



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.
First Sunday of every month.....9:00 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, January 5, 2020 — Feast of the Epiphany

Rosary 8:45 a.m. Chapel

Mass 9:00 a.m. for Parishioners

Wednesday, January 8, 2020

Mass — 12:00 p.m.

Friday, January 10, 2020

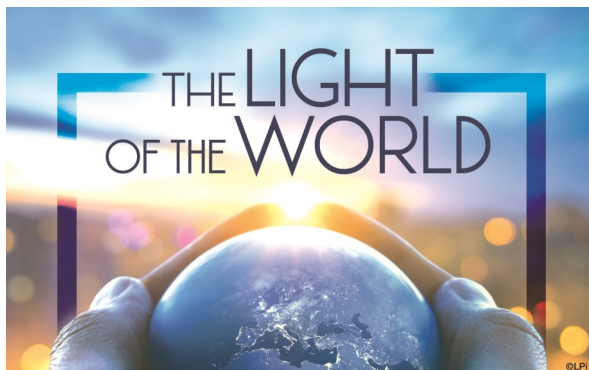
Mass — 12:00 p.m.

Sunday, January 12, 2020 — Baptism of the Lord

Mass 8:00 a.m. for Parishioners

Rosary 8:45 a.m. Chapel

Mass 9:15 a.m. for Parishioners



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, Sophia Jo Davis, 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, 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*

January 12 2020 — Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

	8:00 Mass	9:15 Mass
Lectors	G Burrell K Miller	YOUTH
Eucharistic Ministers	S Sanders B Miller	T Doyle D Burdett Sr. G Smits M Sweat A Johnson
Hospitality	J Alpough K Preston	YOUTH
Servers	S Atkinson	K Burdick

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

Pray with Scripture...

January 5

Isaiah 60:1-6

Psalms 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13

Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

Matthew 2:1-12

January 12

Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7

Psalms 29:1-2, 3-4, 8, 9-10

Acts 10:34-38

Matthew 3:13-17

IN EVERYTHING give Thanks

YOUR GIFTS	Week of December 29	% of December Budget
Offertory	\$5,615	26%
Emergency Assistance	\$355	4%
Total	\$5,970	29%

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THE CATHOLIC STEWARD



Is 60: 1-6; Ps 72: 1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3A, 5-6; Mt 2: 1-12

As our celebration of Christmas continues, today we observe the great feast of The Epiphany of the Lord. The word “epiphany” comes from Greek and means manifestation or appearance. The stewardship way of life is one in which we live in grateful response to God’s countless manifestations in our lives.

Our Gospel passage, from Matthew, has much to teach us about stewardship, through the actions of the Magi.

As good stewards, the magi were watching for manifestations of God’s presence in their lives. “We have seen the star at its rising,” they say. Good stewards are keenly aware of the “star” of God’s presence and His gifts in their lives. It is this awareness that fills them with gratitude and the desire to both worship God and share His gifts with others.

The magi, upon seeing the manifestation of God’s presence in their lives, “were overjoyed.” Good stewards, who live with the awareness of God’s presence and gifts to them, simply can’t help but be filled with joy. Not necessarily the fleeting and superficial kind of joy the world promises through wealth or power, but rather the deep, unalterable joy only God can give.

Finally, the magi were so filled with awe upon encountering the newborn Jesus, they prostrated themselves before him and “opened their treasures and offered him gifts.” This is precisely why good stewards generously share their material gifts — as a loving act of worship to an extravagantly loving God.

Let us rejoice in God’s manifestations in our lives and be watchful for the new ways He is calling us to share ourselves and our gifts in gratitude to our King in the year ahead.

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Activating Our Baptism

AT-HOME RETREAT TO CONCLUDE THE HOLY YEAR OF RENEWAL
JANUARY 5-11 (SUNDAY-SATURDAY)

All the faithful of our diocese are invited to participate in an online retreat to conclude our diocesan Holy Year of Renewal. The retreat is free and includes daily scripture readings and a brief video reflection meditating on the meaning of our baptism and the diocesan priority “Growing God’s Family.” The retreat will be available in English and Spanish online January 5–11 in preparation for the public Profession of Faith and Renewal of Baptism. It may be used in the home by individuals and families. Faith sharing groups may also find it fruitful to consider one or more of the themes as a group.

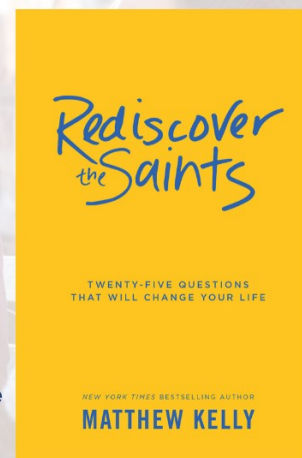
Sign up at kcsjatholic.org/retreat
to receive daily email reminders.

Did you receive your copy of *Rediscover the Saints?*

Books like this are one of the many resources we’ll be providing to parishioners regularly because of our parish’s partnership with Dynamic Parish.

We invite you all to read just a few pages a day and see how it infuses your life with meaning and purpose.

**Please stop by the parish office
if you have yet to receive your
copy.**



BOOK CLUB

Book Club will discuss
Rediscover the Saints by Mathew Kelly.
Meet on Thursday, January 16 and discuss
page 21-38 in the living room from 4 to
5:30 p.m. All are welcome.



Poinsettias Donated

Sharon Sanders

In memory of Margaret Jones, mother

Julaine Preston

In memory of Kenneth Preston, Sr

In memory of John Crahan



Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Prayer Service

Monday, January 20, 2020, 10 a.m.

St. Therese Little Flower Parish,

5814 Euclid Ave., Kansas City, MO 64130

St. Therese Little Flower parish will host a Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. prayer service on **Monday, January 20, 2020** at 10 a.m. **Bishop James Johnston** will offer the key message of the morning. All are invited to join us in a renewed commitment to serving others and being the face of God to each other and those who need our help. In the spirit of service and social justice, we invite you to participate in service projects from January 1-20, 2020: "Twenty Days of Service" (not a day off) to honor the legacy of Dr. King. Ministry groups are invited to choose a service project and bring a symbol of your service project(s) to the prayer service to be used in the liturgy. If you are interested in singing with the combined choir, please contact Tamara Chestnut. Choir rehearsal for the prayer service choir will be Thursday, January 9 and 16 at 6pm. Contact Tami Chestnut (tchestnut@stlflkc.org) for choir information. Brunch will be served following the service to continue our fellowship. Please contact Estelle Tunley, Director, Liturgy and Music, etunley@stlflkc.org or 816.444.5406 for information.

Thank You

Due to the generous support of parishioners and donors like you, Catholic Charities KCSJ was able to ensure that 611 children would have a very special Christmas this year through our Christmas Shining Star program. Thank you to everyone who participated in this amazing opportunity. Your support and thoughtfulness put a smile on many faces. If you would like to hear more about this program or help support your neighbors in need by volunteering your time or supporting our other programs, please contact Linda Hopkins, at 816.659.8205 or lhopkins@ccharities.com.



Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD)

There is increasing evidence that a lack of sunlight during winter, or cloudy times, can cause depression in some people.

Symptoms include:

- ☹ melancholy moods
- ☹ changes in sleeping habits
- ☹ very low energy
- ☹ cravings for sweets and starchy foods, and
- ☹ chronic fatigue.

If you notice such a pattern developing during winter or consecutive cloudy days consider the following:

- ☺ When the sun does shine go outside and soak it up. Protect your skin: it's the eye's exposure to sunlight that makes the difference
- ☺ If able, go South for a sunny vacation
- ☺ People who have severe response to SAD may benefit from light therapy. This may consist of sitting in front of a full-spectrum light for 30 minutes to a couple of hours a day. This can often improve your mood within the first week of treatment. These are special lights (or Sun Boxes) and you should talk to your health professional about using them.



VIP's January Luncheon

Thursday, January 16, 11:30 a.m.

St. Peter's Church Basement

Plan to join the St. Peter's VIP's on Thursday January 16 for their next luncheon.

Bring a friend!

Senior Center News

Senior Center Menu

Monday (1-6)	Tuesday (1-7)	Wednesday (1-8)
TBA	TBA	TBA
Activities Chair Exercise Caring Concerns Game Day	Activities Bible Study Video Exercise	

Senior Center Daily Lunch Hours:
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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.

We are a member parish of Holy Rosary Credit Union - 816.221.2734

Upcoming Events—Save the Date

JANUARY 1-20, 2020 — “TWENTY DAYS OF SERVICE”

Living the Legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. through individual and group service projects to be celebrated at January 20 Prayer Service

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY, JANUARY 20, 2020

Prayer Service 10:00 a.m.

Bishop James Johnston—Message of the Day

Bring your symbols of service and please invite others to join us in prayer and fellowship.

SAVE THE DATE—FEBRUARY 21, 2020

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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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