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SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Blessed are those servants whom the master finds vigilant on his arrival. Amen, I say to you, he will gird himself, have them recline at table, and proceed to wait on them." - Lk 12:37

*St. Therese Parish - August 11, 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.

#### Parish Office Summer Hours

**Monday-Thursday: 8:00am-4:00pm**  
(Wednesday-closed for staff meeting, 1:15-3:00pm)  
**Friday: 8:00am-12:00noon**

#### School Summer Hours

**Monday-Thursday: 9:00am-1:00pm**  
**Friday 9:00am-12:00noon**

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.

### St. Therese Church

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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

**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**

### **Readings for the week of August 11**

**Sunday:** Wis 18:6-9/Ps 33:1, 12, 18-19,  
20-22 [12b]/Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 or 11:1-2, 8-12/  
Lk 12:32-48 or

12:35-40

**Monday:** Dt 10:12-22/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15,  
19-20 [12a]/Mt 17:22-27

**Tuesday:** Dt 31:1-8/Dt 32:3-4ab, 7, 8, 9  
and 12 [9a]/Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

**Wednesday:** Dt 34:1-12/Ps 66:1-3a, 5 and 8,  
16-17 [cf. 20a and 10b]/Mt 18:15-20

**Thursday:** Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/  
Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14 [8]/1 Cor 15:54b-57/  
Lk 11:27-28. Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/  
Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16 [10bc]/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk  
1:39-56

**Friday:** Jos 24:1-13/Ps 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22  
and 24/Mt 19:3-12

**Saturday:** Jos 24:14-29/Ps 16:1-2a and 5,  
7-8, 11 [cf. 5a]/Mt 19:13-15

**Next Sunday:** Jer 38:4-6, 8-10/Ps 40:2, 3, 4, 18  
[14b]/Heb 12:1-4/Lk 12:49-53

## YOUR GIFTS TO GOD &amp; PARISH

Weekly Amounts are for Week Ending Friday,  
August 2, 2019  
Fiscal Year - July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020

	Weekly	Year-to-Date
Contributions	\$36,171	\$361,821
Budgeted	\$77,675	\$310,700
Difference	(\$41,504)	\$51,121

Building Loan Balance **\$3,196,820**

## Debt Retirement

Contributions	\$746	\$10,143
Principal and Interest Payments		(\$56,644)
Difference		(\$46,501)

## From The Pastor's Pen

*If a man neglects education, he walks lame to the end of his life.*

Plato

This time of the year school resumes on nearly all levels. Education is not just about helping people to be smart. It is about helping people to be good. Think of the term evil genius. It refers to someone who is very smart but also very bad. It is great to build a robot but if you don't have a moral compass to guide you, you will be dangerous, to yourself and others.

Education allows both individuals and societies to flourish. In a self-governing country such as ours, education becomes even more important. Students are not empty hardware that we load with data but rather moral agents who seek to lead in the ways of goodness, beauty and truth.

I am grateful for the hard work of so

many who make St. Therese School and Early Education Center such great learning environments. I am also grateful for all our parishioners who labor in the field of education in so many different venues. Christa McAuliffe, the teacher in space who died in the 1986 Challenger disaster said, *I touch the future. I teach.* God bless all teachers and all those involved in the noble work of education.

This Thursday we celebrate the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into heaven. This is a holy day of obligation. Mass will be offered at 6:30 AM, 8:30 AM, 11:00 AM (school Mass) and 6:30 PM.

Father Joe Cisetti



## PARISH STAFF - DEACON SCOTT MCKELLAR

## The Church and the Death Penalty

On July 25th the US Department of Justice announced that it will resume executions of death row inmates. Ending a 16 year moratorium, the DOJ has scheduled executions of five prisoners in December 2019 and January 2020. There have been only three executions since the federal death penalty was restored in 1988 and only 37 overall from 1927 to 2003.

Hopefully it will not surprise anyone to learn that the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) has been opposing the death penalty for the past 40 years. Being consistently prolife, also calls us to oppose the death penalty.

In extreme circumstances, it is legitimate to sanction the use of lethal force in defense of our families and nation. The use of these lethal measures, however, require us to only use the amount of force necessary to achieve our security. State-sanctioned capital punishment, when these lethal measures are not strictly necessary to protect society, violates respect for human life and dignity.

While the Church recognizes that legal punishments can be a benefit to the common good, this punishment should not definitively deprive the guilty of the possibility of redemption. Because the death penalty is an irreversible act, it also makes it possible for the state to accidentally kill a completely innocent person.

As the USCCB has argued, in a number of cases, trials leading to the death penalty have been shown to be "prone to errors in

evidence, biased by factors such as race, the quality of legal representation, and where the crime was committed" (CLDP, 2005).

It has become popular recently to ask if the Church has always been opposed to the death penalty. The answer is that the death penalty is not like direct involvement in procured abortion, which is always evil regardless of the circumstances (Gospel of Life 62).

The traditional understanding of the Church does not exclude the state having recourse to the death penalty, when after a fair trial, and when a person is found guilty of certain grave crimes, this extreme means is used to safeguarding the common good.

As St. John Paul II pointed out, however, in our modern world recourse to the death penalty is valid only "when it would not be possible otherwise to defend society" through some other non-lethal means. While the death penalty is not completely excluded in theory, "such cases are very rare, if not practically non-existent" in our modern world (Gospel of Life 56).

There is no doubt that Pope Benedict XVI agreed completely with this teaching. In 2008, he remarked, "I rejoice that on 18 December last, the General Assembly of the United Nations adopted a resolution calling upon States to institute a moratorium on the use of the death penalty, and I earnestly hope that this initiative will lead to public debate on the sacred character of human life." (Speech to the Vatican Diplomatic Corps, 2008).

In 2011, Pope Benedict XVI encouraged the participants at a conference in Rome op-

posing the death penalty. "I express my hope" said Pope Benedict XVI, "that your deliberations will encourage the political and legislative initiatives being promoted in a growing number of countries to eliminate the death penalty and to continue the substantive progress made in conforming penal law both to the human dignity of prisoners and the effective maintenance of public order" (General Audience, 11.30.2011).

St. John Paul II, Pope Benedict XVI and most recently, Pope Francis have consistently spoken out against the use of the death penalty in our modern world. Recently, Pope Francis revised the Catechism of the Catholic Church to even further strengthen the church's opposition to the death penalty.

Pope Francis observes that our increasing awareness of the dignity of the human person, our new understanding of the significance of penal sanctions, as well as the development of more effective systems of detention, have created new circumstances which must be considered in this matter (CCC 2267).

Recently Pope Francis revised the paragraph in Catechism on the death penalty to read, "Consequently, the Church teaches, in the light of the Gospel, that 'the death penalty is inadmissible because it is an attack on the inviolability and dignity of the person' and she works with determination for its abolition worldwide" (CCC 2267).



## 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

Adolph Joseph Strobbe – August 12

Eileen Mae Roberts – August 12

Harriet A. Wessol – August 13

Pete Mitko – August 17

### BIRTHDATE REMEMBRANCES

Rene Plovie – August 11

Felix “Phil” Plovie – August 12

Mary T. Weaver – August 13

Don Deister – August 14

Catherine Anzicek – August 15

Edward S. Docekal – August 15

Ervin W. Wimple – August 15

Patrick T. Lupone – August 16

Flora J. Samborski – August 16

### Prayers and Sympathy

For all those who have died, especially Christine Lieb, mother of Jenny & Nichole; and Rosemary Ingle, mother of Diana Hil-liard & grandmother of David Ingle.

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.

Colette Elise & Moria Grace Hopkins, daughters of

Jack and Stephanie Hopkins

Jett Nixon Hansen, son of Brent and Stephanie Hansen

Annelies Kay Newcomer, daughter of Grant and Kara Newcomer

### July Weddings

Congratulations and Best Wishes for a long and happy lifetime together.

Marianna Ramos and David Zahnter

Kateri Poarch and Anthony Brown

Amanda Galaske and Dillion Higdon

## 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).

### Adoration

MORNING HELP NEEDED /SE NECESITA AYUDA POR LA MAÑANA

The Adoration Chapel has 6 morning hours that need additional weekly Prayer Warriors.

Mo 11 a.m. / Tu 10 a.m. / We 10 & 11 a.m. / Fr 11 a.m. / Sa 10:00 a.m.

ALL are welcome, even if for a few minutes.

Chapel Hours: Mon-Thu 9am-11pm / Fri 9am-10pm / Sat 9am-1pm

Find Chapel info pamphlets in the Welcome Center and Chapel

For information, call: Monica 816.718.8176 / Paola 816.309.3858 (español) / Email: [eucharisticadoration@sttheresenorth.org](mailto:eucharisticadoration@sttheresenorth.org) Sub or weekly Holy Hour signup: <http://adorationpro.org/therese>



## MINISTRIES OF ST. THERESE

### 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 -

**Barbecue Sauce & Mustard  
Egg Cartons (1 dozen size only)**

### “Coping with Life Alone” - Peer-To-Peer Grief Support

“Coping with Life Alone” is a Beginning Experience® grief support program that meets each week for 7 weeks. The program helps those who have lost a love relationship due to death, divorce or separation, move through the experience of grief and loss into a future with renewed hope.

Fall meetings will be here at St. Therese Parish, September 7-October 19, 2:00-4:00pm, in the Birkel Room. Call Donna Eisenbarth at 816.305.3760 for information and registration.

### Altar & Rosary

Thank you to the generous donors of the raffle at the Ice Cream Social! Your donations are used for supplies for the church, school, and the various ministries that Altar & Rosary supports. As membership week-end approaches, please think about joining Altar & Rosary. There are many ministries that could use your help: Rosary, Christmas Adopt a child, Children's store, Hillcrest Apartment ministry, Pew Oiling, Mission Sewing, Friends in Time of Need, Coffee and donuts, Purse project, and Our Lady's Gift Shop. Membership does not mean that you assist with all ministries, only what you are interested in and when you're available. Please contact me or another member of A & R with questions about the ministries. Contact Amanda Bentley at 316.641.4955 or at [awbentley01@outlook.com](mailto:awbentley01@outlook.com) with questions. Our membership drive will be the weekend of September 7/8. The Altar & Rosary website will be available soon, with an option to join online!

### That Man is You

On August 17, *That Man is You* invites men of the parish to discuss Bishop Robert Barron's new book, *Letter to a Suffering Church*, regarding the sexual abuse crisis. If you would like to join us for this important discussion, do not hesitate to come to one of the regular Saturday morning meetings between now and then for a free copy of the book, or you can order a copy of the book (free + \$5.95 S&H) here. We anticipate those men joining us to have read the book ahead of time and prepared to discuss on August 17. Space and resources are limited!

Additionally, on September 7, we will 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.

Rediscover and reclaim our identity as soldiers, saints, brothers, disciples, and apostles.

Encounter practical tools that aid in spiritual defense and development.

Enter into a deeper understanding of the Word of God.

Contemplate the mysterious Will of God and discover a Kingdom and battle “not of this world.”

Embrace our true identity as sons of the Father and heirs to his Kingdom.

Experience the intimacy and secrets of a deep and personal friendship with Christ.

Uncover the ultimate truth that sheds light on all things: God's own identity.

Fight the good fight of faith to win an imperishable crown.

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 break at 8:20 so everyone has the opportunity to attend daily Mass at 8:30. For questions, contact Joshua Wunderlich at [joshua.wunderlich@gmail.com](mailto:joshua.wunderlich@gmail.com) or 402.570.7624.

### Knights of Columbus Activities

August should be a calm month for the Knights, allowing us to “catch our breath” after the busy month of July we had. We will be announcing our SCHOLARSHIP winners in next week's bulletin, awarding \$4,000.00 to 9 students - seven heading off to college and two attending high school. The Knights would not be able to award these scholarships, as well as funds donated to the school (\$450 for new bibles), the St. Vincent de Paul Society, and Parkville Women's Clinic (\$1000 for new ultra sound machine), etc. without YOUR generous support of our fundraisers. THANK YOU for helping us help support these worthy causes.

Looking ahead to the fall, and coming up soon, here are some of our annual events that we think you'll be interested in. So mark your calendar now!

**September 9th**, begins our monthly First Friday Dances for 7th & 8th grade students from all over the Northland. For those of you who are unaware of this, we provide a DJ and furnish the chaperones. The night starts at 7:00, and is over by 10:00 PM. Admission includes unlimited soda & popcorn. We welcome any parent who would like to help chaperone, especially women volunteers.

**October 11th, 12th, and 13th** is our Annual Tootsie Roll Drive weekend. Funds raised from collections at Barry Road Hy-Vee, Red X and after all weekend Masses, support the developmentally disabled. We make this a family event, allowing all ages to participate.

**November 23rd** ELVIS is coming back and this time he's bringing Conway Twitty with him. Enjoy an evening of good music and cocktails with your friends. For more details, see any Knight in our council.

If you have any questions about any of these events, call Grand Knight, Bill Robinette at 816.520.5656 or check out our updated website

[unknight.org/councilsite/?cno=7199](http://unknight.org/councilsite/?cno=7199)

# WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY AUGUST 11	MONDAY AUGUST 12	TUESDAY AUGUST 13	WEDNESDAY AUGUST 14
<b>Soup Kitchen at St. Mary's, meet in Front Parking lot at 9:15am</b> 10:00-11:00am: Babysitting, 2nd Floor EEC 11:00am-1:30pm: Sunday Morning Bible Study, Birkel Room 6:15-9:00pm: Men's CRHP Formation Meetings, Team 11, Birkel Room	<b>EEC &amp; VV CLOSED</b> 7:30-8:30am: Fatima Prayer Group, Parish Library 9:00am-11:00pm: Eucharistic Adoration, Adoration Chapel 9:00-10:00am: Prayer Session, Cry Room 4:00-6:30pm: Meet the Teacher, Education & Parish 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, Birkel Room 6:00-9:00pm: Women's CRHP Team Formation Meeting (Team 11), Birkel Room 6:00-9:00pm: Women's CRHP Team 8 Monthly Meeting, Parish Library 6:30-8:30pm: Women's CRHP Team 5 Monthly Gathering, Martin Room	8:00am-12:00pm: Library Committee Meeting, Parish Library 9:00am-11:00pm: Eucharistic Adoration, Adoration Chapel 1:15-3:00pm: Parish Office CLOSED for Staff Meeting 6:30-8:30pm: Pastoral Council, Birkel Room
THURSDAY AUGUST 15	FRIDAY AUGUST 16	SATURDAY AUGUST 17	SUNDAY AUGUST 18
<b>Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b> <b>First Day of School - Early Dismissal, 12:15pm</b> 9:00am-11:00pm: Eucharistic Adoration, Adoration Chapel 9:30-11:00am: Queen of Peace Prayer Group, Parish Library 11:00am-12:00pm: All School Mass 6:30-9:00pm: Prayer Shawl Ministry, Birkel Room	<b>First Full Day of School</b> 9:00am-10:00pm: Eucharistic Adoration, Adoration Chapel 7:00-7:30pm: Divine Mercy in Song, Church	6:30-8:30am: That Man is You, Birkel Room 9:00am-1:00pm: Eucharistic Adoration, Adoration Chapel 3:00-4:15pm: Confessions, Church	10:00-11:00am: Babysitting, 2nd Floor EEC 11:00am-1:30pm: Sunday Morning Bible Study, Birkel Room 6:15-9:00pm: Men's CRHP Formation Meetings, Team 11, Birkel Room

## FR. KLEINE'S KORNER

Time travel doesn't really work.

Don't get me wrong, it's a plot device that has led to some wonderfully entertaining stories: *Back to the Future*, *Terminator 2*, and *Doctor Who*, with David Tennant as the best doctor. Even *Avengers Endgame* utilizes time travel quite liberally. But it's a plot device that requires the audience to completely suspend their disbelief. Not only is it scientifically untenable, but it leads to all sorts of logical fallacies and paradoxes when employed. It's fun, but not supported very strongly, if at all, by reason or science. As a result, stories either have to just accept that there are large plot holes and logical inconsistencies in their narrative, or they have to take time to hand wave the problems away.

*Doctor Who* does this to hilarious effect when the 10th Doctor played by David Tennant explains that "people assume that time is a strict progression of cause to effect, but actually, from a non-linear non-subjective viewpoint it's more of a big ball of wibbly wobbly, timey wimey...stuff."

It's not just time travel that has this problem in stories. Magic, super powers, sci-fi technology, zombies; there's an abundance of plot-devices or story elements in fictional narratives that aren't exactly supported or defended with any strength by actual science or reason.

But it's a story, meant to entertain, and so we do as we should, we suspend our disbelief regarding these scientific or logical problems. We sit back and we enjoy the story for what it is, a story.

Unfortunately, this same view has been applied to the Catholic faith. Since the Renaissance, there has been a growing belief among the world's populace that the creed and doctrines and teachings of the Catholic Church are a lot like time travel, scientifically untenable and unreasonable. The notion is that if the facts and findings of science and reason were to be applied to the beliefs and faith of the Catholic Church, then like the plot devices in fiction, that faith would fall apart and dissolve under this scientific scrutiny.

This misconception has caused a great many people to dismiss the Catholic faith outright.

Or to leave it all together.

Because who wants to practice and live a faith that is unscientific?

That can't be supported by reason?

Yet this viewpoint is itself untenable! After all, all of creation, all of existence comes forth from God. That includes science! Our faith and our science and our reason all have the same source as their origin, our Lord in Heaven.

To say that science and faith contradict, or that reason opposes faith, is to say that our God purposely deceives us. It is to say that

our God has intentionally gifted us two opposed means of knowing the world and Him.

And our all-loving Lord would not do something so cruel, especially when His entire goal is for us, all of us, to know and love Him as He knows and loves us.

In truth, science and faith are not enemies, they're allies that we in our erroneous thinking have pit against each other.

Pope Saint John Paul II states that "Faith and reason are like two wings on which the human spirit rises to the contemplation of truth; and God has placed in the human heart a desire to know the truth—in a word, to know himself."

And we see this evidenced in the works of past Catholics who've taken great strides through science in an effort to come to know God better. From Gregor Mendel, the father of Genetics to Fr. Georges Lemaitre, who discovered the Big Bang Theory, and who was colleagues with Dr. Albert Einstein. The Vatican itself has a Pontifical Academy of Science.

So it becomes our responsibility to not turn these two means of knowing against each other, but to see how they harmoniously work in unison to lead us to God.

To that end, I provide the following resources as a preliminary step, a dipping of our toes in the water, of all the great work people have done throughout history to show the unity and cohesion between science and the Catholic faith! That both science and faith may lead us to God.

Pope Saint John Paul II's Encyclical *Fides et Ratio*

[http://w2.vatican.va/content/john-paul-ii/en/encyclicals/documents/hf\\_jp-ii\\_enc\\_14091998\\_fides-et-ratio.html](http://w2.vatican.va/content/john-paul-ii/en/encyclicals/documents/hf_jp-ii_enc_14091998_fides-et-ratio.html)

Fr. Robert Spitzer has done a lot of great work, and can lead us to a plethora of other resources.

His talk at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary is a great precursor to following his works,

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M0Vb-WpE32CM>

from his books such as *New Proofs for the Existence of God* and his EWTN program *Fr. Spitzer's Universe*,

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL9CQlldupc5-GSFpj9yYAggiF-f0LXGe-1>

to his website Magis Center,

<https://magiscenter.com/>

May your gaze and reflection upon the wonders of creation always lead you to know and love her Divine Author.

Allons-y, (let's go)  
Fr. Andrew Kleine

## COMING EVENTS . .

### Come and See - RCIA 2019-2020

The Parish Community of St. Therese invites you to explore the Roman Catholic traditions. RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) provides you with an opportunity to deepen your Christian faith, to study and reflect upon Scripture, to learn about the Catholic Church, and to pray together with us.

RCIA is the process that men and women become members of the Roman Catholic Church. It's the beginning of a life-long process of learning, living, and developing your faith.

Please come and join us if 1) you want to learn more about the Catholic Church by asking questions and learning from classes on the Church 2) are not baptized and who want to join the Church 3) are baptized in another faith tradition but want to learn more about the Catholic faith.

RCIA will begin on Thursday, September 5th in the Wooldridge Center, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

**If you want to come and find out more about RCIA, we will have a "Come and See" meeting on Thursday, August 22nd, in the Wooldridge Center at 7:00 p.m.**

If you would prefer, you can call or email Deacon Doug Warrens – 816.741.2800, ext. 212 or [dwarrens@sttheresenorth.org](mailto:dwarrens@sttheresenorth.org).

### CPR Opportunity

A CPR class will be held on Wednesday, August 21st in the Birkel Meeting Room (inside the Wooldridge Center) from 6:00pm to approximately 8:30pm.

This class is for those who wish to complete or renew their BLS Heartsaver CPR certification. There is a \$20 fee for the class. For more information or to register please contact Marie Sirridge: [msirridge@sbcglobal.net](mailto:msirridge@sbcglobal.net) Home: 816.587.5087 Cell 816.868.8606

### Pictorial Directories

We've been distributing the directories for several months and would like to complete the process. If you've NOT picked up your copy at the Parish Office, there's still time. During the 8:00, 10:00 and 12:00 Masses, one of the Welcome Center volunteers can provide your copy, if you had a portrait taken. (We will be selling extra copies SOON, but NOT at this immediate time.) Please call Donna, 741.2800 to make arrangements if these times will not work for you.

### Garden Angels

Thanks so much for those participating in our group to help maintain the St. Therese campus grounds. If you are interested in joining our efforts, contact Marie Sirridge: [msirridge@sbcglobal.net](mailto:msirridge@sbcglobal.net)

Home: 816.587.5087 Cell: 816.868.8606

## 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 [julieann.nissen@gmail.com](mailto:julieann.nissen@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 Anna Livojevich, [livojevichanna@gmail.com](mailto: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 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—Thurs: 9:00am-11:00pm;

Fri: 9:00am-10:00pm;

Sat: 9:00am-1:00pm

Come at anytime or signup for an hour.

Located on the north side of Church.

For info 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](mailto:Betty.Phillips), Director, 746.1500.

### St. Therese School

Educating students Kindergarten through 8th grade, Education and Parish Center. Contact: [Theresa Roth](mailto: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.

## OPPORTUNITIES

### Interested in being a Grandfriend?

Grandfriends is a volunteer program where you would visit the school one hour a week and read with students, help with spelling or anything else the students might need a little extra help with. You would be working with K-2nd graders. The students love the one on one interaction. We usually meet on Thursday mornings from 9:30- 10:30. The only requirements are your time, love of working with children and have taken the "Protecting God's Children" training. (There are numerous dates, times and locations for this training and two other volunteering requirements, which can be completed online.) This program runs from late September through April.

If you are interested or have any questions about this worthwhile program, call Ann Wessinger at 816.858.3979. Would like to have a few "grandfathers" join us also!

### 1st Annual "In His Real Presence" Eucharistic Adoration Conference

The Conference will be held at Coronation of Our Lady Parish, 13000 Bennington Ave., Grandview, Saturday, September 14, 9:00am-3:00pm, cost is \$10.00 and includes lunch.

Topics include:

- Eucharistic Miracles
- Fruits of Eucharistic Adoration
- What the Saints Say
- Eucharistic Adoration & Healing
- Starting & Maintaining Parish Eucharistic Adoration

Register: <https://interland3.donor-perfect.net/weblink/weblink.aspx?name=E331061&id=83>

Hosted by The Office of Divine Worship  
[kcsjatholic.org](http://kcsjatholic.org)





JOIN US FOR THIS ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL

**St. Therese Parish Community**

**Saturday, September 28**

**5:00 pm — 9:00pm**

DJ Kirby / Food Trucks / The Drinkery / Inflatables  
Face Painting / Gaga Pit / Escape Room / And More!

### Magnificat

Magnificat is a monthly publication designed for daily use, to encourage both liturgical and personal prayer. It can be used to follow daily Mass as well as at home or for personal or family prayer.



Every day, in a convenient, pocket-sized format, Magnificat offers beautiful prayers for both morning and evening, drawn from the treasures of the Liturgy of the Hours, the official texts of daily Mass, meditations written by spiritual giants of the Church and more contemporary authors, essays on the lives of the saints of today and yesterday, and articles giving valuable spiritual insight into masterpieces of sacred art.

The cost for 12 months is a total of \$37. Payment can be made in a clearly marked envelope to "Jennifer Davis - Magnificat" via the collection basket, gift shop, Parish Office or school office.

As this is a bulk order and is time sensitive to begin in November order by September 6. Orders received after September 6 may not be available. To order, see the link below or contact Jennifer Davis at [jdavis@sttherese-north.org](mailto:jdavis@sttherese-north.org) or 816.741.5400 ext 107.

### 1st Communion Closet - Special request

Thank you to all who have donated items over the years to the First Communion Closet...where 1st Communicants can borrow for their 1st Communion a dress or suit to wear. Several of the pieces are needing to be dry cleaned so that they can be borrowed again by a special 1st Communicant. If anyone has a connection to a dry cleaner that could donate services/give a special discount OR would like to donate money to help pay for the dry cleaning, please contact Jennifer Heater at [jenniferheater9@gmail.com](mailto:jenniferheater9@gmail.com) 816.519.3575 or put your donation in a clearly marked envelope "Jennifer Davis - 1st Communion Closet Dry Cleaning donation". Thank you!

## ST. THERESE PARISH SCHOOLS OF RELIGION 2019-2020

### Sunday School-Pre-K (4 by August 1) and Kindergarten - Begins October 6

Meets on Sundays during the 10:00am Mass, October—April: Lessons are age appropriate and designed around the Sunday's gospel. For all parish children.

### Catechesis of the Good Shepherd - Level 1, ages 3 (by August 1) through 6

Meets weekly during the school year-either Tuesdays 9:15-11:15am or 3:30-5:15pm(ideal for Kindergarteners)

See parish website [www.sttheresenorth.org](http://www.sttheresenorth.org) and click on Schools of Religion for information and registration for Sunday School, CGS, RE or Edge. Questions?: Contact Jennifer at [jdavis@sttheresenorth.org](mailto:jdavis@sttheresenorth.org) or 741.5400, ext. 107.



### Religious Education - 1st-5th grade Begins September 4

Meets from September through May on Wednesdays from 6:00-7:15pm. Sacrament preparation for 1st Reconciliation and 1st Communion included for all 2nd graders. For all parish children that do not attend St. Therese School.

#### Registration Fees\*

1 child—\$75, 2 children—\$100, 3 or more—\$120

Non parishioners-additional \$50 fee

\*fees waived for catechists (childcare available)

\*\*Sacrament Fee, all parish 2nd graders (1st Reconciliation/1st Communion) \$40 to cover materials used at home.

12-month MagnifiKid subscription  
Review at [www.magnifikid.com](http://www.magnifikid.com)  
(optional-recommended for ages 6-12)  
\$14



\*\*Children enrolled in St. Therese School do not need to register for sacrament preparation but do need to pay \$40 fee

(additional information will be in the school newsletter)

## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE COMMUNITY



### Spaghetti Dinner & Auction

a part of the 2nd Annual Bishop Johnston Golf Classic

**October 20th at  
5pm**  
St. Therese North

**Adults \$12 - Teens \$5  
Kids Under 12 Eat FREE**

Available at the door and at  
[brightfuturesfund.org](http://brightfuturesfund.org)



### Basketball Skills Camp

September 8-October 13, Grade 5-7 / Grade 8-12 for Boys & Girls. This is a 6-week shooting and offensive skills camp.

Cost \$156 (signup before August 11 and receive 20%off) Promo code: HOLZER on the Checkout page will get an additional \$20 off the current price. To register:

<https://www.breakthroughbasketball.com/camps/camp.asp?id=September2019KansasCityShootingCamp#register>

### Marriage Encounter

Your light must shine before others . . . As a married couple we are called to be light to the world; a witness to the joy of our Sacrament. How brightly is your light shining? A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is an opportunity to reignite the flame so that you give light to all in your house. Grounded in the love of Jesus Christ, the weekend will provide you the tools and the time necessary to go deeper into the Sacrament so that you can live more intimately and responsibly as a couple of God. The next weekends in the Kansas City area will be October 4-6 and November 15-17. For more information, or to apply for a weekend, contact, Tony & Barb Zimmerman, 816.741.4066, [tonybarbz@prodigy.net](mailto:tonybarbz@prodigy.net).



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



### PRAYERS FOR THOSE SERVING IN THE MIDDLE EAST

For parishioners, relatives of parishioners and their families

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

## MASS INTENTIONS

### SUNDAY, August 11

- 8:00am — Marge Karr +
- 10:00am — Larry and Mary Grace Sprague +
- 12:00pm — Anna DeFelice +

### MONDAY, August 12

- 8:30am — Eileen Roberts +

### TUESDAY, August 13

- 6:30am — Don Ferguson +
- 8:30am — Melvin McClure +

### WEDNESDAY, August 14

- 6:30am — Don Ferguson +
- 8:30am — Raphael (Tripp) Potts

### THURSDAY, August 15, The Assumption

- 6:30am — Mass for the People
- 8:30am — Don Deister +
- 11:00am — All Students returning to School
- 6:30pm — Frank Durham +

### FRIDAY, August 16

- 6:30am — Rosemary Carter +
- 8:30am — Leaving & Deceased Members, Bischof & Zollar Families

### SATURDAY, August 17

- 8:30am — Frank Durham +
- 4:30pm — David & Mary Thompson

### SUNDAY, August 18

- 8:00am — Mary Lee Hoffman +
- 10:00am — Anna DeFelice +
- 12:00pm — Marilyn Spero +
- 5:00pm — Mass for the People