



The Faith Community of

ST. THERESE OF LISIEUX

CATHOLIC CHURCH



5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden." - Mt 5:14

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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

February 9, 2020 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Anthropological Roots of Postmodern “Gender Theory”

A document from the Vatican published almost a year ago, “Male & Female He Created Them” (Feb. 2, 2019), discusses people with gender dysphoria (males who believe they are females and females who believe they are males); and addresses the presentation of so-called “gender theory” in educational institutions, a phenomenon which seems to be becoming more and more commonplace.

The Vatican document examines modern “gender theory” from the standpoint of Christian anthropology (i.e., the study of man/the human person from a Christian perspective); it also examines the anthropological implications of gender theory, and offers teachers a way to help young people to understand the truths of personhood from a Christian perspective, since young people are often confused by the media portrayals of topics such as “transgenderism.”

The Vatican document explains that much of the contemporary confusion regarding gender stems from a lack of a “clear and convincing anthropology that gives a meaningful foundation to sexuality and affectivity” (§30), and says that much of contemporary culture lacks an understanding of what it means to be a person.

The Vatican document teaches that gender theory, along with most other postmodern forms of “theory,” is based on a “dualistic anthropology” – which means that the body is conceived to be separate from the will, and therefore, gender identity is not necessarily determined by biological sex.

In this view, the will is thought able to determine the person’s identity, regardless of the sex with which the person was born. The body is thus “reduced to the status of [simple] matter” with no real relation to the soul, and the will “becomes an absolute that can manipulate the body as it pleases” (§22): This results in men identifying as women, and women as men – or even identifying as something in between a man and a woman.

In a Christian anthropology, the person is an integral whole. Body and soul are not two separate entities but two dimensions of the one person, the body “giving flesh to” the soul (§22). “The body reveals or speaks of the inner identity of the person . . . an identity which has been given her by the Creator” (§24).

The dualistic anthropology that characterizes postmodern thought is rooted in a false freedom that is disconnected from the reality of God-given sexuality, male and female. It does not spring from a truth that precedes and defines the person (i.e., a person’s God-given sex with which he or she is born – either male or female), but instead claims to give a person the freedom to construct truths of their own.

Those who promote “gender theory” – and teach it in universities (if you can believe this!) – claim that male and female sexes are mere “social constructs”; i.e., our sexual differences are merely thought up by people.

While we should have compassion toward those burdened with confusion over their own gender and treat them kindly, we must nonetheless speak the truth to them. (But for those who promote the theory that our gender differences are mere social constructs, I always say that a simple look in the mirror after a shower would wake them up to reality!)

*For this article Fr. Campbell drew from Stephen Adubato’s article, “Understanding the Vatican’s Document on Gender Theory and Education,” *Homiletic & Pastoral Review* Dec. 28, 2019

Pope’s Prayer Intention for February. Universal: Listen to the Migrants’ Cries. We pray that the cries of our migrant brothers & sisters, victims of criminal trafficking, may be heard and considered.

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.”

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, Sue Kratowicz, Rebecca Dugan, Maria Miller, Pat Ware, William Wasurick, Mary Jo Koski, Phyllis Giovannoni and Daniel Lenegar. If anyone knows of any other sick persons in our parish, please call the rectory 262-694-4695.

First Communion Fashion Show – held by St. Therese Church & Holy Family Catholic Bookstore
Sunday, February 16th @ 1pm

We need Volunteers as Bakers, Servers, Greeters and Ushers. Please Sign up in the Lobby.
Questions? Call 262.331.4734

Kenosha Catholic Woman's Club meeting

Feb. 10th, 12:30pm. @ Holy Rosary Church's lower hall. Program will be "Saints Among Us" provided by children of All Saints Academy. Refreshments will be served, and a short Business meeting with Social to follow. For more info contact Judy Lichter Summers 262-859-9566. Please join us, all Catholic Women of Kenosha are welcome.

2020 FISH FRY BEGINS FRIDAY FEB. 28TH

Detailed information coming next week.

Community Outreach collection for the month of February is for Women & Children' Horizons.

Free, confidential services for those affected by domestic and sexual abuse-24 hour crisis line, 24 hour response to law enforcement, medical centers and emergency shelters. **Needs:** Boxed or canned foods, Paper products, Cleaning supplies, Personal care items, Baby wipes & diapers-Large sizes. Monetary donations are also welcome and may be placed in the Community Outreach box.

Parish Support

Weekend of February 2, 2020

\$4,318.62

Budgeted weekly need...	\$4,327.00
Weekly offertory	\$4,318.62
Over/Under budget	\$(8.38)
Plan YTD	\$129,808.00
Actual	\$141,729.00
Excess (7 months)	\$11,921.00

Four-Part Study to be led by Fr. Campbell on book *The Marian Option: God's Solution to a Civilization in Crisis*: Next class on Tuesday, Feb. 11, at St. Therese Church, Book is available for purchase at Holy Family Catholic Bookstore for \$20.

PARISH-WIDE SURVEY coming: St. Therese Parish will be participating in a parish-wide survey about discipleship conducted by the Catholic Leadership Institute. **Please help us by participating in this 10-15 minute survey.** The survey will be available **beginning Feb. 23 through March 23,** and can be accessed **online** at www.disciplemakerindex.com; one must select the Archdiocese Milwaukee and our parish to take the survey.

The survey will ask you to reflect on your own spiritual growth and enable you to provide feedback on our parish's efforts to help you deepen your relationship with Christ. All responses will be confidential and the parish will only receive information and publish results about the community as whole. We are trying to get the highest response rate possible. This information will help Fr. Campbell and Fr. McDermott and our parish pastoral council as we plan for the future and try to help everyone in our parish to be authentic disciples of Christ.

If you don't use the computer or have online access you can complete the survey with a **paper (hard) copy.** Beginning Feb. 23, paper copies will be available at the entrances of the church after weekend and daily Masses, or you can obtain a paper copy at the parish office. Completed surveys on paper should be turned in at the parish office.

We will receive the results of the survey this spring/summer at which time we will share what we have learned with the entire parish.

Thank you for helping with this important project!

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Learn about the glories and privileges of Mary

THE MARIAN HOUR

with

**Fr. Dwight P. Campbell, S.T.D.
Pastor, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel
and St. Therese Parish
Kenosha, WI**

**2nd & 4th Wednesday's
of each month
2:00 pm**



MASS INTENTIONS for the Week

Monday, February 10

8:00 AM † Priest Intention

Tuesday, February 11

8:00 AM † Stanley & Romaine Lulewicz

Wednesday, February 12

5:45 PM † Bill Haddican (Theresa)

Thursday, February 13

8:00 AM † No Mass

Friday, February 14

8:00 AM † Mary Boutan (CWC)

Saturday, February 15

4:00 PM † Joseph & Nanette Schmitt (Wanta Family)

† Deceased members of Fumo Family (Family)

Sunday, February 16

8:30 AM † John Ruggiero (Theresa Ruggiero)

† Joseph & Regina Pumpera (Theresa Ruggiero)

† Mary Marasa (Chic Marasa)

10:30 AM † For Members of the Parish

**Readings for the Week of
February 9, 2020**

Sunday: Is 58:7-10/Ps 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [4a]/1 Cor 2:1-5/Mt 5:13-16

Monday: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Ps 132:6-7, 8-10 [8a]/Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Ps 84:3, 4, 5 and 10, 11 [2]/Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday: 1 Kgs 10:1-10/Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40 [30a]/Mk 7:14-23

Thursday: 1 Kgs 11:4-13/Ps 106:3-4, 35-36, 37 and 40 [4a]/Mk 7:24-30

Friday: 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-13, 14-15 [11a and 9a]/Mk 7:31-37

Saturday: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-20, 21-22 [4a]/Mk 8:1-10

Next Sunday: Sir 15:15-20/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34 [1b]/1 Cor 2:6-10/Mt 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 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 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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Liturgical Musician.....Jan Sleyster
Parish Secretary & Bulletin Editor.....Mary E. Vestal

Parish Pastoral Council

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