



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.....9:00 a.m.

Weekday Mass

Wednesday.....12:00 p.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Contact Fr. Matt Rotert

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, June 20, 2021

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Happy Father's Day

Mass— 9:00 a.m. Celebrant: Fr. Waris

Wednesday, June 23, 2021

Mass—Noon in the Main Church

Bible Study—5:00—6:00 p.m. in the Senior Center

Friday, June 25, 2021

Generosity of Joseph Virtual Celebration:

6 p.m. Online at CSJSL.ORG



Sunday, June 27, 2021

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass—9:00 a.m. Celebrant: Fr. Rost

PRAY FOR OUR COMMUNITY

St. Therese Little Flower community prays for the following:

Bridgette Atkinson, Marian Barackman, Wanda Battle, David Biersmith, Mary L. Brown, Louis Byrd, John Chapman, Juanita Cherry, Elliott Clark, Lisa Coan, Quinn Cogan, Evelyn Coleman, Ethel Collins, Charles Coulter, Barbara Jo Davis, Pamela Denson, Carol Dodd, Ronnell Foster, Jessie Mae Frazier, JoAnn Freeman, Ernestine Iseman, Dan Ivory, Elijah Jones, Joyce Jones, LaToya Jones, Maggie Karnes, Marty Kata, Susan Kelly, Keith Kloster, Zach Kloster, Mary Bridget Kratofil, Raymond LaNear, Aidan Liesveld, Jim Lipps, Stephen Loston, Family of Diane Marrin, Sr. Rose McLarney, Bob McCombs, Helen McVay, Doris Moore, Venus Moore, Denise Nichols, John R. O'Malley, Irene Phillips, Luqrecia Preston, Marilyn Richardson, Flanord Rideau, Judy Rieck, Ed Rogers, Fr. Bob Rost, Donald Sanders, Oden Sainte, Lee John Scott, Sharon Sears, Bill Seiter, Arthur Shelton, Allen Shelton, Jeremiah Smith, Olivia Smith, Tracy Smith, Elaine Stevenson, Michael Stevenson, Karen Talley, Blanche L. Thomas, Georgia Walker, Joshua Webb, Jr., Family of Jesse Wilkes, Bobby J. Willis, Antwine Williams, the elderly and infirmed, the chronically ill and caregivers; for those who attend to the dying and grieving; for medical professionals and first responders; for those seeking a better life for their families.

Special intentions for those suffering from Covid-19 and their families, for the many disabled who are fighting the virus, for those in hospitals and nursing homes who cannot have visitors and families isolated from their loved ones, those who have died and the many health care workers and staffs who serve those who are ill, even at their own risk. For the homeless and those lost in this world; for those who harbor hatred, those whose right to livelihood and respect are disregarded, those who live in fear and especially for those who have no one to pray for them. For all of God's people in this most difficult time.

For the brokenness that exists anywhere, in our hearts, minds, body and spirits, that we might be healed. For any brokenness that exists in our city, country and world, that we might be instruments of healing and peace.

“Heal Our Land, Lord. Heal Our Land!”



Pray with Scripture...

June 20, 2021

Job 38: 1, 8-11.

Psalm 107: 23-24, 25-26, 28-29, 30-31

2 Corinthians 5: 14-17.

Mark 4: 35-41.

June 27, 2021

Wisdom 1:13-15; 2:23-24

Psalm 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11, 12, 13

2 Corinthians 8:7, 9, 13-15

Mark 5:21-43 or 5:21-24, 35b-43

IN EVERYTHING
give Thanks

YOUR GIFTS	Week of June 13, 2021	% of June Budget
Offertory	\$3,868.50	24%
Emergency Assistance	\$237.00	9%
Senior Center	\$298.00	30%
Other	\$1,509.00	
Total	\$5,912.50	23%

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 having your donation submitted on a recurring basis. Please be as generous as you are able, pray for us all and stay safe! Donna Arnone, Business Manager can assist in setting up your online giving.**

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please send message to: Donna at: busmgr@stlfkc.org.**

**Registration for Sunday Mass
is no longer required.**

Weekly Reflection on God's Word

Job 38:1,8-11

Psalm 107:23-24,25-26,28-29,30-31

2 Corinthians 5:14-17

Mark 4:35-41

As we continue in Ordinary Time, we hear from the Gospel of Mark. Mark's Gospel presents a vivid portrait of Jesus, whose words and deeds show that he is the Son of God. Today's Gospel describes the end of a day of teaching in Jesus' ministry. Jesus taught the crowd in parables and then offered explanations of these parables to his disciples. Jesus then led his disciples away from the crowds and into the boats that they will use to cross the Sea of Galilee. The sea and its surrounding area are the settings for Jesus' teachings and miracles in this part of Mark's Gospel. Today's reading describes how Jesus calmed a storm at sea. It is the first of four miracles that are presented in sequence at this point in Mark.

As is typical in Mark's Gospel, Jesus' disciples are frightened by the sudden storm; they do little to inspire confidence in the reader. Mark notes the contrast between the disciples' terror and Jesus' peace. Jesus is sleeping, untroubled by what is going on around him.

The disciples' words to Jesus are telling. They are familiar enough with Jesus to dare to wake him. Their words to him are words of reproach, questioning his care for them. A careful reader might wonder what the disciples expected Jesus to do. Are they more troubled by the storm or by Jesus' inattentiveness to their needs? How many of us have chided a family member or friend for not agreeing with our assessment of the severity of a situation?

Today's Gospel offers evidence of Jesus' power and authority as he calms the storm. In his day, power over nature was believed to be a sign of divinity—only God calms storms. Jesus' rebuke of the storm also echoes the rebuke he uses when he talks to and expels demons. In each situation, Jesus' power and authority is a sign of his divinity. Indeed, the disciples are left wondering about Jesus' identity at the conclusion of today's Gospel. They see before them a human being who acts with the authority and power of God. The disciples' uncertainty about Jesus' identity is a recurring theme..

This Gospel is a metaphor for our lives. We are in the boat, the storms of life are raging around us, and like the disciples, we may believe that Jesus is unconcerned, or "sleeping." We hope that we will be as familiar with Jesus as his disciples. If we feel that Jesus is sleeping, are we comfortable enough to wake Jesus and present him with our needs? Jesus does not chide his disciples for waking him. Instead he chides them for their lack of faith, for their lack of perspective. When we bring our worries to God in prayer, we might just begin to learn to see things from God's perspective.

**Five Fast Questions with
Generosity of Joseph Honoree
Fr. Gerald Waris**


Get to know a little bit about one of our four honorees, Fr. Gerald Waris. A retired priest, Fr. Waris recognizes and defends the human dignity as well as promotes justice for the poor in the Kansas City area. He's a founding member of Journey to New Life, an organization that restores opportunity for those re-entering life after prison. Also, for several decades, he's been an active volunteer and supporter of the Center for Exchange and Solidarity in El Salvador, which is dedicated to the advancement of education and social justice.

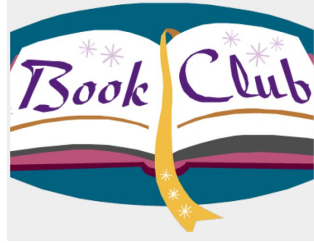
What is your connection to the CSJs? In 1966, I was ordained a deacon and assigned to St. Joseph's Hospital as assistant chaplain. I lived at the hospital and spent three months working as chaplain. It was a delightful time, which I enjoyed very much. I was introduced to the staff of the hospital, many of whom were Sisters of St Joseph. I was so impressed with their dedication to vocation, not only to religious life, but to their vocation as nurses. Several to this day remain good friends.

What's one thing you want people to know about the people you serve? Our benefactors and those who have come to support our mission in many ways have witnessed firsthand the transition that has taken place among our friends who have come to us for help and a new beginning. I hesitate to call the folks clients; we see them as brothers/sisters just trying to find their way to a new life. The eye opener for those learning about our mission is that the rate of success is 93%. With God's help, we have been able to encourage our friends to be faithful to the program.

Who inspires/energizes you to do what you do? My parents for sure. They taught me and my siblings to have a love of the poor, that no one should go hungry. Oscar Romero the saint, among many, of El Salvador. I have prayed at his tomb, knelt on the floor where his blood spilled over after the bullet was fired. He has inspired me to be faithful to my commitment to be with the people of El Salvador.

Favorite quote? William Yeats was asked to describe an Irishman: "An Irishman has an abiding sense of tragedy, which sustains him in his temporary moments of joy."

If you could change one thing in the world right now, what would it be? To ban all assault weapons in this country and have strict gun control laws.

St. Therese Book Club

Our Book Club that we have had for several years is beginning to form in great anticipation of gathering and sharing great conversation around an inspiring book.

We will meet on the third Thursday of the month, beginning September 16, 2021 in the Office Building Living Room from 4:00-5:30 p.m.

The book we plan to read is **RACIAL JUSTICE IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH**, by Fr. Bryan Massingale.

Sr. Helen will purchase used books and the Knights of Columbus have offered to donate \$50 towards the books. Please call or email Sr. Helen Alder by July 1, 2021 if you want a book and intend to participate in the Book Club. Sr. Helen's contact information: helenalder@att.net, 816-942-2746

Needs A Ride

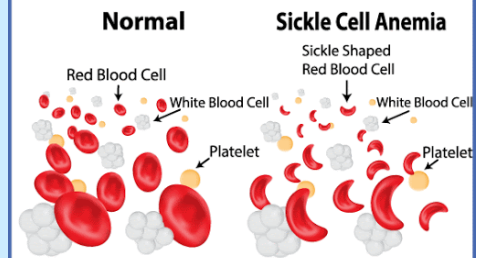
Ethel Collins lives in the Westport area and would like to have a ride to Sunday Mass. Her address and phone number are in the Directory. If you are available to help Ethel out, please give her a call. Thank you!!



We were saddened to learn of the passing of Jesse Wilkes this past April. We pray that Mildred is being consoled and send prayers of blessing to her.

We are so glad to be reconnected with Mildred. Cards of condolence/support may be sent to her at:

Mildred Wilkes
7594 Watson Rd #109
St. Louis, MO. 63119

**Sickle-Cell Anemia Blood Donation****Sickle Cell Anemia**

Sickle-cell anemia is an inherited blood disorder that causes anemia (low red blood cell count), episodes of severe pain, low resistance to infections and

chronic poor health. In this disorder the red blood cells are sickle shaped instead of round. They thus tend to clump together and obstruct blood vessels. It involves the bone marrow, lymph glands, spleen, liver and thymus gland. It usually begins around the age of 6 months of age and lasts for a life time.

The disease is hereditary: if both parents carry the sickle-cell trait then the child can have Sickle-Cell Disease. Those who have only the trait will never get the disease but if they have a child with someone who also has the trait then the child may have the disease.

Sickle-cell is most often found in people of African or Mediterranean decent. It is incurable and life expectancy is reduced. Before having children, both parents should be tested for sickle-cell trait if there is any history of sickle-cell in either family. Fortunately, life span has gradually increased to over 40 years of age with increasingly effective treatments.

And that brings us to **BLOOD DONATION!**

Everyday there are thousands of people who need blood transfusions. Accident victims, those having operations and also those with Sickle Cell Anemia.

It takes less than an hour to give blood and you can save someone's life!! Call the Community Blood

Center today and make an appointment to give life to someone in need.

In Missouri or Kansas call: 816-753-4040 and they can make an appointment for you at the nearest donation site to your home or work.



Senior Center Hours

Mon—Wed, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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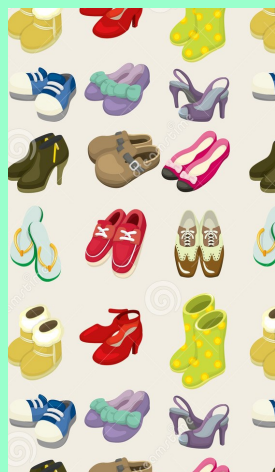
St. Therese Senior Center — 816.444.3514

**All seniors, volunteers and visitors must wear a mask.
Your temperature will be scanned as you enter the Center.**

Senior Center News

SHOES SHOES LAST CALL!

This is IT! Gather those shoes that are stacking up in your closet and make them a part of a great cause—Gently used or new are welcome!



We need shoes that are practically new or gently used for the Senior Center Shoe Drive Fundraiser. The shoes are sent to developing nations and help support micro-entrepreneurs. Questions may be directed

to Sharon Sanders.

Please bring shoes to church or Senior Center this Sunday, June 20 to help us meet our goal

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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

We are a member parish of Holy Rosary Credit Union

St. Therese Weekly Bible Study

Wednesdays 5:00—6:00 pm in the Senior Center Studying the Book of Ruth.

Call Rosalind O'Hora if you plan to participate (816-394-5923). This will allow us to ensure proper distancing to keep all safe. Masks required.



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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