



The Faith Community of

ST. THERESE OF LISIEUX

CATHOLIC CHURCH



4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son,
and you shall name him Jesus." - Lk 1:31

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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 con-
soling troubled souls with heavenly
graces, in our unfailing interces-
sions 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*

December 24, 2023 Fourth Sunday of Advent

THE NATIVITY OF CHRIST

by Robert Southwell, S.J.

Behold the father is his daughter's son,
The bird that built the nest is hatch'd therein,
The old of years an hour hath not outrun,
Eternal life to live doth now begin,
The word is dumb, the mirth of heaven doth weep,
Might feeble is, and force doth faintly creep.

O dying souls! behold your living spring!
O dazzled eyes! behold your sun of grace!
Dull ears attend what word this word doth bring!
Up, heavy hearts, with joy your joy embrace!
From death, from dark, from deafness, from despairs,
This life, this light, this word, this joy repairs.

Gift better than Himself God doth not know,
Gift better than his God no man can see;
This gift doth here the giver given bestow,
Gift to this gift let each receiver be:
God is my gift, Himself He freely gave me,
God's gift am I, and none but God shall have me.

Man alter'd was by sin from man to beast;
Beast's food is hay, hay is all mortal flesh;
Now God is flesh, and lies in manger press'd,
As hay the brutes sinner to refresh:
Oh happy field wherein this fodder grew,
Whose taste doth us from beasts to men renew!

The Burning Babe

by St. Robert Southwell, S.J.

As I in hoary winter's night stood shivering in the snow,
Surpris'd I was with sudden heat which made my heart to glow;
And lifting up a fearful eye to view what fire was near,
A pretty Babe all burning bright did in the air appear;
Who, scorched with excessive heat, such floods of tears did shed
As though his floods should quench his flames which with his tears were fed.

"Alas!" quoth he, "but newly born, in fiery heats I fry,
Yet none approach to warm their hearts or feel my fire but I!
My faultless breast the furnace is, the fuel wounding thorns,
Love is the fire, and sighs the smoke, the ashes shame and scorns;
The fuel Justice layeth on, and Mercy blows the coals,
The metal in this furnace wrought are men's defiled souls,
For which, as now on fire I am to work them to their good,
So will I melt into a bath to wash them in my blood."

With this he vanish'd out of sight and swiftly shrunk away,
And straight I called unto mind that it was Christmas day.



To Our Lady

*Lovely Lady dressed in blue
Teach me how to pray
God was just your little Boy
Tell me what to say!*

*Did you lift Him up, sometimes
Gently on your knee?
Did you sing to Him the way
Mother does to me?*

*Did you hold His hand at night
Did you ever try
Telling Him stories of the world?
O, and did He cry?*

*Do you really think He cares
If I tell him things—
Little things that happen? And
Do Angel's Wings make a noise?*

*Can He hear me if I speak low?
Does He understand me now?
Tell me, for you know!*

*Lovely Lady dressed in blue
Teach me how to pray!
God was just your little Boy
And, you know the way!*

by Mary Dixon Thayer




**BLESSINGS TO ALL FOR
A HAPPY AND HOLY CHRISTMAS!**

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 & also on 750AM** every 2nd & 4th Wednesday. Next program: **Wed. Dec. 27, 2pm.**



PRAY for the SICK in our PARISH,  and visit them if possible: William Wasurick, Mary Jo Koski, Florence Klappa, Daniel Lene-gar, 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 694-4695.

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.



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

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.**

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

St. Therese: Christmas Eve Sunday Dec. 24: 4pm & 10pm (Caroling Concert 9:40pm before 10pm Mass)
Christmas Day Mon. Dec. 25: 8:30am & 10:30am
Mt. Carmel: Christmas Eve Sunday Dec. 24: 4pm
Midnight Mass (Latin): 12am
Christmas Day Mon. Dec. 25: 10am
(Christmas hymns sung before Masses)
Additional Confession Times in Advent
St. Therese: Wednesday Dec. 20: 4:30-5:30pm; 6:30-7:30pm; Saturday, Dec. 23, 2:30-4pm
Mt. Carmel: Tuesday Dec. 19: 4:30-5:30pm; Saturday Dec. 23, 2:30-4pm

TOUR of the CATHOLIC FAITH/RCIA CLASS

When & Where: Tuesday evenings, 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.

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 Schedule: 4th Sunday Advent & Christmas: BOTH are Obligatory

This year the *Fourth Sunday of Advent* falls on the same day as Christmas Eve, with *Christmas Day* on Monday. The obligation to attend Mass on the Fourth Sunday of Advent **and** on Christmas still stands. Because people may have questions about how to fulfill both obligations, below are **four options**. The important thing to remember is that no matter which option is chosen, **the two obligations must be fulfilled separately**:

Option 1 – Saturday Eve Dec. 23rd 4th Sunday of Advent 4pm & Sunday Dec. 24 at 4pm Christmas Eve or 10pm

Option 2 – Saturday Eve Dec. 23rd 4th Sunday of Advent 4pm & Monday Dec. 25 8:30am or 10:30am Christmas Day

Option 3 – Sunday Dec. 24 at 8:30am or 10:30am 4th Sunday Advent & Sunday Dec. 24 at 4pm & 10pm Christmas Eve

Option 4 – Sunday Dec. 24 at 8:30am or 10:30am 4th Sunday Advent & Monday Dec. 25 at 8:30am or 10:30am Christmas Day

MASS INTENTIONS for the Week**Christmas Eve Sunday, Dec. 24**

4:00 PM † Priest Intention

10:00 PM † For Members of the Parish

Christmas Day Monday, Dec. 25

8:30am † For Members of the Parish

10:30am † Laura & Robert Irving (Ray Irving)

Tuesday, December 26

8:00 AM † Laura & Robert Irving (Ray Irving)

Wednesday, December 27

5:45 PM † Melvin Perkins † Natasha Bernard

Thursday, December 28

8:00 AM † No Mass

Friday, December 29

8:00 AM † Bill Doherty

Saturday, December 30

4:00 PM Living & Deceased Members of Pacheco

Family

Sunday, December 31

8:30 AM † Richard Sleyster (Jan Sleyster)

10:30 AM † For Members of the Parish

Saints & Readings:**Week of December 24, 2023****Sunday: 4th Sunday of Advent; Christmas Eve, 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38****Monday: The Nativity of the Lord, Vigil:** Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25 **Night:** Is 9:1-6/Ps 96: 1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14 **Dawn:** Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20 **Day:** Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14**Tuesday: St. Stephen, First Martyr,** Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17/Mt 10:17-22**Wednesday: St. John, Apostle and Evangelist,** 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Jn 20:1a, 2-8**Thursday: The Holy Innocents, Martyrs,** 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8/Mt 2:13-18**Friday: St. Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr,** 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6/Lk 2:22-35**Saturday:** 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Lk 2:36-40**Next Sunday: The Holy Family; New Year's Eve,** Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 or Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40**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**

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| 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) | |
| Parish Telephones | Parish Office | 262-694-4695 |
| | Fax | 262-764-0083 |
| Beth Sturino | Rel. Ed. Coor K-5 | 262-705-9097 |
| Heather Schweitzer | Rel. Ed Coor 6-12 | 262-914-2288 |
| Liturgical Musician | Jan Sleyster | 262-331-4734 |

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| All Saints Catholic School | 262-925-4000 |
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Parish Staff

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| Pastor..... | Rev. Fr. Dwight P. Campbell, S.T.D. |
| Shared Associate Pastor..... | Rev. Fr. Robert T. McDermott |
| Rel. Ed. Coor..... | Beth Sturino |
| Liturgical Musician..... | Jan Sleyster |
| Parish Secretary & Bulletin Editor..... | Mary E. Vestal |

Parish Pastoral Council

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| Robert Beales, Trustee Treasurer | Joyce Hui |
| Claudia Volpentesta, Trustee Secretary | Nancy January |
| Paul Gillespie, Chairman | Patricia Soens |
| Jim Lauzon | Jerome Pudelek |
| Rita Van Guyse, Secretary | |

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.