



28th Sunday

I N O R D I N A R Y T I M E

Jesus said in reply, "Ten were cleansed, were they not? Where are the other nine? Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?" - Lk 17:17-18

St. Therese Parish - October 13, 2019

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If you are a victim of sexual abuse by, or to report sexual abuse involving a cleric, diocesan volunteer or employee, contact Kathleen or or call 816.812.2500.

The Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph is committed to combatting 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 the Victim Advocate, Kathleen Chastain, at 816.392.0011 or chastain@diocesekcsj.org for more information.

Readings for the week of October 13

Sunday: 2 Kgs 5:14-17/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 [cf. 2b]/2 Tm 2:8-13/Lk 17:11-19
Monday: Rom 1:1-7/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [2a]/Lk 11:29-32
Tuesday: Rom 1:16-25/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [2a]/Lk 11:37-41
Wednesday: . . Rom 2:1-11/Ps 62:2-3, 6-7, 9 [13b]/Lk 11:42-46
Thursday: Rom 3:21-30/Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab [7]/Lk 11:47-54
Friday: 2 Tm 4:10-17b/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18 [12]/Lk 10:1-9
Saturday: . Rom 4:13, 16-18/Ps 105:6-7, 8-9, 42-43 [8a]/Lk 12:8-12
Next Sunday: Ex 17:8-13/Ps 121:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [cf. 2]/2 Tm 3:14—4:2/Lk 18:1-8

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Mass Schedules

Weekend Masses

Saturday: (for Sunday obligation) 4:30pm

Sunday: 8:00am, 10:00am,
12:00 noon, 5:00pm

Daily Masses

Monday, Thursday, Saturday:
8:30am

Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday:
6:30am, 8:30am

Rosary: Monday-Saturday: 7:55am
Saturday: 4:00pm
Sunday: 7:25am

Confession

Tuesday/Wednesday: 8:00-8:20am
Saturday: 3:00-4:15pm
Anytime by request

Regular Business Hours

Parish Office: Monday-Friday,
8:00am-4:00pm
Closed Wed. 1:15-3:00pm

School Office: Monday-Friday,
7:30am-3:30pm

Early Education Center:
Monday-Friday, 6:30am-6:00pm

YOUR GIFTS TO GOD & PARISH

Week Ending Friday, October 4, 2019
Fiscal Year: July 1, 2019—June 30, 2020

	Weekly	Year-to-Date
Contributions	\$53,441	\$916,974
Budgeted	\$77,675	\$1,009,775
Difference	(\$24,234)	(\$92,801)
Building Loan Balance		\$3,163,686
Debt Retirement Contributions	\$573	\$26,336
Principal & Interest payments		(\$113,288)
Difference		(\$86,953)

From The Pastor's Pen

Sometimes we become so accustomed to someone or something around us that we fail to recognize what gift that person or thing is. The same is true for a parish. There can be blessings that we get so used to that we forget what a true gift they can be. This weekend at Mass we will have a chance to realize what a gift St. Therese Parish is to so many.

October is traditionally a month dedicated to the Rosary. This venerable and beloved prayer form is both simple and sophisticated. It is oral, mental and (usually) tactual. It gives us a way of praying the scriptures.

Blessed (soon to be saint) Paul VI described the Rosary as a compendium of the entire gospel and a gospel prayer. He went on to describe it as a prayer with a body and a soul. The body of the Rosary is the Our Fathers and Hail Marys we recite. The soul of the Rosary is our meditations on the mysteries of our salvation.

In meditation, we picture the scene described in mystery using our imagination, we place ourselves there by the crib, or at the Last Supper or at the foot of the Cross. We ponder what that mystery says to us and how we can live

out the virtues within it. For example, meditating on Jesus carrying the cross can lead us to become more patient.

This meditation can often hold a horizontal element. For example, when meditating on the scouring at the pillar, we can pray for all those who are being tortured today. Without this soul which is meditation, the Rosary can become a long, and even boring, repetition. With this soul, we enter more deeply into prayer and the life of Christ so that he may live more deeply in us.

St. John Paul II taught that with the Rosary, the Christian people sits at the school of Mary and is led to contemplate the beauty on the face of Christ and to experience the depths of his love. He added that to recite the Rosary is nothing other than to *contemplate with Mary the face of Christ*. He also pointed out that the center of gravity in the Hail Mary is the name of Jesus.

When we pray the Hail Mary we start by repeating the words of the Archangel Gabriel to Mary. As we continue, we pray the words that Elizabeth, inspired by the Holy Spirit, said at the Visitation. The first half of the prayer concludes with what St. John Paul called, "the center of gravity" in this prayer—the name of Jesus.

The second half of the prayer is a later addition but is beautiful. In it we ask for the assistance of the Blessed Mother at the two most important times of our life: now and at the hour of our death.



Pope Francis has said, The Rosary is an effective means for opening ourselves to God, for it helps us to overcome selfishness and to bring peace to hearts, in the family and in the world.

This Sunday we will be joining with people throughout the country to pray the Rosary. This is called *Rosary Coast to Coast*. At 2:30 that afternoon we will gather in the church for hymns and then at 3:00 we will pray the Rosary. A small reception will follow.

Particularly during the month of October I invite everyone to share in this rich and beautiful form of prayer.

Father Joe Cisetti

SEE THE POSSIBILITIES

A Canticle for the St. Therese Community

It is a blessing. To be Catholic. To participate in the Eucharist and all the Sacraments. To help another find something so extraordinary – to feel wrapped in the warmth of a belief that, just ahead, lies something better. To feel hope of infinite possibilities. This is our calling. To be the catalyst of hope in all the lives we touch. To be a disciple of Jesus Christ. To intentionally share our faith.

We embrace this calling by sharing the love of God that surrounds us. Not just in grand gestures, but in simple acts. It's a comforting word in a moment of sorrow. A shoulder in a time of need. Or, maybe it is simply a smile. And a welcome. They are the things we do every day. In every little way. They are simple acts. But they have the power to change a life. They can help another experience a stirring in the soul.

We are truly blessed. Blessed to spark the hope. Blessed to share what we have. And in doing so, alter the course of a life by helping another experience this transforming love of Christ.

Be the Hope. Be the Love. Be the Change.

How did this canticle and the statement that follows it come to be written?

As you may recall, in summer 2018, we asked all parishioners to participate in a survey about our community's mission. In early fall 2018, representatives from parish ministries, committees and councils participated in a workshop that looked at what we found in the survey results. Over the following months, parish staff worked with the firm of Will & Grail to translate that input into this canticle and the related three part statement of hope, love and change. As the canticle says, we are truly blessed. What we choose to do with those blessings as we journey forward is how we live out our response to Christ's call to be one with Him - intentionally.

Today, we heard from members of our community about their faith journeys. A central element in their walk with Christ is prayer. We begin as a community today to also pray for guidance and a closer relationship with Our Lord as we look to the future while honoring our past. In the coming weeks, we will discover together how we can secure our past, enhance our present and embrace our future – how we can "see the possibilities." Please pray our community prayer with us in your homes and join us on this faith journey.

Our Parish Community Prayer

Heavenly Father, we turn to You with grateful hearts for what we have

and with great anticipation for what is yet to be.

Bless us with a sense of unity, a spirit of cooperation and a generous heart.

Send Your Spirit to guide our parish's efforts to embrace our tradition and build our future.

Help us to bring all those that enter our church into a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ.

Our journey is rooted in Your Word and in Your Presence in the Eucharist.

May we become one with You and may we grow deeper in our relationship with You by striving to live lives of intentional faith. May our efforts become a blessing to all of our parish community.

Strengthen us and bless us with your presence, now and forever.

We ask this in the Spirit through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

SACRAMENTS / SUPPORT

Baptism

Infant Baptisms-contact Deacon Scott McKellar, 741.2800, ext. 213

Adult Baptism-contact Deacon Doug Warrens, 741.2800, ext. 212

Marriage

A 9-month preparation period is required (diocesan policy). Contact Deacon Scott McKellar, 741.2800, ext. 213

Reconciliation/Confessions

Saturdays, 3:00-4:15pm

Wednesdays, 8:00-8:20am

Anytime by request

Confirmation

Youth, grades 9-12, contact Tim Volk, 741.5400, ext. 119

Adult, contact Deacon Doug Warrens, 741.2800, ext. 212

Funeral Planning/Arrangements

Contact Deacon Doug Warrens, ext. 212 or Karen Engebretson, ext. 258 through the Parish Office, 741.2800

Prayer Lists / Bulletin Prayers

Contact Deacon Doug Warrens, 741.2800, ext. 212

Bulletin Submissions must be received 10 business days prior to the requested date of publication.

ST. THERESE MEMORIAL REMEMBRANCES

Bernice J. Curtis – October 14
Anthony Snyder – October 14
Matthew W. Gardner – October 16
Vera L. Katlin – October 16
Charles G. Dougherty – October 17
Bonita Sasso Pistilli – October 17
Mary Beth Haake – October 18
Robert P. Fisher – October 19
Steve E. Goebel – October 19

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Prayers and Sympathy

For all those who have died, especially Joe Paladino, husband of Malinda; and Mike Cohen, husband of Mary. May all who have died in Christ know the fullness of Resurrection Life.

Baptisms

Let us welcome into the family of God and into the St. Therese family those newly baptized.

Camden Michael Wilson, son of
Cory and Kathryn Wilson

Dean Matthew Winder, son of
David and Caitlin Winder

Dyla Joseph Crowell, son of
Lance and Laura Crowell

McClayn Opal Gambaro, daughter of
Ryan and Kathryn Gambaro

Sandra Sofia Alvarez Bazan, daughter of
Juan Alvarez and Sandra Bazan Romero

Charles Nathan Hughey, son of
Thomas and Destiny Hughey

PREPARATION CLASSES

Baptismal Preparation Classes

Typically Baptismal Preparation classes are offered the 2nd Monday of every month (except December). To register visit www.sttheresenorth.org and click on *Church* and then *Sacraments*.

Attendance is a MUST for first-time parents and strongly encouraged for those with over a three-year interval between baptisms. Both parents are expected to attend, even if one is not Catholic.

Contact Deacon Scott McKellar at the Parish Office with questions at 741.2800, ext. 213 smckellar@sttheresenorth.org.

R.C.I.A.

Are you interested in the Catholic Church and joining us in our faith journey?

Contact Deacon Doug Warrens for more information at 741.2800, ext. 212 or dwarrens@sttheresenorth.org.

Adoration

Spend as much time as possible in front of the Blessed Sacrament and He will fill you with His strength and His power
- St. Teresa of Calcutta

EVENING HELP NEEDED / NECESITA
AYUDA POR LA NOCHE

Our Adoration Chapel has 8 evening hours that need additional weekly Prayer Warriors.

Mon 9 pm | Tue 6 pm | Wed 8 pm | Thu 5 & 6 pm | Fri 5, 6 & 10 pm

Want to spend quiet time with our Lord? Our Chapel has a separate exterior entrance located on the cry room (east) side of church. ALL are welcome, even if for a few minutes.

St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry

Thank you for supporting the pantry with the special food donations requested each month. The request for this month is -

Pancake Syrup

We want to thank everyone for bringing egg cartons when we needed them but at this time we have an ample supply. We no longer are in need of any. Thank you.

It's Getting to be That Time of Year. . .

St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry Adopt-a-Family for Christmas

The Pantry is interviewing families so we will be ready to match them with a sponsor. As you make your plans, think about sponsoring a family this Christmas!

Sponsors can be: individual families, groups of families, work groups, ministry groups, etc. You will receive an information sheet with the first names, genders and ages of the children with their Christmas wish list.

If you would like to help, call Joan at 509.7580 or the Food Pantry at 741.8661.

That Man is You

That Man is You invites men of the parish to join us on Saturdays, as we begin our next year-long TMIY program, *The Fight of Faith*. From the programs, materials, we will plan to: Discover authentic Christian masculinity and enter into the cosmic battle that has been raging since the fall of the angels.

As with every Saturday, we'll start the breakfast (free-will offering) at 6:45 am, the approximately half-hour long video will start around 7, and we'll break at 8:20 so everyone has the opportunity to go to daily Mass at 8:30.

For questions, contact Joshua Wunderlich at joshua.wunderlich@gmail.com or 402.570.7624.

Altar & Rosary

Thank you to all of the Parish ladies that attended the Ladies Croquet Social. It was a beautiful evening of fellowship and fun.

The next purse stuffing is after the general meeting on 10/14. We need donations of hand sanitizer, floss, toothbrushes, shaving cream, combs and brushes, and lady's deodorant. Please drop them in the basket by the Wooldridge Center doors.

If you are interested in joining Altar & Rosary, you may sign up online or pick up a paper application in the gift shop. The Altar & Rosary website is: www.sttheresenorth.org/altar-and-rosary-society

Contact Amanda Bentley with membership questions at 316-641-4955 or at awbentley01@outlook.com.

Altar & Rosary Children's Store

In conjunction with the Cub Scout Pack 261 Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, December 8th, 9:00am to 12:00pm.

CHILDREN'S STORE

We are in need of donated items to sell at the Children's Store, along with gift bags and tissue paper. The Children's Store is a place where children can Christmas shop for their family and friends. You may drop your items off at the Parish office or the Gift Shop, labeled Children's Store. The donations need to be new or gently used items, especially toys, due to regulations and recalls. We are usually short on items for dad and grandpa. Items needed are for Mom, Dad, Grandma, Grandpa, Aunt, Uncle, Pets, siblings, etc. If you do not like to shop, we will take monetary donations and shop for you. You can send cash or checks to the parish office, ATTN: Berenice McHale Children's Store. Items not sold in the Children's store will be donated.

TEEN VOLUNTEERS

We are looking for teens in need of service hours to be shopper guides for the children and gift wrappers. If interested, please contact Nichole Porting, nporting@gmail.com, 816.880.0092 to volunteer.

Knights of Columbus Activities

Attention all Catholic men

Ever wondered how you could make a bigger contribution to your parish, community and nation? The Knights of Columbus may be your answer.

This month the local Knights council is shining a light on its many activities that benefit the parish and community, and is extending a cordial invitation to all men over the age of 18 to consider membership.

This weekend, October 12th & 13th is our membership drive. Please take a look at the pamphlet in the pew, and make a point to visit with a Knight in the back of church after Mass if you have any questions. We are doing great things and we can do even more with your help.

Thank you and welcome to the Knights of Columbus!

Bill Robinette, Grand Knight, 816.520.5656
Rob Perschau, Membership chairman, 816.516.9693.

Men's Grief Support Group

The stages of grief

Are you grieving from the loss of a loved one, the loss of a job, a divorce, etc.? Join our peer support group at 7 pm Oct. 9 at 9705 NW 86th Terr., Kansas City, Mo.. for casual and productive conversation about grief and loss. We'll continue to talk about the stages of grief and then let the conversation take its own course. For info, contact Rob Perschau, 816.516.9693, or Rick Brennaman, 816.863.9493. A program of the Knights of Columbus.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY OCTOBER 13	MONDAY OCTOBER 14	TUESDAY OCTOBER 15	WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 1
Knights Tootsie Roll Drive Soup Kitchen at St. Mary's, Meet in front parking lot at 9:15am 10:00-11:00am: Babysitting, 2nd Floor EEC 10:00-11:00am: Sunday School, Gold Commons 11:00am-1:30pm: Sunday Morning Bible Study, Martin Room 2:30-3:30pm: Rosary Coast to Coast, Church 3:30-4:30pm: Rosary Coast to Coast Reception, Wooldridge Center 6:15-9:00pm: Men's CRHP Formation Meeting, Team 11, Martin Room 6:15-8:15pm: Life Teen/Confirmation, 3rd Floor EEC	7:30-8:30am: Fatima Prayer Group, Parish Library 9:00-10:00am: Prayer Session, Cry Room 9:00am-11:00pm: Eucharistic Adoration, Adoration Chapel 6:30-8:00pm: Walking with Purpose Bible Study, Martin Room 6:30-8:00pm: Altar & Rosary General Meeting, Wooldridge Center 6:30-8:00pm: Baptismal Preparation Class, Birkel Room 7:00-9:00pm: Knights General Meeting, 3rd Floor EEC	9:00am-11:00pm: Eucharistic Adoration, Adoration Chapel 10:00am-12:00pm: Mary, Martha, and Lazarus Prayer Group, Off site (this week only) 6:00-9:00pm: Women's CRHP Team Formation Meeting (Team 11), Birkel Room 6:30-8:30pm: CRHP Team 10 Gathering, Martin Room 7:00-8:00pm: Private Event, Wooldridge Center 7:00-9:00pm: CRHP Team 4 Bible Study, Reflection Area	8:00am-12:00pm: Library Committee Meeting, Parish Library 9:00am-11:00pm: Eucharistic Adoration, Adoration Chapel 9:00-11:00am: Walking with Purpose Women's Study, Martin Room 1:15-3:00pm: Parish Office CLOSED for Staff Meeting 3:15-4:15pm: Treble Choir, Music Room 6:00-7:15pm: RE Classes, Education & Parish Center 6:00-7:45: EDGE, Education & Parish Center 6:00-8:00pm: Walking with Purpose Women's Study, Martin Room 6:00-9:00pm: FMC Meetings, Parish Library 7:00-8:30pm: Adult Choir Rehearsal, Church 7:00-9:00pm: NLH Association Meeting, Wooldridge Center
THURSDAY OCTOBER 17	FRIDAY OCTOBER 18	SATURDAY OCTOBER 19	SUNDAY OCTOBER 20
8:30-9:30am: ALL School Mass, Church 9:00am-11:00pm: Eucharistic Adoration, Adoration Chapel 9:30-11:00am: Queen of Peace Prayer Group, Parish Library 6:30-9:00pm: Prayer Shawl Ministry, Birkel Room 7:00-9:00pm: RCIA, Wooldridge Center 7:00-9:00pm: SPRED, Brett Room	8:00am-3:00pm: Early Education Diocese Training, Wooldridge Center 9:00am-10:00pm: Eucharistic Adoration, Adoration Chapel 3:30-9:00pm: Men's CRHP Fall Retreat Set up, Education & Parish Center 6:30-7:45pm: Men's Agape Service, 3rd Floor EEC 7:00-7:30pm: Divine Mercy in Song, Parish Library	Men's CRHP Retreat Weekend, Education & Parish Center 6:30-8:30am: That Man is You, Martin Room 9:00am-1:00pm: Eucharistic Adoration, Adoration Chapel 10:00am-12:00pm: Natural Family Planning, Birkel Room 2:00-4:00pm: Beginning Experience, Martin Room 3:00-4:15pm: Confessions, Church 3:00-4:00pm: Freeman 50th Anniversary, Wooldridge Center	Men's CRHP Retreat Weekend, Education & Parish Center 10:00-11:00am: Babysitting, 2nd Floor EEC 10:00-11:00am: Sunday School, Gold Commons 11:00am-1:30pm: Sunday Morning Bible Study, Martin Room 2:00-4:30pm: CRHP Family Gathering, Wooldridge Center 5:00-11:00pm: Bishop's Italian Dinner, Good Shepherd Hall 6:15-9:00pm: Men's CRHP Formation Meeting, Team 11, Martin Room 6:15-8:15pm: Life Teen/Confirmation, 3rd Floor EEC

10th Doctor is the best Doctor.

For those of you who don't know, Doctor Who is a British television show in which an ancient alien uses a time machine shaped like a police box to travel through time saving lives and having adventures. A friend of mine from college (go Benedictine!) introduced me to show. Knowing that it was a different kind of program from American television, he asked me to give him one season. If I wasn't sold on it after that he'd leave me be. So we started with its 2005 television relaunch. The show is weird and quirky and clever and imaginative enough that it endeared itself to me after episode 5 (the Daleks!) and by episode 9 (Are you my mommy?) I was hooked.

We proceed to shotgun all six seasons.

Because we're responsible adults.

The show has been going on for nearly fifty years in TV, movies, audio recordings, books, etc. In order to keep the show lasting so long, the showrunners have worked in that the protagonist of the Doctor is not only an alien, but nigh immortal. The Doctor regenerates into different personas each time he 'dies.' Thus, the show is able to change actors but keep the same character as their protagonist.

Actor David Tennant, the 10th Doctor, remains my favorite persona or iteration of the Doctor. Episodes like Blink, Silence in the Library, Human Nature, The End of Time, Journey's End and so many more really cemented my endearment for his take on the character, so much so that after his departure my interest in the show began to wane. This, coupled with the increased demands of seminary and priesthood has now resulted in me being several seasons behind.

Yet despite my fondness for the 10th Doctor and his run as the show's lead, I've found that each version of the Doctor will have their own prominent moments, moments of either clever ingenuity, heart wrenching tragedy, or loving sincerity.

There's an episode during actor Peter Capaldi's time as the Doctor, in which the Doctor is betrayed by his closest friend Clara. She uses him, manipulates him, hurts him, and betrays him for her own ends. Ultimately, her ploy is undone by the Doctor and she is left reeling from the fact that she did all of these horrible things and betrayed her dearest friend and has nothing to show for it. She's devastated and anticipating to be cast aside and discarded for her betrayal.

And immediately, the Doctor not only forgives her, but proceeds to try and help her.

Clara goes from being devastated to bewildered.

Clara: "You're going to help me?"

The Doctor: "Well why wouldn't I help you?"

Clara: "Because of what I just did! I just--"

The Doctor: "Betrayed me. You betrayed my trust. You betrayed our friendship. You betrayed everything I ever stood for! You let me down!"

Clara: "Then why are you helping me?"

The Doctor: "Why? Do you think I care for you so little that betraying me would make a difference?"

It's a beautiful moment.

And it perfectly encapsulates how the Lord sees us.

Every time we sin, we betray our Lord. We betrayed His trust, His friendship with us, everything He is and everything He asks us to be. After our betrayals, after our sins have occurred and we are brought low, we can quite often fear with dreadful anticipation that what awaits us is rejection, devastation, and to be discarded for our betrayals.

For our sins.

So we run, or hide, or isolate ourselves so as to avoid the wrath and judgment and ridicule we know that awaits us for our crimes.

So as to avoid being told we're no longer loved, because of what we've done.

And the response we get, ALWAYS get instead, is our Lord asking us "Do you think I care for you so little that betraying me would make a difference?"

Confession is not guillotine waiting to drop down upon us for our transgressions.

Confession is not an instrument of fear and terrible judgment.

Confession is not a weapon of divine wrath and condemnation.

It's the victory box.

It's the light of mercy.

It is the warm embrace of our Father.

It's the love of our Lord.

It's the cross.

It is our Lord on the cross, in the Eucharist, through His Church, through His angels and saints, in our lives, through everything that is saying to us,

"Look.

Look how much I love you.

Know that that will never change.

Come home."

Confession is a Place of Victory

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YiVjwLUO9Sc>

Allons-y,

- Fr. Andrew Kleine

Gardeners,

Thanks to those who were able to help tiding the grounds last Thursday! We weren't many, but with everyone's expertise and dedication we were able to accomplish quite a bit. With more participants we could do even more! We weeded rock and landscape areas, trimmed, and planted mums. Thanks to those who may be coming up to work on their own, it is SO appreciated! Hopefully we will have time at our next gathering to get down to the Early Education Center to clean up the areas there. THANKS for all your help!

As a reminder, following are the members who have adopted certain areas:

*Bill and Edie Eickhorst--The Church courtyard area (they have designed and maintained this area for quite a while)

*Monica and Julian Arredondo--Marquee area close to Hy 9 and tree trimming

*Jim and Chris Scarpino--Trees and area underneath by the beginning of the walkway to the Church from the front parking lot

* Kim McConnell--Area outside the Art Room door of the school

*Cathy Mulligan--Area around the Jesus and Children Statues in the front of the school

*Sharen Hunt--First native garden island closest to Hy 9

*Mary Nemecek, Bob Borman and Andy Anderson--other 3 native gardens (still need our help with the weeds)

Parenting in the Digital Age: Raising Resiliency

Please join us at 6pm in the Wooldridge Center on October 30th for a special presentation by Dr. Natasha Burgert.

Dr. Burgert is a pediatrician at Pediatric Associates and national spokesperson for the American Academy of Pediatrics. She is a passionate advocate for the health and safety of children in Kansas City, both off and on-line. On October 30th at 6pm she will be sharing her thoughts on the development of resiliency and how media plays a role. She will be able to share practical tips families can immediately use in their home in order to enjoy media confidently and safely. She will also leave plenty of time to answer your questions during this valuable and engaging hour.

Coffee & Donuts

When it comes to having a quick breakfast, maybe stopping by coffee and donuts is just your family's thing. So be sure to place a donation in the lovely basket to help offset the cost of 30 dozen donuts, not to mention gallons and gallons of coffee. Every little bit helps.

WHAT'S ON CAMPUS

Adoration Chapel

Open Mon—Thurs: 9:00am-11:00pm;
Fri: 9:00am-10:00pm;
Sat: 9:00am-1:00pm
Come at anytime or sign up for an hour.
Located on the north side of Church.
For info Contact Monica 816.718.8176 /
Paola 816.309.3858 (espanola), email to:
eucharisticadoration@sttheresenorth.org

Our Lady's Gift Shop

Open before and after weekend Masses.
Special gifts, missals, bibles, medals, so
much more. Email ourladygs@gmail.com.

Parish Library

Located in the Wooldridge Center-lower
level. Open at all times except when used
for meetings. Check-out and return pro-
cedures found in the library.

Early Education Center

Infants through Pre-K, located in the
Early Education Center building on the
south side of campus. Contact: [Betty
Phillips](mailto:Betty.Phillips@sttherese.org), Director, 746.1500.

St. Therese School

Educating students Kindergarten through
8th grade, Education and Parish Center.
Contact: [Theresa Roth](mailto:Theresa.Roth@sttherese.org), Principal,
741.5400.

St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry

Serving clients in Southern Platte Coun-
ty with food and emergency assistance.
Monday-Friday, 9:00-12:00noon. Call
741.8661.

Coffee & Donuts-Wooldridge Center

After Sunday 8:00am & 10:00am Masses,
September—May. Off for the summer.

Childcare during 10:00am Mass

No reservation needed, located in the
Early Education Center Bldg., 2nd floor
west entrance.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Bible Studies

Sundays, 11:30am-1:00pm, Birkel Room.
Contact: Jan Lee, jklinkc@hotmail.com
Mondays, 7:00-8:30pm, Martin Room,
Contact: Julie nissenfamily5@gmail.com.
Walking With Purpose, Women's Bible
Study. Contact: michelle.crosby06@gmail.com

Intercessory Prayer Ministry

If you would like people to pray for you
and your intentions, OR if you would like
to participate in this ministry and pray for
the prayer intentions we receive, contact
Virginia Smith at 587.9837 or Anna Livo-
jevich, livojevichanna@gmail.com.

Fatima Prayer Cell

Monday mornings, 7:30-8:30am, Parish
Library

Mary, Martha, and Lazarus Prayer Group

Tuesday mornings, 10:00am, Birkel Room

Queen of Peace Prayer Group

Thursdays, 9:30am, Parish Library

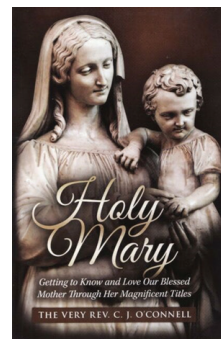
That Man Is You

Men's group meets on Saturday morn-
ings in the Birkel Room, Breakfast (free)
served at 6:45 am, discussion at 7:00am,
break at 8:20, to attend Mass. Contact
Joshua Wunderlich at 402.570.7624
or joshua.wunderlich@gmail.com.

Divine Mercy in Song

Sing the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, or listen
and pray, Friday, 7:00-7:30pm in Church.
Contact Chris Maag at cmag1@att.net.

LIBRARY BOOK REVIEW



Holy Mary
Getting to Know and
Love Our Blessed
Mother Through
Her Magnificent
Titles

By Rev. C. J.
O'Connell

Every child loves his
mother uncondi-
tionally. His heart's

devotion finds its expression not only in
words, but in an untiring display of little
feats and accomplishments. With each new
day, he finds creative ways to impress on his
mother how much he not only loves her, but
how deeply he treasures her and desires her
approval.

Children never tire of repeating the praises
of their mother. They cherish the tendered
affection for her, whose loveliness is ever
present before their eyes. In the home, they
gather around her. When absent, they think
of her and long to return to her gentle smile
and loving embrace.

In their appreciation of her, she is the best,
the fairest, the greatest, yes, the noblest, the
most lovable, the most beautiful of all wom-
en. There is none comparable to her. She
surpasses all others. They brag about her to
their playmates, and resent the slightest crit-
icism of her. Their life is entirely wrapped
up in hers.

The humble Virgin of Nazareth, Mary, being
the nearest and most intimately united to
God, is, of all His creatures the most holy.
A closer union with God never existed, nor
could a more perfect union exist than that
which resulted from her role as the Mother
of God.

"Love Our Lady and make her loved; always
recite the Rosary and recite it as often as
possible."

— St. Padre Pio

Get on board – visit the Library!

PHOTO GALLERY - ANNUAL ST THERESE GOLF CLASSIC & SAVOR FALL FESTIVAL

A beautiful day for Golf and all in support of St. Therese.



A Great Weekend in Celebration of the Feast of St. Therese

SAVOR was billed as 'Rain or Shine' and this year it was Rain! So we went inside and you can see everyone was having just as much fun and great food!



Do you have the sense that something is missing in your life, but you don't know what it is or what to do about it?

A CRHP Retreat Weekend could help you find those answers.

CRHP Fall Retreat Weekend

Men's Retreat: October 19 & 20

Women's Retreat: November 9 & 10

REGISTRATION FORM

Please enter the following information

Check the event you wish to attend

Men's Fall Retreat _____

Women's Fall Retreat _____

First Name: _____

Last Name: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

Street: _____

City: _____ State: ____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Gender: M _____ F _____

Are you a Parishioner: Yes _____ No _____

Emergency contact:

Full name: _____

Relationship: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Special Instructions: Health, diet, food allergies, medical conditions:

Return completed form to the Welcome Center or the Parish Office or register online at www.sttheresenorth.org.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE COMMUNITY

Rachel's Vineyard

Are you or a loved one suffering from abortion? Find hope and allow God to heal your heart by attending a Rachel's Vineyard weekend retreat. The last retreat of 2019 to be held in

the Kansas City area will be on October 25-27.

For more information or to register, please call Teresa O'Donnell at 816. 679.4973 or email rvkcmo@gmail.com or visit www.rachelsvineyardkc.org.

White Mass/Healing Mass

The St. Raphael's Guild of the Catholic Medical Association in conjunction with the Knight of Malta of St Joseph invites all health care professionals and their families (physicians, nurses, support staff, EMTs) to attend the White Mass and Healing Mass on October 18, 2019 at 6:00pm at the Co-Cathedral. Mass will be celebrated by the Most Rev. Bishop James Johnston. Light refreshments immediately following Mass. No RSVP necessary.

St. Gaspar and the Song of Songs: A Retreat on Communion and Community

Directed by Fr. Alan Hartway, C.P.P.S., the retreat is Saturday, October 26, 9:00am-5:00pm through Sunday, October 27, 9:00am-2:00pm. This is not a residential retreat. RS

vP by October 18, suggested donation: \$55. For information visit www.pbrenwalcenter.org or call 816.415.3745.

Circle of Friends

October Activities

27th – Cheering The Chiefs! – Let's gather at Minsky's Pizza (Barry Road at Prairie View Rd) to watch the Chiefs beat the Packers. We'll meet at 6PM and enjoy a meal while waiting for the game to start at 7:20 PM. Call John to let him know you are coming - 816-587-2359.

May God bless us and keep us. Let us pray for one another!

USM Fall Luncheon

The KC Alumni Council of the University of Saint Mary invite alumni, family and friends to its Fall Luncheon honoring Sr. Susan Rieke,

Professor Emerita of Language and Literature. Sun., Nov. 17th, Grand Street Café, 4740 Grand Ave., KC, MO. Social Hour: 11 a.m., Lunch: Noon - 2:00 p.m.

Cost \$35/person; additional contributions benefit student scholarships. RSVP to Maxine Mitchell Staggs - maxinestaggs@gmail.com or 816.304.3268.

Employment Opportunity

School Position

St. Therese School is looking for a part-time teacher for our gifted program (QUEST) for the next school year.

The ideal candidate will be a certified teacher with gifted certification and master's degree preferred, 5 years of successful teaching experience and a strong commitment to gifted education.

Qualifications include excellent communication skills as well as knowledge and understanding of the cognitive, social and emotional characteristics and needs of gifted students. Experience and skill in planning and implementing a creative and challenging curriculum is essential. Parent fees directly fund this position.

Resumes may be sent to Theresa Roth at troth@sttheresenorth.org or by applying online at <https://careers.hireology.com/the-catholic-diocese-of-kansas-city-st-joseph/337221/description>

PRAYER INTENTIONS

PRAYERS FOR PARISHIONERS WHO ARE ILL

Call the Parish Office to add or remove a name. (Due to confidentiality guidelines, only the person requesting prayer or a designated family member may place or remove a name)

Paula Acconcia	Janet Cozad	Judy Louth	Amy Roberts
Eugene "Bud" & Ellen Anderson	Albert Daniels	Sal Lozano	Ann & Larry Ryan
Jay Atkinson	Rachel Day	Ellen Madrick	Mary Ann Ryan
Cynthia Barchesky	Gayle Dean	Betty McDonald	Jossalyn Sainz
Nathalie Blogin	Ron & Betty DuPaul	Wendy McKellar	Natalie Ann Salas
Debra Bommarito	Anita Eastland	Mike McKenna	Forrest Salyers
Bryan Bownik	Ken Finke	Jessica McLain	Carmen Serrone
Art Braun	Sandy Gardner	David McPherson	Carolyn Shatto
Irwin & Lois Broussard	Bert Giarraputo	John Mikulic	Mary Sloan
Ed Burgess	Pat Goss	Arlene Nadeau	James Spawn
Daniel Burnos	Suzanne Grisham	Paul Neidig	Ted Stephens
John Burton	Doris Hahn	Cleo "Woody" & Rosemary Nollette	Shirley Stevenson
Barbara Cahill	William Hansford	Linda Osterhaus	Joann Strever
Mike Callahan	Grace Heater	Doyne Parisi	Telsie Szabo
Frank Canino	Mary Henke	Jill Pehlman	Maureen Tejeda
Jim Carroll	Kevin & Becky Isom	Barbara Personelli	Evalin Ulrich
Keith Carter	Barbara Jordan	Dorothy Porter	Rosemary Van Haaren
John Casey	Vince Kehr	Jackey Pratt	Phillip Ward
Kate Cearley	Marcia Kenski	Helen Prendergast	Geri White
Joe Cento	Glenda Kimsey	Leticia Rabang	Lionel White
Frank Cohara	Garrett Krier	Danielle Reeder	Kristi Widmer
Timothy Childers	Anna Lapuma	Pat Reeder	Nicholas Worth
Larry Colling	Clara Lawson	Gina Reiter	Dcn. Tony Zimmerman
	Nancy Leggio	Beverly Rietveld	
	John Lopez		



PRAYERS FOR THOSE SERVING IN THE MIDDLE EAST

For parishioners, relatives of parishioners and their families

John T. Buchner grandson of Alfred & Dorothy	Jamie Frates husband of Rebecca	James McLaughlin son of Heath & Michelle	Tim Pachasa son of Andy & Nancy
Major Brian Conforti son of Frank & Patty	Bill Freund son of Bill & Barbara	Jeremiah Murphy nephew of Dodie Murphy	Eric Rawlings husband of Candi & father of Jaeger
William Dougherty nephew of John & Teri Jo Garitz, grandson of Joanne Wallace	Jacob Glodsbury son of John & Kim	James Pate husband of Jennifer	Christian Shattuck son of Brian & Laureen
Jeremy Flowers son of Brenda	Douglas Lomshek nephew of Liz Stine	William Rory & Candice O'Brien brother & sister-in-law of Michael O'Brien	
Sean Frazier son of Liz & Sam			

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, October 13

- 8:00am — Intentions of the Lundergan and Szabo Families
- 10:00am — Tony Snyder +
- 12:00pm — Bob Baker +
- 5:00pm — Mass for the People

MONDAY, October 14

- 8:30am — Mary Crain +

TUESDAY, October 15

- 6:30am — Catherine Rooney +
- 8:30am — J.L. Potts

WEDNESDAY, October 16

- 6:30am — Spencer Norris +
- 8:30am — Steve Davern +

THURSDAY, October 17

- 8:30am — Mary Peret +

FRIDAY, October 18

- 6:30am — Tony LaSalle
- 8:30am — Scott & Wendy McKeller and Family

SATURDAY, October 19

- 8:30am — Shirley Block +
- 4:30pm — Rita Swanson

SUNDAY, October 20

- 8:00am — Marge Karr +
- 10:00am — John O'Connor +
- 12:00pm — Chris Lieb +
- 5:00pm — Mass for the People

(Crosses, † indicate deceased loved ones)