



The Faith Community of

# ST. THERESE OF LISIEUX

CATHOLIC CHURCH



## THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

This is what John the Baptist proclaimed: "One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." - Mk 1:7-8

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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 unending 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*

January 10, 2021 The Baptism of The Lord

## Proclamation on 850th Anniversary of the Martyrdom of Saint Thomas Becket

Today is the 850th anniversary of the martyrdom of Saint Thomas Becket on December 29, 1170. Thomas Becket was a statesman, a scholar, a chancellor, a priest, an archbishop, and a lion of religious liberty. Before the Magna Carta was drafted, before the right to free exercise of religion was enshrined as America's first freedom in our glorious Constitution, Thomas gave his life so that, as he said, "the Church will attain liberty and peace."

The son of a London sheriff and once described as "a low-born clerk" by the King who had him killed, Thomas Becket rose to become the leader of the church in England. When the crown attempted to encroach upon the affairs of the house of God through the Constitutions of Clarendon, Thomas refused to sign the offending document. When the furious King Henry II threatened to hold him in contempt of royal authority and questioned why this "poor and humble" priest would dare defy him, Archbishop Becket responded "God is the supreme ruler, above Kings" and "we ought to obey God rather than men."

Because Thomas would not assent to rendering the church subservient to the state, he was forced to forfeit all his property and flee his own country. Years later, after the intervention of the Pope, Becket was allowed to return — and continued to resist the King's oppressive interferences into the life of the church. Finally, the King had enough of Thomas Becket's stalwart defense of religious faith and reportedly exclaimed in consternation: "Will no one rid me of this meddlesome priest?"

The King's knights responded and rode to Canterbury Cathedral to deliver Thomas Becket an ultimatum: give in to the King's demands or die. Thomas's reply echoes around the world and across the ages. His last words on this earth were these: "For the name of Jesus and the protection of the Church, I am ready to embrace death." Dressed in holy robes, Thomas was cut down where he stood inside the walls of his own church.

Thomas Becket's martyrdom changed the course of history. It eventually brought about numerous constitutional limitations on the power of the state over the Church across the West. In England, Becket's murder led to the Magna Carta's declaration 45 years later that: "[T]he English church shall be free, and shall have its rights undiminished and its liberties unimpaired."

When the Archbishop refused to allow the King to interfere in the affairs of the Church, Thomas Becket stood at the intersection of church and state. That stand, after centuries of state-sponsored religious oppression and religious wars throughout Europe, eventually led to the establishment of religious liberty in the New World. It is because of great men like Thomas Becket that the first American President George Washington could proclaim more than 600 years later that, in the United States, "All possess alike liberty of conscience and immunities of citizenship" and that "it is now no more that toleration is spoken of, as if it was by the indulgence of one class of people, that another enjoyed the exercise of their inherent natural rights."

Thomas Becket's death serves as a powerful and timeless reminder to every American that our freedom from religious persecution is not a mere luxury or accident of history, but rather an essential element of our liberty. It is our priceless treasure and inheritance. And it was bought with the blood of martyrs.

As Americans, we were first united by our belief that "rebellion to tyrants is obedience to God" and that defending liberty is more important than life itself. If we are to continue to be the land of the free, no government official, no governor, no bureaucrat, no judge, and no legislator must be allowed to decree what is orthodox in matters of religion or to require religious believers to violate their consciences. No right is more fundamental to a peaceful, prosperous, and virtuous society than the right to follow one's religious convictions. As I declared in Krasiński Square in Warsaw, Poland on July 6, 2017, the people of America and the people of the world still cry out: "We want God."

On this day, we celebrate and revere Thomas Becket's courageous stand for religious liberty and we reaffirm our call to end religious persecution worldwide. In my historic address to the United Nations last year, I made clear that America stands with believers in every country who ask only for the freedom to live according to the faith that is within their own hearts. I also stated that global bureaucrats have absolutely no business attacking the sovereignty of nations that wish to protect innocent life, reflecting the belief held by the United States and many other countries that every child — born and unborn — is a sacred gift from God. Earlier this year, I signed an Executive Order to prioritize religious freedom as a core dimension of United States foreign policy. We have directed every Ambassador — and the over 13,000 United States Foreign Service officers and specialists — in more than 195 countries to promote, defend, and support religious freedom as a central pillar of American diplomacy.

We pray for religious believers everywhere who suffer persecution for their faith. We especially pray for their brave and inspiring shepherds — like Cardinal Joseph Zen of Hong Kong and Pastor Wang Yi of Chengdu — who are tireless witnesses to hope.

To honor Thomas Becket's memory, the crimes against people of faith must stop, prisoners of conscience must be released, laws restricting freedom of religion and belief must be repealed, and the vulnerable, the defenseless, and the oppressed must be protected. The tyranny and murder that shocked the conscience of the Middle Ages must never be allowed to happen again. As long as America stands, we will always defend religious liberty.

A society without religion cannot prosper. A nation without faith cannot endure — because justice, goodness, and peace cannot prevail without the grace of God.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DONALD J. TRUMP, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim December 29, 2020, as the 850th anniversary of the martyrdom of Saint Thomas Becket. I invite the people of the United States to observe the day in schools and churches and customary places of meeting with appropriate ceremonies in commemoration of the life and legacy of Thomas Becket.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this twenty-eighth day of December, in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-fifth.

DONALD J. TRUMP

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. January 13 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, Darlene Skarda. 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 January is for Walkin' In My Shoes.** Supporting all the needy of the community, especially Grandparents raising their Grandchildren— providing basic necessities and resources for a better life. **Needs:** School supplies & backpacks, Children's socks & Personal care items. \*Grocery store gift cards to purchase fresh foods, juice milk & bread. Monetary donations are also welcome and may be placed in the Community Outreach box.

**Pope's Prayer Intention for January. Evangelization: Human fraternity.** May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all.

**Parish Support**

Weekend of December 20, 2020

**\$6,024.75**

Budgeted weekly need...	\$4,865.00
Weekly offertory	\$6,024.75
<b>Over/Under budget</b>	<b>\$1,159.75</b>
Plan YTD	\$126,500.00
Actual	\$129,161.00
<b>Excess (6 months)</b>	<b>\$2,661.00</b>

**Course on Critique of Evolution: "Foundations Restored: A Catholic Perspective on Origins":**

**Next class Tues. Jan. 12, 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 Descartes' faulty philosophy) which has provided a pseudo-scientific foundation for the world-wide culture of death.

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

St Therese will be having an **Italian Beef Dinner Fund-raiser on Super Bowl Sunday February 7, 2021.** This is the famous beef served at our Parish Festival. Dinner includes 1 lb of beef, 4 bomber buns, salad, dressing, chips and cookies. Cost is \$25. Additional beef can be purchased for \$10/lb. Preorders are necessary and taken at st-therese-kenosha.org or call 262-697-0834. Pick up on February 7th 11:30 am until 2:00 pm. Cash or credit. Enjoy the Big Game with a taste of our summer festival.

**In order to reduce costs and maximize our profits any and all donations toward purchase of supplies would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Joe Stancato 262-697-0834. RSVP by January 24, 2021.**

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

**Morality Concerning Use of Covid-19 Vaccines**

The United States Bishops have approved the use of the Moderna and Pfizer Covid-19 Vaccines for Catholics as an "act of charity" in light of the public health risks of the pandemic. The USCCB Committee on Pro-Life and Doctrine stated: "People may in good conscience use the vaccines produced by Pfizer and Moderna, which made only limited use of those unethical cell lines (for lab testing of the vaccine)." Moral theologians refer to this as "remote material cooperation." The Vatican has agreed with this. At this time the Church allows the use of the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines to combat Covid-19 if you choose to be vaccinated.

However, given that these companies did make use of cell lines from aborted babies in their research for production of the vaccines, one is free to refuse to be vaccinated, as long as one does his best to avoid transmitting the virus to others.

For the complete statement of the US Bishops on the "Moral Considerations Regarding the New COVID-19 Vaccines" go the USCCB website at <https://www.usccb.org/moral-considerations-covid-vaccines>.

**MASS INTENTIONS for the Week**

**Monday, January 11**

8:00 AM † Ralph & Warren Harris (Lucille Thomsen)

**Tuesday, January 12**

8:00 AM † Ruth Kmacbert (Jody Tremear)

**Wednesday, January 13**

5:45 PM † Frank & Verna Lukaszewicz (Lucille Thomsen)

**Thursday, January 14**

8:00 AM † No Mass

**Friday, January 15**

8:00 AM † Joseph, Alice & Frank Lukas (Lucille Thomsen)

**Saturday, January 16**

4:00 PM † Lawrence Story

**Sunday, January 17**

8:30 AM † Lawrence & Trudy Lukas (Lucille Thomsen)

10:30 AM † For Members of the Parish

**Saints & Readings:**

**Week of January 10, 2021**

Sunday: The Baptism of the Lord, Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/Acts 10:34-38/Mk 1:7-11 or Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [3])/1 Jn 5:1-9/Mk 1:7-11

Monday: Heb 1:1-6/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 6 and 7c, 9 [cf. 7c]/Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9 [cf. 7]/Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday: St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church, Heb 2:14-18/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 [8a]/Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: Heb 3:7-14/Ps 95:6-7c, 8-9, 10-11 [8]/Mk 1:40-45

Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11/Ps 78:3 and 4bc, 6c-7, 8 [cf. 7b]/Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: Heb 4:12-16/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 [cf. Jn 6:63c]/Mk 2:13-17

Next Sunday: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10 [8a, 9a]/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42

**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
	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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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**

Robert Beales, Trustee Treasurer	Kristen Kelly
Jim Lauzon, Trustee Secretary	Ray Irving
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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.