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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*

The Nativity of the Lord

December 25, 2022 The Nativity of The Lord

The Announcement Of The Birth Of Christ

By MSGR. RICHARD J. SCHULER

The martyrology (in Latin, *Martyrologium Romanum*) is a list of saints arranged according to the days of the year and the places of their burial. Such lists were customary in most churches of the ancient world, Rome itself having a very extensive and famous one. The catacombs along the various roads leading out of Rome are mentioned for the martyrs buried there. The book gives the saint's name, his outstanding virtues, how he died, and where he is particularly venerated.

The Roman martyrology, in addition to the listing of a great number of martyrs and saints both from Rome itself and from various distant lands, also contains on Dec. 24th, Christmas Eve, the announcement of the Birth of Christ. In monasteries, seminaries, and religious houses around the world, it was

the custom to read or sing the special entry for that day. This was usually done during the celebration of the hour of Prime in the Divine Office, but sometimes it took place in the refectory as part of the reading at the noon meal. With the suppression of the hour of Prime in the liturgy reforms following the Second Vatican Council, it is more and more becoming the practice to make the announcement of Christ's Birth immediately before the celebration of the Midnight Mass of Christmas Eve.

Using the ancient forms for the computation of time, the text is a very dramatic statement of the fact of the Incarnation. It places the Birth of Christ at the center of time and human history with references to both Jewish and Roman events. This is the text:

In the year 5199 since the creation of the world, when God made Heaven and earth;
 in the year 2759 since the flood;
 in the year 2015 since Abraham's birth;
 in the year 1510 since the exodus of the people of Israel from Egypt under the guidance of Moses;
 in the year 1032 since David was anointed king;
 in the 65th week of the year according to Daniel's prophecy;
 in the 194th Olympiad, in the year 732 after the building of Rome;
 in the 42nd year of the reign of Octavian Augustus, when there was peace in the whole world;
 in the 6th era of the world's history;
 Jesus Christ, eternal God and Son of the eternal Father, desired to sanctify the world by His gracious coming.
 He was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and now after nine months (all kneel)
 He is born at Bethlehem in the tribe of Judah as Man from the Virgin Mary.

THE BIRTH OF OUR LORD JESUS IN THE FLESH.

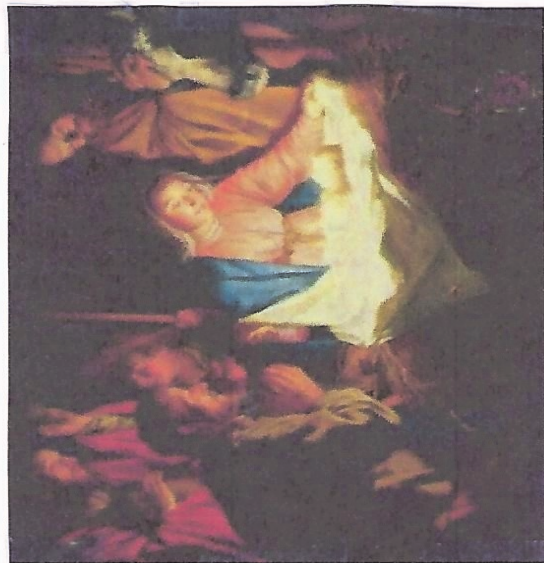
In some European monasteries it was the custom for the chanter to vest in alb and violet cope, walk to the center of the sanctuary, accompanied by ministers carrying candles and incense, and after incensing the book placed on the violet-covered lectern, he proclaimed the text in Latin. All present would stand with heads uncovered, and at the words "at Bethlehem," everyone would kneel. When the chanter sang "Birth of our Lord," all prostrated in adoration of the Son of God become man. It was the first adoration of the Incarnate Word in the Christmas season.

Musically, the text of the martyrology was treated as a lesson with the usual melodic inflections prescribed for the singing of long passages, but on Christmas Eve, the recitation tone was raised a step higher, and at the words "in Bethlehem," the chanter jumped the pitch still another fourth higher, continuing on that high tone through the words "*ludae nascitur ex Maria Virgine factus homo.*"

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Here is the Church, 2,000 years after the event, with her roots in the ancient world, proclaiming to the 20th century the most important event in the history of mankind, placing the Birth of Christ at the very center of time. In response, all Christian nations in the medieval world agreed to calculate the passage of time with Christmas as the center point, dating events as "before" or "after" Christ's coming. Mankind has used the abbreviations BC and AD for over 1,000 years, and even nonbelievers thereby admit to the centrality of Jesus' Incarnation in human history.



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 28, 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, 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!**

Please note: St. Therese Congregation will NOT automatically prepare contribution receipts for tax purposes for 2022. If you wish to have a written receipt, please contact the Parish Office, to request one be prepared for you.

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



Merry Christmas!

The Parish Office will be closed the week of December 26 and will reopen on Monday, January 2.



Please come join us in prayer! Please join us on Sunday nights at 6:00pm at St. Therese as we pray the rosary and a litany for our world and for our personal intentions in front of Jesus in the Tabernacle.



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CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

St. Therese: Christmas Eve Sat. Dec. 24: 4pm & 10pm (Caroling Concert 9:30pm b/4 10pm Mass on Sat. Dec. 24) Christmas Day Sun. Dec. 25: 8:30am & 10:30am
Mt. Carmel: Christmas Eve Saturday Dec. 24: 4pm
Midnight Mass (Latin): 12am
Christmas Day Sun. Dec. 25: 10am (Christmas hymns sung before Masses)

All Oppression Shall Cease The Christmas song "O Holy Night" includes the following words: "Truly he taught us to love one another. His law is love, and His Gospel is peace. Chains shall he break, for the slave is our brother, and in His name all oppression shall cease." This is a reminder that as we celebrate Christmas, we renew our commitment to ending all oppression, particularly of those who are most oppressed, the children living before birth within their mothers...children who have been deprived of legal protection, and are oppressed by the mythology of choice. In the name of the newborn Christ, the oppression of our unborn children will cease. May Christmas give us the strength to be silent no more, and more active than ever in the pro-life cause.

The Birth of a Classic: Handel's "Messiah"

The "Hallelujah Chorus" from the sacred opera "Messiah" by George Frederick Handel is one of the best known and loved musical pieces. The whole work is heavenly, but the "Hallelujah Chorus" is really the highlight of the opera.

In his book, *Spiritual Lives of the Great Composers*, Patrick Kavanaugh tells how Handel barely ate during the 24 days he wrote the "Messiah." At one point, the composer had tears in his eyes and cried out to his servant, "I did think I did see all Heaven before me, and the great God Himself." He had just finished writing the "Hallelujah Chorus."

Amazingly, "Messiah" came at a time in his life when the 56-year-old Handel was facing bankruptcy and complete failure. By 1741 he was swimming in debt. It seemed certain he would land in debtor's prison, and he also had serious health problems. But writing "Messiah" proved to be the positive turning point in his life.

When King George II was present at the first performance of "Messiah" in London, he sprung to his feet at the sound of the "Hallelujah Chorus," and since the King stood, the whole audience stood. About 100 years later, even the aged Queen Victoria, who sat in her wheelchair as the chorus began, struggled to her feet as the choir sang, "King of kings and Lord of lords." She said, "No way will I sit in the presence of the King of kings." At the end of "Messiah," Handel wrote the letters "S.D.G." for *Soli Deo Gloria* (To God Alone be the Glory.)

MASS INTENTIONS for the Week

Monday, December 26

8:00 AM † Cyndee Boutan (David Lee)

Tuesday, December 27

8:00 AM † Barbara Cunningham

Wednesday, December 28

5:45 PM † Tom Higgins

Thursday, December 29

8:00 AM † No Mass

Friday, December 30

8:00 AM † Barbara Cunningham

Saturday, December 31 New Year's Eve

4:00 PM † Kelly McCormick (Mom & Dad)

Sunday, January 1 New Year's Day

8:30 AM † For Members of the Parish

10:30 AM † Eleanor Lukosaitis (John & Sharon Kirsch)

Saints & Readings:

Week of December 25, 2022

Sunday: 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/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 [3]/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

Monday: St. Stephen, First Martyr, Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17/Mt 10:17-22

Tuesday: St. John, Apostle and Evangelist, 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

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

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

Friday: Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

Saturday: St. Sylvester I, Pope; New Year's Eve, 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13/Jn 1:1-18

Next Sunday: Mary, The Holy Mother of God, National Migration Week, New Year's Day, World Day of Peace Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (2a)/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

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	
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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.