

The Faith Community of

ST. THERESE OF LISIEUX

CATHOLIC CHURCH



2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

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"This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." - Mt 17:5b

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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.

March 5, 2023 Second Sunday of Lent

Young police officer forced out for defending traditional marriage

PORT WENTWORTH, Georgia (LifeSiteNews) — Jacob Kersey, the 19-year-old Christian police officer who tendered his resignation after his department threatened him with termination over a Facebook post defending traditional marriage, spoke about the incident and his next steps collaborating with a nonprofit law firm in a Thursday interview with Christian author and podcaster Becket Cook.

Kersey made national headlines last month after he turned in his gun and badge following alleged bullying from his superiors at Port Wentworth Police Department in Georgia over a *personal* Facebook post describing the Christian understanding of marriage, which excludes homosexual unions.

"If we allow the Port Wentworth Police Department and the city to just brush this under the rug, this will continue to happen and it shouldn't," Kersey said. Kersey said his focus is both to uphold God's word and to fight for freedom of speech as protected by the U.S. Constitution. "If you cannot speak about religion, then you do not have religious freedom," he said.

In the post, Kersey paraphrased St. Paul's teaching on marriage in Ephesians, writing: "God designed marriage. Marriage refers to Christ and the church. That's why there is no such thing as homosexual marriage." He said his superiors told him to remove the post, and warned him that he could be terminated from his position if he refused. "I never thought anything like that would happen to me, especially here in Georgia, in a small town away from Savannah," Kersey said.

He said he was told that his traditional Christian perspectives, as shared on Facebook, could harm his ability to stay objective on the job. According to Kersey, it "was absurd" that that "question was even raised," since per that assessment any officer, whether Christian, Muslim, or Jewish, could be considered "not fit for duty" or "incapable of performing a job as a police officer" based on his or her "deeply held religious beliefs."

The young former police officer said that on January 4 he was called in for a meeting with his police chief, who he said "likened what I said" in the Facebook post to "using the 'N' word" or "saying 'eff all those homosexuals." Kersey recounted that he was placed on paid administrative leave while the department conducted an investigation, which included scouring the young man's social media posts and listening to his podcasts. Though he said investigators found he had violated no departmental or city policies, regulations, or laws, he was nonetheless told "not to do it again." Moreover, he said the department advised him that they would be creating a new policy that, while allowing him to share Bible verses on his social media, would nonetheless forbid him from offering any interpretation deemed offensive.

"January 17 I made the decision to resign," Kersey said. "I didn't see a viable option for going back to work at the police department." "They had shown that they were very hostile to my religious beliefs and towards the stance that I took in opposing them trying to tell me to remove the post," he continued. "Law enforcement is a dangerous job. And when you go out there and respond to calls, you need to know that your department has your back. And my department made it very clear that they did not." "I know God's word, I know the truth," he explained to Cook. "I'm not going to be silent about it."

Fr. Campbell comments: What happened to Jacob Kersey should cause all of us to worry, because — *mark my words* — the same is going to happen to all who follow Christ, not only in law enforcement, but in education, in law, in medicine, etc. The woke leftists, once they gain control, will punish all who oppose their agenda. They hypocritically preach "tolerance," but themselves allow none; rather, they demand that you agree with them, or you will be punished, cancelled, excluded. *We must oppose them, and fight for our God-given rights of freedom of religion and speech — and be prepared to be martyrs*.

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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 <u>88.5 FM</u> & and now <u>also</u> on <u>750AM</u> every 2nd & 4th Wednesday. Next program: Wed. March 8, at 2pm.

PRAY for the SICK in our PARISH,

and visit them if possible: Patricia Ware, William Wasurick, Mary Jo Koski, Flor-



ence 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, Bruce Kennedy, Julia Angelos, Randy Bonn. Call rectory for sick persons 694-4695.

LENTEN Friday Eucharistic Adoration:

Friday adoration begins after 8am Mass, closes w/Benediction at **3pm** during Lent **all Fridays** b/c of the Fish Fry's.



Attention men: You're invited to join the 2023 MEN of CHRIST CONFERENCE—Living Your Vocation Courageously—to be held in parishes across the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, with both virtual and live elements. The morning will feature well-known speakers, Mass, Adoration, Confession, and fellowship. Get all the details at MenOf-Christ.net

When: Saturday, 11 March 2023

Where: Carthage College – Siebert Chapel

Time: 7:00am Rosary, 7:30am Mass, 8:00am breakfast with

program to follow, ends at 12:00pm

Register at MenOfChrist.net or contact Len Hartnell at 262-945-6773 or len.hartnell@gmail.com for more informa-

tion.

40 DAYS for LIFE: Feb. 22-April 7

With the end of *Roe*, WI laws prohibit abortion in most cases, but women & abortionists now travel to Waukegan. From Feb 22nd – April 7th, you're invited to **pray & fast for 40 days to end to abortion**. You're also invited to **pray during this 40-day vigil outside Waukegan Planned Parenthood, 1601 N.** Lewis Ave., and ask others to join. More info and especially if you'd like to volunteer to help, please contact: Leslie, (847) 951-1064, hazfam6@comcast.net.

Parish Support

 Weekend of Feb. 19, 2023
 \$4,904.46

 Budgeted weekly need...
 \$5,567.00

 Weekly offertory
 \$4,904.46

 Over/Under budget
 (\$662.54)

 Plan YTD
 \$172,577.00

 Actual
 \$175,428.00

 Excess (7 months)
 \$2,851.00

Stations of the Cross

St. Therese: Wednesday's after 5:45pm Masses

Mt. Carmel: Friday's at 5:30pm



ST. THERESE Kenosha FRIDAY LENTEN FISH FRY—DINING IN THIS YEAR (or carry out option): Fridays in Lent (except Good Friday), 4:30-7pm. \$16 for fish dinner (baked or fried cod); grilled cheese or mac & cheese \$8. 2020 91st St., Kenosha.

Desserts for Fish Fry needed each week. Drop off during Parish Office Hours or Friday afternoon. Thanks

TACO TUESDAYS! Drive-thru every Tuesday during Lent. 4 tacos (2 pork, 2 beef) \$15. Online orders may be placed each week starting on Wed. up to Mon at 4:30 p.m. Pick up drive-thru orders from the 49th Street entrance (714 49th Street) 4:30-6:30 p.m. Orders must be placed in advance. No cash orders at the drive-thru. Proceeds will help offset the costs incurred due to the recent fire at the St. Elizabeth convent. To order go to: www.osvhub.com/saintelizabeth/forms/taco-tuesday

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S CIRCLE

Our next mtg will be **TUESDAY**, **March 14th**, at 9 a.m. Please join us to meet new friends & learn about opportunities to support St. Therese Parish, and one another. Childcare available: Kindly let us know how many kids to expect (764-1864).

Did you know **All Saints Catholic School** offers **before & after school care** for all registered students in 3 year-old Preschool through 8th grade? Our school day begins at 7:45am; we dismiss at 3:15pm (early on Thursdays 2pm). Available before school beginning at 6am and after school until 6pm. We will also be offering Summer Care to our registered ASCS families. To learn more please call (262) 925-4024.

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 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!

MASS INTENTIONS for the Week

Monday, March 6

8:00 AM † Robt. Ludwig

Tuesday, March 7

8:00 AM † Harry Williams (Georgette Williams)

Wednesday, March 8

5:45 PM Special Intentions of Scott Lantz (Linda

Lantz)

Thursday, March 9

8:00 AM † No Mass

Friday, March 10

8:00 AM † Donald Glade Jr.

Saturday, March 11

4:00 PM † John Stancato Jr.

Sunday, March 12

8:30 AM † For Members of the Parish

10:30 AM David Lee Family

Saints & Readings: Week of March 5, 2023

Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Lent, Gn 12:1-4a/Ps 33:4-5,

18-19, 20, 22 (22)/2 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/Lk 6:36-38 **Tuesday**: Sts. Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs, Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mt 23:1-12 **Wednesday**: St. John of God, Religious, Jer 18:18-20/

Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16/Mt 20:17-28

Thursday: St. Frances of Rome, Religious, Jer 17:5-

10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 16:19-31

Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-

19, 20-21/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11

-12/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Next Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Lent, Daylight Saving Time begins, Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

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

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 262-694-7284

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 262-705-9097

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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.