



The Faith Community of

ST. THERESE OF LISIEUX

CATHOLIC CHURCH



4th SUNDAY of Advent

"And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy." - Lk 1:43-44

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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*

December 19, 2021 Fourth Sunday of Advent

The First North American Christmas Carol

The first North American Christmas carol was written by a saint -- and a member of the Society of Jesus. Now known as "The Huron Carol", it was written by Saint John de Brébeuf, Jesuit missionary to the Huron Indians, who was martyred in 1649 by the Iroquois. Father de Brébeuf worked among the Hurons from 1626 until he was burnt at the stake after suffering heinously brutal torture. The Iroquois also attacked and destroyed the Huron mission in 1649 and 1650.

According to Jesuit Father Francis X. Heiser's account (*The Christmas Book*, New York: Harcourt, Brace, and Company, 1952, pp. 82-84), Father de Brébeuf wrote the Huron language Christmas hymn, "*Jesous Ahatonnia*" ("Jesus is Born"), which he adapted from a sixteenth century French folk song. The Hurons who escaped the Iroquois attacks preserved the hymn. They later settled at Loretto, near Quebec, led by other missionaries. Father Étienne de Villeneuve recorded the words of the hymn, which were found among his papers following his death in 1794.

We may see in "The Huron Carol" an example of early missionaries' authentic "inculturation". In order to transmit intelligibly the full Christian truth -- a truth that transcends all time and cultures -- they made use not only of local language, but of an alien cultural idiom.



Saint John de Brébeuf
pencil drawing by
Helen Hull Hitchcock

The Huron Carol ('Twas In The Moon of Winter Time)

'Twas in the moon of wintertime when all the birds had fled
That mighty Gitchi Manitou sent angel choirs instead;
Before their light the stars grew dim and wondering hunters heard the hymn,
Jesus your King is born, Jesus is born, in excelsis gloria.

Within a lodge of broken bark the tender babe was found;
A ragged robe of rabbit skin enwrapped his beauty round
But as the hunter braves drew nigh the angel song rang loud and high
Jesus your King is born, Jesus is born, in excelsis gloria.

The earliest moon of wintertime is not so round and fair
As was the ring of glory on the helpless infant there.
The chiefs from far before him knelt with gifts of fox and beaver pelt.
Jesus your King is born, Jesus is born, in excelsis gloria.

O children of the forest free, O seed of Manitou
The holy Child of earth and heaven is born today for you.
Come kneel before the radiant boy who brings you beauty peace and joy.
Jesus your King is born, Jesus is born, in excelsis gloria.

THE NATIVITY OF CHRIST

by St. Robert Southwell, S.J.

Behold the father is his daughter's son,
The bird that built the nest is hatch'd therein,
The old of years an hour hath not outrun,
Eternal life to live doth now begin,
The word is dumb, the mirth of heaven doth weep,
Might feeble is, and force doth faintly creep.

O dying souls! behold your living spring!
O dazzled eyes! behold your sun of grace!
Dull ears attend what word this word doth bring!
Up, heavy hearts, with joy your joy embrace!
From death, from dark, from deafness, from despairs,
This life, this light, this word, this joy repairs.

Gift better than Himself God doth not know,
Gift better than his God no man can see;
This gift doth here the giver given bestow,
Gift to this gift let each receiver be:
God is my gift, Himself He freely gave me,
God's gift am I, and none but God shall have me.

Man alter'd was by sin from man to beast;
Beast's food is hay, hay is all mortal flesh;
Now God is flesh, and lies in manger press'd,
As hay the brutest sinner to refresh:
Oh happy field wherein this fodder grew,
Whose taste doth us from beasts to men renew!

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. Dec. 22 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!

Sign up for free **Daily Advent Reflections** by Dr. Tim Gray on FORMED at DAILY.FORMED.org. To sign up for FORMED see ad in our bulletin!

Merry Christmas!

The Parish Office will be closed the week of December 27 and will reopen on Monday, January 3.



Parish Support unavailable at time of publication.

Christmas Mass Schedule

St. Therese: Christmas Eve Friday Dec. 24: 4pm & 10pm
(Caroling Concert 9:30pm before 10pm Mass on Fri. Dec. 24)

Christmas Day Sat. Dec. 25: 8:30am & 10:30am

Mt. Carmel: Christmas Eve Friday Dec. 24: 4pm
Midnight Mass (Latin): 12am

Christmas Day Sat. Dec. 25: 10am
(Christmas hymns sung before Masses)

Additional Confession Times in Advent

St. Therese: Wednesday Dec. 22: 4:30-5:30pm; 6:15-7:15pm

Mt. Carmel: Tuesday Dec. 21: 4:30-5:30pm
Friday Dec. 24: 11am-12pm

Christmas Cards

At this time of year, after writing out Christmas cards for our family and friends, we have a half or quarter box of cards left.

Might you consider donating those cards to be used for inmates in prisons and jails for next year, Christmas 2022?

The cards can be religious or secular.

Please drop them off at the parish office between Monday and Thursday between the hours of 8:00am and 2:30pm.

Thank you for this hidden work of mercy.

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

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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.

MASS INTENTIONS for the Week

Monday, December 20

8:00 AM † Hans Ceisel

Tuesday, December 21

8:00 AM † Souls in Purgatory (Wanta Family)

Wednesday, December 22

5:45 PM † John & Julie Stancato

Thursday, December 23

8:00 AM † No Mass

Friday, December 24 Christmas Eve

4:00 PM † Kathy Jenewein (Paul Loewen) † McKenna Skarda (Grandparents)

10:00 PM † For Members of the Parish

Saturday, December 25 Christmas Day

8:30 AM † Germaine Brennan † Byron E. Bureson

10:30 AM † Private Intention

Sunday, December 26 The Holy Family

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

10:30 AM † For Members of the Parish

Saints & Readings:

Week of December 19, 2021

Sunday: 4th Sunday of Advent, Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/ Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45

Monday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 7c and 10b]/Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday: St. Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church, Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 [1a; 3a]/Lk 1:39-45

Wednesday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd [cf. 1a]/Lk 1:46-56

Thursday: St. John of Kanty, Priest, Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14 [cf. Lk 21:28]/Lk 1:57-66

Friday: Christmas Eve, *Morning*: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29 [2]/Lk 1:67-79

Saturday: The Nativity of the Lord, *Vigil*: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 [2a]/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25/*Night*: Is 9:1-6/

Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13 [Lk 2:11]/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14/*Dawn*: Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20/*Day*: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [3c]/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

Next 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

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 |
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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.