



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, April 12, 2020 — Easter Sunday

Mass — Live streamed 9:15 am

Wednesday, April 15, 2020

Private Mass

Friday, April 17, 2020

Private Mass

Divine Mercy Sunday — April 19, 2020



Standing in the Need of Prayer

St. Therese Little Flower community prays for the following:

Bridgette Atkinson, Marian Barackman, Wanda Battle, Ben Bongers, Mal Brewer, Liesa Brown, Mary L. Brown, Louis Byrd, Juanita Cherry, Randy Chestnut, Lisa Coan, Quinn Cogan, Evelyn Coleman, Craig Cowens, Barbara Jo Davis, Pamela Denson, Carol Dodd, 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, Stephen Loston, Bob McCombs, Helen McVay, Doris Moore, Venus Moore, Margaret Mulligan, Luqrecia Preston, Marilyn Richardson, Flannord Rideau, Judy Rieck, Ed Rogers, 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.

Special intentions for those suffering from Covid-19 and their families, for those in hospitals and nursing homes who cannot have visitors and families isolated from their loved ones, for those who have died and the many health care workers and staffs who serve those who are ill, even at their own risk. For all of God's people in this most difficult time.

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.

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 12, 2020

SUN 4/12	Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 [24]/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10
MON 4/13	Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Mt 28:8-15
TUE 4/14	Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22 [5b]/Jn 20:11-18
WED 4/15	Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 [3b]/Lk 24:13-35
THR 4/16	Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9 [2ab]/Lk 24:35-48
FRI 4/17	Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118: 1-2 and 4, 22-24, 25-27a [22]/Jn 21:1-14
SAT 4/18	Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21 [21a]/Mk 16:9-15
SUN 4/19	Acts 2:42-47/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 [1]/1 Pt 1:3-9/Jn 20:19-31



IN EVERYTHING
give Thanks

YOUR GIFTS	Week of April 5	% of March Budget
Offertory	\$ 2,778	18%
Emergency Assistance	\$ 1,180	42%
Total	\$3,958	19%

We look forward to the day when we can again worship together at St. Therese. In the meantime, we continue to support those in need through Emergency Assistance and keeping our facilities in good operating order. If you haven't already done so, please consider giving via bank draft from your savings or checking account or by debit or credit card. Go to stlfc.org and click on "Give" to sign up or to submit your offering when you aren't able to be at Mass. You can select Regular Tithe, Emergency Assistance, or Senior Center. You also have the option of choosing to have your donation submitted on a recurring basis. Please be as generous as you can, pray for us all and stay safe!

**You can also contact Warren Blevins,
Business Manager at the church office
for help setting up your online giving.**

THE CATHOLIC STEWARD



Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Col 3:1-4; Jn 20:1-9

The great feast of Easter has begun, Christian stewards. Let us rejoice and be glad! Just as we embraced the discipline and fasting of Lent, let us fully embrace the joy and feasting that the next 50 days offer. We are called to be good stewards of the Easter season.

Our first reading, from Acts, gives instruction on how to do this. Here, St. Peter says that our Lord, “commissioned us to preach to the people and testify that he is the one appointed by God as judge of the living and the dead. . . that everyone who believes in him will receive forgiveness of sins through his name.”

How do we ordinary people preach and testify to all the God has done? By the way we live our ordinary lives — through the intentional use of our time, talents and treasure for the kingdom of God. Putting God and others ahead of ourselves in every aspect of our lives is the most eloquent preaching we can do. Boldly and joyfully embracing a stewardship way of life is our most powerful testimony.

As Christian stewards, we are the modern-day witnesses of an incredible miracle prompted by unfathomable love — the death and Resurrection of our Savior for us. Let us rejoice and be glad and let’s make sure our lives are a testimony to this amazing grace!

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News from Parishioners

Anola & Peter: We’re sheltering in place and only go out for walks and food. I’m writing and using Zoom to keep in touch with my writing buddies (anything to avoid cleaning!) My son, Gerry, and his family are in Singapore, where the government is very pro-active as far as health and safety issues go. Last week a teacher in my granddaughter Neko’s school tested positive (they check temps on all staff and students daily) and they immediately shut the school while they do a community check. So, in addition to managing the writers in his news beat from home, Gerry is also home schooling along with Kara, who has a grueling, 15-hour-a-day job that she’s doing from home. but they’re safe and healthy and that’s what counts.

David Smith and Family: Hi, thanks for checking on us! We are doing well. Saying things are crazy is an understatement. Andrea, Iakov and Mekia are hunkered down in NYC and doing just fine. Andrea is really serious thank goodness, about following safety measures! Anna and I are well and safe in Florida. Please pray for all of us as we pray for all of you. Love to all -sending our best!

Mike and Diana Burdett: We are very blessed during quarantine. We don't have to work and we are pretty much homebodies anyway and both girls are still at home. Audrey is in a really good place right now. She is happier than I have seen her since high school. Sadly, Jo still has to go to her job, but they started doing one week on and one week off, plus they are paying them 20% more an hour for hazard pay. So there is some good, but she has to touch money, which would be gross. I had a nice birthday last week. I did a Zoom meeting with my fellow lunch ladies, Audrey made us French toast, and Jo made a cake and steak for dinner. So fancy! I have gotten a LOT of projects done. One day I will have a massive load for the thrift store. But that will have to wait for awhile. I am thinking this may go on longer than just April. I worry about people. These are some very scary times but I see a lot of help being offered too.

Karlinta McKeever: We are locked down too and attempting to take every precaution to ensure Quinn doesn't get sick. He and Zane are all over each other the way brothers do but overall everything is going ok. I have been having a difficult time not going down to see my mom while this quarantine is happening. I am also managing her household and renovation work from here so it has been a bit crazy. In good news I am almost done with my Master's at Avila and hopefully I will be able to have a safe back-up plan in case I get laid off from the new T-Mobile. We don't know much about the changes yet but considering the state of the world it couldn't have come at a more precarious time.



With
Deepest
Sympathy...

Condolences are extended to the family of parishioner, **Helen E. Logan** who passed away on Saturday, March 28, 2020. We pray for her Heavenly reception to the eternal Banquet Table.

Tim & Netty Doyle: Tim and I are doing well. Tim is still working and being safe. Bread is an essential item these days. He is busy checking on his parents and getting ready for the golf season that may never happen. Poor guy. I am going stir crazy. After two weeks of not having any information about what teaching would look like and catching up on my sleep, I have initially been assigned math lessons to create each day. I spend my days reading "Dare to Lead," playing with Coach, our dog, and watching Hallmark movies. Oh, I have done some cleaning, but I refuse to get carried away with that. Our daughter Cassie and her partner Morgan have been quarantined in their Brooklyn apartment since the beginning of all of this. They both have their jobs and are working from home. They are riding their bikes in Prospect Park staying as far away from people as possible. They are healthy, and that is all that matters. We hope you all stay safe and love on those around you. Keep in mind one of my favorite songs, "Victory Is Mine" "Get thee behind me Satan, Victory is Mine!"

Dorothy Turano: I'm doing ok. My worry is for Doreen, Alaina and Lydia who are working with corona patients at Centerpoint, Children's Mercy, and Lee's Summit hospitals. Doreen had surgery last week in hopes that they can unfreeze her arm. I had to wait in the parking lot in my car during surgery. She is recuperating nicely. I've also been keeping busy these days with exercise, meditation and going through 4 large boxes of photos from 1964 until today. Somehow I'm going to sort them. Also watched Mel Gibson's movie *The Passion of the Christ* which is so hard to bear. Had to wear an eye ice pack after that. Staying home and staying healthy.

Jim Lipps: I'm well. Staying in doesn't bother me. A few years back when Sr. Dorothy introduced herself at Mass as a hermit. I asked Fr. Ernie what a hermit is and he said Jim, you should know. He was very close to being correct. I am somewhat of a recluse. I've been retired for 28 years and have taken only 2 trips out of town. If you need any pointers just ask me (ha ha). Miss my St. Therese family. Everyone please stay well.

Giovanni & Ryan Robinson: We are doing as well as we can be. Ryan's building is closed, but he may start working from home in the next week or so. I am still working at a nursing home in Shawnee and so far no cases in our building. Let's pray it stays that way. Jonah and Gemma seem to be adapting well. We look forward to the days when things get back to normal.

Mary Sweat: I'm doing well. I've been able to get out and walk and I planted some stuff in my garden by St. Therese. Another thing I have been doing is making face masks at this point mostly for friends and neighbors. I miss everybody from St. Therese.

Sr. Ann Landers: First of all, I sure miss being with everyone at church and at the Senior Center! God is good - I'm well so far. Communication is crucial for me, so I "talk" with people a few times a day either on the phone or email. The 15 Sisters of St. Joseph have an email communication system going, and we're in touch with each other. Actually, my time thus far has been good. I'm keeping myself entertained by watching TV, reading, working jigsaw puzzles, puzzles in the paper and in my Sudoku book. I've been taking long walks daily for exercise and fresh air, and every few days I'll go for a ride to enjoy Spring. For my spiritual maintenance, I take time for prayer/reflection daily, using Fr. Don Far-nan's minute meditation on YouTube and other material. One of the suggestions in this book I'm using is to think over my treasured memories, either by looking at pictures or anyway I want. I'm doing this by remembering things in the different houses I lived in, then moved on to the cities where I lived and worked. I've put words and pictures in my sketch book. It's taken a week and I'm not at the end of my places. This has been so much fun! I also watch Mass on YouTube with the Rockhurst Jesuits. I'm ever mindful of the health care people and first responders who are putting their lives on the line, for the teachers, children and parents who have to adjust to a new way of education, for the homeless, for all of the people who are losing income. All in all, the days have been going well and the newness hasn't worn off, but we have a long road ahead before getting back to whatever normal will be. Blessings to everyone!

Charlie Andrews - We are doing well over here. Trying to help my daughters out as much as they need, since they are both working full time from home. Very thankful that they all have jobs and live close enough that I can keep the kiddos here for a couple of hours if they have online meetings. My youngest daughter, Allie has 2 girls, 10 & 12, her husband works from home as well. My older daughter, Kristin, has a 5 year old son and a 3 year daughter. Her husband is still going into work, not sure how much longer that will last. Also, his Dad is dying from Melanoma and of course, that is so hard. He goes over to his parents daily to see him and be there for his Mom. My son Geoff and his wife, live in west Lenexa, near Dan and Ruth Dakotas. His office finally sent everyone home last week, and she is a 5th grade school teacher. I have been helping Ethel Collins out a little with her groceries and laundry. It sure helps to have the sun shine. Meanwhile today, I've set up my sewing area to make a few facemasks for family and neighbors.

Please share some of your "at home" experiences with the St. Therese Community by sending a message to bulletin@stlfkc.org by noon on Wednesday. We already have a few messages for next week. We would love to hear from you!

Birdie Miller: I'm doing good. I'm staying home and staying safe. I've been out a couple times for groceries but that's kind of worrisome so I think I'm gonna start doing Instacart. I'm not sure what's going to happen with the economy and with people's jobs. All we can do is pray.



Charles Hampton: When I was contacted by a fellow St. Therese member, the act of kindness caused me to react. As I reflected on the words and imagined the faces and the worship services at St. Therese, I smiled, and had a warm and fuzzy moment. I looked out the window and saw the mailman across the street. I took the opportunity to yell my thanks, my appreciation and God's blessings to him. Thank you for the touch and blessing that allowed me to pay it forward. Be blessed, be safe, be you.

Paul Tancredi: I am doing okay and am able to work at home; the office is nearby and I'm able to go there safely. I miss seeing everyone and will be more grateful when it is safe to lift the precautions. I have watched a lot of movies, since no sports leagues are playing. I gave up on cable and got a Roku box, and streaming. Most movies I have watched are on Tubi or Hoopla and many are made in other countries and I have enjoyed that. I have participated in group meetings on Zoom and go to meetings and it is good to see people. We might all learn how to do online meetings. Prayers and best wishes to you and your family and friends.

Joe Alrough: Karen McDonald and Gloria Burrell talked to Joe Alrough and he is hunkered down with plenty of food and doing well.

Juanita Cherry: Karen McDonald spoke on the phone with Juanita. She continues to fight several health issues but has a great attitude and misses her St. Therese family. Juanita says we need to be prayerful, patient, and positive during this very trying time.

Elliott & Aquilla Clark -Aquilla and I are doing ok. We are concerned about our daughter, Taleatha & granddaughter, Isabella over in Nigeria during this time of the health crisis. We thought that they would be coming home since the Nigerian government is asking everyone to leave the country or plan on staying for a long period of time but because of issues with their government, they have decided to stay put and hope for the best. Any and all prayers would be greatly appreciated.

Barbara Jo Davis - My family and I are doing OK. The doctors said that it would take a while but I am getting stronger each day! My children are such a blessing to us, God has blessed us with such loving and caring children!! I have been listening to the mass from our church each week. I have also been listening to the mass from Washington DC and have truly been enjoying the services! I am not sure how long this situation is going to last but I certainly hope that it will be soon. This is certainly a different holy season but God is with us always and I am so thankful for his blessings!! I will keep you and your family in my prayers!

Shazada Ivy – I'm doing well. I'm in a walking cast for another 30 days, then I'll transition to a boot. Being unable to move around freely certainly isn't a problem because everyone is staying at home. These are strange times we're living in, but I know the Lord has a plan. Cerise is doing well. Danielle was supposed to graduate from high school in May but it's been rescheduled to the end of July. Please know that I keep all my STL family in my prayers.

Karen & Benni: Karen is working from home these days so she's stepping on Benni's retirement toes just a little. We walk 2-3 miles a day and check on our neighbors and Karen's parents on a regular basis. Benni's daughter lives in San Francisco and is a long way from family. Prayers for her continued safety are greatly appreciated. All the kids are still employed which is a true blessing and the granddaughters are both healthy and happy and enjoying extra time with their parents at home. We truly miss our St. Therese family, but always remember you all in prayers and hope it won't be too much longer before we can all be together again.

And the People Stayed Home

by Catherine M. O'Meara ©

And the people stayed home.

And they read books, and listened, and rested, and exercised, and
made art, and played games,
and learned new ways of being, and were still.

And they listened more deeply.
Some meditated, some prayed, some danced.
Some met their shadows.
And the people began to think differently.

And the people healed.

And, in the absence of people living in ignorant, dangerous,
mindless, and heartless ways, the earth began to heal.

And when the danger passed,
and the people joined together again, they grieved their losses,
and made new choices, and dreamed new images,
and created new ways to live and heal the earth fully,
as they had been healed.

Senior Center News

The Senior Center is closed during the Corona virus pandemic, but some of the work/ministry is alive and well and missing those who normally attend.

We are preparing daily lunch for some of the Seniors who normally come to the Center. It is gratifying to be able to give them extra help that they need right now.

Rosalind O'Hara and Sharon Sanders are making COVID - 19 masks. Our goal is to send each of the Seniors who attend the Center a mask. We'll continue to make masks and a free will donation would be appreciated.

We are making plans for future projects and will be ready to welcome our seniors and others back as soon as it is safe to do so. Although the Senior Center is not currently open, **we still need financial assistance to continue** to support seniors who need our support.

Stay safe and shelter in place.

If you need anything please contact

Sharon Sanders by email ssanders@stlfkc.org or call 816.591.6284.



HOW'S YOUR HEARING?

Our hearing is very important to our health and well-being.

As we age usually our hearing decreases. This happens because through-out our lives we are subjected to **LOUD** noises. Loud music, horns, bells, jackhammers, trucks, cars, yelling (think CHIEFS) and on and on. Children's hearing should be checked in school or at a doctor's office at least every couple of years. Not a bad idea to have teens' ears checked before going to college.

Us older folks should also have our hearing checked by audiologists every 5 years or so or when we, or others, notice we aren't hearing some things. It isn't a disgrace to wear hearing aids and life is much more pleasant when you can understand what is being said.

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Eucharist for the Sick: Contact the Parish Office.

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