 **ST. THERESA CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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**Emergencies call 785.738.7134**

*“We are a pilgrim church, a community of believers, the living Body of Christ. Our mission is to make God’s presence visible, to proclaim God’s presence in our world. We witness that presence by living the Gospel images of Christ as shepherd, teacher, priest, and servant. The seed of faith was sown in our community many years ago. Today, like the yeast that works in bread, that faith continues to enliven us as we share our faith with our neighbors, region, archdiocese, and universal church.*

**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**DECEMBER 15, 2024**

**Sunday December 15 8:15 a.m. - Parish Rosary**

**8:45 a.m. - Mass at St. Theresa**

***Robert Torberg +***

**Tuesday December 17 8:30 a.m. - NO Mass at St. Aloysius**

**Wednesday December 18 7:45-8:15 a.m. - Confessions**

**8:30 a.m. - Mass at St. Theresa**

**Thursday December 19 8:30 a.m. - Mass at St. Aloysius**

**Friday December 20 7:45-8:15 a.m. - Confessions**

**8:30 a.m. - Mass at St. Theresa**

**5:00-6:00 p.m. - Adoration & Confessions**

**6:00-7:00 pm - Extended hours for Confessions at St. Theresa**

**Saturday December 21 7:45-8:15 a.m. - Confessions**

**8:30 a.m. - Mass at St. Theresa**

***To schedule a Mass for a special intention, special occasion or in remembrance of a loved one, contact the office at 785-597-5558. The usual offering is a $10 Mass stipend that goes to the general fund but no amount is required.***

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**Sunday December 22 8:45 a.m. - Mass at St. Theresa**

***Steve Allie+***

**10:30 a.m. - Mass at St. Aloysius**

**LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR December 22, 2024**

**LECTORS: Gerry Phillips & Christy Allie**

**EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Pat Mulvihill, Jill Guilfoyle, Kim Alshahri**

**GREETERS/GIFT BEARERS: Theresa Bouray & Dennis Buelt**

**WEEKLY OFFERINGS—12.08.2024**  Rectory Repair Fund - $ 400.00

Parishioner Envelopes - $ 1,647.00 Plate Collection - $ 209.00

Other Donations - $ 577.90 Milk Collection for schools- $376.50

Ladies Tea Collection - $ 573.00

**Maintenance Fund YTD $10520.00 TOTAL - $ 3,783.40**

**Rectory Repair Fund $ 5890.00**

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***\*Items for the bulletin, please email Pat or phone 785-597-5558 by noon Thursday***

***\*Please email the office at officesttheresaperry@gmail.com if you would like to reserve the parish hall.***

***Please pray for those who are ill: Joan O’Shea, George and Edith Dean, Ruth Ellis, Ralph Porter, Gerry Phillips, Katie Foster, Loree Gains, Draque Carver, Mary Rohfling, Ron Hurd, Janette Adams, David Huston, Randy Lang, Jamie Hemme, Bob Schmidt, Joe Heston, Mallory Mitchell, Karen Parker, Maddox Schaben, Michael Piwarski, Kage Ralstin, and Theo Ridenour.***

***\* Homebound ministers are Jim & Betty Grollmes, Danny Munck, and Cody Moore.***

**Continue to keep in your prayers those who serve our country at home and abroad and their family members:**

**MSG David Wichman, U.S. Army; PFC Joseph Matthews, Jr, U.S. Army;**

**Drill Sergeant Brian Buttram, Jr, U.S. Army; Gunner Sgt Travis D. Madden, U.S.M.C.;**

**Private Eric Amack, U.S. Army; Master Sergeant Katie Manfred, U.S.A.F.;**

**GM2 Adam Spurling, U.S. Coast Guard;**

**Sgt. Nicholas Marstall of the 428th Transportation Company, Army Reserve;**

**Airman Riley Tust, U.S.A.F., Staff Sergeant**

**Church cleaners for the week of January 12-18 are needed. Please sign up if you are able. If you need a key to clean, please call Pat at 785.738.7134 or the Church office at 597-5558 to make arrangements.**

**December 15----December 21 Bartlett Family**

**December 29--January 04 Kathleen Carpenter & Jeannette Mercier**

**The sign-up sheet for the last 6 months of cleaning the Church is in the vestibule. Please sign-up to clean one week if you are able. Thank you in advance for your willingness to serve and keeping our facilities looking nice****.**

As the pink candle on the Advent wreath is lit this week, we are reminded that Advent is a season of rejoicing as the coming of Christ is anticipated. The Third Sunday of Advent is called Gaudete Sunday (gaudete, meaning “rejoice”). And the prayers and readings call us to be joyful. Make time for prayerful rejoicing. From December 16-24. Las posadas (from Spanish meaning “the inns”), a widely observed Advent tradition, celebrates Christian hospitality. The posadas symbolize Mary and Joseph’s difficult search for a place to stay where Jesus could be born. Through the celebration we are reminded that by welcoming the poor and needy, we also welcome Jesus.

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**If any parishioner would like to welcome Father John to Bless your home and visit with you, you can reach him at his email address:** [**johnkolencherry@gmail.com**](mailto:johnkolencherry@gmail.com) **to set up a day and time.**

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**Today, the K of C is having a breakfast after Mass at the Parish Center. Please join us.**

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**Father John Kolencherry will be Out of Town December 11-18, 2024.** There will be NO daily Mass December 12, 13, 14, 17 & 18. There will be NO Saturday 4pm Mass at St. Aloysius on December 14th.  **Father Mohana Bathineni will have Mass here on Sunday, December 15th at 8:45am.**

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**Finance Council meeting is Wednesday, December 18th at 6:00pm and Parish Council meeting is December 18th at 6:30pm at the Parish Center.**

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**The Third week of Advent, we will take up a second collection for God’s Storehouse in Meriden.**

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**The Fourth week of Advent, we will be taking up a second collection for Mary’s Choice.**

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**Clara Schrader, who is a former parishioner of St. Theresas’, will be celebrating her 100th Birthday on December 23rd, 2024.** Anyone wanting to send her abirthday card her address is: **The Harrison of Oklahoma City; Attn: Clara Schrader # 2101; 10801 S. May Ave.; Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, 72170.**

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**On Monday, December 16th at Noon the Perry Senior Citizens will meet for their Christmas Luncheon at the KAW Center. Please bring either a soup or stew or a covered dish for the meal, your table service (including a bowl for soup) and $3.00.**

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**Please pick up your 2025 Contribution boxes which are in the vestibule of the Church.**

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**St. Theresa is on Facebook!** Search “St. Theresa Church, Perry, KS” or find a link at sttheresainperry.org. Sign in to **FORMED:** 1) Go to formed.org 2)Click Sign up 3) Select “I belong to a Parish” 4) Select St. Aloysius/St. Theresa.

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**Please complete the form for the updated information of your name, address, phone number and email that is necessary for an annual update of St. Theresa parish roster and for the Archdiocese of KC/KS. The completed form can be dropped in the collection basket, emailed to the parish office, and/or mailed to the parish office.**

If you suspect a child or vulnerable adult is being abused or neglected, make a report to the Kansas Department for Children and Families Protection Report Center by calling 800.922.5330. If you or someone you know has been abused by a cleric, employee, or volunteer of any archdiocesan parish, school, or agency – regardless of when the abuse may have occurred – call the archdiocesan confidential report line at 913.647.3051 or the Victim Care Advocate at 913.298.9244, after calling local law enforcement. You can also make a report using the online form at [www.archkck.org/reportabuse](http://www.archkck.org/reportabuse).

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The Archdiocese has a comprehensive resource for end-of-life planning titled ***“Catholic Guide For End-Of-Life and Establishing of Advance Directives.”*** The purpose of the guide is to assist the faithful in making wise decisions in accordance with the teachings of our faith about complex treatments in grave illness or as life’s end approaches. It also includes two appendices for a Durable Power of Attorney and an Advance Directive form. For a free digital copy of the guide, visit [www.archkck.org/prolife-end-of-life-care](http://www.archkck.org/prolife-end-of-life-care).

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**St. Theresa’s Prayer Warriors** – Are you interested in joining the St. Theresa’s Prayer Warriors? Contact Laura Hirsch at 785.246.3586 and she can add you to the group. It is a private group where we can pray and support each other.

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Please notice the signup sheets at the back of the church for you and your family’s opportunity to **ADOPT A CHURCH** **FLOWER BED**. Initial weeding and cleanup may be needed, but after that it is usually pretty easy. Or help with watering plants once a week through summer.

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**The Arts & Environment Team is looking for bookshelves for setting up a Library Room in the basement of the Church.** This room will house a variety of religious texts, books and pamphlets that we have collected for seasonal use and for parishioners to check out and read. Dimensions for the space to hold the bookshelf is 8ft long (max) x 43” high (max), preferably a nicer shelving unit. If you know of any bookshelves that are looking for a new home, please let us know. Contact Betty Grollmes, Mary Guffey, Angie Winchester, Rhonda Robbins, Leanne Chapman, or Laura Hirsch if you have any questions or leads. Thank You.

The Financial Summary for 2023-2024 is posted on the bulletin board in the vestibule of the Church.