



## 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"Now I have seen and testified that he is  
the Son of God." - Jn 1:34

St. Therese Parish - January 19, 2020

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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 January 12

Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/Acts 10:34-38/Mt 3:13-17  
Monday: 1 Sm 1:1-8/Ps 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19 [17a]/Mk 1:14-20  
Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd [cf. 1]/Mk 1:21-28  
Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [8a and 9a]/Mk 1:29-39  
Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25 [27b]/Mk 1:40-45  
Friday: . 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19 [2]/Mk 2:1-12  
Saturday: . . . 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [2a]/Mk 2:13-17  
Next Sunday: Is 49:3, 5-6/Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10 [8a, 9a]/1 Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34

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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



### **VISITORS & NEW PARISHIONERS**

Welcome!  
We are glad you are here.

If you are interested in becoming a member,  
please visit our website: [www.sttheresenorth.org](http://www.sttheresenorth.org)

See above for all contact information. Please don't  
hesitate to reach out to us for questions or if we  
can be of any help.

## YOUR GIFTS TO GOD &amp; PARISH

*From The Pastor's Pen*

Week Ending Friday, January 10, 2020

Fiscal Year: July 1, 2019—June 30, 2020

	Weekly	Year-to-Date
<b>Contributions</b>	<b>\$168,969</b>	<b>\$2,186,878</b>
<b>Budgeted</b>	<b>\$77,675</b>	<b>\$2,097,225</b>
<b>Difference</b>	<b>\$91,294</b>	<b>\$89,653</b>
<b>Building Loan Balance</b>		<b>\$3,114,086</b>
<b>Debt Retirement Contributions</b>	<b>\$9,601</b>	<b>\$68,415</b>
<b>Principal &amp; Interest payments</b>		<b>(\$198,254)</b>
<b>Difference</b>		<b>(\$129,840)</b>

For over seventy years, one of the classic Christmas films has been, *It's a Wonderful Life*. George Bailey, played by Jimmy Stewart, dreams of getting out of his small hometown but again and again stays out of duty. One day, faced with bankruptcy and possibly jail for something that wasn't his fault, he wishes he had never been born. While literally on the edge of suicide, George is distracted by a man who in reality is an angel sent to help him.

The angel gives George a vision of what the world would have been like had he never been born and it's not a pretty picture. Just one example, as a child he saved his younger brother from drowning who in World War II saved a transport of military personnel. Since he was never there to save his brother, his brother died and since his brother died, all those on the transport also died.

George sees how different the world would be without one single life, his own. The point of all this is that there is value to his life. There's value to every human life and that our lives are woven into a fabric where if one thread is pulled out everything is affected. Every human life matters. Every human life makes a difference. Regardless of gender, age condition, immigration status or race.

This Monday, January 20, we remember Martin Luther King, Jr. Someone who through his Christian faith worked on behalf of the common good. Someone who sought to serve those on the peripheries, those who did not have a voice. He sought to shed light on the sin of racism and to make a better world through non-violence, even in the midst of violence. It is important to remember that this did not flow from some vague humanitarian notion but from his Christian faith. This was not a matter of imposing religious beliefs on others but rather a matter of civil rights and ultimately of human rights.

Jesus says, I am the way, the truth and the life. He also says, I am the resurrection and the life and I have come that they might have life and have it more abundantly. Every human life matters because it is made in the image and likeness of God with a calling to holiness, with a destiny that is eternal. Every human life has dignity and a beauty, as a unique and irreplaceable gift of God. Every human life is an invitation to freedom, responsibility and to love.

When we understand this beauty, when we understand what's right with human life, we can more easily then see what's wrong with all that threatens it. It may involve assaults on the terminally ill, the

disabled, those on death row, victims of human trafficking, the environment and the list goes on. Obviously, racism is part of this as well.

As we approach the anniversary of the Roe vs. Wade ruling on abortion, we particularly remember the respect due to unborn human life, respect that is under attack, now legally, every day for 47 years. To stand up for life, particularly the unborn isn't a matter of imposing our religious beliefs on others but rather a matter of civil rights and ultimately of human rights.

The victims of this disrespect of human life aren't limited to the unborn or to others who have lost their lives. So often, people are in situations where they feel trapped without support and without alternatives. Mothers, fathers and others can come to regret what has happened. God's love is greater than any sin and that God's forgiveness and healing waits for us in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

For many years, there has been a healing project for post-abortive women called Project Rachel. This ministry offers hope and forgiveness in a non-judgmental and confidential atmosphere. Its purpose is not guilt but healing. More information is available at [www.projectrachel.kc](http://www.projectrachel.kc) or by calling 816.591-.804.

Jesus comes in service to life and calls others to join in that service. George Bailey came to realize that every human life matters; that every life makes a difference. May we do the same.

There will be a special vigil of Eucharistic Adoration taking place in church from 9:00am this Tuesday, January 21 through the night until Benediction at 7:00 on Wednesday January 22. After Benediction, adoration will resume in the chapel as usual.

The Parish Office will be closed for the King holiday. Mass will be offered at 8:30 AM as usual.



Father Joe Cisetti

**Vigil for Life**

This Wednesday, January 22 marks the 47th anniversary of the Roe v. Wade decision.

A Vigil for LIFE is being held at St. Therese North beginning at 9:00 a.m. Tuesday, January 21 - 11:00 p.m. Wednesday, January 22.

Stop by any time or if interested in a Vigil Holy Hour, visit the St. Therese North website home page to sign up.

## 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

Tuesdays and 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, submit to [tcollins@sttheresenorth.org](mailto:tcollins@sttheresenorth.org)

## ST. THERESE MEMORIAL REMEMBRANCES

Margaret B. Galway – January 19

Leo W. Moore – January 19

Pat Powell – January 21

Felix “Phil” Plovie – January 22

Henry E. Sasso – January 22

Ray Winfrey, Jr. – January 22

Lawrence J. Kendzora – January 23

John Bernardel – January 24

A. Mildred Carr – January 24

Bobbie D. Durso – January 25

Linda Martin – January 25

Lilly Mary Kalaf – January 25

### BIRTHDATE REMEMBRANCES

Dominick J. Rucereto – January 19

Katherina M. Rakers – January 19

John Bernardel – January 20

Catherine J. Hall – January 23

Jack Franklin – January 24

Thomas J. Palecki – January 24

Margie A. Brink – January 25

### Prayers and Sympathy

For all those who have died, especially Larry Albani, husband of Linda; and Rita Johnson, sister of David Risvold.

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.

Rorie Mae Moorehead, daughter of Shawn and Katherine Moorehead

## 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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:dwarrens@sttheresenorth.org).

### Eucharistic Adoration

New this year our Adoration Chapel hours have changed.

Our new hours (much simpler):  
Monday - Friday 9:00am-11:00pm  
Saturday 9:00am-1:00pm

Also, below is a listing of our six coordinators.

St. Therese Adoration Chapel

816.718.8176 / Monica Arredondo

816.309.3858 / Paola Gil (Español)

816.587.2359 / John Henke

816.379.5399 / John Leander

816.891.2555 / Bill Rumker

785.393.0377 / Judy Carpenter  
(Saturday)

### 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 -

**Toiletries - shampoo, conditioner, toothbrushes, toothpaste, etc.**

### That Man is You

That Man is You invites men of the parish to join us on Saturdays, as we continue our next year-long TMIY program, *The Fight of Faith*. From the program 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 attend Mass at 8:30.

For questions, contact Joshua Wunderlich at [joshua.wunderlich@gmail.com](mailto:joshua.wunderlich@gmail.com) or 402.570.7624.



Visionary selections come from the Wooldridge Center Dream Board

### Altar & Rosary

Contact Amanda Bentley with meeting or membership questions at 316.641.4955 or at [awbentley01@outlook.com](mailto:awbentley01@outlook.com). You may also register online at [www.sttheresenorth.org/altar-and-rosary-society](http://www.sttheresenorth.org/altar-and-rosary-society) or view the membership page for past and upcoming events.

**Don't forget to visit Our Lady's Gift Shop**

Due to the inclement weather of last weekend (SNOW), our First Bingo had to be cancelled. HOWEVER, we have a makeup date. Mark your calendar for **Saturday, February 15**. Bring your Sweetie as a Valentine treat and join in the fun!

### BUNKO -

January Bunko will be Tuesday, Jan. 28th at 2:00pm in the Wooldridge Center. Come join other players and bring a snack. For questions, call Joyce at 741.1748.

Building on the message of last week,  
First think. Second dream. Third believe.  
And finally, dare.

There's nothing like seeing a different perspective. Thus the reason that our challenge to *Rediscover the Saints* will allow you to see something more clearly or to see something that you'd never seen before. Open your eyes to becoming a better version of yourself.

### Knights of Columbus

Join the Knights of Columbus

There's never been a better or easier time to join the Knights of Columbus.

For the first time, the Order now offers busy men of all ages an easy, inexpensive, non-time consuming on-line membership option. Men - any Catholic man 18 or older - can now get all the benefits of membership, including industry-leading insurance, without even actually joining a specific council, if that is their wish.

Along with this new e-membership comes a wealth of resources for deepening your faith, opportunities to serve others through countless charitable projects, a chance to join with 1.9 million others in standing up for the unborn and the dignity of all human life, and access to a Brother Knight insurance agent and the full lineup of K of C insurance products.

All it takes is about 5 minutes of your time and \$30. Sign-up takes place online at [www.kofc.org/joinus](http://www.kofc.org/joinus). You can do it on your smart phone, and I invite you to give it try right now. If you've wanted to get involved but haven't been able to find the time in your busy schedule, this is for you.

We know that most men want to experience purpose and meaning in their lives. They want to serve and give back. Today, right now, you can join a band of brothers who share in that call.

When you sign up on line, you can do so without even joining a specific council. Of course, we hope that you will eventually do just that. You will be given the opportunity to specify which council you want to join, and we hope you will type in 7199 (the council at St. Therese). If you have a friend who is already a Knight, you can put his name down, too.

It's easy. It's fast. It's what you've been waiting for.

If you want to skip the on-line sign-up and just join our council, contact me anytime, Bill Robinette, Grand Knight, [billrob@kc.rr.com](mailto:billrob@kc.rr.com) or 816.520.5656.

# WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY JANUARY 19	MONDAY JANUARY 20	TUESDAY JANUARY 21	WEDNESDAY JANUARY 22
<p>10:00-11:00am: Babysitting, EEC</p> <p>10:00-11:00am: Sunday School, Gold Commons</p> <p>11:00am-1:30pm: Sunday Morning Bible Study, Birkel Room</p> <p>6:15-9:00pm: Men's CRHP Formation Meetings, Team 12, Birkel Room</p>	<p><b>Martin Luther King Holiday, Campus is CLOSED</b></p> <p>7:30-8:30am: Fatima Prayer Group, Parish Library</p> <p>9:00-10:00am: Prayer Session, Cry Room</p> <p>9:00am-11:00pm: Eucharistic Adoration, Adoration Chapel</p>	<p><b>Vigil for Life from 9:00am through Wednesday, January 22, 7:00pm, in Church</b></p> <p>10:00am-12:00pm: Mary, Martha and Lazarus Prayer Group, Birkel Room</p> <p>6:00-9:00pm: Women's CRHP Team Formation Meeting, Birkel Room</p> <p>6:00-9:00pm: Women's CRHP Team 10, Martin Room</p> <p>6:30-8:30pm: Protecting God's Children, Wooldridge Center</p>	<p><b>Vigil for Life through, 7:00pm, in Church</b></p> <p>8:00am-12:00pm: Library Committee Meeting, Parish Library</p> <p>9:15-11:00am: Walking with Purpose, Martin Room</p> <p>1:15-3:00pm: Parish Staff Meeting, Birkel Room</p> <p>3:15-4:15pm: Treble Choir, Music Room</p> <p>6:00-7:15pm: RE Classes, Education and Parish Center</p> <p>6:00-7:45pm: EDGE Middle School, Youth Room, 3rd Floor</p> <p>7:00-8:30pm: Adult Choir Rehearsal, Church</p> <p>7:30-11:00pm: Eucharistic Adoration, Adoration Chapel</p>
THURSDAY JANUARY 23	FRIDAY JANUARY 24	SATURDAY JANUARY 25	SUNDAY JANUARY 26
<p>8:30-9:30am: ALL SCHOOL Mass, Church</p> <p>9:00am-11:00pm: Eucharistic Adoration, Adoration Chapel</p> <p>9:30-11:00am: Queen of Peace Prayer Group, Parish Library</p> <p>7:00-9:00pm: SPRED, Brett Room</p> <p>7:00-9:00pm: RCIA Meeting, Wooldridge Center</p>	<p>9:00am-11:00pm: Eucharistic Adoration, Adoration Chapel</p> <p>7:00-9:00pm: Friday Night Bible Study, Parish Library</p> <p>7:00-7:30pm: Divine Mercy in Song, Church</p> <p>7:00-8:30pm: St. Therese Parish: Now and Beyond, the next step from Dynamic Catholic, Wooldridge Center</p>	<p><b>Soup Kitchen Sign up in the Welcome Center</b></p> <p>6:30-8:30pm: That Man is You, Birkel Room</p> <p>9:00am-1:00pm: Eucharistic Adoration, Adoration Chapel</p> <p>3:00-4:15pm: Confession, Church</p>	<p><b>Soup Kitchen Sign up in the Welcome Center</b></p> <p>10:00-11:00am: Babysitting, EEC</p> <p>10:00-11:00am: Sunday School, Gold Commons</p> <p><b>11:00am-5:00pm: Boy Scout Chili Supper, Good Shepherd Hall</b></p> <p>11:00am-1:30pm: Sunday Morning Bible Study, Birkel Room</p> <p><b>1:00-3:00pm: LOVE ED Parent Workshop, Media Center</b></p> <p>1:00-8:00pm: Confirmation Retreat, Wooldridge Center</p> <p>6:15-9:00pm: Men's CRHP Formation Meetings, Team 12, Birkel Room</p>

## FR. KLEINE'S KORNER

Sauron was beautiful.

The Lord of the Rings is a masterfully crafted story, full of fantastically imaginative world and rich characters, as well as being a wonderful allegory for Catholicism (Sauron's defeat is canonically on the Feast of the Annunciation; the lembas bread the Fellowship use for nourishment throughout their difficult journey is a symbol for the Eucharist, etc.)

This story is so great that it's a prerequisite for entering Heaven.

St. Peter won't let you in otherwise, and it's a long Purgatory sentence to make up for the offense of having not viewed this story in some format or another. You've been warned.

Prior to the start of The Lord of the Rings, the story's antagonist Sauron approaches the elves to help him craft sixteen rings of power that he plans to use to dominate the minds of all life in the world. Those who wore these rings would be more susceptible to the mind control power of Sauron through his "One Ring to Rule Them All." The immediate thought obviously becomes, why the heck did the elves help the big bad? Why would they listen to this stranger they didn't know about making magic rings, especially when they didn't know or verify the full extent of what the rings could do or what the stranger's plans for them were?

This was because Sauron was beautiful.

He didn't come to them as a disembodied eye of fire that spoke the dark tongue, nor did he appear to them as a threatening blackened armored figure bent on conquest and death. He took on a fair and beautiful appearance when he approached the elves to help him craft these rings. They didn't see a lieutenant of evil, they saw a fair and beautiful "Lord of Gifts." What's more, Sauron didn't tell them his true purposes for the rings, he lied to them.

Magic was fading in the world of Middle-Earth, and thus the magical lives and realms of the elves were also fading. Sauron promised the elves that the rings they crafted would help to preserve their lives and

realms from the decay of time.

Seeing his beautiful visage and desiring the good outcome he promised, the elves listened to him and worked with him.

Through them, he forged the rings of power that were later used to corrupt men into the Nazgul, wraith spirits that served Sauron.

The One Ring has a similar tactic, lying to its bearer with promises of glory, beauty, and good all so it'll be found by Sauron and bring about his dark conquest.

Through a veil of beauty Sauron brought his evil and darkness into the world of Middle Earth.

This is exactly how the Devil tempts us to sin.

He never shows us the devastation our sins bring upon us and others, or how they harm our relationship with God. The Adversary shows us instead this evil under a veil of beauty. The Father of Lies always presents sin as something beautiful.

Do you want to connect and socialize better with others? You should connect through shared gossip.

Do you want the euphoria of love in your life? You'd experience that love through pornography and lust.

Do you want more time to do things that are worthwhile to you and others? You should skip Mass and pray alone some other time.

And yet, when we give into these temptations and sins, we find that not only are their promises empty and cancerous, but that we are enslaved to them. We find the same terrible end the elves found in Sauron, ruin and enslavement.

Gossip didn't connect us, it tore down peoples' lives and relationships and turned us into a harmful person people don't trust and avoid.

Lust didn't give us love, it convinced us to diminish our human dignity and the dignity of others and treat ourselves and others as objects or things to be used, abused, and discarded.

Missing Mass didn't allow us to pursue

something more worthwhile, it made us avoid Him who is the greatest worth in our lives, severed our loving bond with Him and our bond with His Church.

This is why God gifted us His Church, the Fellowship of which we are called to belong. So that we may - through our Lord's grace, aid, and love - help each other to fend off the dark lord's call of evil. So that we may be enlightened through the Church's teachings, faith, and doctrines on what true good and true beauty is, and how we should rightly pursue it.

So that our actions don't fall a dark path that lead us to being wraiths of evil, but that all we do may deepen and enrich our love and relationship with God and with each other.

And this is why He gifts us His mercy and absolution in Confession, so that we may be freed of the taint of sin and be empowered to resist its pull on our minds and hearts.

Just as in The Lord of the Rings, evil is not meant to be faced alone.

God always gifts us Himself and the people around us to aid us in our quest.

Let us never hesitate to call upon our Fellowship, as we journey home to our Lord.

Joseph Pearce - Unlocking the Catholicism of "The Lord of the Rings"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n27mX-qW89oo>

Fr. Mike Schmitz - How To Face Temptation

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RCG-1LwNs5E>

Sr. Marie Therese of Sisters of Merciful Jesus - How to Fight Temptation

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nbieZn-CywY4>

Bishop Fulton J Sheen - Temptation

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XDTU-ampfdk>

Fighting Temptation and Conquering Sin

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SZK-jQBYyURY>

## SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY

Love Ed

LoveEd is a parent-guided, age-appropriate, gender-specific program that teaches children about God's plan for life, love, sexuality, and purity. It equips parents to have positive, life-changing conversations with their kids. It facilitates these conversations at two important life transitions: as they enter puberty (around grade 5 or 6), and just before they begin high school (grade 7 or 8). The LoveEd program contains three steps.

First, there is a two-hour parent training that will take place on **Sunday, January 26th** from 1p.m. - 3 p.m. in the Media Center. This training gives parents the confidence and tools to respond to the teachable moments of life, and prepares for the parent/student

events, which is the second step in the program. The parent attends the age-appropriate 2 hour student event with their child. The event for parents and their students from 4th-6th grade, ages 9-11, will take place on **Sunday, February 2nd** from 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. On that day, there will be separate events for boys and girls. On **Sunday, February 16th** from 1 p.m. - 3 p.m., there will be parent/student events for children in 6th-8th grade, ages 11-13. On this date, there will be also be separate events for boys and girls. The final step of the program are parent/student in-home follow-up lessons. You can register and pay for materials at this link: <https://sttheresenorth.weshareonline.org/LoveEd>

## ADULT FAITH FORMATION

### Bible Studies

Sundays, 11:30am-1:00pm, Birkel Room.  
Contact: Jan Lee, [jklinkc@hotmail.com](mailto:jklinkc@hotmail.com)

Mondays, 7:00-8:30pm, Martin Room,  
Contact: Julie [nissenfamily5@gmail.com](mailto:nissenfamily5@gmail.com).

Walking With Purpose, Women's Bible Study.  
Contact: [michelle.crosby06@gmail.com](mailto: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 Dennis Falls at [dennisfalls.7@gmail.com](mailto:dennisfalls.7@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 mornings 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](mailto: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 [cmaag1@att.net](mailto:cmaag1@att.net).

## WHAT'S ON CAMPUS

### Adoration Chapel

Open Mon—Friday, 9:00am-11:00pm  
Sat. 9:00am-1:00pm  
Come at anytime or signup 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](mailto: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](mailto: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 procedures 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, Director, 746.1500.

### St. Therese School

Educating students Kindergarten through 8th grade, Education and Parish Center.  
Contact: Theresa Roth, Principal, 741.5400.

### St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry

Serving clients in Southern Platte County 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.

## LIBRARY COLUMN

The Long Walk to our Eternal Salvation



*Keep me safe, O God;  
in you I take refuge.*

*I say to the Lord,  
You are my only good.*

*I keep the Lord always  
before me;*

*With the Lord at my right,  
I shall*

*Never be shaken.*

*Therefore my heart is glad, my soul*

*Rejoices; my body also dwells secure*

(Ps 16:1-2, 8-9)

In this latest booklet, *The Long Walk to Our Eternal Salvation*, we are asked to review the great gift of our lives, and the ever present protection of our loving God as we clear the many hurdles presented before us on our journey to heaven. We will return to basics, and acknowledge our need for His courage and strength as we battle the many scourges of evil and moral destruction. It's a time to renew our discipleship and follow his call...

and if need be, to return to him and his blessed Church that holds the answers to all our prayers.

During this brief journey, we'll reconsider the wisdom and truths of our salvation as recorded in Holy Scripture, and the importance of the Bible in our lives. We'll also join with Jesus in the daily marketplace, and visit our many fellow human beings with their physical and spiritual needs. And of very special concern, we will focus on the serious moral decline of the entertainment media that have apparently abandoned any conscience, and the serious moral threat this presents to our children, ourselves, and the great danger of it's opening a wide generation gap between us and our loving Heavenly Father.

Copies of this work are now available in the parish library, as well as copies of all previous works by Brad Buddy, parishioner.

"There are two ways of knowing how good God is: one is never to lose Him, and the other is to lose Him and then to find Him."

— Archbishop Fulton Sheen

# DYNAMIC PARISH NIGHT



About Nathan Crankfield:

In 2015, he graduated from Mount St. Mary's University and was commissioned as an Infantry Officer at Fort Benning, GA where he completed U.S. Army Airborne School and Ranger School. He served one combat tour in Afghanistan and received a Bronze Star.

Come join our parish for this exciting night where our consultant Nathan will present:

- Results from the Bigger Future Survey
- The 5-Year Plan for our parish
- And Much More!

**January 24, 2020**

**@ 7 PM**

**St. Therese North**



**Dynamic Catholic**

Be Bold. Be Catholic.®

## Circle of Friends

### January Activities

23rd – Movie Night – Dinner at Chili's (Barry Road at I-29), 5:30 PM. We'll decide on a movie at AMC Barrywood while enjoying the meal. RSVP to John – 816.587.2359.

### February Activities

13th – Second Thursday - Dinner and planning session at the Platte Woods Pizza Shoppe, 7687 NW Prairie View Rd, 6PM. Bring your suggestions for March/April activities. Please RSVP to John - 816.587.2359.

19th – Dinner Theater – at New Theater Restaurant, Overland Park. Presenting "Church Basement Ladies". Carpool from Iron Wok parking lot (NW 72nd Street and I-29) at 5:45 PM. The restaurant seats at 6:30 PM. Tickets are \$45. Please RSVP to John - 816.587.2359 by Jan. 31 so that tickets may be ordered.

29th – Weekend Lunch Program – Give a little of your time to those less fortunate. Come help prepare and serve meals at the Cathedral's Morning Glory Café (11th & Broadway, downtown KC). We begin work at 10AM. Contact John at 587-2359 to volunteer.

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

## Calling all Parishioners -

**Do you have any connections domestically or internationally - a hotel or apartment for a week's stay? Timeshare in a cool (or hot) location? Connections to local restaurants willing to give gift certificates?**

**Know of a local chef willing to cook a gourmet meal in a private home?**

**We need it all! Donate an item and help make this the most successful auction yet!**

**Contact Erinn Brown at [ebrown@sttherese-north.org](mailto:ebrown@sttherese-north.org) for more details or stop in to the Parish Office to drop off your item(s).**

## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE COMMUNITY

### Devotion to the Most Precious Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ

Join us for a very special Holy Hour in community. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed till 8:00PM. NO RSVP necessary. Any questions call Bob Furnari 816.694.2212 - 7:00-8:00PM EVERY Tuesday night. We start PROMPTLY at 7:00PM - doors will be locked 10 minutes after that.

Divine Mercy Chapel at the Catholic Radio Station next door to St. Pius High School. Call if directions are needed.

### School Open House for Parishioners

**As part of our Catholic Schools Week celebration, parishioners are invited to an Open House to take a tour and learn more about the school.**

**Please join us after 8:30 Mass on Thursday, January 30th.**

**We want to say Thank You for your support which makes Catholic education possible in our parish.**

**Please come see how we are inspiring students in every *little* way.**

## 9th Annual Boy Scout Troop 261 Chili Supper & Silent Auction

**Join us Sunday, January 26th from  
11:00am - 5:00pm**

**St. Therese Education and Parish  
Center - Good Shepherd Hall**

**\$5 all you can eat chili  
(kids 5 and under FREE)**

**Includes chili, cornbread, all the  
fixings and dutch oven desserts**

**Silent Auction 11am- 4pm**



**JOIN US FOR  
ST. THERESE SCHOOL  
INFORMATION NIGHT  
JANUARY 28 - 6:30PM**

**FIND OUT WHAT MAKES ST. THERESE THE SCHOOL FOR YOUR CHILD**  
ST. THERESE SCHOOL - 7277 NW HIGHWAY 9 - KANSAS CITY, MO 64152  
RSVP: [SAINTTHERESESCHOOL.ORG](http://SAINTTHERESESCHOOL.ORG)

**ST THERESE  
CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

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



### PRAYERS FOR THOSE SERVING IN THE MIDDLE EAST

For parishioners, relatives of parishioners and their families

Ryan Ault son of Robert & Kristi	Jeremy Flowers son of Brenda	Douglas Lomshek nephew of Liz Stine	brother & sister-in-law of Michael O'Brien
John T. Buchner grandson of Alfred & Dorothy	Sean Frazier son of Liz & Sam	James McLaughlin son of Heath & Michelle	Tim Pachasa son of Andy & Nancy
Kyle Buehler and Brandon Lundgren, grandsons of Darlene Buehler & Dave & Mary Thompson	Jamie Frates husband of Rebecca	Jeremiah Murphy nephew of Dodie Murphy	Eric Rawlings husband of Candi & father of Jaeger
Major Brian Conforti son of Frank & Patty	Bill Freund son of Bill & Barbara	James Pate husband of Jennifer	Christian Shattuck son of Brian & Laureen
	Jacob Glodsbury son of John & Kim	William Rory & Candice O'Brien	

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### SUNDAY, January 19

8:00am — Dorothy Paine +  
10:00am — Kevin Lear +  
12:00pm — Frs. Joe, Randy, Andrew  
5:00pm — Mass for the People

#### MONDAY, January 20

8:30am — Bill & Janet Murray

#### TUESDAY, January 21

6:30am — Amy Eichler  
8:30am — Anna Mae Gisch +

#### WEDNESDAY, January 22

6:30am — Joseph Boes +  
8:30am — Jim Swanson

#### THURSDAY, January 23

8:30am — Kate Cearley +

#### FRIDAY, January 24

6:30am — Gary Hermrick +  
8:30am — Ryan Patrick McChesney

#### SATURDAY, January 25

8:30am — Jackson Careaga +  
4:30pm — Ann Ryan +

#### SUNDAY, January 26

8:00am — Jane Smith  
10:00am — Joe Penne +  
12:00pm — Delores Gioia +  
5:00pm — Mass for the People

(Crosses, † indicate deceased loved ones)