



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, May 24, 2020 — Ascension of the Lord
Mass — 9:00 a.m.

Wednesday

Public Mass will resume June 3, 2020
Main Sanctuary

Friday

Public Mass will resume June 5, 2020
Main Sanctuary

Sunday, May 31, 2020 — Pentecost
Mass— 9:00 a.m.

PRAY FOR OUR COMMUNITY

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, Barbara Jo Davis, Pamela Denson, Carol Dodd, Jessie Mae Frazier, Joann Freeman, Col. Steve Harvey, Dan Ivory, Elijah Jones, Joyce Jones, LaToya Jones, Marty Kata, Wenda King, Keith Kloster, Zach Kloster, 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, Sr. Gabe Smits, 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—CHANGE

Please submit requests for bulletin announcements by
3:00 p.m. on Tuesdays to bulletin@stlfkc.org.

May 31, 2020 — Pentecost—Liturgical Color **RED**

	9:00 Mass	
Lector	TBA	
Eucharistic Minister	Priest	
Hospitality	None	
Servers	None	



Pray with Scripture...

May 24

Acts 1:1-11
Psalms 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9
Ephesians 1:17-23
Matthew 28:15-20

May 31

Acts 2:1-11
Psalms 104:1, 24 29-30, 31, 34
1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13
John 20:19-23

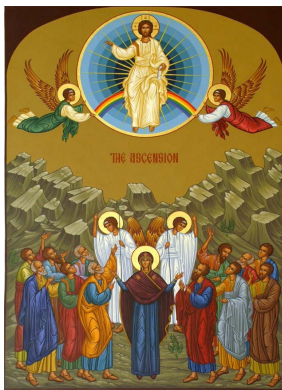
YOUR GIFTS

	Week of May 17	% of May Budget
Offertory	\$3,945	26%
Emergency Assistance	\$ 175	10%
Total	\$4,120	20%

We look forward to the day when we can all worship together at St. Therese. In the meantime, we continue to support Emergency Assistance needs and our facilities. Please consider giving 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. 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 for help setting up your online giving.

THE CATHOLIC STEWARD



Acts 1: 1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17-23; Mr 28:16-20

Today, we celebrate the great feast of the Ascension of our Lord, that glorious moment when Jesus, 40 days after His resurrection, was lifted up — quite literally— into heaven, as the apostles watched in stunned amazement. It is recounted in both our first reading, from Acts, as well as the Gospel passage, from Matthew. It must have been an extraordinary thing to witness.

But the first reading tells us that the apostles were not permitted to simply bask in the moment for very long. “While they were looking intently at the sky as he was going, suddenly two men dressed in white garments stood beside them. They said, ‘Men of Galilee, why are you standing there looking at the sky?’”

In other words, “Don’t just stand there, do something!”

This verse is a call to each one of us Christian stewards this very day. We have been given every grace and blessing through the Mass and all of the sacraments, through the Word of God, the rich teachings of our faith, and even our talents and our material possessions.

And like those first apostles, we are not meant to just stand here, but to do something with these gifts — in love and gratitude to the One Who gave them to us. We are called, just as much as the first apostles “to be [His] witnesses... to the ends of the earth,” not with our own power, but through the power of the Holy Spirit in us.

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Mass at St. Therese Little Flower

Mass will be offered at St. Therese Little Flower Church on Sunday, May 24, 2020- 9 a.m. with limited attendance.

The Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph states: “All four (Missouri) Diocesan Bishops have dispensed the faithful from the obligation to attend Mass on Sunday and from the Easter Duty. As such, we will continue to provide Mass on line until further notice.

- Those who are symptomatic or who have been exposed to another with the virus within 14 days are not permitted to enter the church, in accordance with national, state, and local health directives. All attendees are asked to check their temperature at home before coming to church.
- Those who are at risk because of an underlying health issue or who are 60 or older are strongly encouraged, for their own health, to avoid the risk of attending public celebrations of the Mass.

If you are on our email list, **you will receive a notice for Mass “reservations” via Eventbrite.** If you prefer, you may call St. Therese and leave a message of your attendance (include the total number attending). Message should be left in Estelle Tunley’s mailbox, Extension 106.

Please check email for **Eventbrite** notices for each week’s Mass since there will be limits in the church as we follow local guidance. This will allow us to monitor the number who will attend.

There will be information at the church to assist you in adapting to the changes in place for Mass.

Please continue to pray for our community that we will all be able to gather at the Lord’s Table again soon.

We will continue to offer weekend video Mass until further notice. Weekday Mass on Wednesday and Friday will begin on June 3 in the main sanctuary.

Message from Sr. Helen Alder

Greetings to all !! We still have Margaret Mulligan and Lee Scott in Rehab facilities. They are doing well. I have not heard anything about parishioners having the virus. I am doing well and hoping to go back to visit the home bound in the near future--if things continue to improve. I am scheduled to go on my yearly Retreat on June 26th. I need to fly there. Please pray that I am able to go and don't catch anything in transit. Love and prayers to all. Sr. Helen Alder, CSJ

St. Therese Little Flower Catholic Church,
the **City of Kansas City Mo,**
3rd District Councilman Brandon Ellington and
the **Harvester Food Network** will co-sponsor a

FOOD BANK Drive Thru in the parking lot of
Paradise Baptist Church
1600 E. 58th St. KCMO 64110

May 29, 2020 1 pm to 3 pm

Please share this information with anyone who may
need help with groceries during this difficult time.

For more information or to volunteer:

brandonellington@kcmo.org

or

Blue Hills Neighborhood Association
816-333-7232



Suicide Prevention

Spring and summer are the seasons where more suicides occur. Knowing the signs of severe depression are very important in order to prevent suicide. Some of the signs of depression are: being sad/depressed most of the time, anxiety, agitation, sleeplessness and mood swings. The person may verbalize guilt or shame, or that there is no reason to live or they may have rage/anger or engage in risky activities. They may lose interest in things they use to enjoy: hobbies, work, school, etc. There may be an increase of alcohol or drug use. Other signs are that they may withdraw from friends and loved ones, give away prized possessions or neglect their physical appearance.



If any of these signs are present for yourself or another **call the Suicide Hot Line! The line is answered 24 hrs. every day and they can give you advice and help you decide what to do. CALL: 1.800.273.8255.** Keep this number where you can access it quickly if needed.

At-Home Activity:

The Prayer Process



Will you enter the conversation?

When the world around us seems crazy and overwhelming, it's easy to forget the importance of simple routines. Prayer is no exception. God wants to hear from you. He's waiting for you. He's ready to change your life, if you simply enter into conversation with him. Will you?

Visit: ThePrayerProcess.us

Step 1: Watch a simple video of Matthew Kelly walking you through the 7-step prayer process!

Step 2: Download the Prayer Process Card—we have a standard version, and one just for kids!

Step 3: Sit down in a quiet space and have a conversation with God.



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. If you or someone you know would welcome a lunch delivery, please contact Sharon Sanders.

ssanders@stlfkc.org or call 816.591.6284.

Neighborhood News from H.O.P.E.

Your H.O.P.E. Committee continues to monitor the Blue Hills Neighborhood Association (BHNA) for Blue Hills Parishioners.

- ⇒ The BHNA office is open 11am-1pm and 5 p.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Friday. The office at 5309 Woodland is being manned those hours by a new Board member. Trash bags are available for purchase and it is suggested one call prior to going to the office. Questions can also be answered by calling the office, 816.333.7232.
- ⇒ The BHNA is also urging residents to obtain application for City Home Repair, the Painting Program, Christmas in October and/or Home Weatherization. The office is offering assistance in completing applications for the programs as well as assistance completing the Census.
- ⇒ The BHNA Community Garden is located at 49th & Olive.

Please Note:

The Knights are no longer collecting medicine bottles.
We don't have another place for recycling the bottles.
We apologize for any inconvenience.

—Knights of Columbus

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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 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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