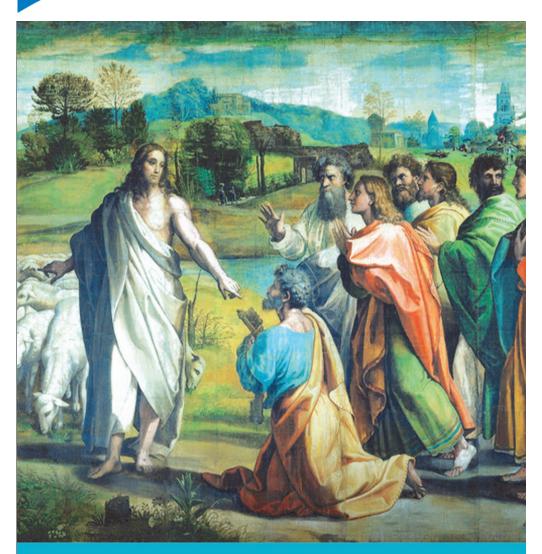


The Faith Community of

ST. THERESE OF LISIEUX

CATHOLIC CHURCH



OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

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"'Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.'" - Mt 25:34

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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.

November 26, 2023 Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Letter of Cardinal Pizzaballa, Patriarch of Jerusalem, to his diocese (Oct. 24)

Dear Brothers and Sisters, May the Lord give you peace!

We are going through one of the most difficult and painful periods in our recent times and history. For over two weeks now, we have been inundated with images of horrors, which have reawakened ancient traumas, opened new wounds, and made pain, frustration and anger explode within all of us. Much seems to speak of death and endless hatred. So many 'whys' overlap in our minds, adding to our sense of bewilderment.

In all this uproar where the deafening noise of the bombs is mixed with the many voices of sorrow and the many conflicting feelings, I feel the need to share with you a word that has its origin in the Gospel of Jesus. My conscience and moral duty require me to state clearly that what happened on October 7th in southern Israel is in no way permissible and we cannot but condemn it. There is no reason for such an atrocity. Yes, we have a duty to state this and to denounce it. The use of violence is not compatible with the Gospel, and it does not lead to peace. The life of every human person has equal dignity before God, who created us all in His image.

The same conscience, however, with a great burden on my heart, leads me to state with equal clarity today that this new cycle of violence has brought to Gaza over five thousand deaths, including many women and children, tens of thousands of wounded, neighborhoods razed to the ground, lack of medicine, lack of water and of basic necessities for over two million people. These are tragedies that cannot be understood and which we have a duty to denounce and condemn unreservedly. The continuous heavy bombardment that has been pounding Gaza for days will only cause more death and destruction and will only increase hatred and resentment. It will not solve any problem, but rather create new ones. It is time to stop this war, this senseless violence.

It is only by ending decades of occupation and its tragic consequences, as well as giving a clear and secure national perspective to the Palestinian people that a serious peace process can begin. Unless this problem is solved at its root, there will never be the stability we all hope for. The tragedy of these days must lead us all, religious, political, civil society, international community, to a more serious commitment in this regard than what has been done so far. This is the only way to avoid other tragedies like the one we are experiencing now. We owe it to the many victims of these days and to those of years past. We do not have the right to leave this task to others.

Yet, I cannot live this extremely painful time without looking upward, without looking to Christ, without the faith that enlightens my view and yours on what we are experiencing, without turning our thoughts to God: "I have told you this so that you might have peace in me. In the world you will have tribulations, but take courage, I have conquered the world." (Jn. 16:33). Despite the evil ravaging the world, Jesus has achieved a victory, and established a new reality, It was on the cross that Jesus won: not with weapons, not with political power, not by great means, nor by imposing himself. The peace He speaks of has nothing to do with victory over others. He won the world by loving it. It is true that a new reality and a new order begin on the cross. The order and the reality of the one who gives his life out of love. With the Resurrection and the gift of the Spirit, that reality and that order belong to His disciples. To us. God's answer to the question of why the righteous suffer, is not an explanation, but a Presence. It is Christ on the cross.

It is on this that we stake our faith today. Jesus in that verse rightly speaks of courage. Such peace, such love, require great courage. To have the courage of love and peace here, today, means not allowing hatred, revenge, anger and pain to occupy all the space of our hearts, of our speech, of our thinking. It means making a personal commitment to justice, being able to affirm and denounce the painful truth of injustice and evil that surrounds us, without letting it pollute our relationships. It means being committed, being convinced that it is still worthwhile to do all we can for peace, justice, . . . It takes courage to be able to demand justice without spreading hatred. It takes courage to ask for mercy, to reject oppression, to promote equality without demanding uniformity, while remaining free. It takes courage today, even in our diocese and our communities, to maintain unity, to feel united to one another,

I want, and we want, to be part of this new order inaugurated by Christ. We want to ask God for that courage. We want to be victorious over the world, taking upon ourselves that same Cross, which is also ours, made of pain and love, of truth and fear, of injustice and gift, of cries and forgiveness. I pray for us all, and in particular for the small community of Gaza, which is suffering most of all. They are scared, shaken, upset, but with peace in their hearts. We are all with them, in prayer and concrete solidarity, thanking them for their beautiful witness. Finally, let us pray for all innocent victims. The suffering of the innocent before God has a precious and redemptive value because it is united with the redemptive suffering of Christ. May their suffering bring peace ever closer!

We are approaching the solemnity of the Queen of Palestine, the patroness of our diocese. In these days we will once again reconsecrate our Church and our land to the Queen of Palestine! I ask all churches around the world to join the Holy Father and to join us in prayer, and in the search for justice and peace.

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. Dec. 13, 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, Randy Bonn, Jim Lauzon, Betty
Burt, Betty Campbell. Call rectory for sick persons 694-

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.



Christmas Cookies and Bread Bake Sale! Delicious treats, homemade by our talented bakers will be for sale before and after Masses the weekend of Dec. 16 – 17

Bakers Needed - Kindly place your cookies and/or bread in a bag or on a plate ready to sell, such as a dz. cookies or ½ dz. large cookies each, and breads wrapped separately. Please label them and drop them off at church by Thur., 12/14 at 2:00. Many Thanks!

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.

ADORERS NEEDED for EUCHARISTIC ADORATION!

We would like to have <u>at least two people</u> 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 signup 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.

Have you checked out the St. Therese website at <u>st-therese-kenosha.org</u>? **History** about our church, **Homilies** by Fr. Campbell, previous church **Bulletins**, **Events** calendar on happenings in the parish, and more. Lots of useful information!

Parish Support unavailable at time of publication.

THE GIVING TREE GARLAND will be on display beginning Nov 18/19. Please choose gifts from the requests on each tag with the suggested price of \$25.00. The UNwrapped gifts must be returned by

Dec. 3rd. We greatly appreciate your caring generosity.

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.

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.

Immaculate Conception, Dec. 8 (Holy Day of Obligation)

Thurs. Dec. 7, Vigil Mass at 7PM Fri. Dec. 8, 8AM & 5:45PM

Why Fighting Obscene & Pornographic Materials in Public Schools Matters

Some may ask, "What's all the fuss?" Section 944.21 of the **Wisconsin Obscenity Statute** states:

- (c) "Obscene material" means a writing, picture, film, or other recording that:
- 1. The average person, applying contemporary community standards, would find appeals to the prurient interest if taken as a whole:
- 2. Under contemporary community standards, describes or shows sexual conduct in a patently offensive way.

Section 944.23 states: Making lewd, obscene or indecent drawings: Whoever makes any lewd, obscene or indecent drawing or writing in public or in a public place is guilty of a Class C misdemeanor.

Section 944.25(2) states: Whoever sends an unsolicited electronic mail solicitation to a person that contains obscene material or a depiction of sexually explicit conduct without including the words "ADULT ADVERTISEMENT" in the subject line of the electronic mail solicitation is guilty of a Class A misdemeanor.

Well, one of the books that has been removed by the KUSD board in response to complaints, is *This Book Is Gay*, which introduces children to anal and oral sex (in both words and pictures), and how to operate sex apps – which could expose them to child molesters. Chapter nine is titled, "The Ins and Outs of Gay Sex."

If someone were to mail an electronic copy of *This Book Is Gay* to a child/minor, he could be charged with violating the obscenity law

We should all be thankful for the organization Mass Resistance, and all those who have joined in this effort to rid our public school libraries of material that a) corrupts the minds and hearts of children; and b) is used to groom them, i.e., lure them into the homosexual/transgender lifestyle.

KUSD School Board meetings are usually held on the fourth Tuesday of every month at 7pm, at 3600 52nd Street Kenosha. To learn more about this effort, and/or to join, contact Mass Resistance: 781-890-6001, or update@massresistance.org. Donations can also be mailed to: MassResistance, PO Box 1612, Waltham,

MASS INTENTIONS for the Week

Monday, November 27 8:00 AM † Laura Irving Tuesday, November 28 8:00 AM † Laura Irving

Wednesday, November 29 5:45 PM † Alex Losoda Thursday, November 30

8:00 AM † No Mass

Friday, December 1

8:00 AM John & Julie Stancato

Saturday, December 2

4:00 PM † Pat Roach † Shirley Miletta

Sunday, December 3

8:30 AM † Art & Bettsie Kellar † Larry Arntz 10:30 AM † For Members of the Parish

Saints & Readings. Week of November 26, 2023

Sunday: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/Ps 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6 (1)/1 Cor 15:20-26, 28/Mt 25:31-46

Monday: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Lk

21:1-4

Tuesday: Dn 2:31-45/Dn 3:57, 58, 59, 60, 61/Lk 21:5-

Wednesday: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/Dn 3:62,

63, 64, 65, 66, 67/Lk 21:12-19 **Thursday: St. Andrew, Apostle,** Rom 10:9-18/Ps

19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 4:18-22

Friday: Dn 7:2-14/Dn 3:75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81/Lk

21:29-33

Saturday: Dn 7:15-27/Dn 3:82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87/Lk

21:34-36

Next Sunday: 1st Sunday of Advent, Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 (4)/1 Cor 1:3-9/

Mk 13:33-37

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.

Parish Directory

Weekend Masses Saturday Evening 4:00 PM

Sunday Morning 8:30 & 10:30 AM

Weekday Masses Monday, Tuesday & Friday 8:00 AM Wednesday 5:45 PM

No 8:00 AM Mass on Thursday or Saturday

Holy Day Masses Please consult Sunday bulletin.
Confessions Saturday 3:00 to 4:00 PM

Sunday

First Fridays Eucharistic Adoration: 8:30 AM Friday to

6:00 AM Saturday

Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions (Follow the Wednesday 5:45 PM Mass)

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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.