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CATHOLIC CHURCH



FEAST OF THE

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION



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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 unending 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*

December 4, 2022 Second Sunday of Advent

Guide to the Catechism of the Catholic Church

Holy Mary, Mother of God

Alfred McBride, O. Praem.

Article #19



“Catholic belief about Mary is based on what we believe about Christ. What we teach about Mary illumines our faith in Christ,” Catechism, 487.

The most famous decision of the Council of Ephesus, held in A.D. 431, was to declare that Mary was the “Mother of God,” *Theotokos*, or God-bearer. Why were they moved to affirm the ancient faith of the Church about Mary? Because the Patriarch of Constantinople, Nestorius, was teaching that the child born of Mary was only human. He argued that only after the birth the Word of God was united with the human Jesus. Mary could not be God’s mother. The Council Fathers rejected this teaching. They asserted that the Son of God was united to the humanity of Jesus from the beginning. “He made the birth of his flesh into his own flesh. Thus we do not hesitate to call the Holy Virgin: Mother of God.” Though the pronouncement affirms Mary’s maternity, they were primarily making a faith statement about Jesus. Teachings about Mary shed light on Jesus. This principle applies to Mary’s Immaculate Conception and perpetual virginity. Some mistakenly think that the “Immaculate Conception” refers to Mary’s begetting Jesus without sexual union with a man. Actually, it means that Mary was herself conceived without Original Sin. This gift of hers came entirely from Christ and prepared her for her role as mother of our Savior.

Conceived by God

The Church also affirms that Jesus was conceived sheerly by the power of the Holy Spirit in the womb of the Virgin Mary. This has its basis in the Gospels (Mt 1:18-25; Lk 1:34). Clearly, the Gospel narratives understand this conception as a work of God that goes beyond human comprehension and capability. Some people, both ancient and modern, dismiss this as a myth or a theological construction. Only faith can see this truth and treasure it. Further, the Church believes that Mary always remained a virgin. Here again, faith affirms what seems strange to unaided human reason. Since earliest times, the Church’s Liturgy acclaims Mary as “ever virgin.” Some object that the Scripture mentions brothers and sisters of Jesus (Mk 3:31-35; 1 Cor 9:5; Gal 1:19). The Church has always understood these passages as referring to the close relatives of Jesus. The Council of Capua in 392, led by St. Ambrose, reaffirmed the faith of the Church in Mary’s perpetual virginity. Her original virginity prepared her to be the Mother of God. Her perpetual virginity prepared her to be the Mother of the Church. On the Cross, Jesus called Mary to be the mother of the redeemed. “Woman, behold, thy son” (Jn 19:26). We love Mary because we love Jesus. We love the mother because we love the Son.

Reflection

1. *Why is Mary the “Immaculate Conception”?*

We believe that, from the descendants of Eve, God has chosen Mary to be the mother of His Son. “Full of grace,” she is the most excellent fruit of the redemption. She is totally preserved from the stain of Original Sin (*Catechism*, 508).

2. *Why can we say Mary is the Mother of God?*

We believe that Mary is truly “Mother of God” because her Son is the eternal Son of God (*Catechism*, 509).

3. *What is the Church’s faith about Mary’s virginity?*

We believe that Mary “remained a virgin in conceiving her Son, virgin in giving birth to Him, virgin in carrying Him, virgin in feeding Him from her breast, *virgin always*” (St. Augustine, Sermon 186). She cooperated with total faith and obedience in the salvation of mankind (*Catechism*, 510-511).

Prayer

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

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. December 14, at 2pm.**

PRAY for the SICK in our PARISH, and visit them if possible: Pat Ware, William Wasurick, Mary Jo Koski, Florence Klappa, Daniel Lenegar, Jennifer Johnson, Laurie Smith, Jean Ammendola, Maria Koble, Aileen Hafferkamp, Billie Knutsen, Richard & Kathleen Bertola, Lawrence W. Klein Sr., Diana Sauter, Donald Glade, Michelle Jenewein. Call rectory for other sick persons 694-4695.



Sign up for FORMED: A program which gives our Parishioners free access to many Catholic Programs and family friendly movies. **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!**

Friday Eucharistic Adoration:

Friday adoration begins after 8am Mass, closes w/Benediction at 5pm. **First Friday** adoration continues to Saturday 6am.



The **Holy Name society** will be having a **free pancake and porky breakfast on Sunday, December 11 from 9 to 11 am** in the hall. Donations will be accepted.

Parish Support:

Weekend of Nov. 20, 2022	\$3,810.50
Budgeted weekly need...	\$5,567.00
Weekly offertory	\$3,810.50
Over/Under budget	(\$1,756.50)
Plan YTD	\$122,474.00
Actual	\$113,271.00
Shortfall (5 months)	(\$9,203.00)

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Thursday, December 8
A Holy Day of obligation.

Vigil Mass: Wednesday, Dec. 7, 5:45pm
Masses: Thursday, Dec. 8, 8:00am & 7:00pm

Mt. Carmel: Wed. Dec. 7, 7pm
Thurs. Dec. 8, 8:00am & 5:30pm (Latin Mass)

BAKERS NEEDED – Your help would be greatly appreciated! Kindly drop off any type of cookies and/or bread at church by Thur., 12/15 for our Christmas Bake Sale that weekend.

Christmas Cookies and Bread Bake Sale! Delicious treats, homemade by our talented bakers will be for sale before and after Masses the weekend of Dec. 17 - 18.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S CIRCLE: Next mtg is Mon., 12/12 at 9 a.m. Join us to meet new friends & learn about opportunities to support St. Therese Parish, and one another. Childcare available: Kindly let Jean Marie know how many kids to expect (764-1864).

Former Hallmark star Candace Cameron Bure says her new network will keep 'traditional marriage at the core'

Jonathon Van Maren ([LifeSiteNews](#), Nov. 19, 2022) – After making twenty films with the Hallmark Channel, known for its kitschy, cookie cutter romance stories, conservative actress Candace Cameron Bure recently joined the Great American Family as chief creative officer., a cable TV network specializing in what it calls family-oriented entertainment. Like virtually every other American entertainment enterprise, the Hallmark Channel recently made the pivot to LGBT content, featuring a "queer character" in their 2020 seasonal film *The Christmas House* (a couple, Brandon and Jake, discussing adopting a child), and on December 11 will be releasing *The Holiday Sitter*, a "gay romance" in which a bachelor babysitting his niece falls for the neighbor man.

This move is unsurprising to anyone following our cultural shift—once the term "family" was redefined, it was clear that "family-friendly" would also mean something very different very quickly. What followed, too, has been predictable—the public pillorying of anyone who questions this new version of "family-friendly" and the arrival of queer Christmas films. Candace Cameron Bure found this out the hard way when, in a recent *Wall Street Journal* interview, she stated that the Great American Family would be avoiding such storylines: "I think the Great American Family will keep traditional marriage at the core," she said. The reaction was immediate.

Actress Jojo Siwa stated that focusing on the "traditional family" was active discrimination. "Honestly, I can't believe...she would not only create a movie with the intention of excluding LGBTQIA+, but then also talk about it in the press," she wrote on Instagram. "This is rude and hurtful to a whole community of people." The post was swiftly packed with positive comments and affirmation. Hallmark star Holly Robinson Peete responded: "Go make the content that you want to make but why insist on castigating others? It's the judgment for me. As a proud mom of an LGBTQIA person, the traditional marriage quote stung. Proud to be on Hallmark channel which understands the importance of diversity and inclusion of EVERYONE." None, incidentally, explained how stating that keeping "traditional marriage at the core" was "castigating people" or being "rude and hurtful."

MASS INTENTIONS for the Week

Monday, December 5

8:00 AM Rachael Aiello & Paul Aiello

Tuesday, December 6

8:00 AM † Daniel Campbell (Bob & Beth Sturino)

Wednesday, December 7 Vigil Mass

5:45 PM † Peppie & Minnie Greco

Thursday, December 8 Immaculate Conception

8:00 AM † Members of the Parish

7:00 PM † Aurora Farago

Friday, December 9

8:00 AM † Lawrence Beales

Saturday, December 10

4:00 PM Joe Stancato

Sunday, December 11

8:30 AM † John Stancato Jr.

10:30 AM † For Members of the Parish

**Saints & Readings:
Week of December 4, 2022**

Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Advent; St. John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church, Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12

Monday: Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday: St. Nicholas, Bishop, Is 40:1-11/Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13/Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday: St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church, Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10/Mt 11:28-30

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

Friday: St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin, Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Mt 11:16-19

Saturday: Our Lady of Loreto, Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19/Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Next Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Advent; St. Damasus I, Pope, Is 35:1-6a, 10/Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11

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
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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.