life. It is a way of prayer, using the Five Keys, that empowers a person to open their hearts and respond more fully to Jesus' invitation of abundant life. Unbound is essentially moving a person through a conversion experience.*

The Five Keys are:

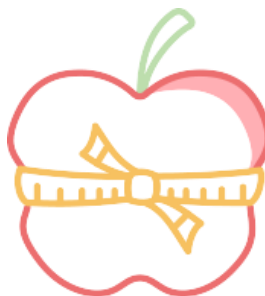
1. Repenting of sin and expressing faith in Jesus.
2. Forgiving oneself and others.
3. Renouncing the lies, spirits, and tactics of Satan.
4. Taking authority over the works of Satan.
5. Receiving the Father's blessing.

**Urban Rendezvous X****October 17, 2019**

The mission of Urban Ranger Corps is to prepare at-risk inner city youth for responsible and productive futures through a program of disciplined work experience and service in their community, leadership development and individualized planning for post-High School careers. The Urban Rendezvous X Dinner is the largest fundraiser for the year and takes place on October 17, 2019 at The College Basketball Experience in downtown Kansas City. **The reception begins at 5:30 PM and dinner served at 7:00 PM.** All funds raised benefit the Urban Ranger Corps and the young men we serve with a goal to raise \$120,000! Your support of Urban Rendezvous X will help us better serve those who need our help the most, our Rangers. The 2019 URC Community Service Award Recipient is **Dr. Mark Bedell, Superintendent of Kansas City Public Schools.**

**Go to <https://www.urckc.org/urbanrendezvous>** to get more information, purchase tickets and look for the incredible Golden Ticket Raffle. If you like traveling, you don't want to miss the **Golden Ticket!!**

# Weekly Health Corner

**Maintaining a Healthy Weight**

**T**he best strategy for achieving a healthy weight and maintaining it is through a healthy diet with lower-calorie foods and through regular physical activity. Increasing the fiber in your diet is also a way to slim down. The American Heart Association recommends a diet high in fruits, vegetables, and whole grains because

this is a way of adding fiber to your diet. Increasing fiber in your diet will also help curb your appetite. High fiber foods require more chewing and take longer for your stomach to digest. This will help your body recognize that it is full before you start eating more food. Diets rich in whole grains and fiber will also decrease



your risk for cardiovascular disease by lowering your cholesterol. Fruits, vegetables, beans, whole grains and leafy greens are some of the best high-fiber foods. Be sure to check the labels on food for fiber content. Sometimes it is surprising to see how much or how little fiber there is in your some of your favorite foods. So as the American Heart Association says, "Fiber UP, Slim Down" For more information, visit:

<https://www.heart.org/en/healthy-living/healthy-eating/losing-weight/fiber-up-slim-down>

**Boys Grow Farm Fest**

Sunday, September 29, 12—4 p.m.

9301 E 147th Street, Kansas City, MO 64149

**Don't worry Chiefs fans we will have the game on!**

Food by Local Restaurants, Bier Garden, Live Music, D.J., Petting Zoo, Obstacle Course, Yard Games and more on the beautiful 10-acre BoysGrow farm located just 25 minutes south of downtown. What could be better than a fall afternoon on the farm with some awesome local food, beer, festivities, and an opportunity to meet the Emmy award-winning television host, best-selling cookbook author, and restaurateur Lidia Bastianich, along with the outstanding young men that form the backbone of Boys Grow? Tickets available here: <http://boysgrow.com/>

# Senior Center News

## Senior Center Menu

<u>Monday (9-30)</u>	<u>Tuesday (10-1)</u>	<u>Wednesday (10-2)</u>
Breaded Fish Tartar Sauce Vinegar Coleslaw w/vin drsg Spinach White Whl Grn Bread Tropical Fruit Mix  1% Milk Lite Margarine  <b>Activities</b> Chair Exercise Caring Concerns Game Day	TBA   1% Milk Lite Margarine  <b>Activities</b> Bible Study Video Exercise	TBA   1% Milk Lite Margarine  <b>Activities</b> Special Projects

## Senior Center Daily Lunch Hours:

Mon.-Wed., 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

**Book Club** — Next meeting: October 3,  
from 4-5:30 pm. We will discuss: *Stranger God* by  
Richard Beck, pages 65-94.



**First Saturday Devotion** — Saturday, October 5 at  
Coronation of Our Lady, 13000 Bennington Grandview,  
MO 64030. For more information please contact 816.908.1052.

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## Annual Senior Center Halloween Party

Wednesday, October 30, 2019, 11– a.m.—2 p.m.

St. Therese Senior Center, 5814 Euclid, KC MO 64130

*Seniors from Christ the King, St. Elizabeth, St. Francis  
Xavier, St. Louis, St. Monica, St. Peter, Seton Center and  
Visitation invited! Costumes a must! Bishop James  
Johnston will be here from 11:15 a.m. – Noon.  
Please RSVP by October 15, 2019 to [ssanders@stlfkc.org](mailto:ssanders@stlfkc.org).*



## Parish Staff

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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.

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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:

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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](mailto: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  
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