



# 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, March 8, 2020 — Second Sunday of Lent**

**Mass 8:00 a.m. for Parishioners**

Rosary 8:45 a.m. Chapel

**Mass 9:15 a.m. for Jean Caldwell**

**Wednesday, March 11, 2020**

**Mass — 12:00 p.m.**

**Friday, March 13, 2020**

**Mass — 12:00 p.m.**

**Sunday, March 15, 2020 — Third Sunday of Lent**

**Mass 8:00 a.m. for Parishioners**

Rosary 8:45 a.m. Chapel

**Mass 9:15 a.m. for Ted McKim**



### Standing in the Need of Prayer

*St. Therese Little Flower community prays for the following:*

Bridgette Atkinson, Wanda Battle, Ben Bongers, Liesa Brown, Mary L. Brown, Louis Byrd, Juanita Cherry, Randy Chestnut, Lisa Coan, Quinn Cogan, Evelyn Coleman, Craig Cowens, Pamela Denson, Carol Dodd, Iona England, 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, Helen Logan, Stephen Loston, Bob McCombs, Helen McVay, Venus Moore, Margaret Mulligan, Luqrecia Preston, Marilyn Richardson, Flannord Rideau, Judy Rieck, 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.

*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.*

## Liturgical Roles\*

**March 15, 2020 — Third Sunday of Lent**

	8:00 Mass	9:15 Mass
<b>Lectors</b>	A Davis J Sandoval	J Broyle S Jones
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>		A Johnson
<b>Hospitality</b>	G Burrell K Woodard	C Johnson G Johnson Sr. G Smits T Lee
<b>Servers</b>	S Atkinson	B Seiter

\*If you are unable to serve in a ministry that you are assigned, please contact another minister to take your place.

### Pray with Scripture...

**March 8**

Genesis 12:1-4a

Psalms 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22

2 Timothy 1:8b-10

Matthew 17:1-9

**March 15**

Exodus 17:3-7

Psalms 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9

Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

John 4:5-42

IN EVERYTHING  
give Thanks

YOUR GIFTS	Week of March 1	% of March Budget
Offertory	\$4,180	28%
Emergency Assistance	\$ 775	50%
Total	\$4,955	23%

You can give 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 when you aren't able to be at Mass.

### BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## THE CATHOLIC STEWARD



Gn 12:1-4a; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; 2 Tim 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9

Our readings for this second Sunday of Lent offer us Christian stewards motivation to continue on our 40-day journey towards deeper holiness.

The first reading from the book of Genesis describes God's call to Abram (who would later be called Abraham). God instructs Abram to leave his home and set out to a land that God had chosen for him. Abram's response is an ancient example of a good stewardship. Instead of clinging to his comfortable home and way of life, he recognizes that all he has is gift from God, puts his trust in God and obeys. And God rewards him saying, "I will make your name great, so that you will be a blessing."

To "be a blessing" is the true aim of a stewardship way of life. It is also an excellent way to live out the season of Lent. The sacrifices we take on, the spiritual disciplines we practice, the extra acts of service we perform during this season — all give glory to God and transform our lives into a blessing for others.

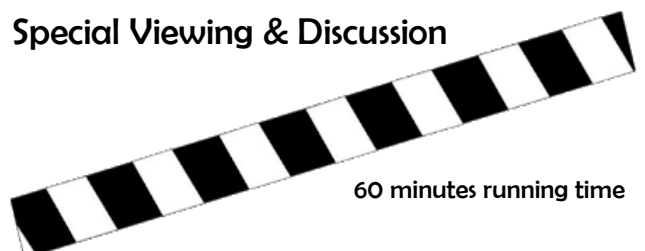
Lest we grow weary on this path, our Gospel passage today, from Matthew, offers us a powerful image of the great God we serve. It is the story of the Transfiguration of Jesus, when our Lord reveals Himself in His true glory and the Father says, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." The apostles who witnessed this were awestruck. But our loving Savior reassured them saying, "Rise, and do not be afraid."

As we continue on our Lenten journey, let us take these two verses, "Listen to him," "Rise, and do not be afraid" to heart. Let us rely on God's strength to aid us in our spiritual disciplines as we move through Lent. We will arrive at Easter with deeper holiness, as a blessing to God and others — and as better stewards of all God's gifts to us.

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to find a Mass at your destination!

## Special Viewing &amp; Discussion



## Video Presentation

**Sisters of Selma: Bearing Witness for Change**

**DOCUMENTARY**

St.  
Therese

Sunday,  
March 22

After 9:15 a.m.  
Gospel Mass

Little  
Flower

Please sign up if you plan to attend.  
Others have been invited to attend as well.

**The Sisters of Selma documentary focuses on the role of Catholic nuns, both white and black, in the Selma-to-Montgomery voting-right marches of 1965.**

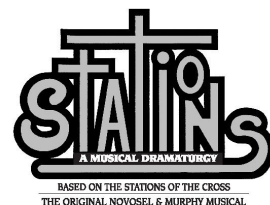
## Stations—A Musical Dramaturgy

Sunday, March 15, 5 p.m., St. James Catholic Church  
3909 Harrison St., Kansas City, MO 64110

Performed by Theater at Vis.  
All ages are encouraged  
to attend.

Admission is free.

Doors will open 30 minutes  
before the performance.



## Mass Intentions

Mass Intentions for the LIVING are very welcome! Mass Intentions can be offered for weekday and Sunday Masses. Please contact the parish office if you would like to have a Mass said in honor of a deceased loved one, someone who is ill, going through a tough time, or for a special occasion. The customary stipend is \$10. Mass cards available on request. Please indicate living or deceased.

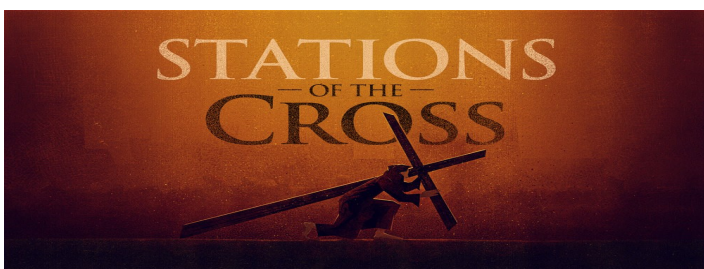


**How many people  
can you identify in this picture?**



**O**ur Lenten Series, "Rediscovering Our Saints", will utilize excerpts from the *Rediscovering the Saints* book that we received at Christmas, scripture messages from the Sunday readings and will include insights into some of the rich history of our parish. The series will be on Sundays from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. and is sure to enlighten and inspire participants during our 40-day journey of Lent. *Light refreshments will be served.* This week's question to ponder:

**Who wrote religious poems and  
always gave credit to God's inspiration?**



Please join us on Fridays at 6 p.m. as we commemorate Jesus' last day of life before the resurrection. We pray together the 14 stations of the cross and are reminded of the enormous sacrifice our Savior made on our behalf.

## Seeking Care



Using a retail clinic: CVS, Walgreens, etc. First of all, you shouldn't rely on a retail clinic on a regular basis for ongoing problems! You should have a primary care provider (PCP) who sees you regularly and is familiar with the health problems you've had and currently have. So when do you go to a Retail Clinic? These are helpful after your doctor's office is closed or on the weekend.

If it is a serious problem: severe bleeding, chest pain, broken bone, difficulty breathing call 911 or go to the EMERGENCY ROOM where they have x-rays and EKGs and equipment to take care of the problem. However, if you come down with an earache, cough, congestion, bladder infection, rash, etc. go to the Retail Clinic to see if they can help you. Be sure to bring you medications or a list of them with you and what they are for. Also, a list of your allergies to medications and tell the clinic staff who your PCP is and his/her phone number. That way the clinic can easily report your visit to your PCP.

Ask for a copy of their report to take home and call your doctor the next day, or as soon as possible to report your visit to the clinic and tell them of any new medications that were prescribed at the clinic. Depending on the problem your PCP may want to see you for follow up soon.

## Alan Ames Catholic Evangelist with Gift of Healing

Alan Ames who resides in Perth, West Australia, will be visiting two Kansas City area churches March 16 & 17. Each evening will begin with Mass followed by Alan speaking and then each person having the opportunity to receive prayer ministry. Alan has traveled extensively over the last 24 years giving witness to his conversion from a man of sin to one who is very close to God and the Roman Catholic Church. Testimonies are listed on his website: [www.alanames.org](http://www.alanames.org)

Monday, March 16 at Guardian Angels Catholic Church  
1310 Westport Kansas City, MO 64111.  
Mass begins at 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 17 at St. John LaLande Catholic Church  
805 NW R.D. Mize Rd. Blue Springs, MO 64015.  
Mass begins at 7:00 p.m.

# Senior Center News

## Senior Center Menu

<u>Monday (3-9)</u>	<u>Tuesday (3-10)</u>	<u>Wednesday (3-11)</u>
Breakfast: TBA	Breakfast: TBA	Breakfast: TBA
Lunch: TBA	Lunch: TBA	Lunch: TBA
<b>Activities</b> Chair Exercise Caring Concerns Game Day	<b>Activities</b> Bible Study Video Exercise	<b>Activities</b> Special Projects

## Senior Center Daily Lunch Hours:

Mon.-Fri., 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"

## 24 Hours for the Lord

In response to the 24 Hours for the Lord initiative (first launched in 2014), the Office of Divine Worship is co-sponsoring 24 hours of adoration and confessions with Mir House of Prayer in St. Joseph, Mo. and St. Thomas More Parish in Kansas City, Mo on March 20-21. The 2020 theme is 'Your sins are forgiven' (Lk. 7:48). Location and times listed below:

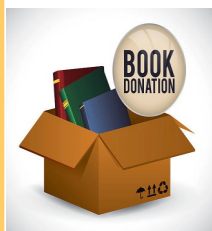


8:15 am March 20-8:15 am March 21: MIR House of Prayer, St Joseph, MO  
8:45 am March 20-8:15 am March 21: St. Thomas More Parish, Kansas City



Book Club will discuss  
*Rediscover the Saints* by Matthew Kelly.  
Meet on Thursday, March 19 and discuss  
pages 101-124 in the living room from 4 to  
5:30 p.m. All are welcome.

## Book Drive for Providence School of Arts



Please help support our campus school by  
donating new or gently used books for  
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Drop books off in the box in the back of  
church

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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](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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