



The Faith Community of

ST. THERESE OF LISIEUX

CATHOLIC CHURCH



3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

“Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day.” - Lk 24:46

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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 unending 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*

April 14, 2024 Third Sunday of Easter

Aquinas And Democracy

By Dr. Donald DeMarco (used w/permission from www.thewanderer.com)

According to St. Thomas Aquinas, a person remains connected with truth when he studies two things that cannot lie: nature and Scripture. This attitude contrasts sharply with today's world in which both nature and scripture are no longer respected. The Bible, for many is antiquated, out of date, and not in touch with life in the twenty-first century. Humanists, to take but one example, reject the claim that the Bible is the word of God. They argue that it was written solely by humans in an ignorant, superstitious, and cruel age. In the secular world, there is little place for what previous generations regarded as a book that is inspired by a loving God.

Although science is based on a certain respect for nature, people reject many of its findings. Thus, they reject what nature indicates concerning marriage, homosexual acts, contraception, and abortion. They prefer to believe in pleasant illusions rather than the dictates of nature in this regard.

A great deal of the Bible and nature overlap. This is particularly the case in the *Book of Genesis* in which the nature of human sexuality and marriage are presented. The inevitability of death is another common denominator, which modern Pelagians and utopians find unacceptable. The notion that man is permanently flawed by Original Sin stands in the way of unlimited progress. Nonetheless, Scripture calls man to be the best he can be despite his imperfections and that death awaits him.

This rejection of two things that cannot lie poses significant problems for democracy. The notion of democracy is gravely misunderstood in two ways. Although there is a consensus that the right to vote should be free from any discrimination, the reason for voting adds an important dimension to the mere act of voting. In a true democracy, the values of civilized life must be honored. A "democracy" that elects people of dubious moral quality is a democracy that will let people down. Democracy should do more than please the base desires of the masses. Scripture provides an antidote to this misinterpreted notion of democracy.

Secondly, a true democracy cannot be based on the illusion that the right politicians will usher in a utopia in which the imperfections written in human nature will disappear as a paradise on Earth is formed. It is only too common to hear the messianic tone of politicians campaigning for office. At the same time, voters are enraptured by the false promises they hear in high-sounding rhetoric. The realistic politician who refrains from promising the unattainable risks not being elected.

A true democracy is based on two factors: The inherent dignity of man and his rights as a citizen. Such a democracy, therefore, would honor the rights of all including the unborn.

Scripture honors the dignity of man since he is created in the image and likeness of God. Nature, as revealed in the science of embryology, attests that the unborn is a human being and a possessor of the right to life. The rejection of both Scripture and nature, two factors which cannot lie, is destructive of a true democracy.

The notion of equality is essential to democracy. Yet this notion is often misunderstood as sameness. Communist countries have achieved this kind of sameness. Joseph Stalin presided over 100 million slaves in Russia. But this sameness saps the creative energies of the people.

Democracy, as opposed to Communism, is concerned about the individual freedom that allows each person to be himself in the best sense of the term. The equality that is worth fighting for is not one of sameness but of creative differences that bring out the best in people and serve the good of the community. Economic equality is not the goal of a true democracy, but is the ideal of a socialist state. The democratic ideal is neither pure individualism nor pure state socialism.

It is a paradoxical blend of the dignity of each person, his rights, and his obligations to others. Democracy, in other words, is built from the bottom up and not from the top down.

The Bible advises that love of money is the root of all evil. The economic view of life regards the acquisition of money as the goal of life. By contrast the Christian view puts economic factors in second place. First, we are advised, seek the Kingdom of God, and everything else will be added. Money cannot be the highest goal in life because man is a spiritual being, and his spirituality is not nourished by the acquisition of money.

According to Christopher Dawson, "one Mozart adds more to the real wealth of society than a hundred millionaires or political organizers."

In his encyclical, *Centesimus Annus*, Pope John Paul II points out the atheism, which rejects the authenticity of Scripture, represents "a denial of the supreme insight concerning man's true greatness, his transcendence in respect to earthly realities, the contradiction in his heart between the desire for the fullness of what is good and his own ability to attain it and, above all, the need for salvation which results from this situation."

By studying nature and Scripture, two sources that cannot lie, man is well on his way to a correct notion of democracy. For in those two areas, he learns of the dignity of man and his rights that enable him to become who he is. He also learns of the importance of equality of purpose and the need for social cooperation. In addition, he becomes more fully aware of his imperfections without losing hope that he can attain a meaningful existence and develop his unique abilities. Finally, he understands more clearly his nature as a spiritual being and his need for a life that transcends democracy.

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. April 10, 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, Aileen Hafferkamp, Billie Knutsen, Richard & Kathleen Bertola, Lawrence W. Klein Sr., Diana Sauter, Michelle Jenewein, Randy Bonn, Jim Lauzon, Betty Burt, Betty Campbell, Marilyn Tercek, Richard Hiser. 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.



Sign up for FORMED! A program which gives our parishioners free access to many Catholic programs and movies. To sign up: 1) visit Formed.Org 2) Click Sign up 3) Select a parish 4) Find your parish by name and address 5) Enter your e mail. Then, **you're in!**

Sign Up for FLOCKNOTE! To sign up: Text the word LOOP (in all CAPS) as a text message and send to **84576**. Then you'll be in our parish "loop" and will receive texts, news & emails from Fr. Campbell.

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 & lots of useful information!

Please be aware that in an emergency, to contact a Priest, call Mt. Carmel Rectory 262-652-7660.



You have a change in your contact information !!!! You changed your home address, phone number or email address. **Please contact the parish office to make sure that your contact information is up to date.**

Parish Support

Weekend of March 24, 2024	\$3,892.00
Budgeted weekly need...	\$5,567.00
Weekly offertory	\$3,892.00
Over/Under budget	(\$1,675.00)
Plan YTD	\$289,500.00
Actual	\$292,409.00
Excess (12 months)	\$2,909.00

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SIGNING CONTRACTS

Under canon law, the pastor and administrator represent the parish in all juridic affairs. At the time of their appointment, parish directors are delegated to do so. Under Wisconsin state statute and parish bylaws, the pastor / administrator / parish director is the vice-president and chief executive officer for the parish. For these reasons, only the pastor / administrator / parish director is authorized to sign contracts on behalf of the parish. This is not an authority that can be delegated to a business manager or parish volunteer.

Holy Name Society will be having a meeting on **Sunday, April 28** after the 8:30 Mass in the hall. All men of the parish are welcome.

Fundraiser for Catholic Education: Pig Roast by St Peter's Knights of Columbus #16765: The Knights are hosting a Pig Roast on Sunday, April 28th to benefit **All Saints Catholic School and SJCA**. The dinner will be served in St. Peter's Church Hall at 11:30am – 1:00pm and 1:30pm-3:00pm plus carry outs. Dinner includes roasted pork, baked beans, potato salad, coleslaw, roll/bun and dessert. Price: Adults \$20 and Kids under 12 years old \$10. Tickets can be purchased in advance at the parish office or after Saturday/Sunday Masses. (262)925-4024, 4400 22nd Avenue

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel
2024-2025 Religious Education
Registration is NOW OPEN.
 Scan the QR code for more information and registration



The **National Eucharistic Congress** will be held from July 17-21, 2024 in Indianapolis. Registration is available at: <https://www.eucharisticcongress.org/register>. You can also access housing. **Anyone interested in going**, and who would like to **carpool**, contact Nancy January at nan-janil@sbcglobal.net.

MASS INTENTIONS for the Week

Monday, April 15

8:00 AM † Lori Bogacz (Richard D.)

Tuesday, April 16

8:00 AM † Ramona Siville

Wednesday, April 17

5:45 PM † John Nagode

Thursday, April 18

8:00 AM † No Mass

Friday, April 19

8:00 AM † Eugene Mazurek

Saturday, April 20

4:00 PM † Stan & Kelly McCormick (Family)

Sunday, April 21

8:30 AM Bob & Nancy January (50th Anniversary)

10:30 AM † For Members of the Parish

**Saints & Readings:
Week of April 14, 2024**

Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Easter, Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9 (7a)/1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48

Monday: Tax Day, Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30/Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday: Acts 7:51—8:1a/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab/Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a/Jn 6:35-40

Thursday: Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20/Jn 6:44-51

Friday: Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 6:52-59

Saturday: Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Jn 6:60-69

Next Sunday: 4th Sunday of Easter; World Day of Prayer for Vocations, Acts 4:8-12/Ps 118: 1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29 (22)/Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18

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 office@st-therese-kenosha.org 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)		
Parish Telephones	Parish Office	262-694-4695
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Parish Staff

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Parish Pastoral Council

Robert Beales, Trustee Treasurer	Joyce Hui
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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.