

The Faith Community of

## ST. THERESE OF LISIEUX

CATHOLIC CHURCH



FEAST OF THE

# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION



2020 91st STREET KENOSHA, WI 53143 (262) 694-4695

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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.

December 6, 2020 Second Sunday of Advent

The Annunciation by El Greco is an oil painting created by him. Housed in the famed Museo del Prado in Madrid, the original measures just over 10 ft. X 5 ½ feet. In the painting, Mary is greeted by an angel who shares news that she is to conceive the Son of God. The scene represents the moment Mary accepts the news, symbolized by the angel's stance with his hands crossed as if venerating Jesus's mother. A ray of light joins the earthly and celestial worlds as a dove descends to represent the Holy

Spirit.

On steps at the bottom of the paintset alight in flame. Set between Mary the same fiery image seen by Moses. sent Mary's virginity. On the steps is a Armenian story where Mary works on ger arrives. Above the two central fig-

The flames of the burning rose bush from a candle burning on an altar. figures in the The Annunciation are and color that are distorted to create a change. The colors and brushstrokes the figures themselves. The backdrop is brant yellow, blue, crimson and green

The Annunciation has Expressionist his paintings towards the end of the large altarpiece created for the Augus-Encarnacion in Madrid from 1596 to pieces of the altarpiece were dismancupation of Spain.



ing are a sewing basket and rose bush and the angel, the burning bush mirrors The bush is alight but not burnt to repreveil on the sewing basket, a nod to an such a garment when the divine messenures are angels playing music. are naturalistic and mimic real flames Unlike other works by the Greek artist, relatively proportionate. Here, it is light scene that is in a state of constant are used to evoke emotion rather than blue and grey, contrasting with the viof the saintly figures and dove. elements, a style that El Greco used in 1590s. The painting was one part of a tinian College of Nuestra Señora de la 1600. The Annunciation and other tled and removed during the French oc-

Doménikos Theotokópoulos, more commonly known as "El Greco" or "The Greek," was born in Crete in 1541. He trained within the Post-Byzantine school of Crete, which at the time was part of the Republic of Venice. El Greco moved to Venice when he was 26. In 1577, he moved in Toledo where he continued to paint and study for the rest of his life. In was in the Spanish city that El Greco created his most famous paintings and sculptures. He died in 1614.

#### THE CANDY CANE

According to legend, the candy cane was first created back in the 18th century. At that time, in certain areas of Europe, there was said to be a ban on public displays of Christianity. Christians were oppressed and no Bibles or crosses could be owned at the time. One man found this oppression distressing and wished he could share the love of Jesus and the joy of Christmas with the rest of the world. When Christmas came around, children didn't get to see nativity scenes or enjoy learning about the truth of Christmas.

As a candy maker, this man prayed to find a way that he could offer local children a Christmas gift that would allow him to communicate the real story of Christmas. His prayer led to an idea, the Candy Cane. He chose to make the candy cane in the shape of a shepherd's staff. After all, Jesus is the shepherd to his followers and the Bible notes that the "sheep" would hear His voice and follow him. Not only was the candy cane in the shape of a staff, but when held upside down, it formed a "J," which stood for Jesus.

The candy maker chose hard candy for the candy cane, which was done to remind children that Jesus was our "rock," dependable and strong. Wide red stripes were added to the candy cane, representative of the crucifixion and the blood Jesus shed for our sins. Through his blood, we are given salvation and life. There are also white stripes on the candy cane, which represents the holiness, and purity of Jesus, who was sinless.

Peppermint was the flavor that the candy maker chose for the candy cane. Peppermint was very similar to hyssop, which was used for sacrifice and purification in the Old Testament, reminding us of the sacrifice that Jesus made for us. It also reminds us of the spices brought by the Wise Men when they came to visit Jesus.

Of course, when the candy cane is eaten, it is often broken, which the candy maker meant as a reminder that when Jesus was crucified, His body was broken. The candy cane was also made to be given as a gift, representing the love of Jesus when He gave us the gift of salvation.

Fr. Campbell's Wednesday 6am Men's Bible Study will meet using ZOOM. Bring a Bible & Catechism of the Catholic Church.

The MARIAN HOUR with Fr. Campbell WSFI 88.5 FM Wed. December 9 at 2:00pm.

PRAY for the SICK in our PARISH, and visit them if possible: Germaine Brennan, Gerry Buhnerkempe, Maria Miller, Pat Ware, William Wasurick, Mary Jo Koski, Phyllis Giovannoni, Florence Klappa, Daniel Lenegar, Jennifer Johnson, Laurie Smith, Billie Lou Knutsen. Please call the rectory for other sick persons 694-4695.

**Sign up for FORMED**: A program which gives our Parishioners free access to many Catholic Programs and movies. Want to create a new FORMED account? Follow these steps:

1. Visit FORMED.org; 2. Click Sign Up; 3. Select "I Belong to a Parish or Organization"; 4. Find your parish by name or zip; 5. Enter your email, you're in!

Sign up for FLOCKNOTE which enables you to receive important news and info. about the parish through texts & emails. To sign up: Send the word LOOP (typed in all caps) as a text message to this address: 84576. Then you'll be part of the "flock" & receive notes. Please pass this info on to others!

Community Outreach collection for the month of December is for God's Kitchen. Providing food & basic life necessities within the immediate community. Needs: Hats, gloves, scarves, thermals, sleeping bags, personal hygiene items. Monetary donations are also welcome and may be placed in the Community Outreach box.

Pope's Prayer Intention for December. Evangelization: For a Life of Prayer. We pray that our personal relationship with Jesus Christ be nourished by the Word of God and a life of prayer.

#### **Parish Support**

Weekend of November 15, 2020

\$3,592.00

Budgeted weekly need... \$4,865.00 \$3,592.00 Weekly offertory Over/Under budget (\$1,273.00)Plan YTD \$82,712.00 Actual \$75,150.00 Shortfall (4 months) (\$7,562.00)

Masses Solemnity of Immaculate Conception, Tuesday, Dec. 8 (Holy Day of Obligation):

St. Therese: Mon. Dec. 7, 5:45pm; Tues. Dec. 8, 8am & 7:00pm

Mt. Carmel: Mon. Dec. 7, 5:30pm; Tues. Dec. 8, 8am & 5:45pm

#### **Christmas Schedule:**

#### St. Therese:

Christmas Eve (Thurs. Dec. 24): 4pm & 9pm Christmas Day (Friday Dec. 25): 8:30am & 10:30am \*On Christmas Day we have added a second Mass this year to reduce a possible overflow at 4pm Mass; please consider attending a Mass other than the 4pm Christmas Eve Mass to avoid a possible overflow given the 25% capacity seating limit.

#### Mt. Carmel:

Christmas Eve (Thurs. Dec. 24): 4pm & 9pm Midnight Mass: 12am Friday Dec. 25 (Traditional Latin Mass)

Christmas Day (Friday Dec. 25): 10am \*On Christmas Eve we have added a 9pm Mass to reduce a possible overflow at 4pm Mass; please consider attending 9pm Mass to avoid a possible overflow at the 4pm Christmas Eve Mass, given the 25% capacity seating limit.



Euchanistic Please Note: During the time of this virus we will have all day Eucharistic Adoration 9am to 5pm every Friday other than First Friday. There will be Adoration sign up sheets on the table as you enter the church.

Emergency Assistance Fund: Contact Fr. Campbell if you need financial assistance (652-7660).

**Course on Critique of Evolution:** "Foundations Restored: A Catholic Perspective on Origins": Begins Tues. Dec. 15, 7pm, St. Therese Church.

"Foundations Restored" is an excellent 17-part DVD series which provides a thorough defense of the traditional Catholic doctrine of creation of the universe and of human life from the perspective of theology, philosophy, and natural science, as well as a thorough refutation of Darwin's theory of evolution (and Descartres' faulty philosophy) which has provided a pseudo-scientific foundation for the world-wide culture of death.

#### MASS INTENTIONS for the Week

#### Monday, December 7

8:00 AM † Lori Bogacz

5:45 PM † Lee Kopp (Immaculate Conception Feast)

Tuesday, December 8 Immaculate Conception of the **Blessed Virgin Mary (Holy Day of Obligation)** 

8:00 AM † Thoele-Perez-Salapare-Reyes Families

7:00 PM † For Members of the Parish

#### Wednesday, December 9

5:45 PM † Michael Nolan

#### Thursday, December 10

8:00 AM † No Mass

#### Friday, December 11

8:00 AM † Eileen Johnson (Bob & Beth Sturino)

#### Saturday, December 12

4:00 PM † Lawrence Beales † Joseph & Carmella Sturino (Family) † Jamie Davis

#### Sunday, December 13 Third Sunday of Advent

8:30 AM † For Members of the Parish

10:30 AM † John Seggiaro (Mother & Brother Joseph) † Frank DeCesare (Joe DeCesaro) † David Lee (Family & Friends)

#### Saints & Readings: Week of December 6, 2020

Sunday: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent, Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 [8]/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8

Monday: St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church, Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [Is 35:4f]/Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [1]/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38

Wednesday: St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin, Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10 [1]/Mt 11:28-30

Thursday: Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab [8]/Mt 11:11

Friday: St. Damasus I, Pope, Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [cf. Jn 8:12]/Mt 11:16-19

Saturday: Our Lady of Guadalupe, Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Jdt 13:18bcde, 19 [15:9d]/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47 Next Sunday: 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent, Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 51-54 [Is 61:10b]/1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

#### 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

Saturday Evening Weekend Masses 4:00 PM

Sunday Morning 8:30 & 10:30 AM

Monday, Tuesday & Friday 8:00 AM Weekday Masses Wednesday 5:45 PM

No 8:00 AM Mass on Thursday or Saturday

Please consult Sunday bulletin. Holy Day Masses 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)

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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. Coor	Beth Sturino
Liturgical Musician	Jan Sleyster
Parish Secretary & Bulletin E	ditorMary 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.