



3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

St. Therese Parish - *December 15, 2019*

"This is the one about whom it is written: Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way before you." - Mt 11:10

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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.

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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

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 & PARISH

Week Ending Friday, December 6, 2019
Fiscal Year: July 1, 2019—June 30, 2020

	Weekly	Year-to-Date
Contributions	\$45,127	\$1,596,881
Budgeted	\$77,675	\$1,708,850
Difference	(\$32,548)	(\$111,970)
Building Loan Balance		\$3,130,681
Debt Retirement Contributions	\$1,906	\$43,976
Principal & Interest payments		(\$169,932)
Difference		(\$125,956)

Holy Day Mass Schedule

December 24, Christmas Eve -
4:00pm; 6:30pm; 9:00pm

(NO 6:30am Mass but there will be an
8:30am Mass)

December 25, Christmas Day -
10:00am ONLY

December 31, New Year's Eve - 4:30pm

(NO 6:30am Mass but will be an 8:30am
Mass)

January 1, New Year's Day - 9:00am;
11:00am (NO 6:30am or 8:30am Masses)

Readings for the week of December 15

Sunday: Is 35:1-6a, 10/ Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10
[Is 35:4]/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11

Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6
and 7bc, 8-9 [4]/Mt 21:23-27

Tuesday: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab,
7-8, 17 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:1-17

Wednesday: Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13,
18-19 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:18-25

Thursday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a,
5-6ab, 16-17 [cf. 8]/Lk 1:5-25

Friday:
Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 7c and
10b]/Lk 1:26-38

Saturday: ..Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps
33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 [1a; 3a]/Lk 1:39-45

Next Sunday: Is 7:10-14/ Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6
[7c, 10b]/Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24

From The Pastor's Pen

Are you interested in helping to build a culture of life? Our friends at the Parkville Women's Clinic are in need of volunteers to serve an increasing number of clients. Whether helping in the office, assisting with clients or in a number of other ways, your help is needed. A number of parishioners already work or volunteer at the clinic. For information please 816.746.4855.

Our parish Advent Reconciliation service with individual confessions is this Sunday, December 15 at 7:00 PM.

This coming Friday, December 20, is our Advent Forgiveness Friday. From 9:00 AM to 9:00 PM, at least one priest will be hearing confessions in church. Please feel free to stop by at any time that day to share in this sacrament.

Our Christmas Eve Masses (that fulfill the Christmas obligation) will be at 4:00, 6:30 and 9:00. The 4:00 Mass is always very crowded and that Mass will also be simulcast downstairs in the Wooldridge Center. We work hard to make everything run as smoothly as possible but ask for your help. If friends, neighbors or family members are also attending that Mass, considering coming to Mass together to free up more parking spaces. The doors of the church for the 4:00 Mass will not open until 2:00 PM.

Traditionally, all the other Christmas Masses are full but not nearly as crowded. On Christmas Day, Mass will be offered at 10:00 AM. Incense will be used at the 9:00 Mass on Christmas Eve and the 10:00 Mass on Christmas Day.



We are fortunate to have an ample amount of parking spaces at our parish. It may involve a little bit of walking but I think there is hardly ever a Mass without parking spaces available. However, it seems like every weekend there are vehicles parked in areas reserved for emergency access. Although (fortunately) such events are rare, as the Advent season reminds us, we must always be ready. Lack of access for emergency vehicles could be disastrous. Please observe all the signs that we have in place for your safety including the ones asking drivers to enter through the entrances only and exit through the exits only. As tempting as it may be to enter through the exit, please show some concern for the safety of others and a drive just a little further to enter through the entrance.

Please remember in prayer our high school Confirmation candidates who will be on retreat this Sunday.

STAFF COLUMN -

Last Friday night, St. Therese hosted the Dynamic Parish Dream Event. What a fabulous night we had as Tony Ferraro, our presenter, walked us through the power of dreams. The parish can only be the best version of itself to the extent that the people of the parish are the best version of themselves. And we can only be the best version of ourselves if we allow ourselves to dream. One of the many gifts God has given to us and no other creatures of the earth is the ability to dream. As human beings we have the ability to look into the future, imagine something bigger and better in the future, and then come back to the present and work in the present to bring about the future we dreamed of and desire. It is time for Catholics to start dreaming again.

We spent the evening dreaming about what we want our church and parish to look like in the future. But we also spent time thinking about our personal dreams, which can fall in 12 categories: physical dreams; emotional dreams; intellectual dreams; spiritual dreams; psychological dreams; material

dreams; professional dreams; financial dreams, creative dreams; character dreams; legacy dreams; and adventure dreams. Tony challenged us to take some time in the near future and write down 100 dreams, covering all the categories, and then choose our top dreams that we want to focus on to complete. Discuss our dreams with our friends and family, and explore ways we can help each other achieve our dreams.

We ended our event with a reception, with wonderful treats—an assortment of cheeses, spreads, fruits, and a chocolate fountain, which was well sampled.

Thanks to all who took the time to attend. Thanks go out to all who helped put it together.

Our next event will be a review of all the data gathered in our parish survey we took a few weeks ago and the information gathered at the dream event. Mark your 2020 calendar for Friday, January 24th, at 7:00 p.m.



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

ST. THERESE MEMORIAL

REMEMBRANCES

Joseph A. Kleinman – December 16

Bonnie L. Donovan – December 18

Richard (Dick) B. Moning – December 18

Thomas C. Parisi – December 18

Eunice K. Smith – December 18

Maurice J. Ameel – December 21

Norbert Colling – December 21

Walter G. Smith, Sr. – December 21

BIRTHDATE REMEMBRANCES

Thomas J. McGurn, Sr. – December 16

Barry P. Wessol – December 16

Jerome H. Ohmes – December 18

John J. Murray – December 20

Prayers and Sympathy

For all those who have died, especially Ann Ryan, wife of Larry.

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.

Gabriel Matthew Yates, son of Joshua and Briana Yates

Skylar Ann Martens, daughter of John and Lindsey Martens

Louise Bisges, daughter of Adam Bisges and Caroline Ward

John Wiles Wright, son of Dustin and Callie Wright

Clayton Wayne Kaullen, son of Ryan and Catherine Kaullen

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

COME & SEE!

Come they told me! A new born king to see! / Our finest gifts we bring to lay before the King, so to honor him. / But, little baby, I am poor. I have no gift to bring that's fit to give our King. Shall I pray before you? / Mary nodded. / I prayed before him. I prayed my best before him. / Then he smiled at me. / Come they told me! A new born king to see! (adapted from Little Drummer Boy)

Come & See our Lord in Eucharistic Adoration, be it for a few minutes or a long spell. ALL are welcome!

Adoration Chapel Hours:

M-Th 9am-11pm / Fr 9am-10pm / Sa 9am-1pm

Call: Monica 816.718.8176

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.

Please Note: The Pantry is in need of plastic bags. Thank you for your generosity that helps the pantry serve so many families.

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 or 402.570.7624.

Altar & Rosary

Thank you for volunteering and for the donations for the Children's Store and Adopt-A-Child.

Be prepared to play "Beat the Winter Blues Bingo" on January 11, 2020. Look for details to come.

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

Our Lady's Gift Shop

Visit our Gift Shop for Advent and Christmas items including

- * wreaths and candles
- * children's calendars and books
- * tree ornaments
- * home & gift items
- * clearance items
- * 2020 Missals

Come in and browse



Knights of Columbus

Whenever you drop a few dollars in the contribution can, take a chance on a raffle, attend a dance or enjoy a fish dinner, you support the council's activities. The funds we collect are earmarked primarily for the support of our youths, needy families, priests and seminarians, the unborn, the developmentally disabled, our school and our parish.

The number of activities we undertake in a year's time is long and varied, but we believe we can do more. That's why we are always looking for new members and new leaders who are ready to take the leap into service to the parish and community. Our new members always come with fresh perspectives and new ideas, and when they become involved they boost our energy and push us to achieve.

All men of the parish are welcome to join the Knights of Columbus. If you are interested, if you want to give back to your parish and community, call 816.520.5656, or email to the Knights' address at council7199@gmail.com.

Bill Robinette, Grand Knight



Christmas Poinsettia Remember a Loved One

We have a meaningful holiday tradition at St. Therese of remembering loved ones with prayer-soaked flowers used in Church during the Christmas season.

Contact Donna Patti at 741.5400, ext. 211 or dpatti@sttheresenorth.org if you would like to honor a loved one with a donation toward our Christmas flowers.

Fill out this form and return it to the Parish office or drop it at the Welcome Center.

Poinsettia (large) \$25_____ Qty_____

In Memor (honor) of _____

Your name: _____ Phone: _____

WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY DECEMBER 15	MONDAY DECEMBER 16	TUESDAY DECEMBER 17	WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 18
<p>Bishop Sullivan Annual Appeal at all Weekend Masses</p> <p>Adopt-a-Family Gift Pick up in the gym 10:00am-3:00pm</p> <p>9:00-11:00am: Boy Scout Ad Altare De, Martin Room</p> <p>10:00-11:00am: Babysitting, EEC</p> <p>10:00-11:00am: Sunday School, Gold Pod</p> <p>11:00am-1:30pm: Sunday Morning Bible Study, Birkel Room</p> <p>1:00-8:00pm: Life Teen/Confirmation Retreat, Church and Wooldridge Center</p> <p>6:15-9:00pm: Men's Welcome CRHP Formation Meetings, Birkel Room</p> <p>7:00-8:30pm: Parish Reconciliation Service, Church</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>9:00am-11:00pm: Eucharistic Adoration, Adoration Chapel</p> <p>10:00am-12:00pm: Mary, Martha, and Lazarus Prayer Group, Birkel Room</p> <p>6:00-9:00pm: Women's CRHP Team 12 Formation Meeting, Birkel Room</p> <p>6:30-8:30pm: CRHP Team 10 Monthly Gathering, Martin Room</p>	<p>8:00am-12:00pm: Library Committee Meeting, Parish Library</p> <p>9:00am-11:00pm: Eucharistic Adoration, Adoration Chapel</p> <p>1:15-3:00pm: Parish Staff Meeting (the Office is closed during this time), Birkel Room</p> <p>3:15-4:15pm: Treble Choir, School</p> <p>6:00-7:15pm: Advent Prayers & Confessions, Church</p> <p>6:00-7:15pm: RE Classes, Education & Parish Center</p> <p>6:00-7:45pm: EDGE Middle School, Education & Parish Center</p> <p>6:00-9:00pm: FMC, Parish Library</p>
THURSDAY DECEMBER 19	FRIDAY DECEMBER 20	SATURDAY DECEMBER 21	SUNDAY DECEMBER 22
<p>NO SPRED tonight</p> <p>8:30am 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>6:30-9:00pm: Prayer Shawl Ministry, Birkel Room</p> <p>7:00-9:00pm: RCIA Meeting, Wooldridge Center</p>	<p>Early School Dismissal, 12:15pm</p> <p>9:00am-9:00pm: Forgiveness Friday, Confessionss all day long in the Church</p> <p>9:00am-10:00pm: Eucharistic Adoration, Adoration Chapel</p> <p>11:00am-12:00pm: Author's Pary, Wooldridge Center</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>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>NO Sunday School</p> <p>Simbang Gabi after 10:00am Mass</p> <p>10:00-11:00am: Babysitting, EEC</p> <p>11:00am-1:30pm: Sunday Morning Bible Study, Birkel Room</p> <p>6:15-8?15pm: Life Teen Advent Party, Offsite</p> <p>6:15-9:00pm: Men's Welcome CRHP Formation Meetings, Birkel Room</p>

FR. KLEINE'S KORNER

Three Traps Against Prayer and Virtue – Part 2

"Humility is the foundation of prayer, Only when we humbly acknowledge that "we do not know how to pray as we ought," are we ready to receive freely the gift of prayer."

– CCC 2559

In our efforts to pray more regularly and more sincerely, and in our efforts to grow in virtue and live holier lives, we can often fall into the devil's third trap for us.

We think to ourselves:

"I shall pray more each day."

"I shall work harder each day."

"I will pray these rosaries."

"I will pray these novenas."

"I will volunteer at the food pantry or church ministries."

"I will make these efforts and actions."

I. I. I. I. I. I. I. I.

In all the focus on our own actions and efforts, we fixate on ourselves, on the "I" and we lose sight or exclude "HIM".

It is impossible to achieve anything without our Lord. We only take each breath because of Him. We can only move with grace because of Him. We are literally and totally dependent on Him for everything.

All things are possible through Him, but so too are all things **only** possible with Him.

If we forget Him, who's given everything, He is to us, out of love, and we treat holiness as something we can achieve solely by our own merits, then we will have fallen into the devil's third trap.

We will have worked earnestly, diligently, fervently, and after much time and effort, find ourselves frustratingly short by a wide margin of where we desired to be.

With Holy Day Masses right around the corner, Christmas Eve/Day, and New Year's Eve/Day, all ministers will be needed for the over 300 positions to be filled.

This includes lectors, ushers, servers, and ministers of Holy Communion.

Sign up sheets are posted in the Usher's Room, so please add your name today!

You may also email Donna at dpatti@sttheresenorth.org. And thank you for your consideration.

Despite all my efforts, I'm no closer to being more patient, more humble, more chaste, more temperate.

(or in my case, brief).

And then we'll think the goal impossible to reach, because we tried our hardest and got nowhere. Thus we quit, just as the adversary wants, all the while not realizing that our failure is because we tried our hardest without relying on Him, without going to Him for help, and guidance, and direction.

Through all of our efforts, Christ must be at the center of them. He must be the one we turn to and rely on.

EXCELLENT PRACTICAL ADVICE

Sensus Fidelium - Growing in Virtue by Small, Sustained Mortifications

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E4UxZ965w2M>

Fr. Mike Schmitz - Padre Pio's Secret to Holiness

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xq_y1D72-Sk

Fr. Mike Schmitz – Consistency Will Make You Holy

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XSgRWMGsME4>

Fr. Mark-Mary - What to Do After You Fall Into Sin

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MB5YboLLiSs>

Therefore, let us ignore the lies and traps of the great deceiver.

Let us anchor and center our lives in our faith and love of God.

Let us surrender to His will and dependent-ly entrust ourselves to His grace.

And let's run the race well, my fellow brothers and sisters in Christ!

OF SPECIAL NOTE . . .



A Heart of Gratitude

From a heart of gratitude, we share our blessings.

10 Reasons to
complete a pledge card today...

- 1 It shows our commitment to good stewardship formed by our common faith.
2. It helps our parish office plan for the coming year.
3. Fr. Andrew will see you as one of his favorite superheroes!
4. These bulletin announcements, follow up letters, and reminders of all sorts will come to an end sooner.
5. It's something to do during half-time of the Chiefs game – could take less than 5 minutes of prayer for guidance and then an appropriate response – go to sttheresenorth.org and click on the heart on the first page. And there will still be time to grab a snack and something to drink. (Fr. Andrew suggests Pepsi.)
6. It's one New Year's resolution that you can make now and check off early. And you are all set to start your pledge on time in 2020. Fr. Joe has already made his commitment!
7. Generosity, while not a virtue, is a response to the virtue of charity. From the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC), paragraph 1813, "The theological virtues are the foundation of Christian moral activity; they animate it and give it its special character. They inform and give life to all the moral virtues. They are infused by God into the souls of the faithful to make them capable of acting as his children and of meriting eternal life. They are the pledge of the presence and action of the Holy Spirit in the faculties of the human being. There are three theological virtues: faith, hope, and charity." ~~~Hey, Fr. Andrew. How's that for a superhero response?!~~~
8. Fr. Randy didn't write the book this came from but I bet he read it. From the CCC, p.1829, "The fruits of charity are joy, peace, and mercy; charity demands beneficence and fraternal correction; it is benevolence; it fosters reciprocity and remains disinterested and generous; it is friendship and communion: Love is itself the fulfillment of all our works. There is the goal; that is why we run: we run toward it, and once we reach it, in it we shall find rest." WOW. Joy, peace and mercy – that's quite the return from a simple act of generosity.
9. St. Therese would undoubtedly count this as an appropriate activity of her "little way."
10. Really. All Fr. Joe wants for Christmas is for you to fill out a pledge card – online or hardcopy. Drop it in the basket, put it in the mail, fill it out online or bring it by the office! And you can even have the bank send us a monthly payment electronically. How's that for a gift that keeps on giving...?

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 Dennis Falls at 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.

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.

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 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.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Coming Soon: LoveEd

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 26 from 1:00-3:00 pm in the Wooldridge 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 2 from 1:00-3:00. On that day, there will be separate events for boys and girls. On Sunday, February 16 from 1:00-3:00, 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. Opportunities to sign up and purchase materials for these events will be offered soon. In the meantime, please reserve these dates on your calendar:

January 26; 1:00-3:00 Parent training event in the Wooldridge Center

February 2; 1:00-3:00 Parent/student event for students in 4th-6th grades, ages 9-11 in Wooldridge Center (boys) and Good Shepherd Hall (girls)

February 16; 1:00-3:00 Parent/student event for students in 6th-8th grades, ages 11-13 in Wooldridge Center (boys) and Good Shepherd Hall (girls)

DYNAMIC PARISH - OUR JOURNEY CONTINUES

Our parish comes together for our Dream Event 2019.

We brought our own dreams and the dreams we have for our parish.

It was a great night for sharing as we look to the future - a future that God always wants to be bigger than our past.

This is only the beginning . . .

Dream





Join us for the second annual Holiday Homes Tour. Visit some of the most stunning homes in the Northland while supporting PWC. \$20 tickets and more details at: pwc4life.us/homestour2019



Main Street Inn is one of the stops in Parkville!



Take this special Christmas Tour TODAY!
Thank you for your generosity.

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.

NORTHLAND LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICES

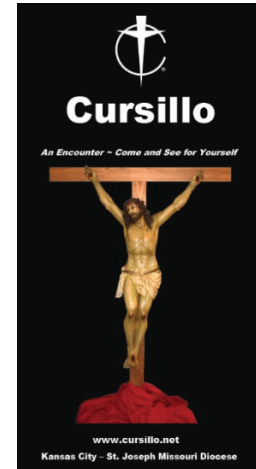
St. Therese – Sunday, DECEMBER 15, 7:00

St. Gabriel – Sunday, December 22, 2:00

Annunciation (Kearney), Good Shepherd (Smithville), Holy Trinity/Twelve Apostles (Weston/Platte City), St. Ann (Excelsior Springs), St. Andrew (Gladstone) and St. Patrick will offer Confessions during their regular times. Holy Family's service was December 1st.

Calling all Marriage Encounter Couples

Worldwide Marriage Encounter is offering an afternoon of enrichment for any couple that has experienced a Marriage Encounter Weekend, on Saturday, January 18, from 1:00 - 4:15pm at the Precious Blood Center, 2130 Saint Gaspar Way, Liberty, MO. Entitled "Lighting the Way Together - Castles to Lighthouses", the afternoon will reinvigorate your communication and rekindle the love in your relationship. Mass will be celebrated at 4:30pm with a free willing offering to defray the program costs. For more information or to RSVP email Rich and Wendy Lorenz at wendyteach3@yahoo.com by January 10th.



Upcoming Weekends

Men: February 20-23, 2020

Women: March 26-29, 2020

Location: Sisters of St. Francis Retreat Center in Independence

Contacts:

Judy Newkirk 816.806.1997

jknewkirk65@gmail.com

James Newkirk 816.807.7700

Make a Friend

Be a Friend

Bring a Friend to Christ

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	Rachel Day	Judy Louth	Gina Reiter
Eugene "Bud" & Ellen Anderson	Gayle Dean	Sal Lozano	Beverly Rietveld
Nicole Aerts-Bramble	Ron & Betty DuPaul	Ellen Madrick	Amy Roberts
Jay Atkinson	Anita Eastland	Betty McDonald	Larry Ryan
Cynthia Barchesky	Charlene Fick	Wendy McKellar	Mary Ann Ryan
Nathalie Blogin	Ken Finke	Mike McKenna	Jossalyn Sainz
Debra Bommarito	Sandy Gardner	Jessica McLain	Natalie Ann Salas
Bryan Bownik	Bert Giarraputo	David McPherson	Forrest Salyers
Irwin & Lois Broussard	Pat Goss	John Mikulic	Carmen Serrone
Ed Burgess	Suzanne Grisham	Jerry Musil	Carolyn Shatto
Daniel Burnos	Doris Hahn	Arlene Nadeau	James Spawn
John Burton	William Hansford	Paul Neidig	Ted Stephens
Barbara Cahill	Grace Heater	Cleo "Woody" & Rosemary Nollette	Shirley Stevenson
Mike Callahan	Mary Henke	Linda Osterhaus	Joann Strever
Frank Canino	Kevin & Becky Isom	Doyne Parisi	Telsie Szabo
Jim Carroll	Barbara Jordan	Jill Pehlman	Maureen Tejeda
Keith Carter	Vince Kehr	Barbara Personelli	Evalin Ulrich
John Casey	Marcia Kenski	Dorothy Porter	Rosemary Van Haaren
Joe Cento	Glenda Kimsey	Jackey Pratt	Phillip Ward
Frank Cohara	Garrett Krier	Helen Prendergast	Geri White
Timothy Childers	Anna Lapuma	Leticia Rabang	Lionel White
Larry Colling	Clara Lawson	Danielle Reeder	Kristi Widmer
Janet Cozad	Nancy Leggio	Pat Reeder	Nicholas Worth
Albert Daniels	John Lopez		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	Jamie Frates husband of Rebecca	James McLaughlin son of Heath & Michelle	Tim Pachasa son of Andy & Nancy
John T. Buchner grandson of Alfred & Dorothy	Bill Freund son of Bill & Barbara	Jeremiah Murphy nephew of Dodie Murphy	Eric Rawlings husband of Candi & father of Jaeger
Major Brian Conforti son of Frank & Patty	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, December 15

8:00am — Wessinger Family
10:00am — Eloise Miklasc +
12:00pm — Mary Peret +
5:00pm — Mass for the People

MONDAY, December 16

8:30am — Thomas J. McGunn, Sr.

TUESDAY, December 17

6:30am — Tom Zecha +
8:30am — Mary Gabrielle Potts

WEDNESDAY, December 18

6:30am — Cami Thompson +
8:30am — Mildred Armato +

THURSDAY, December 19

8:30am — Ann Ryan +

FRIDAY, December 20

6:30am — Mary Ellen Sloan +
8:30am — Michael Potts +

SATURDAY, December 21

8:30am — Gene Peters +
4:30pm — Daniel Baar +

SUNDAY, December 22

8:00am — McClean Family members
10:00am — Bob Baker +
12:00pm — Jack and Ann Connor +
5:00pm — Mass for the People

(Crosses, † indicate deceased loved ones)