



# 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, July 11, 2021**

**15th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Mass—9:00 a.m. Celebrant: Fr. Ravi**

**Wednesday, July 14, 2021**

**Mass—Noon in the Church**

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

**Sunday, July 18, 2021**

**16th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Mass—9:00 a.m. Celebrant: Fr. Matt**

## 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, Ruth Dakotas, 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, Sue Svec, 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...*

**July 11, 2021**

**Amos 7: 12-15.**

**Psalms 85: 9-10, 11-12, 13-14**

**Ephesians 1:3-14**

**Mark 6: 7-13.**

**July 18, 2021**

**Jeremiah 23: 1-6**

**Psalms 23: 1-3, 3-4, 5, 6**

**Ephesians 2: 13-18**

**Mark 6: 30-34**

IN EVERYTHING  
give Thanks

YOUR GIFTS	Week of July 4, 2021	% of June Budget
Offertory	\$2,778.50	17%
Emergency Assistance	\$ 480.00	19%
Senior Center	\$ 340.00	34%
Other	\$ 30.00	
Total	\$3,628.50	18%

Please consider giving via bank draft from your savings or checking account or by debit or credit card. Go to [stlfkc.org](http://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.**

***If you want to discontinue receiving envelopes, please send message to: Donna at: [busmgr@stlfkc.org](mailto:busmgr@stlfkc.org).***

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



**Weekly Reflection on God's Word**

Amos 7: 12-15      Psalms 85: 9-10, 11-12, 13-14  
 Ephesians 3-14      Mark 6: 7-13.

Today's readings are about being called. Amos says he was a shepherd (and what we would today call an arborist) when the Lord called him away from his work and told him to go, to prophesy to God's people. Paul in Ephesians talks in multiple ways about the followers of Christ being chosen, destined, etc.

In the Gospel, the 12 apostles are literally called, and sent, by Jesus. There's no question what He is calling them to do. He summons them and then He sends them out, two by two. He gives them specific instructions about what they are to do and how to do it.

***How often do we think about the fact that we are called?***

Each day when we open our eyes and a new day has dawned for us, we are called. We are called to rise, and then we are called to do something, often many things. Most days we have a to-do list a mile long and obligations that we take for granted, at work and/or at home.

If you read daily reflections, you are being called. You may think it is an act of your will, or habit, but you are responding to a call, an invitation. When my neighbor asks me to pick up her mail while she is on vacation, I am responding to God's call to be of service. Likewise, when I resist the temptation to spread gossip or nurse a grudge, I am responding to a call. When we work together with a team to accomplish an improvement in our community, we are saying yes to a call. When you conserve energy and recycle, you are answering God's call to care for our planet and our resources.

I think the Gospel acclamation tucked into today's readings, also from Ephesians, holds a key for us as Christians. It prays that we "may know what is the hope that belongs to our call." The call we receive each day, and at every turn, is not to merely accomplish a to-do list. When we begin our day by putting that list, those obligations, in God's hands, we invite God to reveal the hope that belongs to that call.

We are part of something greater that God is doing in our world and that gives us hope. We pray today that we **WILL** know the hope that is always available to us throughout our lives, the hope that guides us and sustains us, and enlightens the eyes of our hearts.

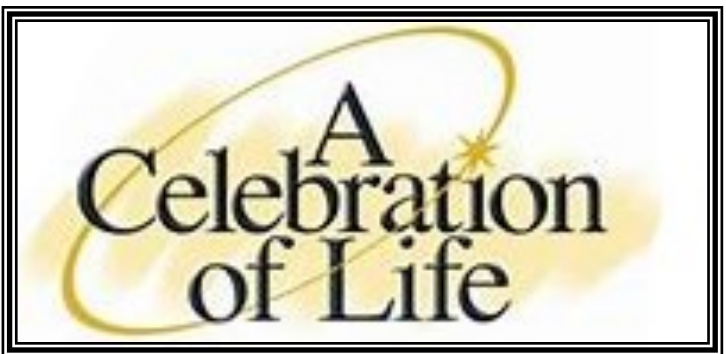
**2021 – 2022 Spiritual Exercises  
in Everyday Life**

The Ignatian Spirituality Center of Kansas City offers the Spiritual Exercises in Everyday Life retreat every year from September to May. This 8 to 9-month long individually-directed retreat in everyday life is for persons desiring to know and love Christ more deeply in order to follow Him more closely.

This retreat in everyday life means that you will pray daily with specific exercises and then go about your day as usual. It is individually-directed in that you will be accompanied weekly by an Ignatian prayer guide who will companion you uniquely for this retreat journey.

We are currently taking applications for the 2021 – 2022 season. To find out more, visit us at [www.ignatiancenterkc.org](http://www.ignatiancenterkc.org) and click on Community, then "Make the 8 Month Exercises."

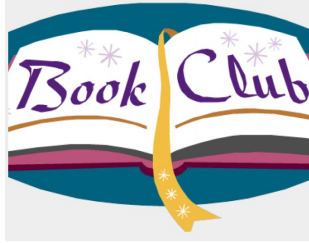
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**In celebration of the life of Diane Marrin, there will be a Visitation with family from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. followed by the Funeral Mass at St. Therese Little Flower Catholic Church on July 22, 2021.**

**If you would like to attend the funeral Mass, please respond by sending a message to [etunley@stlflkc.org](mailto:etunley@stlflkc.org) with names of those who will attend. Fellowship with the family at a luncheon in the St. Therese Church Hall will follow as space permits.**

**Please RSVP so that we can make arrangements for all who plan to attend.**

**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.

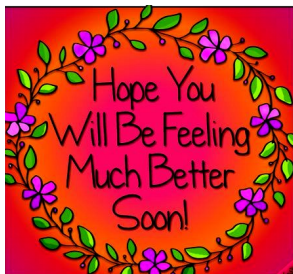
Sr. Helen will purchase used books and the Knights of Columbus have offered to donate \$50 towards the books. Please call or email Sr. Helen Alder by July 1, 2021 if you want a book and intend to participate in the Book Club. Sr. Helen's contact information:  
[helenalder@att.net](mailto:helenalder@att.net),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

**Sue Svec has been transferred to Ignite Carondelet for Rehabilitation therapy. We continue to pray for her recovery and restoration to good health. Cards and well wishes may be sent to:**

**Ignite Carondelet  
 621 Carondelet Drive  
 Room H11  
 Kansas City, MO  
 64114**



You are welcome to join in  
 praying the Rosary  
 in the church at 8:35 a.m. before  
 the 9 a.m. Sunday Mass.

**BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Please submit requests for bulletin announcements by  
**Noon on Tuesday to [bulletin@stlfkc.org](mailto:bulletin@stlfkc.org).**

## Emergency Rent and Utility Assistance Program (ERAP) US Treasury Department Emergency Rent Assistance Program

**The ERAP program is designed for RENTERS only**  
 If you have a mortgage on your home or own the home outright, you are not eligible for assistance through this program for either rental or utilities assistance.

**Only one application at a time may be considered per household.** If there is more than one adult in your home, one of them should be identified as the "Applicant". If there is more than one adult in your home in need of assistance, you should work together in submitting this application, and you should decide which person will be name below as the Applicant.

**The Applicant must be named on either the lease agreement OR utility account(s)** for which assistance is being requested. Go to the following website to apply for rent assistance if you are a resident of Kansas City, MO.:  
<https://gkcassistanceprogram.org/>

**For other locations go to: [treasury.gov](https://www.treasury.gov) and search 'rental assistance' - look for your state for additional info or search your state's government website.**

**I Want To Be Available**

Holy and perfect God, You know I want to be available.  
 Help that desire sink deeply enough into my being  
 for me to actually change and to say "no"  
 to a least one worthy, but not urgent, task today.  
 Give me the ability to be open to the life I am leading;  
 not the one I am planning to lead.

- Author Unknown

**For Courage to Do Justice**

O Lord, open my eyes that I may see the  
 needs of others.  
 Open my ears that I may hear their cries;  
 Open my heart so that their need not be without help;  
 Let me not be afraid to defend the weak  
 because of the anger of the strong,  
 Nor afraid to defend the poor  
 because of the anger of the rich.  
 Show me where love and hope and faith are needed,



And use me to bring them to those places.  
 And so open my eyes and my ears  
 That I may this coming day  
 be able to do some work of peace for thee - Alan Paton

**Senior Center Hours**

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**Daily Lunch Hours:**

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**“Thank You”**

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

**We Did It!!!****The St. Therese Senior Center Shoe Drive  
has been a SUCCESS.****With your help we have now collected 120  
bags of usable shoes for our shoe drive.****The shoe pick-up is at least a week away, so  
we will accept shoes as long as we can!****We THANK EVERYONE for the SUPPORT.  
Look for a complete update in the near future.**

### 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.**

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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

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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](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 816.392.0011 or [chastain@diocesekcsj.org](mailto:chastain@diocesekcsj.org)



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