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**Mass Schedule**

Sunday - 8:00 & 9:15 am

Wednesday and Friday (Chapel) 12:00 pm

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**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Contact Fr. Steve to schedule.

**New parishioners are most welcome!**

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**OUR 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 our faith community and in reaching out to others. We confess the need to become more

aware of each other and of the Lord calling us to be united in His Spirit.

We will strive to develop this awareness not only for our own sake, but that we may become credible and inviting to those seeking Christ and His Gospel. We answer this calling first, faithfully sharing the Word and breaking Bread together.

We then realize our vocation to affirm each other's gifts, 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 15

**Mass 8:00 am for Fran Atterbury**

Rosary 8:45am

Chapel

**Mass 9:15 am for Fran Atterbury**

### Monday, July 16

**Choir Practice**

### Wednesday, July 18

**Mass Noon**

Chapel

### Friday, July 20

**Mass Noon**

Chapel

### Saturday, July 21

**Liturgy Committee 9:30 am**

### Sunday, July 22

**Mass 8:00 am for Mary Ann Knieb-Sadler**

Rosary 8:45am

Chapel

**Mass 9:15 am for Marie Meyer**

**First Communion—Adriana Rodriguez**



## Standing in the Need of Prayer

*St. Therese Little Flower community prays for the following people:* Liesa Brown, Mary L. Brown, Louis Byrd, Randy Chestnut, Bishop F. Cheri, Lisa Coan, Ethel Collins, Virginia Daub, Jo Davis, Pamela Denson, Carol Dodd, Jessie Mae Frazier, Joann Freeman, Dick Garnier, Venita Hodge, Ashley Johnson, Joyce Jones, Marty Kata, Susan Kelly, Wenda King, Dave Kist, Fr. Gerry Kleba, Keith Kloster, Zach Kloster, Raymond LaNear, Doreen Lacy, Charles Lidge, Jim Lipps, Stephen Loston, Bob McCombs, Ted McKim, Helen McVay, Venus Moore, Margaret Mulligan, Rosalind O'Hora, Iness Panni, Luqrecia Preston, Flanord Rideau, Judy Rieck, Fr. Bob Rost, Oden Sainte, Joseppi Sandoval, Lee John Scott, Sharon Sears, Arthur Shelton, Allen Shelton, David Smith Jr, Jeremiah Smith, Elaine Stevenson, Michael Stevenson, Blanche L. Thomas, Jesse Wilkes, Mildred Wilkes, Antwine Williams, the elderly and infirm, the chronically ill and their caregivers; for those who attend to the dying and grieving; for medical professionals and first responders. 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

### July 22

	8:00 Mass	9:15 Mass
<b>Lectors</b>	S. Sanders G. Burrell	R. O'hora B. Atkinson
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	A. Pickett V. Tucker	M. Sweat Sr. G. Smits T. Doyle N. Doyle A. Johnson
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<b>Servers</b>	L. Stevenson	K. Burdick P. Tancredi

## Pray with Scripture...

### July 15

Amos 7: 12-15

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

Ephesians 1: 3-14

Mark 6: 7-13

### July 22

Jeremiah 23: 1-6

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

Ephesians 2: 13-18

Mark 6: 30-34

YOUR GIFTS	Week of July 8, 2018	Month to Date	% of Monthly Budget
Offertory	\$2,204	\$6,223	35%
Emergency Assistance	\$470	\$880	44%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,674</b>	<b>\$7,103</b>	<b>35%</b>

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## Christmas in July!

Who's thinking of Christmas while in the hot month of July? Me! And other social services agencies and *oh yes, the Hallmark Channel.*

Here at St. Therese, we are **already working to serve our neighbors for Christmas.** Every year we help between 250 and 300 families celebrate Christmas.

We can always use help in the work. If you see **sales or inexpensive items** that families can use, e.g. **toys, household goods or clothing** we can use for Christmas gifts, please consider purchasing and donating to our Christmas Basket Program. As always we desperately need **items for men or teenagers.** If you need some suggestions, **check the bulletin board display wall. Take a tag from the wall, bring in the gift and place in the box** at the entrance of the church. Thank you and Merry Christmas in July!

B. J.

## Diocesan Visioning Process You Are Invited to Share and Be Heard

Bishop Johnston recently instituted a "visioning" process to develop a Mutually Shared Vision for our diocese. The purpose of the process is to create a compelling Vision statement (unifying theme). Our vision statement will include three priorities – major areas of focus – for the next 3 years and six goals (two within each priority) that will lead to specific outcomes in the next 2-3 years.

Bishop Johnston described the process as a way to "honestly assess our needs as a diocese and align them to the larger call of living as households of faith united in one Church as disciples of Jesus Christ."

All are invited to participate in a listening session in July. More information about the process, online forms to submit input, and news updates on progress may be found at [www.kcsjccatholic.org](http://www.kcsjccatholic.org) (One Heart & Mind: A Vision for Our Future.)

Two of the dates and locations that you can participate:  
Thursday, July 19, 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

KC, St. Elizabeth Parish

Thursday, July 26, 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Lee's Summit, Our Lady of the Presentation Parish

## Around Town



In search of...

# TIGERS and JEEPS!

Saturday, July 28<sup>th</sup>  
10:00am-4:00pm  
American Jazz Museum  
1616 E. 18<sup>th</sup> St. KCMO

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# Senior Center News

## New Senior Center Schedule

Effective July 9, 2018, the Senior Center is open on a 3-day a week schedule, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. This change was necessitated by insurmountable funding demands. It is our desire to continue to serve seniors and to have a place for them to fellowship, enjoy meals and to benefit from healthy living programs. We continue to pursue options that will make this possible. **Your prayers and ideas for resource options are welcome.**

### Monday

Beef-mac/casserole, Scandnav-veg,  
Pears, Vanilla Waf/Ban Pudding,  
1% Milk, Wheat bread,  
Margarine Lite

### Activities

Chair Exercise  
Caring Concerns

### Senior Center Menus

#### Tuesday

Beef Stew, vegg, Salad/tom/car  
Banana, Corn Muffin  
1% Milk, Margarine Lite  
Ranch Dressing

### Activities

Bible Study  
Exercise  
Poppers

### Wednesday

Chicken Strips, Potato Wedges  
Salad/tom/car, Orange  
Graham Crackers  
Multigrain Bread  
1% Milk, Margarine Lite  
Thousand Island Dressing  
Honey Mustard

### Activities

Matter of Balance  
Painting Apples  
The Price is Right

## Tips for Seniors of All Ages - Managing Medications

As people age the likelihood of taking medicine increases. It is important to have an active role in understanding what medications are prescribed for you, in order to better manage chronic conditions and reduce the chance of harmful drug reactions. In case of accidental poisoning call Poison Help at 1-800-222-1222 to speak with a poison expert at the poison center serving your area.

### Tips for Success:

- ◆ Keep a medicine record
- ◆ Make your own list of medicines by keeping a medicine record that includes:
- ◆ Name of medicine \*\*\* What it is for \*\*\* Name of doctor who prescribed it
- ◆ How and when to take it \*\*\* How much to take (dosage) \*\*\* Color/Shape of medicine
- ◆ Any side effects or warnings \*\*\* Talk to your doctor
- ◆ It's important to get in the habit of asking your doctor questions about your medications.
- ◆ Keep up with your medicines
- ◆ Keep medications in plain sight, in a cool dry place.

### Need help paying for medications?

Visit these websites for additional assistance.

- » Medicare Extra Help Program provides information about the Social Security assistance program and application process for the Medicare PartD Subsidy: [www.ssa.gov/prescriptionhdp](http://www.ssa.gov/prescriptionhdp).
- » State Pharmaceutical Assistance Program (SPAP) provides information about any available state-funded assistance programs for prescription drug costs: [www.medicare.gov/spap.asp](http://www.medicare.gov/spap.asp).



## Reflection on Today's Gospel ...

Here we are in mid-summer. Vacation calls for big decisions: where to go, what to do, and the thorniest problem of all, what to pack for the trip. Serendipitously, for the next two weeks our Gospel readings are in sync with summer as we hear about the disciples' first mission journey and then see how plans change for Jesus when he seeks a get-away day. Although they aren't really "vacation" stories, the comparison can be fruitful.

When Jesus sends the 12 out on mission (Mark 6:7-13), his instructions are as explicit as they are puzzling. To begin with, Jesus bestows his own authority on the disciples. Just like him, they have the power to heal and overcome demons. But before they can begin to practice their new powers, Jesus unpacks their bags so that they will travel in his style.

Listen carefully to Jesus' instructions. The disciples are to set out with nothing except a walking stick and sandals, the same clothing that was prescribed for the first Passover. Jesus is sending them on an Exodus. But, unlike the Israelites who took everything they could carry from the Egyptians, Jesus tells his disciples to take nothing - not even food or cash.

What's going on here? Jesus gave the disciples immense power and then immediately ordered them not to rely on their own resources. Why did he want them to choose poverty as their equipment for mission? When we think of the difficulties of a foot journey away from home and through bandit-ridden territory, we might wonder if Jesus was setting them up. The only security he gave them was to send them in pairs.

In Jesus' mind, that unique combination of power and voluntary poverty was indispensable to their mission. Although they had something enormously valuable to offer, they couldn't accomplish their task without becoming dependent on the gifts of others.

In truth, Jesus was setting them up. He was setting them up to learn the meaning of the very message they were going out to preach. And, upon their return, they got a second installment in the lesson.

In today's Gospel, we see that Jesus has grown in popularity while the disciples were out on their mission. So many people were seeking him that there wasn't even time to eat. In addition, the newly returned disciples wanted to talk about their success. They had healed! They had defeated demons! They were becoming famous like Jesus! Jesus knew that such achievements could be extremely dangerous. It was time to take a break - and we all know what happened to those plans. The crowd played right into Jesus' hands and the failed get-away became part two in the disciples' course on evangelization.

Mark explains it so simply that we could miss the point: "When ... he saw the vast crowd, his heart was moved with pity." Unfortunately, our English translation fails to convey the richness of Mark's original writing. What English translates as "heart" is the word used for "womb." Mark is explaining that the crowd moved Jesus from his innermost center. And what did he feel? A better word than "pity" would probably be "compassion." Compassion suggests "feeling with" rather than the superiority implied by "pity." Mark is telling us that Jesus got caught by the crowd in a double sense. Not only did they find him, but he so identified with them that their need became his own. He began to teach them, and, before the day would end, they would experience the miracle of the sharing of the bread of life.

All together, today's readings have a lot to say about our life's mission. They suggest that rather than pack our bags for self-sufficiency, we might well take time to discover how we have received "every spiritual blessing in the heavens" (Ephesians 1). Knowing the source of our blessings and power will allow us to see what others have to offer us as well. These readings also remind us that we are a people chosen for a mission beyond the comfort of our own territory. We are missioned to learn compassion with others from whom we "were once far off" with whom we can become one.

The timing of these readings is serendipitous. They urge us to take a summer break and go beyond our ordinary experience. Whether we head out on a special mission journey, a vacation or just a get-away day, these Scriptures suggest that this is a great time to reflect on the mission journey that is our Christian vocation.

*Adapted from a reflection by Sister Mary McGlone, a member of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet*

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