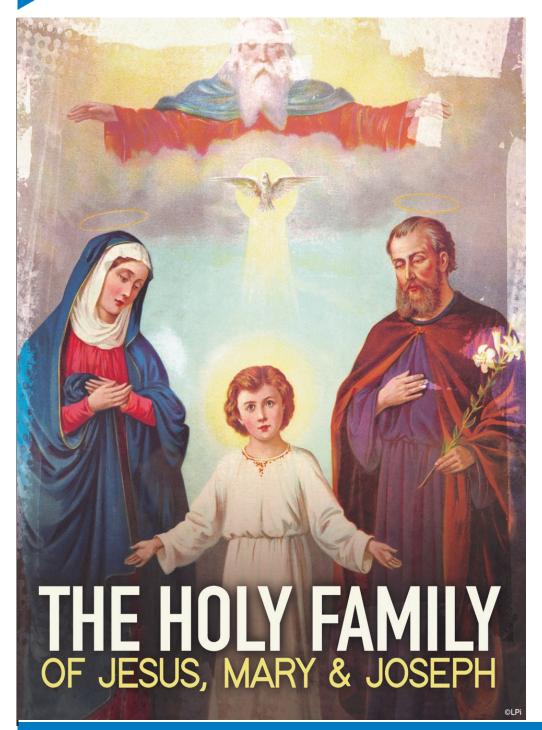


The Faith Community of

ST. THERESE OF LISIEUX

CATHOLIC CHURCH



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www.st-therese-kenosha.org https://www.facebook.com/ st.therese.kenosha/

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 26, 2021 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

The Twelve Days of Christmas

(The Faith Hidden in Song)

Catholics in England were forbidden to practice their faith openly during the years from 1538 to 1829. This song was developed to communicate their gift of faith in coded lyrics. The 12 days run from 25 December (Christmas) to 6 January (Epiphany). The "True Love" refers to God. The repetition of the melody signifies God's continual renewal of His gifts.

A Partridge is the symbol of Christ. The partridge will feign injury to protect nestlings who are defenseless, just as we are before Satan without Christ. A pear tree is the symbol of the salvation of humanity, just as the apple tree signifies human downfall.

Two Turtle doves symbolize the Old Testament sacrifice offered by even the poorest of people in Israel (with which Christ was "redeemed" by His parents at His presentation in the Temple).

Three French hens, valued for their beauty and rarity, symbolize the gifts of the three Wise Men, as also the three theological virtues of Faith, Hope, and Charity.

Four calling birds represent the four major prophets and the four Evangelists, the former announcing His coming and the latter proclaiming His message.

Five golden rings represent first and foremost the five most precious Crucifixial Wounds of Christ (to which there had long been great devotion, and thus the reason for the change in the melody at this point), as also the perfect circle of faith: God's love for us, our love for God, and our love for each other. The number five refers as well to the five obligatory sacraments (Baptism, Penance, the Holy Eucharist, Confirmation, and Extreme Unction) as also to the five books of the Bible which make up the Pentateuch, also known as the Law, in the Old Testament.

Six geese a-laying represent the six days of creation.



Seven swans a-swimming are the seven Gifts of the Holy Ghost and the seven Works of Mercy (there are seven works of Corporal Mercy and seven of Spiritual mercy).

Eight maids a-milking are the eight Beatitudes preached by Christ in the Sermon on the Mount, as well as the eight occasions during the year that were prescribed at that time for the reception of the Holy Eucharist.

Nine ladies dancing are the nine ranks of angel choirs, the Spirits who surround the Throne of God.

Ten lords a-leaping represent the Ten Commandments.

Eleven pipers playing are the eleven surviving Apostles proclaiming the Resurrection of Jesus.

Twelve drummers drumming are the twelve minor Prophets of the Old Testament and the twelve points of the Apostle's Creed. They symbolize also the Twelve Tribes of Israel, the twelve Apostles (their number being restored after Pentecost), as also the twelve Fruits of the Holy Ghost, Who came down at Pentecost. Twelve is also the Scriptural number representing completeness and fairness.



Fr. Campbell's **Wednesday 6am Men's Bible Study** will meet using ZOOM. Contact Fr. Campbell for the link at frcampbell@olmckenosha.org.



The MARIAN HOUR with Fr. Campbell WSFI 88.5 FM & and now also on 750AM every 2nd & 4th Wednesday. Next program: Wed. Jan. 12 at 2pm.

PRAY for the SICK in our PARISH,

and visit them if possible: Gerry



Buhnerkempe, Maria Miller, Pat Ware, William Wasurick, Mary Jo Koski, Phyllis Giovannoni, Florence Klappa, Daniel Lenegar, Jennifer Johnson, Laurie Smith, Jean Ammendola, Maria Koble, Aileen Hafferkamp, Billy Knutsen, Richard & Kathleen Bertola, Jim Lauzon. Please call the rectory for other sick persons 694-4695.

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

St. Therese Parish will be preparing a new membership directory in the Spring. Volunteers are needed to help organize the project and take candid pictures of Parish activities. Contact Sharon Beales, 262-960-8114.

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!

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!

Pope's Prayer Intention for December: Evangelization: Catechists. Let us pray for the catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God: may they be its witnesses, with courage and creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Parish Support

Weekend of December 5, 2021

\$4,490.56

 Budgeted weekly need...
 \$5,010.00

 Weekly offertory
 \$4,490.56

 Over/Under budget
 (\$519.44)

 Plan YTD
 \$110,212.00

 Actual
 \$104,610.00

 Shortfall (5 months)
 (\$5,602.00)

"For today in the city of David there has been born for you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord." We at SJCA wish everyone a very MERRY CHRISTMAS, full of peace, hope, joy and love.



Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God will be celebrated **Sat. Jan. 1st, 9:00am Mass**. Normally this is a Holy Day of Obligation, but this year it is not an obligatory Holy Day because it falls on Saturday. But we can still come to Mass Saturday morning to honor the greatest title and dignity of the BV Mary: Mother of God.

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



Holy Name Society will be having a **pancake and porky breakfast on Sunday, January 9 from 9-11am** in the hall. Adults \$7, kids 3-12 \$5, under 3 free.

March for Life will be on Friday, January 21, 2022.

Join fellow pro-life Wisconsinites for an exclusive journey to our nation's capital for the 2022 March for Life D.C., to be the voice of the preborn. You'll travel with Pro-Life Wisconsin on privately chartered buses to Washington D.C. on Wednesday, January 19th, and return to Wisconsin on Sunday, January 23rd.

Pickup locations include Madison, Green Bay, Plainfield, Necedah. Elm Grove, and Racine.

Visit <u>www.prolifewi.org/march-for-life-dc</u> for full details and register before December 20, 2021.

INFLATION

If you have been following the news or have been shopping lately, you are no doubt aware that inflation is increasing. The factors giving rise to this situation also affect St. Therese. The Parish Finance Committee has noticed that many of our members have been contributing the same amount weekly/monthly for several years. When inflation was low, the impact has been somewhat muted. However, over time the impact is more severe.

If you have not adjusted your contributions for several years, please consider whether an increase might be feasible. We appreciate the generosity of our parishioners and realize that what we are asking may not be possible for many. We just ask that you be aware of the parish needs and consider what you can afford. "God loves a cheerful giver" (St. Paul). Thank you.

HEROIC MEN is a 100% FREE Catholic streaming platform designed especially for men who want to discover (or re-discover) the truth, beauty and goodness of the Catholic faith. Offering more than 100 feature-length films, TV shows, documentaries and short films, Heroic Men seeks to source the best Catholic media available and bring it all to you, all in one place.

Some examples of programs on Heroic Men:

"RISE": a 30-day challenge for greater peace and balance in your life

"STRIVE": a 21-day challenge to break free from addition to pornography. Go to the website: *heroicmen.com*

MASS INTENTIONS for the Week

Monday, December 27

8:00 AM † Hans Ceisel

Tuesday, December 28

8:00 AM For all Lapsed Catholics

Wednesday, December 29

5:45 PM † All Souls in Purgatory

Thursday, December 30

8:00 AM † No Mass

Friday, December 31

8:00 AM † Germaine Brennan

Saturday, January 1

9:00 AM Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God † Richard Slevster

4:00 PM † Priest Intention

Sunday, January 2

8:30 AM † Richard Neiper

10:30 AM † For Members of the Parish

Saints & Readings. Week of December 26, 2021

Sunday: The Holy Family, Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Lk 2:41-52 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 [cf. 5a]/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52 Monday: St. John, Apostle and Evangelist, 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12]/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Tuesday: The Holy Innocents, Martyrs, 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/Mt 2:13-18

Wednesday: St. Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr, 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]/Lk 2:22-35

Thursday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/Lk 2:36-40 Friday: St. Sylvester I, Pope; New Year's Eve, 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/Jn 1:1-18

Saturday: New Year's Day; Mary, The Holy Mother of God; World Day of Peace, Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4 -7/Lk 2:16-21

Next Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord; Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops, and Doctors of the Church Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

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 4:00 PM

Saturday 3:00 to 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 262-694-7284 Fax Rel. Ed. Coor 262-705-9097 Liturgical Musician Jan Sleyster 262-331-4734 Sacristan Jim Lauzon 262-945-1855 All Saints Catholic School 262-925-4000 St. Joseph Catholic Academy 262-654-8651

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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.