

Welcome to St. Therese Parish

The Man Born Blind

"He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and now I can see."



Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 30, 2014

We envision a community where all witness the Real Presence of Christ in every *"little way."*

MASS SCHEDULE * STAFF & DIOCESAN CONTACTS

St. Therese Church 7207 N.W. Highway 9 Kansas City, MO 64152
(816) 741-2800 Website: www.sttheresenorth.org



MASSES: Saturday (for Sunday obligation): 4:30pm **Sunday: 8:00am, 10:00am, 12:00noon, and 5:00pm**

Daily Masses: Monday, Tuesday & Thursday: 8:30am; Wednesday & Friday: 6:30am, 8:30am; Saturday: 8:30am

Rosary recited 7:55am Monday-Saturday; 7:25am Sunday; Holy Days: As announced

CONFESSIONS: Saturdays: 3:00-4:15pm, Wednesdays: 8:00-8:20am, and anytime by appointment

BAPTISMS: Please call the Parish Office to schedule **BAPTISMAL PREPARATION CLASS:** 3rd Monday of each month except December

MARRIAGES: Please call the Parish Office when engaged. A nine month preparation period is required (diocesan policy). One party should be a registered, attending parishioner.

NOVENAS: Perpetual Help Novena after the 8:30am Mass on Tuesday

EXPOSITION & ADORATION: Monday-Friday, 9:00am-11:00pm in the Chapel

Parish Staff

Reverend Joseph I. Cisetti, Pastor

Reverend Pat Tobin, **Senior Priest in Service**

Tony Zimmerman, **Deacon**

Steve Theis, **Deacon**

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Tim Volk, **Director of Youth Ministry**

Barbara Volz, **Bookkeeper**

Doug Warrens, **Pastoral Associate/RCIA**

St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry

St. Therese School

Carol Lenz, **Principal**

Kathy Teson, **Assistant Principal**

Teri Jo Garitz, **Executive Secretary**

Early Education Center

Ann Lachowitz, **Director**

Kelly Carroll, **Assistant Director**

Safe Environments Diocesan Liaisons

Mary Bultmann, **Diocesan Victim Advocate**

For resources and pastoral care

Jenifer Valenti, **Diocesan Ombudsman**

If you are a victim of sexual abuse by or to report sexual abuse involving a cleric, diocesan volunteer, or employee.

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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, Jenifer Valenti, at 816-812-2500 or JeniferValenti@att.net, 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 Mary Bultmann at 816-714-2387 or bultmann@diocesekcsj.org for more information.

Adoration Chapel Sacrament of Love

Open your heart—Our Lord so wants to be a part of our life...more than just one hour on Sunday. He loves you more than you can ever imagine. Let Him love you, come spend an hour with Him in Adoration. It will be the second best hour you will spend in your whole week, next to the Holy Mass on Sunday! Please especially consider coming to the Adoration Chapel during time slots that need to be filled by one or more persons:

Monday	10-11am	11-12	1-2	2-3	3-4	4-5	7-8	8-9
Tuesday	9-10am	2-3	4-5	6-7	10-11			
Wednesday	10-11am	11-12	12-1	2-3	5-6	7-8		
Thursday	9-10am	10-11	11-12	12-1	2-3	4-5	5-6	7-8
Friday	10-11am	12-1	1-2	2-3	4-5			

Call Bill 891-2555, Tom 891-9493 or Carolyn 587-9223



Sunday Gospel

As Jesus passed by he saw a man blind from birth. He spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva, and smeared the clay on his

eyes, and said to him, "Go wash in the Pool of Siloam" — which means Sent —. So he went and washed, and came back able to see.

His neighbors and those who had seen him earlier as a beggar said,

"Isn't this the one who used to sit and beg?"

Some said, "It is, "

but others said, "No, he just looks like him."

He said, "I am."

They brought the one who was once blind to the Pharisees. Now Jesus had made clay and opened his eyes on a sabbath.

So then the Pharisees also asked him how he was able to see. He said to them,

"He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and now I can see."

So some of the Pharisees said,

"This man is not from God, because he does not keep the sabbath."

But others said,

"How can a sinful man do such signs?"

And there was a division among them.

So they said to the blind man again,

"What do you have to say about him, since he opened your eyes?"

He said, "He is a prophet."

They answered and said to him,

"You were born totally in sin, and are you trying to teach us?"

Then they threw him out.

When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, he found him and said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?"

He answered and said,

"Who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?"

Jesus said to him,

"You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he."

He said,

"I do believe, Lord," and he worshiped him.

JN 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

Mass Intentions for the Week

SUNDAY, March 30

8:00am – Ann Wessinger

10:00am – Orville Dixon +

12:00pm – Cliff and Irene Fairchild +

5:00pm – Community of St. Therese

Monday, March 31

8:30am – Rex Greim +

Tuesday, April 1

8:30am – Intentions of Donald A. Lueke Family

Wednesday, April 2

6:30am – Frances Klocek

8:30am – Thelma Swarts +

Thursday, April 3

8:30am – Mary Alice Deister +

Friday, April 4

6:30am – Marjory Restituto

8:30am – Reba Bradbury +

Saturday, April 5

8:30am – Juliana Blanck +

4:30pm – Gerald Weber +

SUNDAY, April 6

8:00am – Glendor Jones +

10:00am – Diana Marie Robinson +

12:00pm – Frances Breen +

5:00pm – Community of St. Therese

St. Therese Memorial

REMEMBRANCES

Louis E. Calandrino, Jr.—March 30

William Joseph Lamoy—March 30

Matlida R. Leshniak—March 30

Jerome H. Ohmes—March 30

Catherine Anzicek—March 31

Harry L. McDonald, Sr.—April 1

William A. Johannes—April 2

Zeigel W. Neff—April 5

BIRTH DATE REMEMBRANCES

Rex Dean Greim—March 30

James L. Chappuies—April 1

Eunice K. Smith—April 2

Donald C. Kehs—April 4

Regina (Moore) Hurd—April 4

Recent Baptisms

Let us welcome into the family of God and into the St. Therese family, Avery Reece Parra, daughter of Daniel and Mallory Parra; Garrett Andrew Pederson, son of Mark and Tina Pederson; and Jensen Charles Elkins, son of Melissa A. Elkins.

Scripture Readings for March 31-April 5

Monday: Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13b; Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday: Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30

Thursday: Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47

Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday: Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53

Sunday, April 6

Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-8; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]

Marriage Blessings

To Erin Schneider & Timothy Zimmerman and Kristen Duda & Tyson Frost. May they be sealed in an ever-growing love for each other and for God.

PARISH CALENDAR * PRAYER LISTS

Sunday, March 30

Soup Kitchen Signup
 Babysitting, EEC, 10:00-11:00am
 Sunday School, Education & Parish Center, 10:00-11:00am
 Sunday Morning Bible Study, W.C. Meeting Room, 11:30-1:30pm
 Life Teen, 3rd Floor, EEC, 6:00-8:00pm

Monday, March 31

Prayer Session After 8:30am Mass, Cry Room
 Eucharistic Adoration, Adoration Chapel, 9:00am-10:00pm
 Fatima Prayer Group, Wooldridge Center Library, 9:00-10:00am
 Catechesis of Good Shepherd, 3rd Floor EEC, 3:15-5:15pm and
 6:30-7:30pm
 Ministry Planning, Parish Library, 5:30-7:00pm
 Monday Night Bible Study, Wooldridge Center, 6:30-8:30pm
 Campaign Meeting, W.C. Meeting Room, 7:00-9:00pm

Tuesday, April 1

Eucharistic Adoration, Adoration Chapel, 9:00am-11:00pm
 Tuesday Morning Bible Study, Cry Room, 9:00-10:30am
 Mary, Martha, & Lazarus Prayer Group, W.C. Meeting Room,
 10:00am-12:00pm
 Helmsing Institute, Wooldridge Center, 6:30-8:45pm
 Knights Officers Meeting, Knights Hall, 7:00pm

Wednesday, April 2

Eucharistic Adoration, Adoration Chapel, 9:00am-10:00pm
 Women of Faith Prayer Group, 3rd Floor, EEC, 9:00-11:00am
 Library Committee, Parish Library, 8:00am-12:00pm
 Catechesis of Good Shepherd, 3rd Floor, EEC, 9:00-11:00am
 and 3:15-5:15pm
 Parish Office Closed for Staff Meeting, 1:15-3:00pm
 Children's Choir, Church, 3:15-4:15pm
 Soup and Speaker, Wooldridge Center, 6:00-7:15pm
 RE, Education & Parish Center, 6:00-7:15pm
 EDGE, 3rd Floor EEC, 6:00-7:45pm
 Choir Rehearsal, Church, 7:00-8:30pm
 Pastoral Council, W.C. Meeting Room, 6:45-8:45pm
 Serra Club, Parish Library, 7:15-8:45pm

Thursday, April 3

All School Mass, Church, 8:30am
 Eucharistic Adoration, Adoration Chapel, 9:00am-11:00pm
 Queen of Peace Prayer Group, W.C. Library, 9:30-11:30am
 Good Shepherd Catechesis, 3rd Floor EEC, 9:30-11:30am
 Lenten Evening Prayer & Confession, Church, 6:00-7:00pm
 Financial Peace University, Media Center, 6:30-8:00pm
 SPRED, 3rd Floor, EEC, 7:00-9:00pm
 RCIA, Wooldridge Center, 7:00-8:30pm

Friday, April 4

School Early Dismissal, 12:15pm
 Used Book Sale Set Up, Wooldridge Center, 9:00am-4:00pm
 Lenten Stations of the Cross, Church, 9:00am; 2:15pm; 7:00pm
 1st Friday Adoration in Church (after Stations), 9:30am-12:00pm,
 Moved to Chapel, 12:00-10:00pm
 Friday Night Bible Study, W.C. Meeting Room, 7:00-9:00pm
 1st Friday Dance, School Gym, 7:00-10:00pm
 Divine Mercy Devotions in Song, Church, 7:30-8:30pm

Saturday, April 5

CRHP, Men's Retreat Weekend, Saturday & Sunday All Day
That Man Is You, Wooldridge Center, 7:00-8:30am
 Soup Kitchen Sign Up, Welcome Center, Saturday & Sunday
 Library Annual Used Book Sale, Wooldridge Center, 1:00-6:00pm
 Confessions, Church, 3:00-4:15pm

Sunday, April 6

Library Annual Used Book Sale, Wooldridge Center, 9:00am-2:00pm
 Babysitting, EEC, 10:00-11:00am
 Sunday School, Education & Parish Center, 10:00-11:00am
 Sunday Morning Bible Study, W.C. Meeting Room, 11:30-1:30pm
 First Sunday Prayers, Chapel, 2:30-4:00pm
 Life Teen, 3rd Floor, EEC, 6:00-8:00pm
 Parish Lenten Reconciliation Service, Church, 7:00-9:00am

Praying for the Sick of our Parish

The following parishioners have requested prayers for themselves:

(Please note: Due to confidentiality guidelines, only the person requesting prayer, or a designated family member, may place or remove a name—call the Parish Office at 741-2800)

Paula Acconcia	Jim Gutschow	Doyne Parisi
Mildred Adamek	Frances Hale	Barbara Personelli
Gerald Babcock	Grace Heater	Jackey Pratt
Dan & Patsy Bax	Henrietta Hentges	Gina Reiter
Lawrence & Lois Boeding	Don High	Sophia Reynolds
Matt Breen	Kevin Isom	Rachel Rietveld
Fred Brink	Ray Jones	Willie Mae Riley
Irwin Broussard	Vince Kehr	Fr. Mike Roach
Audra Brungardt	Clay Kimsey	Amy Roberts
Frank Budke	Karen Kissinger	Sally Robinson
Daniel Burnos	Garrett Krier	Larry Ryan
John Burton	Anita Kupersmith	Jossalyn Sainz
Ada Cantu	Lillian Kupersmith	Natalie Ann Salas
Keith Carter	Peggy Loelkes	Chris Scarpino
Kate Cearley	John Lopez	Shirley Scherrer
Timothy Childers	Sal Lozano	Eileen Shearer
Pattie Colling	Rosine Lueke	Karla Simone
Becky Collins	Ellen Madrick	Joanne Smith
Albert Daniels	Charles "CJ" Mandacina	Bill Spink
Anna DeFelice	Betty McDonald	Ernest Steffens
Anita Eastland	Dorothy & Jim McKay	Ted Stephens
Bill & Ellie Edwards	Jessica McLain	JoAnn Strever
Carma Fast	Denise McPherson	Kim Toigo
Dale Fick	Vernon Meyer	Tony Tomasich
Sandy Gardner	John & Margaret Mikulic	Richard Troha
John & Dolores Gioia	Hannah Mills	Cheryl Tucker
Mary Gotschall	Cathy Montgomery	Jesse & Carmen Villanueva
Yvonne Grayson	Jean Moss	Lionel White
Suzanne Grisham	Cleo "Woody" Nollette	Peter Wilke
Anne & John Grothaus	Linda Osterhaus	Jim Williams
Ruth Guillaume	Mary Rose Palermo	Carmin Young



Please remember in your prayers those parishioners and relatives of parishioners who are serving in the Middle East and their families: (If you know of someone else in the parish in the armed forces serving in the Middle East, please call the Parish Office: 741-2800, ext. 255. And please let us know when your loved one returns!)

Robert Adams	Douglas Lomshek
son-in-law of Tom & Bonnie Oothoudt	nephew of Liz Stine
Kevin Clark	Brandon Lundgren
son-in-law of Kathy Tate	grandson-in-law of Darlene Buehler
Kelly Donovan	and Dave & Mary Thompson
daughter of Shelly Nuessle	James E. McKay
Matthew Ebbert	son of Jim & Dorothy
son of Joel & Nanette	Jeremiah Murphy
William "Billy" Erhard	nephew of Dodie Murphy
son of Dan and Diane	William Rory and
Jeremy Flowers	Candice O'Brien
son of Brenda	brother & sister-in-law of Michael O'Brien
Jamie Frates	Seth Frank
husband of Rebecca	brother of Candace Ott
Sean Frazier	Tim Pachasa
son of Liz & Sam	son of Andy & Nancy
Bill Freund	Eric Rawlings
son of Bill & Barbara	husband of Candi & father of Jaeger
Jacob Goldsbury	Christian Shattuck
son of John & Kim	son of Brian & Laureen

PASTORAL CARE * OUTREACH * MARRIAGE & FAMILY LIFE



Christ Renews His Parish A Spiritual Renewal Process

(CRHP, pronounced "Chirp") is a spiritual renewal weekend designed to offer individuals a chance to grow in their personal relationship with Jesus Christ, and with others in their faith community. This is an excellent opportunity for Catholics to renew their understanding of the basic belief and traditions of their faith.

Men's weekend is April 5 & 6

Women's weekend is April 26 & 27

You may register online by going to the St. Therese website, click on Christ Renews His Parish, then Registration. This weekend that could change your life.

Can you help provide food for these Retreat Weekends?

As part of the Retreat, meals and snacks are provided. There will always be a food list on the website and you can sign up to bring needed items; you do not have to prepare a dish.

When you go to our website, click Christ Renews His Parish, and click Food Donation and sign up for what ever you

The Prayer Shawl Ministry will NOT meet in April but will resume meeting in May.

Divorce Support Group

April 21, 28, May 12, 19, and June 2

Pastoral Care Ministries is offering a Support Group for people who are separated or recently divorced. We offer a confidential, caring, and compassionate environment.

These gatherings are held Monday evenings in the Parish Library in the Wooldridge Center. Each of the five sessions will start promptly at 6:30pm and last until 8:00pm—we ask that you plan to attend all sessions.

To register for this series, please contact John Henke at 587-2359 or the Parish Office at 741-2800.

Our Prayers and Sympathy

To Christina Walzl on the death of her father Leonard Spurlock; to Christa Long on the death of her mother Freda Sterling; and to the family of Carrol Maslowski. May we all know of God's loving consolation, and may all who have died in Christ know the fullness of Resurrection Life.



St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry

Phone: 741-8661

You can now make online donations

Thank you to the children of St. Therese School for the food drive which provided so many items for our pantry shelves. They brought 53 huge boxes of cans, boxes, bottles and much needed goods, which were sorted and ready to help the struggling families in our Platte County area.

The school children also take our plastic bags and double bag them which saves our volunteers lots of time in the pantry. Thanks to all who help with these meaningful ways to provide service to St. Vincent de Paul.

Harvesters!

IMPORTANT NOTICE : Harvesters has a big event taking place on Saturday, April 12 so we will **NOT** have a group going in April. Please join us again on May 10 for our next monthly group volunteer opportunity. If you have any questions, please call Karen Knack at (816) 584-9749

Help us to support the Bishops' Initiative on marriage!

Couples who make Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekends not only rediscover the joy, intimacy & romance in their relationships, but also become more active in their parish. Together, we are making marriages, families and our Church stronger & healthier.

Please Contact: Tony & Barb Zimmerman – Worldwide Marriage Encounter in the Kansas City area (816)741-4066 or e-mail: tonybarbz@prodigy.net

Help Support the St. Therese First Communion Closet

The First Communion Closet is seeking donations for both boy and girl communion attire and accessories.

If you are interested in donating please contact Jen Heater at 816-519-3575 or tjheater@kc.rr.com or drop your items at the Religious Education Office in the Education and Parish Center.



Baptismal Preparation Class

The next Baptismal Preparation Class will be on **Monday, APRIL 21** at 7:00pm in the Wooldridge Center Meeting Room. To register go to our website www.sttheresenorth.org and click on *Parish* and then *Parish Registrations*. Attendance is a **MUST** for first-time parents and strongly encouraged for those with over three-year interval between baptisms. Both parents are expected to attend, even if one is not Catholic. Contact Susan Tomelleri at the Parish Office, 741-2800, 213 or stomelleri@sttheresenorth.org with questions.

ALTAR & ROSARY * KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS * FAITH FORMATION



The next A&R monthly meeting is scheduled for Monday evening, April 14, at 6pm in the church praying the rosary together, followed by a pot luck dinner at 6:30pm and the business meeting at 7:00pm. Elections of officers will take place, so please

consider attending.

Altar & Rosary Society Calendar of Events:

April 2: DCCW Quarterly Meeting (Changed from March 5)

Serve for Lenten Soup and Speaker

April 14: A&R Monthly Meeting

The quarterly meeting of the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (DCCW) is scheduled for Wednesday, April 2 at Coronation Catholic Church, 13000 Bennington Avenue, Grandview, MO. Registration begins at 9:30am followed by a short business meeting, Mass, catered luncheon, and a program. The DCCW supports and empowers Catholic women of the Diocese in spirituality, leadership, and service. For more information, contact Jan Saylor @kc.rr.com or 816-569-1483.

A&R will host the Lenten Soup Series on Wednesday, April 2. There is still need for volunteers to serve that evening. Contact Jan Saylor at 816-569-1483 or jsaylor1@kc.rr.com for more information.

There will be an open house at the Hillcrest Transitional Housing sponsored apartment on Sunday, April 6 from 2pm-5pm. Come see what this wonderful ministry is about. The apartment is located at 5619 Northwood Road, Apt 1, Kansas City, MO (across from Southeast Elementary). For more information, contact Jan Saylor @kc.rr.com or 816-569-1483.

"To experience Holy Week is to enter more and more into God's logic of love and self-giving." —Pope Francis

Guess Who's Coming To Dinner?

Looking for something new to do? Start your Spring on an upswing by getting out of that house! Dine with other St. Therese members at Guess Who's coming to Dinner? Email Gail at gaildavern@yahoo.com or call 891-6540 to place you with other couples and singles on Saturday, April 5th. You'll be glad that you did.

Intercessory Prayer Ministry

Heart Values: *We are open to all prayer requests for healing from individuals, parishioners and the larger community.*

We receive prayer requests daily and emergency requests as needed.

We maintain confidentiality and respect personal boundaries.

We use our own personal prayer style in response to requests.

If you would like people to pray for you and your intentions, or if you would like to participate in this ministry, please call Virginia Smith at 587-9837 or Dan Vanover at vanoverdan@att.net.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.



Pope John Paul I Council #7199

Regular Knights meetings are the 2nd Monday of each month at 7:00pm in the Knights Meeting Hall on the 3rd floor of the Early Education Center. The Knights Officers' meeting is the 1st Tuesday of each month at 7:00pm in the Knights Hall.

All KoC members are welcome!

Knights of Columbus Calendar of Events

April 1: Council Officers Meeting, Knights Hall

April 4: 1st Friday Dance, School Gym, 7:00-10:00pm

Membership in the Knights of Columbus is open to all Catholic men age 18 years and older. It's a great way to help serve your parish and community. For information about joining our St. Therese KoC Council, please contact Dave Tracewell, Membership Chairman, at 668-4641.

Visit Our Website: www.kofc7199.org
Newsletters available in the Usher's Room

Knights Council 7199 Lenten Fish Dinners

Friday, April 11

4:30-7:00pm in Good Shepherd Hall

Menu: choice of Battered Cod, Boiled Shrimp, or Combo Plate, Boiled New Potatoes, Mac-n-Cheese, Vegetable, Roll & Butter, Dessert
Cost: \$10.00; Seniors \$9.00 (62 & older); and Children \$6.00 (12 & younger)



Calendar of Events and Activities

April

4th —Join Teresa at the St. Andrew Fish Fry, prepared by the Knights of Columbus. Enjoy Shrimp, baked and steamed fish, baked potatoes, new potatoes, cole slaw and corn. Cost is \$13 per person. Desserts, beer, wine, and pop are available to purchase. Meet at 6PM.

10th —2nd Thursday - Join in fellowship and plan some great activities for early summer. Meet at the Pizza Shoppe in Platte Woods, 6PM. For an activity we will discuss is the King Tut exhibit, which runs from April 4 – Sept. 7 (adults \$19.95).

27th —Celebrate April Birthdays! Dinner at Red Lobster's Metro North location on Barry Rd. Gather at 5PM. RSVP to Teresa (804-9145) or John (587-2359) regarding all events.

FAITH FORMATION * BIBLE STUDIES * PARISH LIBRARY

Sunday Morning Bible Study—Matthew

Experience the Gospel in a new and powerful way

The time of Christ is a period of history unlike any other that humanity has experienced. For thirty-three years the Creator of the Universe lived among men. He established a New Law of mercy and love, founded a visible Church, and instituted the sacraments to confer upon us the grace of salvation. And all of these extraordinary events have been recorded for us in the Gospels. Join us Sundays from 11:30am-1:30pm in the Wooldridge Center Meeting Room. Contact Tony at 816-506-4298 or email tsimone@kc.rr.com.

Monday Night Bible Study—Acts

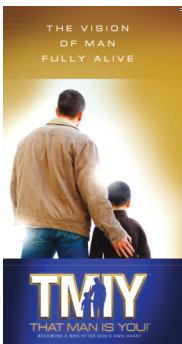
The Acts of the Apostles is more than a history of the First Christians. It is an incredible story of the power of the Holy Spirit. In *Acts: The Spread of the Kingdom*, you will witness how the Apostles, through the Power of the Holy Spirit, continued the saving mission of Christ on earth. Join us for *Acts: The Spread of the Kingdom*, Mondays 6:30-8:30pm in the Wooldridge Center Library. For more information call Tony Simone, 816-506-4298 or tsimone@kc.rr.com.

Tuesday Morning Bible Study—James

Join us Tuesday mornings at 9:30am in the Cry Room. We have a 6-week study *James: Pearls for Wise Living*. These lessons take you through the Letter of James, drawing on pertinent passages from the Bible and *Catechism of the Catholic Church* to help you understand what you are reading and how to apply it to your life. Began Tuesday, March 11th, but it's not too late to join us.

Friday Night Bible Study—Bible Timeline

Learn the story of salvation history as it is presented in the Bible. The Bible can be a daunting enterprise but this DVD series with Jeff Cavins, will literally open the pages of the Bible for you and make it come alive. We meet in the Wooldridge Center Meeting Room on Friday nights at 7:00pm. Contact Claude Sasso at 524-0291 for questions.

**Men of St. Therese — The Daily Lenten Program**

Saturday Mornings, Wooldridge Center

6:45am—Breakfast

8:00am—Breakout Group Discussions

7:00am—Speaker Presentation

7:30am—TMIY Presentation

8:20am—Conclusion

8:30am—Mass

Begin with a consecration of the day and ourselves to God. Followup with...

- ♦ Daily exercise to help us overcome the obstacles in the spiritual life and encounter God.
- ♦ Daily sacrifice designed to coordinate with the daily exercise.
- ♦ Brief examination of conscience at the end of the day.



*Visit the library often—
it's where faith happens*

Book Sale Next Weekend!!

**6th Annual Book Sale
April 5th and 6th**

The Parish Library invites you to the Wooldridge Center—Saturday 1:00-6:00pm and Sunday 9:00am-2:00pm—Terrific bargains!! Super selection of books including novels, children's books, CDs, DVDs, and lots more!



This event will help enrich the Library with new and inspiring Catholic resources available to all parishioners — best-sellers from the world's outstanding authors, timeless treasures of faith, award winning videos for the

entire family and the ever popular Veggie Tales for the kiddies!

Come, join in the excitement of discovering that priceless gem. . . a book!



Mass of Appreciation April 13, 8:00am
Offered for Library Patrons, Donors, and
Supporters Please join us!

A library outranks any other one thing a community can do to benefit its people. It is a never failing spring in the desert."

—Andrew Carnegie

SCHOOL * EEC * LENTEN SERIES

Would you like to serve on the St. Therese Education Committee for St. Therese School?

The Education Committee has three positions open for the 2014-2015 school year. Any parent of a child at the school Early Education Center, or member of the parish for at least two years is eligible to serve on the Education Committee (exception: school, parish and EEC staffs are ineligible to serve in this capacity).

The St. Therese Education Committee is an advisory committee made up of nine members, each serving staggered three-year terms. The Principal, Pastor, Early Education Center Director, and a Teacher Representative also serve on the committee. The committee serves as an advisory group to examine school/center policies as they relate to students, academic and curricular affairs, long-range planning, financial planning and development, public relations and marketing, administrative direction, and other areas of school, EEC, parish and community relations.

The Education Committee does not enact policy, participate in personnel issues or the day-to-day operation of the school or Early Education Center.

If you or anyone you know may be interested in serving on this committee, please contact the school by phone or email to receive an application. It must be turned in to Carol Lenz, principal, no later than Friday, April 11. Candidates will be interviewed the evening of Tuesday, April 15.

Candidates must commit to dedicating their time and talent to the STS Education Committee and make every effort to attend the regular scheduled monthly meetings and special meetings as necessary. If a candidate's occupation requires frequent business travel, the Education Committee may not be a good fit.

If you have any questions, please contact Carol Lenz at 741-5400, ext. 104 or by email at clenz@sttheresenorth.org.

Something to Consider Conscious Discipline

(EEC Family Newsletter, March 24)

Discipline is not something you do to children, but something you develop within them. "As a parent myself, I've learned that all the wisdom and love in the world doesn't necessarily protect you from parenting in ways that hold your children back from thriving, gaining independence, and becoming the leaders they have the potential to be." (excerpt from "7 Crippling Parenting Behaviors That Keep children from Growing into Leaders." by Kathy Carpino, Forbes Magazine.)

The seven behaviors:

1. We don't let our children experience risk.
2. We rescue too quickly.
3. We rave too easily.
4. We let guilt get in the way of leading well.
5. We don't share our past mistakes.
6. We mistake intelligence, giftedness, and influence for maturity.
7. We don't practice what we preach.

St. Therese EEC Achieved Superior Scores in NAEYC Accreditation

Some perspective—Consider that only 8% of the preschools and Early Education Centers across the country are accredited by NAEYC

On March 12, the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) awarded St. Therese Early Education Center re-accreditation. In order to successfully receive NAEYC accreditation, early education programs must meet or exceed a score of 80 percent in areas such as curriculum, teaching, physical environment, leadership, assessment of child progress, relationships and families. **St. Therese EEC scored a perfect 100 percent in eight of the 10 program evaluation areas-- as well as additional points for meeting NAEYC Emerging Criteria in five of the Program Standards.** It is tremendously gratifying to have the hard work and dedication of our staff recognized with such outstanding scores on our program evaluation. **The EEC also scored an average of 98 percent of criteria met for each classroom observed.** St. Therese EEC has achieved NAEYC accreditation, the benchmark of early learning excellence, continuously since 2004.

Every day, for every child and family, we work to offer the best Catholic environment to foster a young child's development and learning. Our NAEYC accreditation is a testament to the dedication of St. Therese EEC's teachers, staff, families, and volunteers.

Equally important, St. Therese EEC could not have achieved NAEYC accreditation without the support from St. Therese Parish and the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph. Our level of excellence requires multiple resources. A certified and trained teaching staff, low child-adult ratios, family engagement, curriculum standards, and health and safety procedures are among the quality indicators impacting our operating expenses.

We could not be happier—and we hope our community shares our pride in this incredible accomplishment.

Our Lenten Theme this season Hospitality of the Heart

Soup & Speaker Series

Wednesdays—Soup served at 6:00pm and the speakers will begin their talks at 6:20pm ending at 7:15pm

- April 2: *A Healing Heart*
 Ginny Feeney, Scripture: Man Born Blind
 Potato Soup prepared & served by
 Altar & Rosary
- April 9: *Warming the Heart*
 Father Keith Branson, Scripture: Lazarus
 Steak Soup prepared & served by
 Respect Life Group

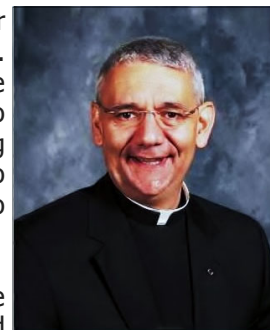
FINANCIAL

YOUR GIFTS TO GOD AND PARISH

Weekly Contributions: 3/28/14	\$ 58,424
Budgeted per Week	\$ 76,346
Difference	\$ (17,922)
Year-to-Date Weekly contributions	\$ 2,919,057
Year-to-Date Budget	\$ 2,824,803
Difference	\$ 94,254
<i>"Living a Faith, Building a Future"</i>	
Weekly contributions: 3/28/14	\$ 1,803
Budgeted per Week	\$ 5,769
Difference	\$ (3,966)
Year-to-Date Weekly contributions	\$ 178,382
Year-to-Date Budget	\$ 213,454
Difference	\$ (35,072)
Current loan balance is \$4,610,913	

From the Pastor's Pen

While the totals are not yet in, our parish auction was a great success. We had well over 100 people more than last year. My thanks to so many generous and hardworking employees and volunteers who worked so hard and so long to make this a success.



Catholic education is much more than just Catholic schools and Catholic education is a gift to many people who are not Catholic. Our diocesan Forward in Faith campaign represents a rededication to Catholic education on many levels, our Catholic schools, our religious education programs, youth ministry, and financial assistance for families who struggle to send their children to Catholic schools. As someone has noted, this is a noble effort. We seek to share with others the gift of the Faith that we have received. All registered parishioners have already received some information about this. This will also cover the appeals that cover and support a number of important diocesan ministries such as service to the need, support for unwed mothers and helping families who wish to adopt.

Fourth Sunday of Lent

The Stations of the Cross reminds us that when we sacrifice and endure suffering for others, we share in Christ's suffering.

This Wednesday evening we welcome back to St. Therese Ginny Feeney. For those who are newcomers, Ginny and her husband Joe were longtime members of our parish and for a number of years, Ginny directed pastoral care here at the parish. As part of our Lenten Soup & Speaker series, Hospitality of the Heart, Ginny will be speaking on Wednesday night on A Healing Heart. Please join us.

Remember our Lenten Penance Service is next Sunday, April 6 at 7:00 P.M.

Father Joe Cisetti

Easter Flowers

Remember a Loved One

We have a meaningful holiday tradition at St. Therese of remembering loved ones with prayer-soaked flowers used in church during the Easter season—as well as helping us decorate the church! Contact Nancy Borman at the Parish Office, 741-2800, ext. 239, or nborman@sttheresenorth.org if you would like to honor a loved one with a donation toward our Easter flowers. Or fill out this form and return it (or mail it) to the Parish Office:
St. Therese Church, 7207 NW Hwy 9, KC, MO 64152.

suggested donation

\$20

quantity

Easter lily In Memory (Honor) of _____

Your name _____ phone _____

Please make check payable to St. Therese Church.
Thank you for your kind donation!

Northland Lenten Reconciliation Services

Tue., Apr. 1, 7:00 – St. Patrick
 Wed., Apr. 2, 7:00 – St. Charles
 Thur., Apr. 3, 7:00 – Holy Family
 Sun., Apr. 6, 2:00 – Twelve Apostles
Sun., Apr. 6, 7:00 – St. Therese
 Mon., Apr. 7, 7:00 – Annunciation (in Kearney)
 Tue., Apr. 8, 7:00 – St. James
 During regularly scheduled services –
 St. Andrew

PARISH AUCTION 2014 NIGHT OF



The crowd begins to gather.



The bidding is soon fast and furious!

Special thanks to our hard working committee members —

The Incredibles.

This event would not be possible without their help.

Joan Anderberg
Nancy Borman
Teresa Campbell
Connie Cavaliere-Webb
Lisa Corley
Jessica DiBernardo
DeAnne Dodd
Julie Gardner
Cheryl Givens
Heather Greenfield
Ginger James
Shannon Kasyjanski
Vickie Lamb
Margie Langdon
Cathy Mulligan
Julie Newkirk-Vande Ven
Michelle Passantino
Erin Plas
Amy Powell
Ilene Raymer
Mike Sirridge
Jo Ellen Spini
Maria Van Winkle

Knights of Columbus
The Teachers
School Staff
Parish Staff

Puppy Lois Lane
contemplates
leaving
superman



Superman looks sad but I'm on the hunt for a new family so I can share all my super powers. Sigh!!!

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Super Heroes of St. Therese—
a campus safe from villains!



Artist at work



Our Parish Community

The Mystery of God meets the Mystery of the Child in Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Learn about this Montessori approach to faith formation for children ages 3-12

7-8 p.m. Tuesday, April 1

Third floor of the Education and Parish Center,
Visit the Good Shepherd Atrium

Contact Jo Thornley Cox, kcmojo@gmail.com,
816-522-3002

- ◆ Explore how your children could benefit from this approach
- ◆ Discern whether you are being called to share your faith with children
- ◆ Experience the theology and methodology of CGS materials

Consider Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
for your children



Visit *Our Lady's* Gift Shop for All Your Special Occasion Gifts

Janet Pesicka and Amy Wade—Managers

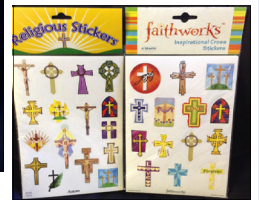
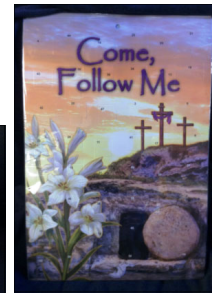
Email: ourladygs@hotmail.com — Open before and after regular weekend Masses.

Easter is April 20

Stop by the gift shop and see what we have for you
Greeting Cards, Prayer Cards, Coloring Books, Activity Books,
Calendars and more

First Communion

Gift items are for sale and include several gift sets, rosaries, lapel pins, veils, purses, ties, necklaces, crosses, photo frames, photo books, books, bibles, and more.



PROGRAMS & EVENTS — OFF SITE

Knights of Columbus Council 4613 Fish Fry/Bingo

April 4 Fish Fry 4:30-8:00pm with Bingo from 7:00-9:00pm at
St. Anthony's St. Joseph Hall.

Knights of Columbus Council 4613 Breakfast

April 13, 9:00-11:00am
3208 Lexington
St. Anthony's —St. Joseph Hall Time 9:00am-12:00noon

The First Saturday Devotion sponsored by the World Apostolate of Fatima

will be held at St. John Francis Regis Parish, 8941 James A. Reed Road, KCMO, Saturday, April 5, beginning with Confession, Rosary and Meditations at 8:00AM, followed by Mass at 9:00AM.

The request for these devotions was made known by Mary and Jesus to Sister Lucia on December 10, 1925. Our Lady promised those who fulfill the requirements on five consecutive First Saturdays to help with the graces necessary for salvation at the hour of their death.

First Saturday requirements may also be fulfilled by receiving Communion at any Saturday Eucharistic celebration, with the rosary and meditations done individually. Confession should be made within 8 days. For more information contact Dee Harkins, 816-942-0333

Pilgrimage to Italy

September 25-October 4, 2014

Pilgrimage with Bishop Finn, Fr. Rocha, Fr. Lockwood-Diaconate Ordination of Alex Kreidler and Andy Mattingly. For more information call 816-756-1850, ext 571 or visit our website www.diocese-kcsj.org/content/vocations/pilgrimage_to_Italy and get the brochure.

Seminarian Benefit Luncheon

Two of our seminarians, Wes McKellar & Leonard Gicheru are suffering from serious health ailments and mounting medical expenses. Please lift up our seminarians and their families in prayer and help support them by attending this fundraiser on Sunday, March 30, 11:30am-2:00pm at St. Andrew the Apostle. Tickets are \$25 per person and you may register on the website 222.sataps.com.