



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, May 17, 2020 — Sixth Sunday of Easter
Mass — 9:00 a.m.

Wednesday, May 20, 2020
Private Mass — Noon

Friday, May 22, 2020
Private Mass — Noon

Sunday, May 24, 2020 — Ascension of the Lord
Mass— 9:00 a.m.

PRAY FOR OUR COMMUNITY

St. Therese Little Flower community prays for the following:

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, Col. Steve Harvey, Dan Ivory, Elijah Jones, Joyce Jones, LaToya Jones, Marty Kata, Wenda King, Keith Kloster, Zach Kloster, Raymond LaNear, Doreen Lacy, Charles Lidge, Aidan Liesveld, Stephen Loston, 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 in hospitals and nursing homes who cannot have visitors and families isolated from their loved ones, for those who have died and the many health care workers and staffs who serve those who are ill, even at their own risk. For all of God's people in this most difficult time.

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.

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

May 24, 2020 — Ascension of the Lord

	9:00 Mass	
Lector	Steven Atkinson	
Eucharistic Minister	Father	
Hospitality	None	
Servers	None	

Pray with Scripture...

May 17

Acts 8:5-8, 14=17

Psalm 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20

1 Peter 3:15-18

John 14:15-21

May 24

Acts 1:1-11

Psalm 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9

Ephesians 1:17-23

Matthew 28:15-20

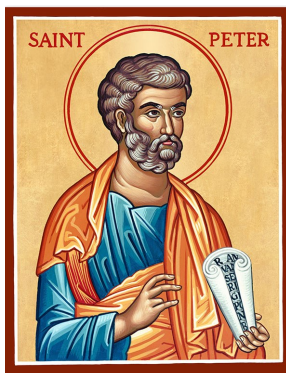
We received 78% of April's budgeted giving. Please contribute as you can by sending in your envelopes or give online at stlfkc.org (Give).

YOUR GIFTS	Week of May 10	% of May Budget
Offertory	\$1,360	9%
Emergency Assistance	\$ 380	21%
Total	\$1,740	8%

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 for help setting up your online giving.

THE CATHOLIC STEWARD



Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; Ps 66:1-7, 16, 20; 1 Pt 3:15-18; Jn 14:15-21

On this sixth Sunday of Easter, our readings remind us that God must come first in our lives, and that love of God shows itself in concrete actions — this is precisely why the stewardship way of life is so necessary.

Our second reading, from St. Peter challenges us to, “Sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts.” In other words, we are to put Christ first above all else in our lives. His role is not merely as Savior of our lives, as significant as that role is — He is to be “Lord” of our lives as well. As His disciples, we are called to make Him ruler of all aspects of our lives — our time, talents and treasure.

The beauty of the stewardship way of life is that it offers us a concrete means to show that Christ truly is Lord of our lives, to “prove” our love, in a manner of speaking, because true love is not mere sentiment. “Whoever has my commandments and observes them is the one who loves me,” Jesus tells us in our Gospel passage from John.

True love is an act of the will. It requires obedience to all of God’s commandments. This requires courage, humility and deep trust in Him.

But the rewards of this kind of love are indescribably wonderful. Christ tells us Himself, “Whoever loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and reveal myself to him.”

Could there be anything more satisfying to live in such a way that the God of the universe is pleased to reveal more and more of Himself to us?

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Mass at St. Therese Little Flower

Mass will be offered at St. Therese Little Flower Church on Sunday, May 24, 2020- 9 a.m. with limited attendance.

The Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph states: “All four (Missouri) Diocesan Bishops have dispensed the faithful from the obligation to attend Mass on Sunday and from the Easter Duty. As such, we will continue to provide Mass on line until further notice.

- Those who are symptomatic or who have been exposed to another with the virus within 14 days are not permitted to enter the church, in accordance with national, state, and local health directives. All attendees are asked to check their temperature at home before coming to church.
- Those who are at risk because of an underlying health issue or who are 60 or older are strongly encouraged, for their own health, to avoid the risk of attending public celebrations of the Mass.

If you receive our email messages, **you will receive a notice for Mass “reservations” via an Eventbrite notice.** If you prefer, you may call St. Therese and leave a message of your attendance (include the total number attending). Message should be left in Estelle Tunley’s mailbox, Extension 106. Please check email for **Eventbrite** notices for each week’s Mass since there will be limits in the church as we follow local guidance. This will allow us to monitor the number who will attend.

Neighborhood News from H.O.P.E.

Your H.O.P.E. Committee continues to monitor the Blue Hills Neighborhood Association (BHNA) for Blue Hills Parishioners.

- ⇒ The BHNA office is open 11am-1pm and 5 p.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Friday. The office at 5309 Woodland is being manned those hours by a new Board member. Trash bags are available for purchase and it is suggested one call prior to going to the office. Questions can also be answered by calling the office, 816.333.7232.
- ⇒ The BHNA is also urging residents to obtain application for City Home Repair, the Painting Program, Christmas in October and/or Home Weatherization. The office is offering assistance in completing applications for the programs as well as assistance completing the Census.
- ⇒ The BHNA Community Garden is located at 49th & Olive



Congratulations To our Graduates!

Danielle Woods

Daughter of Cerise Ivy-Woods and granddaughter of Shazada Ivy is a Graduating Senior from Olathe East high-school. Danielle will be Attending Missouri Western State University in the fall. She will be exploring medicine in her studies and leaning toward veterinary medicine.

Jesse Frazier III

Son of Jesse and Helen Frazier, grandson of Jessie Mae Frazier, nephew of Treva Lee is graduating from Lincoln College Prep. He is an Honor Roll Student and a member of the Film Club. He has been accepted into Rockhurst University and UMKC with scholarships to both. In the Fall he plans to study Marketing at UMKC.

Maeson Tunley

Son of Darnell and Megan Tunley, grandson of Estelle Tunley, nephew of Yvette Tunley graduated from 8th grade at St. Elizabeth's this year. Maeson will be attending Rockhurst High School in the Fall and hopes to play football and baseball. His favorite subject is math and has enrolled in an accelerated math class Freshman year. Please keep him in your prayers the next 4 years as he is sure to face many new challenges and adventures!

Jewel Thomas

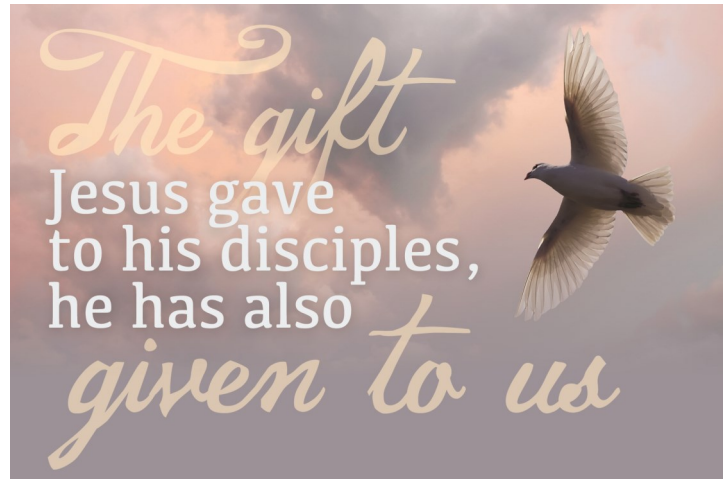
Granddaughter of Rosalind O'Hara; is graduating from middle school and will attend Lees Summit North High School in the Fall. May your continued journey in education be filled with peace, joy, good health and many blessings.

Kiara Sweat

Niece of Mary Sweat; is graduating high school and has a tennis scholarship to Bethany College in Lindsborg, Kansas.

Anastasia Kaggwa

Daughter of Aloysius and Alice Kaggwa and sister of Paul Kaggwa is graduating from 8th grade from Kaufman Charter School and will attend St Teresa Academy in the Fall.



A Prayer for Graduates

Loving God, we thank you for all who graduate from grade school, high school and college this time of the year. You have blessed them during their years in school with wisdom, friendships, and skills. You continue to challenge them to make this world a better place because of their education.

Help them to look forward to their next steps: continuing in their education or entering the work world. Particularly help those who are seeking employment to find a job suitable to their education.

Give them faith and a sense of purpose in their next steps.

Show them how to serve others in effective ways.

And may they be always be aware in everything they do that they will find fulfillment in doing your will, that you will be with them always, and that you will bring to completion the good work you have begun in them.

Amen.



Senior Center News

The Senior Center is closed during the Corona virus pandemic, but some of the work/ministry is alive and well and missing those who normally attend.

We are preparing daily lunch for some of the Seniors who normally come to the Center. It is gratifying to be able to give them extra help. If you or someone you know would welcome a lunch delivery, please contact Sharon Sanders.

ssanders@stlfkc.org or call 816.591.6284.



Therapeutic Massage



More and more Americans are getting massages. The primary objective of the typical Swedish massage is to relieve muscle tension. Now reasons for getting a massage have broadened to include: stress relief, pain relief, relaxation and help with an injury and neuropathy. Massages are beneficial because of some of the following reasons:

- ☺ Helps with circulation
- ☺ Aids the lymph movement and cleanses the tissues
- ☺ Stretches connective tissues like the tendons and ligaments
- ☺ Provides stimulation of the stomach and aids the digestive system
- ☺ Reduces pain and inflammation by bathing tissue in fresh blood
- ☺ Increases the body's natural pain killers like endorphins
- ☺ Decreases the blood cortisol levels
- ☺ Stimulates the immune activity by increasing the t-cells
- ☺ Enhances body awareness and encourages better posture, and last but not least
- ☺ It feels good.

Some people ask how often you should get a massage. Part of the answer depends on the reason for getting one. For a deep tissue massage you may need to go once a week at first then taper off to once a month. For relaxation you can have one whenever you feel you need it or can afford it.

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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, 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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