



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.

<h1>Parish Calendar</h1>		
Sunday, July 12, 2020 — 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time		
Mass — 9:00 a.m. Celebrant—Fr. Bob Rost		
Wednesday, July 15, 2020		
Mass — Noon in the Main Church		
Effective immediately, we will have weekday Mass on Wednesdays only. This is a public Mass and you are invited to worship at St. Therese on Wednesdays at Noon.		
Sunday, July 19, 2020 — 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time		
Mass— 9:00 a.m. Celebrant—Fr. Matt Rotert		

PRAY FOR OUR COMMUNITY

St. Therese Little Flower community prays for the following:

Joe Alpough, 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, Dan Ivory, Shazada Ivy, Elijah Jones, Joyce Jones, LaToya Jones, Marty Kata, Susan Kelly, Wenda King, Keith Kloster, Zach Kloster, Raymond LaNear, Doreen Lacy, Charles Lidge, Aidan Liesveld, Stephen Loston, Kenneth Louis, Bob McCombs, Helen McVay, Doris Moore, Venus Moore, Margaret Mulligan, Luqrecia Preston, Marilyn Richardson, Flanord 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 like Ray who has Down Syndrome and with little understanding of what's happening to him, and 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.

July 19, 2020 — Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time		
	9:00 Mass	
Lector	TBA	
Eucharistic Minister	Father	Sharon Sanders
Hospitality	None	
Servers	None	

Pray with Scripture...

July 12
Isaiah 55:10-11
Psalm 65:10, 11, 12-13, 14
Romans 8:18-23
Matthew 13:1-23

July 19
Wisdom 12:13, 16-19
Psalm 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16
Romans 8:26-27
Matthew 13:24-43

We appreciate your efforts to continue to support our parish in these most difficult times.

YOUR GIFTS	Week of July 5	% of July Budget
Offertory	\$3,088	21%
Emergency Assistance	\$ 915	37%
Senior Center	\$ 210	21%
Total	\$4,003	19%

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

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please submit requests for bulletin announcements by Noon on Tuesday to bulletin@stlfkc.org.

THE CATHOLIC STEWARD

Is 55:10-11; Ps 65:10-14; Rom 8:18-23; Mt 13:1-23

In today's Gospel from Matthew, our Lord shares the Parable of the Sower who scatters seed on many different kinds of land. This is a wonderful analogy for the stewardship way of life, demonstrating the slow and steady, yet powerful effect this lifestyle will have on those who fully embrace it.

In this parable, some of the seeds land on a path where birds carry them off before they can begin to take root. Other seeds land on rocky ground with little soil. As soon as things begin to heat up, they get scorched and die. Then there are seeds that land on soil cluttered with thorns which choke the seeds just as they are beginning to grow strong.

Finally, there are seeds that land on deep and healthy soil. These seeds produce abundant fruit.

This is where the stewardship way of life comes in. When we give the best of our time, talent and treasure to serve God and others, we create lives filled with that rare "good soil" needed for the Kingdom of God to thrive.

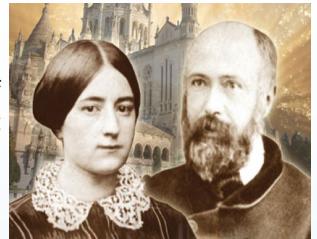
How does this happen? Stewardship living removes the "rocks" of mistrust from our lives as we develop an unshakable faith that God will always provide for our needs. It clears away the "thorns" of worldly ambition that make us self-centered, fill us with needless anxiety and stifle our focus on God. Stewardship living requires a deep reliance on the Word of God and the sacraments which continuously nourish and fertilize the soil of our lives.

Let us deepen our commitment to this way of life, allowing the Sower to do His work in us, slowly and steadily. The Master Gardner will surely produce miraculous fruits through us.

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**Saints Louis and Zelie Martin****Parents of Therese of Lisieux****Feast Day, July 12**

This couple is best known as the parents of St. Therese of Lisieux (the Little Flower), but they are models of holiness in their own right. They are the first married couple to be canonized.



Louis was born in 1823 in Bordeaux. When his hope of entering religious life was thwarted he became a watchmaker. Zelie Guerin was born in 1831. She, too, hoped to become a religious, but eventually understood that it was not God's will. She became a successful lace-maker.

Louis and Zelie (Azelie-Marie) met in Alencon and were married in 1858 after a three-month courtship. For almost a year the couple lived as celibates, but the advice of a confessor changed their minds and they decided to raise as many children as possible for the glory of God. Zelie gave birth to nine children, five of whom entered religious life.

The family lived a comfortable lifestyle, but they also suffered the loss of four children at an early age and had to deal with a rebellious daughter. Their devotion never wavered, however. The couple lived modestly, reached out to the poor and the needy, and led daily prayers in the household. St. Therese would later write: "God gave me a father and a mother who were more worthy of heaven than of earth."

In 1877, at age 45, Zelie Martin died of breast cancer. Louis and his daughters moved to Lisieux. Gradually his daughters left to enter the convent. Despite his loneliness he said: "It is a great, great honor for me that the Good Lord desires to take all of my children. If I had anything better, I would not hesitate to offer it to him." Louis died in 1894 after suffering greatly, including a three-year stay in a psychiatric hospital.

Louis and Zelie Martin were beatified by Pope Benedict XVI in 2008 and canonized by Pope Francis in 2015.

WEEKLY PRAYER

Readings for the week of July 12, 2020

- SUN 7/12** Is 55:10-11/Ps 65:10, 11, 12-13, 14 [Lk 8:8]/Rom 8:18-23/Mt 13:1-23 or 13:1-9
- MON 7/13** Is 1:10-17/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23 [23b]/Mt 10:34—11:1
- TUE 7/14** Is 7:1-9/Ps 48:2-3a, 3b-4, 5-6, 7-8 [cf. 9d]/Mt 11:20-24
- WED 7/15** Is 10:5-7, 13b-16/Ps 94:5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 14-15 [14a]/Mt 11:25-27
- THR 7/16** Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19/Ps 102:13-14ab and 15, 16-18, 19-21 [20b]/Mt 11:28-30
- FRI 7/17** Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8/Is 38:10, 11, 12abcd, 16 [cf. 17b]/Mt 12:1-8
- SAT 7/18** Mi 2:1-5/Ps 10:1-2, 3-4, 7-8, 14 [12b]/Mt 12:14-21
- SUN 7/19** Wis 12:13, 16-19/Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16 [5a]/Rom 8:26-27/Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 12, 2020

- Sunday:** 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday:** St. Henry
- Tuesday:** St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin
- Wednesday:** St. Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
- Thursday:** Our Lady of Mount Carmel
- Saturday:** St. Camillus de Lellis, Priest
- Next Sunday:** 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration For the Week

Any good farmer will tell you that regardless of how good the quality of the seed, its sprouting and bearing of effective fruit is dependent upon the quality of the soil. Preparing the soil is one of the most essential components of farming. **There is no doubt that the seed of God's Word will eventually achieve its purpose.**

God cannot and will not fail. When and how that seed bears fruit is, however, dependent upon us.

What is the quality and condition of your soil?

Life's concerns and preoccupations can cause us to become inattentive to our inner life. This sometimes unintentional neglect can result in our soil becoming hard, overgrown with weeds, rocky, parched, and lifeless. When God's seed is sown, it doesn't always take root because it struggles to establish roots and flourish. **How can you more attentively attend to the soil of your heart so that it will be a fertile and vital**



Protect Your Eyes!

It is important **to protect our eyes from the sun**, but did you know that you can get reading sunglasses? These will block **UV light** and light that produces a glare. This will allow you to read a book outside. Reading glasses have grown in popularity. Last year over 50 million pairs were sold in the U.S. Over 90% of these were sold to people over 45.

Readers come in a range of powers anywhere from plus 100 to plus 300. The higher numbers indicates stronger magnification. As you age you may need to increase the strength.

In doing **computer work** it may be necessary to have 2 pairs: one for looking at the screen and the other for reading printed material. In looking at the screen you need about .75 less power. If you usually wear plus 2.25 then plus 1.50 will work for the computer.

Blue-light filters are also available. Since blue light from TV and computer screens interferes with sleep, wearing the glasses that block blue light will allow you to watch right up until bedtime.

One size doesn't fit all. If your eyes are closer together or farther apart than standard you may end up with eyestrain, so you may need some help from your eye doctor in order to get the right fit. Some people wear readers with contacts for more up-close needs. Most readers don't help with distance vision or help correct astigmatism.

Our vision is a precious gift



so it bears careful protection!!



Rest in peace . . .

Condolences to the family of Tom Norman who passed away unexpectedly Tuesday, June 30. Many at St. Therese will remember Tom and Robin and their faithful attendance at Sunday Gospel Mass with their foster children. Tom's mother Dorothy also became a member and was active in the Sunshine Club. At a later date, there will be a memorial service at Rockhurst High School, where Tom taught religion for several years.



With
Deepest
Sympathy...

Senior Center News

Senior Center Hours

Mon—Wed, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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

**A special “welcome” and “thank you” to
Valorye Williams who is volunteering to do the
temperature checks for the Senior Center!!**

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

*God
is the
Heartbeat
of my
soul*

*thank
you
FOR SHOPPING LOCAL*

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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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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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