



The Faith Community of

ST. THERESE OF LISIEUX

CATHOLIC CHURCH

Advent

Quietly, in whispered softness the curtain of night descends. A restless world



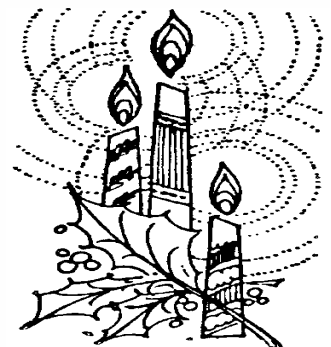
stands hushed,
a special
time begins...

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www.st-therese-kenosha.org

OUR PARISH MISSION

We are a welcoming Christian family committed to Catholic values, responding to the call of Christ revealed in the diversity of human need. We practice a conscious, living, active faith in a community whose source of strength is the Eucharist.



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COMING EVENTS

Education News and Events

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM - Come share the sights and sounds of the holiday season, presented by our students today, Sunday, December 14th, 12:30 p.m. in church. Join us downstairs afterwards for cookies and punch.

CHRISTMAS VACATION - Our last day of school before the holiday's will be Friday, December 19th. Home & School will be sponsoring a bowling party for our students that day. School will resume January 5th.

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Packer-Bears Tailgate Party

St. John Neumann Council Knights of Columbus invite all Catholic gentlemen of St. Therese Parish to a Packer-Bears Tailgate Party Monday, December 22nd. Doors will open at 7:00 PM and a \$5. admission fee will cover all the hot beef sandwiches and hot dogs you can eat. A cash bar will also be available. Funds raised this evening will support the Council Catholic School Scholarship Program that raised more than \$2,000. in scholarships last year. The Knights of Columbus Hall is located at 2318-63rd St., Kenosha.

Letters To God

Dear God.
Did you mean for the giraffe to look like that, or was it an accident?

Love and kisses,
Norma



**Attention
Bulletin Contributors!!**

Please take note of the due dates for bulletin announcements during the holidays:

- For the Dec. 28 bulletin - items due Mon., Dec. 15
- For the Jan. 4 bulletin - Items due Mon., Dec. 22

Announcements are due by 9 AM each day.

Gospa takes a break

The Gospa craft group will suspend weekly meetings for the winter. We will continue to work on projects at our leisure during that time, and resume meetings in the spring. If you would like to do a project, we have supplies and can get them to you.

Thanks to all of the crafters who have donated their time and talent to this group. We have made almost \$1400.00 this year! For more information on projects, please call Tina Cajka at 914-3480.

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Worldwide Marriage Encounter

"I am the voice of one crying out in the desert; make straight the way of the Lord." Are we taking time to put the way of the Lord in Our marriage?" The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends are Jan. 23-25 in Brookfield, WI, Feb. 13-15 in Rockford, IL, March 13-15 in Madison, WI and April 17-19 in Rockford. Early registration is recommended. For more information visit the website at alifetimeoflove.org or call 888-574-5653.

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Holiday Shopping With SCRIP

Having a hard time completing all the holiday shopping, how about some gift certificates to finish off the holiday shopping. See Julia at the rectory or stop at the kiosk after all Masses to see the list of certificates available.

Something for your nieces and nephews....gift certificates for Toys 'R Us or iTunes gift cards.

Presents for your aunts and uncles... gift certificates for Border's Bookstore.

Something for your child's teacher... start their day off with coffee—a gift card from Starbucks.

Parish Bulletin Board

Attention Young Adults # KAYAC Scripture Discussion # Thursday, December 18th # 7-8 PM # St. Catherine's Hospital Atrium # Contact KAYAC@archmil.org for more information.

SCRIP is now available for sale on-line. For further information, please call the Parish Office at 694-4695.

SCRIP IS AVAILABLE FOR SALE AFTER ALL WEEKEND MASSES AT THE KIOSK.

Call the Parish Office for further information or contact our website at www.st-therese-kenosha.org

Some thoughts to help you . . .
Along Your Journey in Faith

Quietly, in whispered softness the curtain of night descends. A restless world stands hushed, a special time begins. . . Is there a story as simple, as dramatic, as blessed as the story of the birth of Jesus?

Priests preach—orators pontificate—theologians philosophize, using long words and elaborate metaphors hoping to explain to our poor, muddled minds the story of salvation. I suppose, in a way, all those words woven into the complex fabric of salvation history has its place in the lives of some of us. But every now and then, we are brought back to the stark reality of the simple story of a child born to a humble carpenter and his young wife.

He was a child born to parents who couldn't find a decent place for her to lie down and nurse her infant and had to settle for a stable. And yet he was a child who grew up to be a king, a ruler who was nailed to a wooden cross and became a Savior whose life was anticipated for centuries, yet almost went unnoticed.

In these final days of Advent, consider the simplicity of his birth. Is God asking you to become simple in your life, more focused on what is truly of most value to you and to Him?

REMEMBER

Pray the simple words of the 19th century English author, William Makepeace Thackeray, who wrote:

“Pray, God, keep me simple.”

Then, as the curtain of night descends and a restless world stands hushed, walk with God **Along Your Journey In Faith.**

Father Mike



OUR SANCTUARY LAMP will burn this week for the repose of the soul of **LISA R. ROACH** as requested by **HER FAMILY** in grateful recognition of Our Lord's Sacramental Presence in our tabernacle.

Parish Life-Long Faith Formation

Adult Confirmation

Another opportunity to prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation begins Wednesday, January 7, 2009 at the St. Mary's Parish Rectory. Contact Sr. Judene if you would like to participate.

Spiritual Guidance

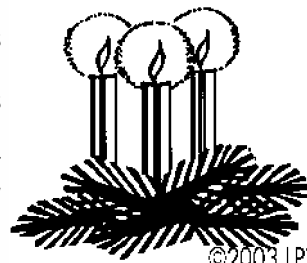
Sr. Judene has completed certification as a spiritual guide/director. If you would like to have a companion in your spiritual journey, call the Christian Formation Office to set up an appointment.



Third Sunday of Advent

On this third Sunday of Advent, we light the rose-colored candle on the Advent wreath. This candle symbolizes the midway point of our journey to the celebration of the birth of Jesus. Candles themselves can represent many things to us. We can warm our hands around the flame; we can hold it in front of us to help us find our way. But candles unlit are merely wax and string; someone must light them for their full use to take effect.

John the Baptist knew that in preparation for the coming of Christ, he must light a candle. When the priests and questioned him as to why he was in the wilderness, preparing the way for the Lord, John replied the lone voice in the wilderness, preparing the way for the Lord. John prepared to offer a path to the one who would be our true Light, but he was also reminding those around him that they, too, must prepare themselves to receive the light of Christ.



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The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches us that John the Baptist completed the cycle of prophets begun with Elijah. But he also began what is described as the restoration of mankind to "the divine likeness," a full understanding of what we would achieve with and in Christ (CCC 720). This Advent season, let us prepare as John did; light a path for the coming of Christ, open our hearts to welcome him in to our lives.



Crossroads Life Teen

11th Grade Confirmation Large Group: Dec. 21st; 7-8:30 PM at St. Therese Parish. Confirmation retreat forms and payments are due by no later than December 15th.



City-wide Penance Services are scheduled for

- Tuesday, December 16 at 12 Noon
St. Elizabeth Parish
- Thursday, December 18 at 7:00 PM
St. Therese Parish
- Saturday, December 20 at 10:00 AM
St. Mark's Parish

Confessions will also be heard at St. Therese on Saturday, December 20th from 3:00 to 3:30 PM.

Christmas Eve

4:00 PM

Vigil Mass

10:00 PM

Mass During The Night

Christmas Day

8:30 AM

Mass At Dawn

10:30 AM

Mass During The Day



**Feast of the Holy Family,
December 28**

4:00 PM Saturday

8:30 & 10:30 AM Sunday

**Solemnity of Mary Mother of God
Wednesday, December 31, 2008**

6:00 PM Vigil Mass

Thursday, January 1, 2009

9:00 AM Mass

St. Therese Parish Office

will be closed on

Thursday and Friday,

December 25 and 26

and on

Thursday and Friday,

January 1st and 2nd.



Please submit bulletin announcements in writing to the Parish Office or e-mail to bogaczl@tds.net by 9:00 AM Friday of the week before publication.

PRIVACY LAWS: Please notify the Parish Office if you or a family member is in the hospital, nursing home, hospice, etc. With the new privacy laws, medical institutions will not call unless you ask them to notify the Parish. If you would like a home visit, please call the Parish Office or Homebound Ministry.

Parish Directory

Weekend Masses	Saturday Evening	4:00 PM
	Sunday Morning	8:30 & 10:30 AM
Weekday Masses	Monday, Tuesday, Friday	8:00 AM
	Thursday	5:00 OM
	<i>No 8 am Mass on Wednesday or Saturday</i>	
Holy Day Masses	Please consult Sunday bulletin.	
Reconciliation	Saturday	3:00 to 3:30 PM
First Fridays	12 Hour Adoration	
	Contact: John & Sharon Kirsch 694-4688	
Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions	Thursday	5:30 PM
Parish Telephones	Parish Office	262-694-4695
	Fax	262-694-7284
	Religious Education	262-694-0118
	Youth Ministry	262-694-6018, ext. 133

St. Therese Little Flower Preschool & St. Therese Elementary School 262-694-8080
St. Joseph Inter-Parish Junior High & High School 262-654-8651

Parish Mailing Address 9005 22nd Avenue • Kenosha, WI 53143

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Parish Web Site www.st-therese-kenosha.org

Young Adult Ministry E-mail: KAYAC@archmil.org

Parish Staff

Pastor	Rev. Michael E. Nowak
Director of Faith Formation	Sr. Judene M. Studer, SSND
School Principal	Carol Degen
Youth Ministry	Brian Magliocco
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Parish Secretary	Julia Angelos
Parish Custodian	Thomas Bruneau
Bulletin Editor	Lori Bogacz

Parish Council

Chairperson, Paul Gillespie	Buildings & Grounds, David Becraft
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	Stewardship, J. R. Roberts

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) Adults interested in baptism, receptions into the Catholic Church, Confirmation and/or First Communion, children age seven and over not yet baptized; please contact the Parish Office.

Baptism 1st Sunday each month at 11:45 AM & 3rd Sunday each month at the 10:30 AM Mass. Please call the Parish Office for class registration.

Marriage

Please call the Pastor at least six months in advance to make arrangements.

Home Visitation Anyone who cannot attend Mass and receive the Sacraments, because of sickness or age, please contact the Parish Office or Homebound Ministry.

Estate Planning Please keep St. Therese in mind when planning your estate. This is a wonderful gift that will last many years.

**For the Weekend of
December 21-22**



Servers

4:00 PM Jonathan & Katie Clark-Alexandria Egolf
8:30 AM Laura Thurber-Anna Zahn-Ryan Getka
10:30 AM Samantha & Amanda Fonk-Nicholas Padilla

Eucharistic Ministers

4:00 PM (B) Jim Lauzon-G. Buhnerkampe-MJ Koski
(C) Rose Schmitz-Pamila Zenzola-Bob Danbeck-Linda Ciarelli
8:30 AM (B) Mary Wasilevich-M Tercek-M Arentz
(C) Wes Roach-Tricia Roach-C & B Carver
10:30 AM (B) Kelly Forster-Rita Van Guyse-Eve
(C) Vaughn-Peggy Olson-Claudia Carroll-Dick Stader-Michelle Jenewein

Lectors

4:00 PM Peggy Gregorski
8:30 AM Sue Kratowicz
10:30 AM Sue Kaeppler

Ushers

4:00 PM H. Krawczyk-F. Zenzola-J. Clark-L. Skarda
8:30 AM John Kirsch-Joe Stancato-Bart Haffer-kamp-
Chris Stancato
10:30 AM J. R. Roberts-L. Peltier-D. Lee-B. & A. Havrilak

Homebound Ministry members will meet on Saturday, December 20th at 10 AM in the Parish Hall. Following a brief update, members will prepare Christmas baskets for our parishioners who are unable to attend Mass and Advent devotions.



If you know of a parishioner who would like Holy Communion brought to him/her or needs transportation to Mass, please call the Parish Office.

Monday, December 15
8:00 AM † Margherite Sabby (Rita Brown)
Tuesday, December 16
8:00 AM † Ann Perri (Betty Perri)
Wednesday, December 17
NO MASS
Thursday, December 18
5:00 PM † Lisa R. Roach Anniv. (Family)
Friday, December 19
8:00 AM † Harley Jenewein Anniv. (Family)
Saturday, December 20
4:00 PM † Caroline & Domenico Sesto (Russell Sesto Family)
Sunday, December 21
8:30 AM † For All The Members Of Our Parish
10:30 AM † Harold Zieseemer Anniv. (Elaine Zieseemer)

Parish Events for this Week

Sunday, December 14
12 Noon School Christmas Concert (Church & Hall)
Monday, December 15
6:30 PM Religious Emblem Award Mtg. (Hall)
7:30 PM Holy Name Society Mtg. (Rectory)
Tuesday, December 16
12 Noon Penance Service at St. Elizabeth's
6:00 PM Children's Christmas Mass Practice (Ch/H)
Wednesday, December 17
6:30 PM Foresters' Mtg. (Hall)
6:30 PM Gr. 5-8 Religious Ed.
Thursday, December 18
7:00 PM Penance Service at St. Therese (Church)
7:00 PM Finance Com. Mtg. (Rectory)
7:00 PM RCIA (St. Catherine's Hosp.)
Friday, December 19
6:00 PM Girl Scouts (Classroom)
6:30 PM Boy Scouts (Hall)
Saturday, December 20
9:00 AM Children's Christmas Mass Practice (Ch/H)
10:00 AM Penance Service at St. Mark's
10:00 AM Homebound Ministry Mtg. (Hall)

Pray for our Parish Family

For all who are ill, hospitalized or homebound due to illness or age,

For requests placed in our Prayer Basket,

For the petitions requested with the lighting of candles,

For the success of the Faith in Our Future Campaign,

We Pray To The Lord.

**Readings of the Week of
December 14**

Sunday: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28
Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Mt 21:23-27
Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Mt 21:28-32
Wed'day: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Mt 1:1-17
Thursday: Jer 23:5-8/Mt 1:18-25
Friday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Lk 1:5-25
Saturday: Is 7:10-14/Lk 1:26-38
Next Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a

**Parish Support for the Week
of December 7**

Adult Envelopes \$7,380.00
Offertory.....\$337.80
Church income..... \$7,717.80
Weekly Envelope Budget ... \$7,030.00
Actual Envelope Income.... \$7,380.00
Weekly Difference \$350.00