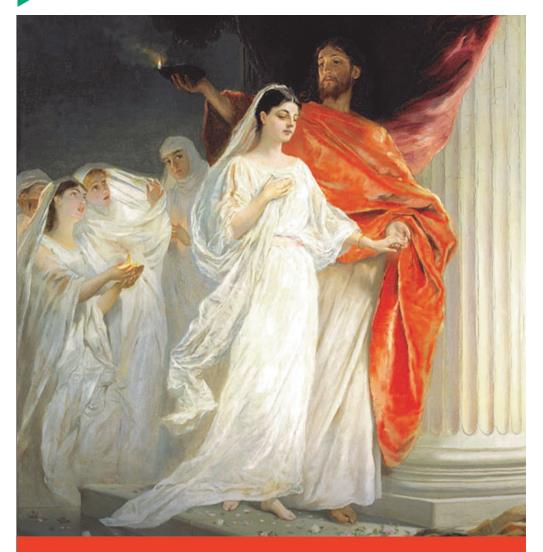
The Faith Community of ST. THERESE OF LISIEUX CATHOLIC CHURCH



32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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"'Lord, Lord, open the door for us!' But he said in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, I do not know you.'" - Mt 25:11-12

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November 12, 2023 Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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.

Miraculous Prayer to the Little Flower

O Little flower of Jesus, ever consoling troubled souls with heavenly graces, in our unfailing intercessions I place my confident trust. From the heart of our Divine Savior, petition the blessings of which I stand in greatest need......Shower upon me your promised roses of virtue and grace, Dear St. Therese, so that swiftly advancing in sanctity and perfect love of neighbor, I may someday receive the crown of life eternal. Amen

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Catholic Replies – by James J. Drummey (*The Wanderer* newspaper)

Q. A man who works with me calls himself a "born-again Christian" and told me that Catholics shouldn't believe in Purgatory because it's not in the Bible. How can I answer him? – D.D., Massachusetts.

A. It is true that the word "Purgatory" is not in the Bible (and neither the word "Trinity", for that matter), but the doctrine of prayers for the dead is taught in Holy Scripture. In 2nd Maccabees 12:45, for example, prayers for the dead are called a "holy and pious" thing. In the Book of Wisdom, there is a passage that we often hear at funeral Masses about the souls of the just being "in the hand of God / and no torment shall touch them...Chastised a little, they shall be greatly blessed, / because God tried them / and found them worthy of himself" (Wisdom 3:1,5). Purgatory is where we will be "chastised a little" for not doing enough in this life to make up for our sins.

Now your co-worker might say that 2nd Maccabees and Wisdom are not in his Bible. That is true if he uses a Bible from which certain books are removed by the Protestant reformers because they taught such things as prayers for the dead. But the truth is that those two books were part of the Old Testament at the time of Jesus. And when the Catholic Church complied the official canon of the Bible late in the fourth century, 2nd Maccabees and Wisdom were included. If it weren't for the Catholic Church, there would be no Bible.

But let's look at the New Testament. We see Jesus warning that those who do not make peace with their neighbor will be thrown in prison and "will not be released until you have paid the last penny" (Matt. 5:26 and Luke 12:59). The Church has seen these words of Christ as referring to the need for complete purification from all attachment to sin before we can enter Heaven.

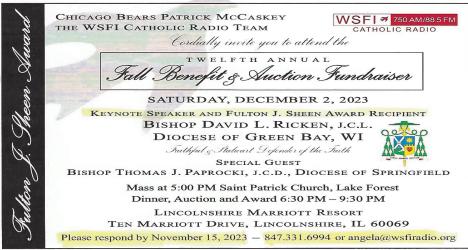
Then there is Jesus' statement that "whoever speaks a word against the Son of Man will be forgiven; but whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven, either in this age or in the age to come" (Matt. 12:32). This implies that some sins, or the effects of sins that have already been forgiven, will be forgiven in the age to come. This can't mean Hell, where there is no possibility of forgiveness, or Heaven, where there is no need of forgiveness, so it must mean Purgatory, where we will not be released until we have paid the last penny.

And there is the passage where St. Paul talks about fire purifying gold and silver (our good works), while it burns away wood, hay, and straw (our imperfect works). When our lives are tested on the day of judgment, says Paul, each person "will receive a wage. But if someone's work is burned up, that one will suffer loss; the person will be saved, but only as through fire" (1Cor. 3:14-15). The purgatorial fire will burn away the impurities and imperfections that we have accumulated in this life and will prepare us for entry into the new heavenly Jerusalem, where "nothing unclean" can enter (Cf. Rev. 21:27).

Purgatory is similar to removing nails from a board, with the nails representing our sins. The removal of the nails means that our sins have been forgiven, but the holes in the board still have to be filled in. We fill in those holes and make up for our sins by prayer, fasting, penance, and good deeds, but if we don't do enough in this life to make up for our sins, then we will have to make up for them in Purgatory.

That is why we should have Masses said for departed loved ones. We see in parish bulletins every week the names of people whose family or friends loved them enough to want to help them get to Heaven. If they are not already there. Our parents or grandparents may have died many years ago, and we hope they are in Heaven. But we don't know that, so we pray for them every day. If they are in Heaven, then God will apply our prayer and the Masses we have said for them to someone else who needs those prayers.

Make it part of your daily routine to say this prayer: "May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen."



Fr. Campbell's Wednesday 6am Men's Bible Study will meet using ZOOM. Contact Fr. Campbell for the link at frcampbell@olmckenosha.org.



The MARIAN HOUR with Fr. Campbell WSFI 88.5 FM & and also on 750AM every 2nd & 4th Wednesday. Next program: Wed. Nov. 22, 2pm.

PRAY for the SICK in our PARISH, and visit them if possible: William



Wasurick, Mary Jo Koski, Florence Klappa, Daniel Lenegar, Jennifer Johnson, Laurie Smith, Jean Ammendola, Maria Koble, Bart & Aileen Hafferkamp, Billie Knutsen, Richard & Kathleen Bertola, Lawrence W. Klein Sr., Diana Sauter, Michelle Jenewein, Bruce Kennedy, Randy Bonn, Jim Lauzon, Betty Burt, Betty Campbell. Call rectory for sick persons 694-4695.

Holy Name Society will be having a meeting on Sunday, November 26 after the 8:30 Mass in the hall. All men of the parish are welcome.

Friday Eucharistic Adoration: Friday adoration begins after 8am Mass, closes w/Benediction at 5pm. First Friday adoration continues to Saturday 6am.



Please join us Sunday nights 6pm at St. Therese to pray the Rosary & litany for our world & personal intentions b/4 Jesus in the Tabernacle.



Thank you to all the families who came out to celebrate All Saints Day after Mass on November 1st at St. Therese. Almost 100 people were in attendance. 30 children competed in the Saintly Costume Contest. Thanks to the Paladins of Carmel Youth Group who prepared the Ora Pro Nobis and goodie bags, to the several teens that helped run games and clean up. Also, a special thank you to Fr. McDermott for judging the costume contest. You are all called to be great saints!

Parish Support

Weekend of October 29, 2023 \$4,344.00 Budgeted weekly need... \$5,567.00 Weekly offertory \$4,344.00 **Over/Under budget** (\$1,223.00)Plan YTD \$100,385.00 Actual \$92,095.00 **Shortfall (4 months)** (\$8,290.00)

BOOK STUDY w/Fr. Campbell on The Synodal Process Is a Pandora's Box When: Monday evening Nov. 13, 7-8:30pm at St. Therese Church. This book, in a 100 Q & A format, analyzes the potential problems with the ongoing Synod on Synodality now taking place in Rome. Copies of the book will be available: \$5 each.

TOUR of the CATHOLIC FAITH/RCIA CLASS When & Where: <u>Tuesday evenings</u>, 7-9 pm at Mt. Carmel School (enter through door facing east/Columbus Park) Text: Catholic Catechism Course by Fr. Hardon, cost: \$25 This course is a year-long, complete tour the Catholic Faith, open adults/teens, an RCIA course for non-Catholics.

Thanksgiving Day Mass, Thurs., November 23 at 9AM.

Christian Women's Circle next mtg is Tues., Nov. 14th, at 9 a.m. Join us to meet new friends & learn about opportunities to support St. Therese, our community, and one another. Childcare available. Kindly let us know how many kids to expect (764-1864).

LOVE ONE ANOTHER Campaign Parish Goal: \$355,144; Total Pledged: \$460,193 (130% of Goal); 92 Pledges, Average Pledge: \$5,002 *For anyone who has not made a pledge, please consider doing so. We now keep 80% of all funds raised. Envelopes are at church entrance.



SALV, You're Invited! The All Saints Catholic ^o Middle School students invite you to their ⁵ production of School House Rock Jr.

When: November 16, 17th and 18th 6:30pm Where: St. Elizabeth Gymnasium: 723-49th Street, Kenosha, WI

Cost: \$5 per ticket (avail. for purchase at the door) Allsaintskenosha.org (262)925-4024

ADORERS NEEDED for EUCHARISTIC ADORATION! We would like to have at least two people present for every hour that Our Lord in the Eucharist is exposed on the altar: Fridays 9am (following Mass & Rosary) until **5pm**; and First Fridays/Saturdays Friday 9am, throughout the day, evening, through early Saturday morning until 6am. There is a sign-up

board on the right as you enter the church with hours listed. Please consider committing to an hour on Fridays, and on 1st Fridays/Saturdays (esp. late night/ early morning), to spend time alone with Jesus.

MASS INTENTIONS for the Week

Monday, November 13 8:00 AM † Mary Hall **Tuesday, November 14** 8:00 AM † Marcella Dubanewicz Wednesday, November 15 5:45 PM † Holy Souls in Purgatory Thursday, November 16 8:00 AM † No Mass Friday, November 17 8:00 AM † Deceased members of Ruffalo/DeCesaro Families (Family) Saturday, November 18 4:00 PM John Stancato Family † Jolin Brewster Sunday, November 19 8:30 AM † John Nagode Jr. (Family) 10:30 AM [†] For Members of the Parish

Saints & Readings: Week of November 12, 2023

Sunday: 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Wis 6:12-16/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (2b)/1 Thes 4:13-18 or 4:13-14/Mt 25:1-13 Monday: St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin, Wis 1:1-7/Ps 139:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8, 9-10/Lk 17:1-6

Tuesday: Wis 2:23—3:9/Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19/Lk 17:7-10 Wednesday: St. Albert the Great, Bishop and Doctor of the Church, Wis 6:1-11/Ps 82:3-4, 6-7/Lk 17:11-19

Thursday: St. Margaret of Scotland; St. Gertrude, Virgin, Wis 7:22b-8:1/Ps 119:89, 90, 91, 130, 135, 175/Lk 17:20-25 Friday: St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious, Wis 13:1-9/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5ab/Lk 17:26-37

Saturday: The Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles; St. Rose Philippine Duchesne, Virgin, Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9/Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43/Lk 18:1-8

Next Sunday: 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 (see 1a)/1 Thes 5:1-6/Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday through Thursday 7:30 am to 2:45 pm **Closed Friday**

Please submit bulletin announcements in writing to the Parish Office or e-mail to valang@tds.net by 9:00 AM Thursday 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.

November 12, 2023

Parish Directory

Saturday Evening	4:00 PM	
Sunday Morning	8:30 & 10:30 AM	
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Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions (Follow the Wednesday 5:45 PM Mass)		
Parish Office	262-694-4695	
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Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) Adults or children interested in baptism, reception into the Catholic Church, Confirmation and/or First Communion, please contact the Parish Office.

Baptism Please call the Parish Office to arrange for Baptism. Those who wish to have a child baptized must be attending Sunday Mass regularly for at least four months.

Marriage Please call the Pastor at least six months in advance to make arrangements. Couples who are sharing the same abode will be asked to live separately prior to their marriage.

Home Visitation Anyone unable to attend Mass because of sickness/old age, contact the Parish Office.

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