



The Faith Community of

# ST. THERESE OF LISIEUX

CATHOLIC CHURCH



## THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD



The angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord." - Lk 2:10-11

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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*

December 22, 2019 Fourth Sunday of Advent

## The Incarnation

by St. John of the Cross (trans. Roy Campbell)

Then He summoned an archangel,  
Saint Gabriel: and when he came,  
Sent him forth to find a maiden,  
Mary was her name.

Only through her consenting love  
Could the mystery be preferred  
That the Trinity in human Flesh  
might clothe the Word.

Though the three Persons worked the wonder  
It only happened in the One.  
So was the Word made incarnation  
In Mary's womb, a son.

So He who only had a Father  
Now had a Mother undefiled,  
Though not as ordinary maids  
Had she conceived the Child.

By Mary, and with her own flesh  
He was clothed in His own frame:  
Both Son of God and Son of Man  
Together had one name.

## 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.

## THE NATIVITY OF CHRIST

by St. 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 brutest sinner to refresh:  
Oh happy field wherein this fodder grew,  
Whose taste doth us from beasts to men renew!



**There will be no Men's morning Bible Study until January 15.**

**PRAY for the SICK in our PARISH**, and visit them if possible: Jan Petrin, Diana Sauter, Josephine Gombar, Germaine Brennan, Gerry Buhnerkempe, Sue Kratowicz, Rebecca Dugan, Maria Miller, Pat Ware, William Wasurick, Mary Jo Koski, Sandra Reider, Phyllis Giovannoni and Daniel Lenegar. If anyone knows of any other sick persons in our parish, please call the rectory 262-694-4695.



Christmas 2019

*And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us, and we saw his glory, the glory as of the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth. John 1:14*

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This verse from John's Gospel beautifully depicts the wonder, awe and joy of Christmas, for God has made his dwelling among us. What we celebrate is truly remarkable. Our God is not distant, removed, or even unfamiliar to us. Rather, our God is personal, interested and devoted to each one of us.

The scene at Bethlehem on that first Christmas night may appear to be quite different from the Christmas scenes you and I will celebrate with family and friends, but little has changed in 2,000 years. Our world is still marked by suffering and pain; people are still swept away from believing by doubt and despair; and the busyness and distractions of this life still offer little room for faith and devotion. Yet, God still dwells among us; we still see his glory ... full of grace and truth. Each Christmas, our hearts become the little manger in Bethlehem, welcoming God in the most humble of surroundings.

There is not a more worthy place for God to dwell than in a heart fully given to Him. This is the greatest "gift-exchange" imaginable: He offers us His life and we offer Him our love. During this blessed Christmas season, I pray that all of us, together, can more fully enter into this exchange. Let us approach the sacraments with new fervor and devotion. Let us reach out of our comfortable lifestyles and give to those less fortunate. Let us, united in the love of Christ, seek to share that love with those who have yet to encounter it. May God bless you and your families this Christmas.

Sincerely yours in Christ,  
**Most Reverend Jerome E. ListECKI**  
 Archbishop of Milwaukee

## CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

### Tuesday, Dec. 24 Christmas Eve Vigil Mass

St. Therese 4:00pm & 10:00pm

Caroling Concert 9:30pm

Mt. Carmel 4pm & 12am Midnight Mass

### Wednesday, Dec. 25 Christmas Day:

St. Therese 9:30am

Mt. Carmel 10am

## HOLY DAY of Obligation: Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

### Tuesday, Dec. 31 (Anticipated Masses)

St. Therese 4:00pm

Mt. Carmel 4:00pm

### Wednesday, Jan. 1 Mary, Mother of God

St. Therese 9:30am

Mt. Carmel 10am & 12 noon Latin Mass

## CONFESSIONS DURING ADVENT:

Confessions will be heard on following days during the Advent season:

**Monday Dec. 23: 5-6pm at Mt. Carmel**

**Monday Dec. 23: 7-8pm at St. Therese**

Next weekend **December 28 & 29** there will be a 5th Sunday collection for Saint Vincent DePaul Society.

## MERRY CHRISTMAS !

The Parish Office will be closed on December 24 through December 26th. And January 1st & January 2nd.



**Please note:** St. Therese Congregation will NOT automatically prepare contribution receipts for tax purposes for 2019. If you wish to have a written receipt, please contact the Parish Office before the end of the year, to request one be prepared for you.

**OUR SANCTUARY LAMP** will burn this week for Pat Roach requested by Jim Roach and in grateful recognition of Our Lord's Sacramental Presence in our tabernacle.



**Parish Support unavailable at time of publication.**

**MASS INTENTIONS for the Week**

**Monday, December 23**

8:00 AM † Eileen Johnson (Friend)

**Tuesday, December 24 Christmas Eve Vigil Mass**

8:00 AM † Priest Intention

4:00 PM † Priest Intention

10:00 PM † Eileen Johnson (St. Therese Choir)

**Wednesday, December 25 Christmas Day**

9:30 AM † For Members of the Parish

**Thursday, December 26**

8:00 AM † No Mass

**Friday, December 27**

8:00 AM † No Mass

**Saturday, December 28**

4:00 PM † Irene McGivern (CWC)

† Howard Wertz (Dick & Terry Stader)

**Sunday, December 29**

8:30 AM † John Ruggiero (Theresa Ruggiero)

† Mary Marasa (Chic Marasa)

† Regina & Joseph Pumpera (Theresa Ruggiero)

10:30 AM † For Members of the Parish

**Readings for the Week of  
December 22, 2019**

Sunday: Is 7:10-14/ Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [7c, 10b]/Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24

Monday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14/Lk 1:57-66

Tuesday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29 [2]/ Lk 1:67-79

Wednesday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 [2a]/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25

Midnight: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13 [Lk 2:11]/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 [3c]/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or Jn 1:1-5, 9-14

Thursday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17 [6]/Mt 10:17-22

Friday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12]/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Saturday: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/Mt 2:13-18

Next Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/ Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

**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](mailto: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 3:45 PM
	Sunday	8:00 to 8:15, 10:00 to 10:15 AM
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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	Rel. Ed. Coord.	262-705-9097
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Pastor.....Rev. Fr. Dwight P. Campbell, S.T.D.  
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Rel. Ed. Coord.....Beth Sturino  
Liturgical Musician.....Jan Sleyster  
Parish Secretary & Bulletin Editor.....Mary E. Vestal

**Parish Pastoral Council**

Robert Baales, Trustee Treasurer Kristen Kelly  
Jim Lauzon, Trustee Secretary Ray Irving  
Paul Gillespie, Chairman Patricia Soens  
Claudia Volpentesta, Vice-Chairman  
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.