



The Faith Community of

# ST. THERESE OF LISIEUX

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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*



## 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday

I N O R D I N A R Y T I M E

*"If, therefore, you are not trustworthy with dishonest wealth, who will trust you with true wealth?" - Lk 16:11*

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September 22, 2019 Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### **St. Padre Pio: A Short Biography (Feast Day: Sept. 23)**

Padre Pio (Francesco Forgione) was born to Giuseppa and Grazio Forgione, in the small farming town of Pietrelcina, Italy on May 25, 1887. Although the Forgiones were poor in material goods, they were certainly rich in their faith life and in the love of God.

Even as a young boy, Francesco had already shown signs of extraordinary gifts of grace. At the age of five, he dedicated his life to God. From his early childhood, he showed a remarkable recollection of spirit and a love for the religious life. As a young boy, he was able to see and communicate with, not only his guardian angel but also with Jesus and the Virgin Mary. In his simplicity, Francesco assumed everyone had the same experiences. When Francesco was fifteen years old, he was admitted to the novitiate of the Capuchin Order of the Friars Minor in Morcone, Italy.

On August 10, 1910, at the age of twenty-three, Padre Pio was ordained to the priesthood. The celebration of the Holy Mass was for Padre Pio, the center of his spirituality. Due to the long pauses of contemplative silence into which he entered at various parts of the Holy Sacrifice, his Mass could sometimes last several hours. The parish priest in Pietrelcina called Padre Pio's Mass, "an incomprehensible mystery."

His parishioners were deeply impressed by his piety and one by one they began to come to him, seeking his counsel. As the years passed, pilgrims began to come to him by the thousands, from every corner of the world, drawn by the spiritual riches which flowed so freely from his extraordinary ministry.

Padre Pio is understood above all else as a man of prayer. He prayed almost continuously. His prayers were usually very simple. He loved to pray the Rosary and recommended it to others. He had a special mission to the souls in Purgatory and encouraged everyone to pray for them. He used to say, "We must empty Purgatory with our prayers."

Padre Pio suffered from poor health his entire life, once saying that his health had been declining from the time he was nine years old. Although the cause of his prolonged and debilitating illnesses remained a mystery to his doctors, Padre Pio did not become discouraged. He offered all of his bodily sufferings to God as a sacrifice, for the conversion of souls. He experienced many spiritual sufferings as well.

Shortly after his ordination, he wrote a letter to his spiritual director, Fr. Benedetto Nardella, in which he asked permission to offer his life as a victim for sinners. He wrote, "For a long time I have felt in myself a need to offer myself to the Lord as a victim for poor sinners and for the souls in Purgatory. This desire has been growing continually in my heart so that it has now become what I would call a strong passion. . .It seems to me that Jesus wants this."

The marks of the stigmata, the wounds of Christ, appeared on Padre Pio's body, on Friday, September 20, 1918, while he was praying before a crucifix and making his thanksgiving after Mass. He was thirty-one years old and became the first stigmatized priest in the history of the Church. With resignation and serenity, he bore the painful wounds in his hands, feet, and side for fifty years.

In addition, God endowed Padre Pio with many extraordinary spiritual gifts and charisms including the gift of healing, bilocation, prophecy, miracles, discernment of spirits, the ability to abstain beyond man's natural powers from both sleep and nourishment, the ability to read hearts, the gift of tongues (the ability to speak and understand languages that he had never studied), the gift of conversions, the grace to see angelic beings in form, and the fragrance which emanated from his wounds and which frequently announced his invisible presence.

His day began at 2:30 a.m. when he would rise to begin his prayers and to make his preparation for Mass. He was able to carry on a busy apostolate with only a few hours of sleep each night and an amount of food that was so small (300-400 calories a day) that his fellow priests stated that it was not enough food even to keep a small child alive. Between Mass and confessions, his workday lasted 19 hours. He very rarely left the monastery and never took even a day's vacation from his grueling schedule in 51 years. He never read a newspaper or listened to the radio. He cautioned his spiritual children against watching television.

Serene and well prepared, he surrendered to Sister Death on September 23, 1968 at the age of eighty-one. He died as he had lived, with his Rosary in his hands. His last words were Gesù, Maria – Jesus, Mary. In one of the largest liturgies in the Vatican's history, Pope John Paul II canonized Padre Pio on June 16, 2002.

St. Pio of Pietrelcina, pray for us.

**Fr. Campbell's Wednesday morning 6 am Men's Bible Study:** 6am in the meeting room of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel School. Bring a Bible & Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC). We study the upcoming Sunday Scriptures.

**PRAY for the SICK in our PARISH**, and visit them if possible: Jan Petrin, Diana Sauter, Josephine Gombar, Germaine Brennan, Gerry Buhnerkempe, Guy Turco, Sue Krawtowicz, Rebecca Dugan, Eleanor DeCesaro, Maria Miller, Pat Ware, Ben Evangelista, Catherine Meyer, Eileen Johnson, Melanie Johnson and Daniel Lenegar. If anyone knows of any other sick persons in our parish, please call the rectory 262-694-4695.

There will be a **Fifth Sunday Collection** for the Community Outreach of St. Therese on **September 28 & 29**.

Please join us **Tuesday, September 24 at 7pm at St. James Parish** for an exciting, free presentation about our Christian brethren in Iraq. One of the world's oldest Christian communities reside in Iraq and unfortunately, their numbers have dwindled from 1.5 million in 2003 to less than 250,000. Approximately half of the remaining Christians have been displaced from their homes and churches since 2014. Join us for an unique opportunity to hear the history and current plight of Iraqi Christians who have experienced 1400 years of persecution from two eye witnesses. The evening is free but free will offerings will be accepted for Saint Vincent de Paul's food pantry. Refreshments and fellowship will follow in St. James Rectory.

**Community Outreach collection for the month of September is for St. Elizabeth/St. James Food Pantry.** Serving the the Kenosha community for over 20 years to provide food & other necessities for the home to those unable to provide for themselves. **Needs:** All non-perishable food items, toilet tissue, paper towels, personal hygiene items. Monetary donations are also welcome and may be placed in the Community Outreach box.

**Pope's Prayer Intention for September. Universal:** That politicians, scientists and economists work together to protect the world's seas and oceans.

**Sign up for FLOCKNOTE!** To sign up: Send the word LOOP (typed in all caps) as text message to this address: 84576. Then you will be in our parish "loop."

### Parish Support

Weekend of September 15, 2019

**\$3,631.00**

Budgeted weekly need...	\$4,327.00
Weekly offertory	\$3,631.00
<b>Over/Under budget</b>	<b>\$(696.00)</b>
Plan YTD	\$34,615.00
Actual	\$35,777.00
<b>Excess (2 months)</b>	<b>\$1,162.00</b>

**8-PART COURSE on The Mystical City of God (The Divine Life of the Most Holy Virgin) by Ven. Mary of Agreda (1602-1666) begins Tuesday, Oct. 8, 7pm at St. Therese Church, Kenosha.** Mary of Agreda was a mystic who received revelations on events of the life of the Bl. Virgin Mary & other topics (e.g., creation of the world, Lucifer's rebellion). We'll use a new abridged version of Mary of Agreda's work, ***The Divine Life of the Most Holy Virgin***; copies available to purchase at \$17 at St. Therese Church & Mt. Carmel Church prior to 1st class & at class; or order the e-book (\$6.98) at tanbooks.com. Call St. Therese to register: 262-694-4695.

### JOIN US, Learn God's Plan for Life and Love

LoveEd is a program designed to help you have meaningful conversations with your child about love, life, sexuality and purity. There is much confusion and false information about the meaning and purpose of human sexuality, marriage, and sexual/gender identity as a result of false messages in movies and television, popular music, the news media, in the public schools, and even among friends, fellow students and peers of children and young people. LoveEd helps you empower your child with the truth as they enter the various stages of development, so that they can become the person God wants them to be, and learn to love according to His plan.

A video explaining the program is at: <https://www.saintbenedictpress.com/index.php/love-ed/>

Join us for a **LoveEd Kickoff Evening for Parents** of children ages 2-14 on **Monday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> 7pm** at St. Therese Church, followed by sessions for Moms & daughters and Dads & sons grades 4-6 and 7-8. \*Parents with children under those age groups are encouraged to attend the parent session. Each seminar is age and gender-specific and has an accompanying guide for use at the parish program, plus reading together at home. Registration Required: LoveEd Parent Guide \$24.95: per family, used for children of all ages Registration Deadline: Monday, September 17th

**Parent only Session** (w/children ages 2-14) **Mon. Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup>, 7-9pm:** St. Therese Parish Hall

**Session parents & children 9-11 years old: Mon. Sept. 30, 7-9pm,** St. Therese Hall

**Session parents & children 11-14 years old: Wed. Oct. 2, 7-9pm,** St. Therese Hall

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**Hearts Afire - 33 Days to Morning Glory** a Marian study by Fr. Michael Gaitley will take place twice a month on Sunday evenings at 6PM in the St. Anthony ministries room. All are welcome! "Popcorn with the Saints" will present full length movies on the First Fridays of October through February after the First Friday Mass 5PM. Saint Pope John Paul II, Saint Mother Teresa, and Our Blessed Mother, among others will be featured. And of course popcorn and snacks!

**MASS INTENTIONS for the Week**

**Monday, September 23**

8:00 AM † Priest Intention

**Tuesday, September 24**

8:00 AM † Priest Intention

**Wednesday, September 25**

5:45 PM † Robert Maciejewski (CWC)

**Thursday, September 26**

8:00 AM † No Mass

**Friday, September 27**

8:00 AM † Priest Intention

**Saturday, September 28**

4:00 PM † Priest Intention

**Sunday, September 29**

8:30 AM † Regina Pumpera (Louise & Joe)

10:30 AM † For Members of the Parish

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

Sunday: Am 8:4-7/Ps 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8 [cf. 1a, 7b]/1 Tm 2:1-8/Lk 16:1-13 or 16:10-13

Monday: Ezr 1:1-6/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday: Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5 [1]/Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday: Ezr 9:5-9/Tb 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8 [1b]/Lk 9:1-6

Thursday: Hg 1:1-8/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Lk 9:7-9

Friday: Hg 2:1-9/Ps 43:1, 2, 3, 4 [5]/Lk 9:18-22

Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Jer 31:10, 11-12a, 13 [cf. 10d]/Lk 9:43b-45

Next Sunday: Am 6:1a, 4-7/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/1 Tm 6:11-16/Lk 16:19-31

**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
	Fax	262-694-7284
	Rel. Ed. Coord.	262-705-9097
Liturgical Musician	Jan Sleyster	262-331-4734
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**Parish Staff**

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

**Parish Pastoral Council**

Robert Beales, Trustee Treasurer	Kristen Kelly
Jim Lauzon, Trustee Secretary	
Bruce Havrilak, Chairman	Patricia Soens
Rob Jenewein, Vice-Chairman	Rita Van Guyse
Rita Van Guyse, Secretary	Claudia Volpentesta

**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.