



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.
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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*

September 22— 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time		
"Come Back Sunday—Family Reunion" - One Mass		
	9:00 Mass	
Lectors	B Miller D Burdett	
Eucharistic Ministers	A Johnson Sr. H Alder T Doyle A Pickett N Doyle	
Hospitality	T Lee G Johnson C Johnson L Stevenson	
Servers	A Preston B Preston	

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

Pray with Scripture...

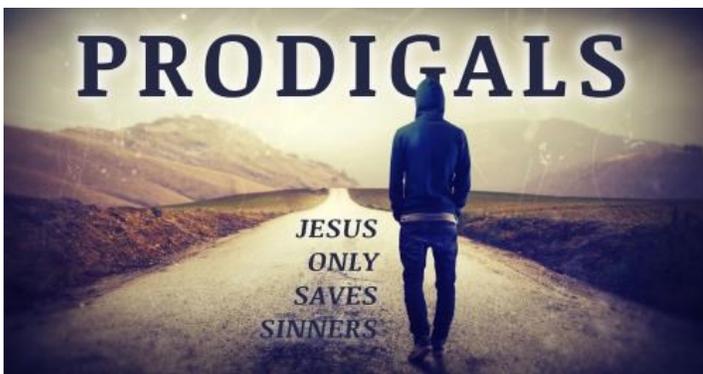
September 15

Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14
Psalm 51:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19
1 Timothy 1:12-17
Luke 15:1-32

September 22

Amos 8:4-7
Psalm 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8
1 Timothy 2:1-8
Luke 16:1-13

Parish Calendar	
Sunday, September 15, 2019—24th Sunday OT	
Rosary 8:45 a.m.	Chapel
Mass 8:00 a.m. for Parishioners	
Mass 9:15 a.m. for Parishioners	
Wednesday, September 18, 2019	
Mass — Noon	Chapel
Friday, September 20, 2019	
Mass — Noon	Chapel
Sunday, September 22, 2019 — 25th Sunday OT	
Rosary 8:45 a.m.	Chapel
Mass 9:00 a.m. for Patty Bertram and St. Therese Little Flower Family	



Standing in the Need of Prayer

St. Therese Little Flower community prays for the following:

Bridgette Atkinson, Wanda Battle, 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, 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.

IN EVERYTHING give Thanks

YOUR GIFTS	Week of September 8	% of September Budget
Offertory	\$2,763	18%
Emergency Assistance	\$230	4%
Total	\$2,993	14%

You can give via bank draft from your savings or checking account or by debit or credit card. Go to stlflkc.org and click on "Give" to sign up.

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

THE CATHOLIC STEWARD



Ex 32:7-11, 13-14; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19; 1 Tm 1:12-17; Lk 15:1-32

Today’s readings focus on the personal, passionate and merciful love of God, which should fill us with unending gratitude to Him. This gratitude is the fuel that keeps the stewardship way of life rolling along.

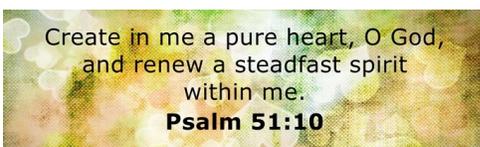
In our Second Reading, from St. Paul’s letter to Timothy, we find a grateful Paul who says of himself, “I was once a blasphemer and a persecutor and arrogant, but I have been mercifully treated.” St. Paul is well aware of the sins he has committed. But this does not hold him back from ministry. Rather, it makes him all the more grateful to be God’s steward. How encouraging to know that this is true for us, as well. Our past sins, and even our present struggles, do not disqualify us from becoming God’s grateful stewards.

Jesus gives us several poignant illustrations of His merciful love in today’s Gospel reading from Luke. Let us focus on one in particular — the story of the lost sheep. He asks, “What man among you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them would not leave the ninety-nine. . .and go after the lost one until he finds it?”

The logical response is no one! It simply does not make sense to spend time and energy searching for one lost sheep when there are so many others to tend to. But God’s logic — God’s mercy — defies human logic. And who is the lost one? It is every one of us when we stray away from God through sin, great or small.

What gratitude we owe to such a personal, passionate, loving God! Just think, even our sins, once forgiven, become a source of fuel for our stewardship way of life as we reflect with deep gratitude on the powerful mercy of our Savior.

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“Come Back Sunday”

Sunday, September 22 at 9 a.m.

Next Sunday is "Come Back Sunday". Please take the time to reach out to those we have not seen at Mass recently, invite visitors and family to join us **Sunday, September 22 at 9 a.m.** for Mass with breakfast afterwards. We also want to reach out to STLF school alumni and past confirmation students. We need your help to make this happen. Please reach out to them or pass on their name to Diana Burdett or another council member. Think of this as our family reunion!

Book Signing to Benefit St. Therese

Anola Pickett will be selling and signing her books after the 9:00 am Mass on “Come Back Sunday”. She writes books for young readers and their families. **ALL** proceeds from the book sales will be donated to St. Therese. This is a great opportunity to help St. Therese and take home a book (or 3 or 4!) to share with your children and grandchildren.



St. Therese Feast Day Celebration

We will celebrate our Feast Day on Sunday, **September 29, 2019— 9:00 am at the Swope Park Bandstand** (when entering main entrance of the park at Meyer and Swope Parkway, the bandstand is to your left). The morning will begin with Mass and will be followed by delicious grilled meats and more thanks to the Knights of Columbus. You are invited to bring side dishes from veggies to deserts to add to our meal. Of course fun and fellowship are always on the agenda! The gift of your presence is needed!!

“I understood that every flower created by Him is beautiful, that the brilliance of the rose and the whiteness of the lily do not lessen the perfume of the violet or the sweet simplicity of the daisy. I understood that if all the lowly flowers wished to be roses, nature would no longer be enamelled with lovely hues. And so it is in the world of souls, Our Lord's living garden.”

— St. Thérèse de Lisieux

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 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.

Join us in running the way of love!

The Benedictine Sisters of Perpetual Adoration invite single women, ages 18-40 who are interested in learning more about religious life, for our autumn monastic experience October 18-20, 2019, at our monastery in Clyde, Mo. It's a chance to experience the daily rhythm of our life where you can join us in singing the divine office, attend daily Mass, spend time in personal prayer and open your heart to God's call by learning about discernment and prayer. There is no cost to attend, and more details can be found at www.benedictinesisters.org. To register, please contact Sr. Maria Victoria at 660.944.2221 ex. 127 or e-mail vocation@benedictinesisters.org.

Mark your calendar—Upcoming Events

- Sunday, **Sept. 22:** "Come Back Sunday" — **One Mass at 9 a.m.** followed by Breakfast
- Sunday, **Sept. 29:** Feast Day Celebration at Swope Park Bandstand- **One Mass at 9 a.m.**
- Sunday, **Oct. 6:** **One Mass at 9 a.m.** followed by First Sunday Budget Status Update in Church Hall

VIP Luncheon — Please join the St. Peter's VIPs for the September Luncheon "Back-to-School". Thursday, September 19, 11:30 a.m.—1 p.m. St. Peter's Church, lower level.

Weekly Health Corner



Dehydration Revisited

A few weeks ago we published a Health Corner on dehydration. Here is a little more information on managing dehydration.

WATER is still the best for staying hydrated but there are ways of getting water other than just drinking a glass of water. Water can also be found in fruits and vegetables (for example, watermelon, tomatoes, and lettuce), and in soup broths. Vegetable juices, milk, and herbal teas add to the amount of water you get each day. Even caffeinated drinks (for example, coffee, tea, and soda) can contribute to your daily water intake. A moderate amount of caffeine (200 to 300 milligrams) is not harmful for most people. This is about the amount in 2 to 4, 8-ounce cups of coffee. However, it's best to limit caffeinated drinks. **CAFFEINE** may cause some people to urinate more frequently, or feel anxious or jittery. **ALCOHOL** also acts as a diuretic causing your body to remove fluids from you blood and renal system so it is not good to drink alcohol when you are dehydrated.



SPORTS DRINKS can be helpful if you are planning on exercising at higher than normal levels for more than an hour. Sports drinks contain carbohydrates and electrolytes that can increase your energy. **Electrolytes help your body absorb water.** However, some sports drinks are high in calories from added sugar. They also may contain high levels of sodium (salt). Check the serving size on the label. One bottle usually contains more than one serving. Some sports drinks contain caffeine, too. Remember that a safe amount of caffeine to consume each day is between 200 and 300 mg (milligrams). Energy drinks are not the same as sports drinks

ENERGY DRINKS usually contain large amounts of caffeine. Also, they contain ingredients that overstimulate you (guarana, ginseng, or taurine). These are things your body doesn't need. Most of these drinks are also high in added sugar. **According to doctors, children and teens should not consume energy drinks.**

Walk from Nazareth to Jerusalem — October 9 – 22, 2020. Fr. Ernie Davis invites you to walk with him from Nazareth to Jerusalem on Jesus' "Disciple Trail". Enjoy the hospitality of the Christians of the Holy Land as we visit the holy places. Email fr.ernie.davis@stmos.org, or call 816.272.0124.

Senior Center News

Senior Center Menu

Monday (9-16)	Tuesday (9-17)	Wednesday (9-18)
Seasoned Chicken Breast Potatoes au Gratin Broccoli WhlGrn White Bread Pineapple/man-or-mix Graham Crackers	Beef Stew/Vegs Salad/tom/car Ranch Dressing Corn Muffin Banana	Barbecue Chicken Whl Grn Hamb Bun Potato Salad Prince Edward Veg Tropical Fruit Mix
1% Milk Lite Margarine	1% Milk Lite Margarine	1% Milk Lite Margarine
Activities Chair Exercise Caring Concerns Game Day	Activities Bible Study Video Exercise	Activities 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: September 19, from 4-5:30 pm. We will discuss: *Stranger God* by Richard Beck, pages 35-62.



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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:

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 at 816.812-2500, 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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