



The Faith Community of

ST. THERESE OF LISIEUX

CATHOLIC CHURCH



1st SUNDAY OF LENT

“This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand.
Repent, and believe in the gospel.” - Mk 1:15

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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 con-
soling troubled souls with heavenly
graces, in our unflinching interces-
sions 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 21, 2021 First Sunday of Lent

The Transformation of Your Suffering

How does the Cross transform our suffering in this life? We must first remember that human suffering and death have their radical root in sin—in the fall of the human race from right order with God. Some evils can befall us as a result of our personal sins. However, many sufferings are not the result of one's personal faults, but ultimately come from the profound disorder introduced into a world that was created by God as good, pleasant, and beautiful—a true Paradise—but is now deeply wounded by the sin of our first parents, Adam and Eve, and by the negative accumulating effects of countless sins throughout the ages, as souls turn away from God's order.

Sin, as the obstacle to right order and friendship with God, is therefore the source of suffering. To expiate sin in the souls of fallen creatures is to eradicate the ultimate root of their suffering. As the Apostles testify, through His self-oblation on the Cross, Christ "is the expiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for those of the whole world" (1 John 2:2). "For there is one God, and one mediator of God and men, the man Christ Jesus: Who gave himself a redemption for all" (1 Timothy 2:5-6). "Christ died once for our sins, the just for the unjust: that he might offer us to God, being put to death indeed in the flesh, but enlivened in the spirit" (1 Peter 3:18). By freely taking our suffering and death upon Himself, our Savior became the source of our healing. He consummated on the Cross the work of our redemption, transforming human suffering and mortality for man's forgiveness and redemption through the grace and love that were in His Soul in His voluntary self-sacrifice for us. When redeemed from sin, a soul makes the first step towards the eventual recovery of the perfectly ordered state in which there will be no suffering—Heaven.

By the Cross of Christ, we can receive the redemption of our *souls*, attaining right order towards God and our neighbor—even as we await the final healing of our *bodies* in the Resurrection. However, His redeeming work on the Cross is not only an event of the past. The saving fruits of that true Tree of Life continue to powerfully operate in hearts for the conversion of those in sin and their restoration to the divine life from which they have fallen. As members of the Mystical Body of Christ, the Church, we are also called to cooperate with Christ our Head and great High Priest in the mystery of His saving Passion for the conversion and salvation of others.

But because *being* one with Christ is our sanctity, and progressively *becoming* one with Him is our happiness on earth, the love of the cross in no way contradicts being a joyful child of God. Helping Christ carry His cross fills one with a strong and pure joy, and those who may and can do so, the builders of God's kingdom, are the most authentic children of God...Only in union with the divine Head does human suffering take on expiatory power. To suffer and to be happy although suffering, to have one's feet on the earth, to walk on the dirty and rough paths of this earth and yet to be enthroned with Christ at the Father's right hand, to laugh and cry with the children of this world and ceaselessly to sing the praises of God with the choirs of angels: this is the life of the Christian until the morning of eternity breaks forth. (St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross)

So how can we access the Cross? Christ instituted the holy Sacrifice of the Mass to perpetuate in a sacramental, unbloody manner His saving Sacrifice on Calvary. As the Council of Trent teaches, the Mass and Calvary are one and the same Sacrifice, the difference being only in the manner of offering. Through holy Mass, we have access to the Cross of Christ and can personally receive its saving power, so that our own crosses and sufferings are transformed and become means of salvation. Hence, united to the Mass, *our* prayers, sacrifices, and sufferings can partake in the value, merit, and efficacy of *Christ's* saving Sacrifice and mediation, being presented to Heaven with the divine Love in Christ's Sacred Heart which is infinitely meritorious and pleasing to God.

Those who take refuge in Christ Crucified through faith and the Sacraments find an unailing source of *spiritual* consolation and *divine* hope: the intimate, powerful, and renewing presence of a God close to them in their weakness and suffering. Thus, St. John of the Cross counsels us: "when you experience something unpleasant, look at Jesus Crucified and be silent." In the Cross, we find the ultimate instrument for authentic healing and the *divine* power that quietly works for the salvation and final transformation of a fallen world. "Behold the tabernacle of God with men, and he will dwell with them...And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes: and death shall be no more, nor mourning, nor crying, nor sorrow shall be any more, for the former things are passed away. And he that sat on the throne, said: Behold, I make all things new!" (Apocalypse 21:3-5)

by Hermits of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Fairfield, PA www.EDNMC.ORG

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. February 24 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 February is for Women's & Children's 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.

Pope's Prayer Intention for February. Universal: Violence against women. We pray for women who are victims of violence, that they may be protected by society and have their sufferings considered and heeded.

Parish Support

Weekend of February 7, 2021

\$5,835.01

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| Budgeted weekly need... | \$4,865.00 |
| Weekly offertory | \$5,835.01 |
| Over/Under budget | \$970.01 |
| Plan YTD | \$150,827.00 |
| Actual | \$168,649.00 |
| Excess (7 months) | \$17,822.00 |

LENTEN STATIONS of the CROSS:

St. Therese: Wednesday's after 5:45 pm Mass.

Mt. Carmel: Friday's 5:30 pm

A Lenten Fish Fry DRIVE-UP Fundraiser

St. Therese Church 2020 91st St 694-4695

Fridays 4:30-7:00 pm @ COST \$12.00

Cash or Check [payable to St. Therese]

Feb 26 / March 5, 12, 19 =

3 pc. Fried Cod with tartar sauce

French Fries, Cole Slaw, Cookies

Course on Critique of Evolution: "FOUNDATIONS RESTORED: A Catholic Perspective on Origins":

Next class Tues. Feb. 23, 7pm, St. Therese Church.

"Foundations Restored" is series of presentations on DVD defending the traditional Catholic doctrine of creation of the universe and of human life, as well as a refutation of Darwin's theory of evolution which has ushered in the world-wide culture of death.

Come and pray the Holy Rosary at St. Therese Church Sunday Evening's at 6:00pm.

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

Course "THE CASE FOR JESUS" on FORMED

Dr. Brant Pitre, Scripture scholar and bestselling author, uses biblical and historical evidence to bolster the "case for Jesus" by exposing many false theories re Jesus resulting in skepticism about our Christian Faith. He tackles questions like: Were the four Gospels written anonymously? Did Jesus claim to be God? and many more.

Here is the link: <https://watch.formed.org/videos/the-case-for-jesus> *You can enjoy programs on FORMED on devices such as Desktop, iOS, Apple TV, Android, Android TV and Roku.

Middle/ High school Youth Group Lenten vigil

Sat. March 5, 8pm - Midnight at St. Therese Church

In this 4-hour event, teens will pray before the Blessed Sacrament in reparation for sins that caused Christ's passion & death. Teens will be introduced to different devotions, and confessions will be heard. Our night will conclude with Benediction. Students may bring a friend. Permission slip & CoVID-19 waiver needed to participate. Please rsvp: religiouseducation@olmckenosha.org

MASS INTENTIONS for the Week

Monday, February 22

8:00 AM † Bill Martin

Tuesday, February 23

8:00 AM † Chad Aiello

Wednesday, February 24

5:45 PM † Aurora Farago

Thursday, February 25

8:00 AM † No Mass

Friday, February 26

8:00 AM Mary Elaine Gallagher (Jean Marie Humbrecht)

Saturday, February 27

4:00 PM † Living & Deceased Stancato Family

Sunday, February 28

8:30 AM † John Ruggiero, † Joseph & Regina Pumpera, † Mary Marasa

10:30 AM † For Members of the Parish

Saints & Readings:

Week of February 21, 2021

Sunday: 1st Sunday of Lent, Gn 9:8-15/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [cf. 10]/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15

Monday: The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle, 1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6 [1]/Mt 16:13-19

Tuesday: St. Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr, Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19 [18b]/Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19 [19b]/Lk 11:29-32

Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8 [3a]/Mt 7:7-12

Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8 [3]/Mt 5:20-26

Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8 [1b]/Mt 5:43-48

Next Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Lent, Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19 [9]/Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10

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

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| 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 |
| | Fax | 262-694-7284 |
| | Rel. Ed. Coord. | 262-705-9097 |
| Liturgical Musician | Jan Sleyster | 262-331-4734 |
| Sacristan | Jim Lauzon | 262-945-1855 |

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| All Saints Catholic School | 262-925-4000 |
| St. Joseph Catholic Academy | 262-654-8651 |

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| K-6 Rel. Ed. Coord. | beth.sturino@wi.rr.com | |
| 7-12 Rel. Ed. Coord. | heatherschweitzer04@gmail.com | |
| Heather Schweitzer | 262-914-2288 | |

Parish Staff

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| 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

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| 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.