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St. Therese Parish ~ December 26, 2021

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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 the Victim Advocate at 816.392.0011 or victimadvocate@diocesekcsj.org.

St. Therese Church
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website: www.sttheresenorth.org

Mass Schedule
Saturday: 4:30pm (live streamed through our Facebook page)
Sunday: 8:00am; 10:00am; Noon; 5:00pm
Daily Weekday Masses -
Monday-Saturday: 8:30am
Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday: 6:30am

Confession
Tuesday/Wednesday: 8:00-8:20am
Saturday: 2:30-4:15pm
By appointment, 741.2800

Business Hours
Parish Office
Monday - Friday, 8:00am-4:00pm
Closed Wednesdays, 1:00-3:00pm
School Office
Monday - Friday: 7:30am-3:30pm

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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 Whitney True-Francis, Victim Assistance Coordinator, at 816.392.0011 or true.francis@diocesekcsj.org for more information.

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As of: November 30, 2021		
	Year to Date	Budgeted
Parish Revenue	\$ 1,565,906.00	\$ 1,835,090.00
Debt Revenue	379,113	491,666
School Revenue	849,080	788,757
EEC Revenue	442,943	428,853
Extended Care Rev.	114,034	105,131
Total Revenue	3,351,076	3,649,497
Parish Expenses	723,989	693,290
Debt Interest	44,566	43,750
School Expenses	1,824,455	1,672,874
EEC Expenses	428,065	447,646
Extended Care Exp	65,349	49,575
Total Expense	3,086,424	2,907,135
Net Operating Income	264,652	742,362
Principal Payment	(354,423)	(833,333)
Depreciation/ Amortization Exp.	(39,785)	
Net Income	\$ (129,556)	\$ (90,971)
Debt Balance	\$2,249,369.35	

From the Pastor's Pen

Today's celebration of the Holy Family reminds us of something important, Jesus chose to enter the world as part of a family. He could have come another way but he chose to be part of a family. Over the centuries devotion to the Holy Family developed and it was 100 years ago this year that Pope Benedict XV made this celebration part of the liturgical calendar for the Universal Church.

On this feast it is easy to think about the Holy Family as living within a gold edged holy card but it's important to remember that they faced real struggles. They dealt with, what from the human side of things, was an unplanned pregnancy, they were temporarily homeless, they had to flee for their child's safety, they were refugees and immigrants living in an alien land and they had a lost child. They were real people who faced real problems of life with a real trust in God. Inspired by their example and assisted by the prayers, may we do the same.

As another busy, pandemic filled year comes to a close, and I am grateful. I am grateful for the gifts of faith, family and friends all the time, but particularly during my bout with cancer earlier this year. Thank you for all your love and

support during that time and always.

I am grateful for all our valued employees and their hard work, I am grateful that our capital campaign is going so well. I give thanks that over half my life as a priest and over a quarter of my entire life has been spent here at St. Therese.

We look forward to 2022 when we will see our campaign commitments go up and our debt go down. Stay tuned for more developments in the new year as we secure our past, enhance our present and embrace our future.

January 1 is the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. Mass will be offered on December 31 at 4:30 and then on January 1 at 9:00 and 11:00. That afternoon we return to our regular weekend schedule.

The Parish Office will close at noon on December 31. Best wishes for a joyful and safe celebration of the new year.



Father Joe Cisetti

STAFF COLUMN - JONATHAN RHODES, BUSINESS MAN-

Merry Christmas and many blessings to you and your families. As we approach the end of the calendar year we look back on 2021 and thank God for all the blessings He has bestowed on our parish these past 12 months. More and more people are returning to Mass each week, our students are thriving in the school, the EEC is caring for children and our ministries are getting back to regular operations. The St. Therese Spirit, once again, is pulling our parish through the adversities of the past year.

In addition to our gradual return to normalcy, we have had a very successful launch to

the See the Possibilities campaign and have received over 70% of the needed pledges. We are so close to meeting our goal and we just need one final push to make it to \$6 million. Pledges received have exceeded \$4.3 million to date and our goal was to reach \$5 million by December 31st. If you have not submitted a pledge, please consider doing so today. You can submit a card to the Parish Office or use the link below to submit online.

<https://sttherese.formstack.com/forms/seeethepossibilities>

Thank you for helping us See the Possibil-

ities and thank you for continuing the mission of St. Therese. 2022 will be the year we Secure our Past by eliminating the debt from building the school and start to Enhance our Present with several projects that will update and repair our current buildings and bring new life to the parish with the start of new projects. Thank you for helping make the possibilities a reality.



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Donald E. Kloepfel – December 26
 Margaret Ann Schmidt – December 26
 Nellie Jacob – December 27
 Roy W. Jeffries, Sr. – December 28
 Rose Benkowski Mihalkanin – December 29
 Rex Dean Greim – December 30
 Mildred E. Ohmes Adamek – December 31
 James L. Chappuies – December 31
 Krista Ferry – December 31
 Helen Gomez – January 1

BIRTHDATE REMEMBRANCES

Frank James Roberts – December 26
 Dianne Marie Heckman – December 26
 James P. Lyons – December 29
 Michael J. Cavaliere - December 29
 John F. Woods, Jr. – December 29
 Harry L. McDonald, Sr. – December 30
 Patricia Huffman – December 30
 Florence C. Moore – December 30

Names listed above are from the Memorial Wall display in our Gathering Space.



St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry

Our special donation request is:
Cake and brownie mixes, toothpaste and toothbrushes, and mayonnaise

Altar & Rosary Society - Our Lady's Gift Shop

is open before and after weekend Masses and also available for individual appointments by request. Contact Dianne Hartline at 816.695.6953 or Berenice McHale at 816.509.0576.

The Gift Shop has gift ideas for all occasions. The 2022 missals are in. Stop by and look at our selection of various religious items. Should you have any questions, don't hesitate to call or text 816.506.9386 or email AandR@sttheresenorth.org.

Prayers and Sympathy

For all those who have died, especially Mary Rossbach, mother of Joann Dunham.

May all who have died in Christ know the fullness of Resurrection Life.



Volunteers needed for these activities:
First Friday Dances, contact Doug Hayworth, 816.914.9702
Coffee and Donuts (3rd Sunday of the month), contact Dan Ladd, 816.914.8000

Join the Knights of Columbus today. Learn more and complete an application online at kofc.org or contact Zachery Phipps, Membership Chairman, 816.266.2155 or email: zphipps25@gmail.com.

Next meetings - Monday, January 10
 Officer's Meeting: 6:15pm
 General Meeting: 7:00pm
 Stay connected with us:
 Facebook: [kofc7199](https://www.facebook.com/kofc7199), Like Us & Join
 Website: uknight.org

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

Adeline Noel Rendo, daughter of Matthew & Carla Rendo

Adoration in the Chapel

*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 for a few minutes or a long spell.

ALL are welcome!

Chapel Hours: Mon-Fri 9am-10pm / Sat 9am-Noon

Info: EucharisticAdoration@StTherese-North.org.

Sign Up: www.StThereseNorth.org.

(Adoration Chapel Closed 12/24, 12/25, 12/31, 1/1)



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 Sat. 9:00am-12:00pm
 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

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 much more. Email ourladygs@gmail.com.
 By appointment Contact Dianne Hartline
 at 816.695.6953 or Berenice McHale at
 816.509.0576.

Parish Library

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

Early Education Center

Infants through Pre-K, located in the
 Early Education Center building on the
 south side of campus. Contact: Betty
Phillips, 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

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WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday December 26	NO HSYC Regular Sunday Mass Schedule: 8:00am / 10:00am / Noon / 5:00pm
Monday December 27	NO School through January 3, 2022 6:30am NO Mass 8:30am Mass 9:00-10:30am: Prayer Session, Parish Library 9:00am-10:00pm: Eucharistic Adoration, Adoration Chapel
Tuesday December 28	NO 6:30am 8:30am Mass 8:00-8:20am: Confessions 9:00am-10:00pm: Eucharistic Adoration, Adoration Chapel 9:30-11:00am: Mary, Martha, Lazarus Prayer, Birkel Room 3:15-5:00pm: Parnet Latin Lesson Group, Parish Library
Wednesday December 29	NO MSYC or RE Class 6:30am NO Mass 8:30am Masses 8:00-8:20am: Confessions 9:00am-10:00pm: Eucharistic Adoration, Adoration Chapel
Thursday December 30	6:30am NO Mass 7:30-8:30am: Fatima Prayer Group, Parish Library 8:30am Mass 9:00am-10:00pm: Adoration, Adoration Chapel 9:30-11:00am: Queen of Peace Prayer Group, Parish Library
Friday December 31 New Years Eve	NO 6:30am 8:30am Masses Adoration Chapel Closed 4:30pm: Vigil Mass
Saturday January 1 New Years Day	Adoration Chapel Closed Masses: 9:00am / 11:00am 2:30-4:15pm: Confessions 4:30-5:30pm: Regular Mass
Sunday January 2	NO HSYC Regular Sunday Mass Schedule resumes: 8:00am / 10:00am / Noon / 5:00pm



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'Tis the Season

Campaign Prayer

Loving God and Father, we praise you and thank you for all the many blessings you have bestowed upon us, our families, and our parish.

Open our eyes to See the Possibilities for the future of our parish. May we grow as an ever more faithful parish family encouraged by one another, attentive to your word and nourished by the Eucharist.

May we offer with gratitude our time, talent, and treasure to secure our past, enhance the present, and embrace our future.

With lives of intentional faith may we See the Possibilities every day, in every little way.

Through the intercession of st. Therese, may we receive the grace to sacrifice today for the promise of tomorrow.

We pray all this in the Holy Spirit through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

St. Therese, pray for us.

As we come to the end of 2021, we want to thank you for your generous gifts throughout the year. These gifts not only keep the lights on, they allow us to support the ministries of St. Therese Parish Community. 'Tis the season for giving thanks to God for all He has done for us this past year and throughout our lives. It is also the season to decide how we might give back some of our treasures to Him with a special year-end gift.

Take advantage of the charitable tax deduction for gifts made before December 31 (benefits of income tax deductions, capital gains savings, and other financial benefits), and consider the variety of gift options available to you. Your gift to St. Therese can make a great difference.

There are numerous ways to contribute:

- Place an offertory envelope in the collection at Mass.
- Drop a check to the Parish Office.
- Use the online giving button on our parish website: sttheresenorth.org
- Donate appreciated stock.
- Donate a distribution from your IRA, if allowed.

We would also like to express our gratitude to those of you who have already submitted a financial pledge for our Annual Stewardship Renewal and a commitment to our *SEE the Possibilities* Capital Campaign. Our community relies on the commitment of our parishioners to meet our goals, plans for the future, and to bear fruit in our mission. If you have any questions regarding outstanding balances on your 2021 pledge, the 2022 stewardship renewal, the Capital Campaign or need help processing a gift of stock or electronic contribution, please contact Erinn Brown at ebrown@sttheresenorth.org or Jonathan Rhodes at jrhodes@sttheresenorth.org.

For information and online giving visit <https://www.sttheresenorth.org/see-the-possibilities>

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT AND GENEROSITY!

Catholic Charities

Housing at CCKCSJ – Did you know there are a variety of housing assistance options available at Catholic Charities?

Veterans can seek assistance with gaining permanent housing through the SSVF program veterans@ccharities.com. Some emergency rent assistance is available through the Welcome Center at assistance@ccharities.com, finding a home for the chronically homeless is available with housing@ccharities.com, and seniors can find assistance in some of our senior living facilities at seniors@ccharities.com.



Quite a Puzzle

A father wanted to read the paper but was being bothered by his little daughter, Susie. Finally, he took a sheet out of his magazine, on which was printed the map of the world. Tearing it into small pieces, he gave it to Susie, and said, "Go into the other room and see if you can put this

together."

After a only few minutes, Susie returned and handed him the map correctly fitted together.

The father was very surprised and asked how she had finished so quickly.

"Oh," she said, "on the other side of the paper is a picture of Jesus. When I got Jesus in his place, then the world came out all right."

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Paula Acconcia	Anita Eastland	Arlene Marshall	Beverly Rietveld
Jay Atkinson	Cara Emerson	Betty McDonald	Amy Roberts
Cynthia Barchesky	Charlene Fick	Mike McGinnes	Bill Rumker
Nathalie Blogin	Ken Finke	Wendy McKellar	Larry Ryan
Debra Bommarito	Sandy Gardner	Jessica McLain	Mary Ann Ryan
Joe Boswell	Bert Giarraputo	David McPherson	Jossalyn Sainz
Bryan Bownik	Rosemary Gill	Adrianna Marjanovic	Natalie Ann Salas
Jack Brackney	Pete Godfrey	Judy Murray	Forrest Salyers
Irwin & Lois Broussard	Pat Goss	Arlene Nadeau	Paula Scott
Ed Burgess	Suzanne Grisham	Paul Neidig	Carmen Serrone
Daniel Burnos	Pam Gutschow	Joyce Newcomer	Carolyn Shatto
John Burton	Doris Hahn	Nathan Newton	Joanne Smith
Mike Callahan	Grace Heater	Linda Osterhaus	James Spawn
William & Dorothy Campbell	Mary & John Henke	Doayne Parisi	Joann Strever
Frank Canino	Ellie Higgins	Nancy Pearson	Rex Suman
Jim Carroll	Becky Isom	Jill Pehlman	Maureen Tejada
Pat Cartwright	Barbara Jordan	Leo & Tillie Perkins	Rachel Tejada
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Frank Cohara	Marcia Kenski	Dorothy Porter	Donna Vining
John Childers	Glenda Kimsey	Jackey Pratt	Patty Walker
Timothy Childers	Garrett Krier	Helen Prendergast	Adam Whitbeck
Pattie Colling	Clara Lawson	Kelly Quinn	Geri & Pat White
Helen Colwell	Natalie Lewis	Leticia Rabang	Lionel White
Janet Cozad	Francis Logan	Michael & SonHwa Raccuia	Leanore Wilke
Albert Daniels	John Lopez	Danielle Reeder	Christina Williams
Rachel Day	Judy Louth	Pat Reeder	Nicholas Worth
Gayle Dean	Sal Lozano	Gina Reiter	Gloria Wright
Bernie Deister	Ellen Madrick		Dcn. Tony Zimmerman

MASS INTENTIONS SUNDAY, December 26

8:00am - Devon J. Smith +
 10:00am - Frank Roberts +
 12:00pm - Jerry Witthar +
 5:00pm - Mass for the People

MONDAY, December 27

8:30am - John and Dolores Gioia Anniversary +

TUESDAY, December 28

6:30am - NO Mass
 8:30am - Christa McCall

WEDNESDAY, December 29

6:30am - NO Mass
 8:30am - Family of Nocles Pierre

THURSDAY, December 30

8:30am - Mauricio Salcedo +

FRIDAY, December 31, New Years Eve

8:30am - Family of Nocles Pierre
 4:30pm - Larson Gunselman

SATURDAY, January 1, New Years Day

9:00am - Mariana V
 11:00am - Mass for the People
 4:30pm - David Thompson +

SUNDAY, January 2


8:00am - Devon J. Smith +
 10:00am - Kim Novak +
 12:00pm - Frank Brady +
 5:00pm - Mass for the People

(Crosses, † indicate deceased loved ones)

PRAYERS FOR THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY -

For parishioners, relatives of parishioners and their families.

David & Kyle Buehler son & grandson of Darlene Buehler & Mary Thomas	Sean Frazier son of Liz & Sam	James McLaughlin son of Heath & Michelle	Matt Rendo son of Chuck and Pat	Christian Shattuck son of Brian & Lauren
Brian Conforti son of Frank & Patty	Jamie Frates husband of Rebecca	Jeremiah Murphy nephew of Dodie	William Rory & Candice O'Brien brother & sister-in-law of Michael O'Brien	Brent Snyder son of Greg & Brenda
Ryan Doherty & Brody Scherman grandsons of Lynd Norris	Bill Freund son of Bill & Barbara	James Pate husband of Jennifer	Tim Pachasa son of Andy & Nancy	Craig Wooten, nephew-in-law of John Geiger
Jeremy Flowers son of Brenda	Jacob Glodsbury son of John & Kim	Major N. Potts grandson of Mary Jane	Eric Rawlings husband of Candi & father of Jaeger	
	Douglas Lomshek nephew of Liz Stine	Billy Raine son of Vicki Raine		

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