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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 unflinching 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*

4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



"Whoever enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens it for him, and the sheep hear his voice, as the shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them out." - Jn 10:2-3

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April 30, 2023 Fourth Sunday of Easter

Crafting a Pastoral Response to Gender Ideology Issues

Larry Hanson, *Catholic Herald* (April 8, 2023)

Catholics cannot hide from or avoid the cultural debate over gender ideology. That was the message from Theresa Farnan, Ph.D., during workshop on “Pastorally Responding to Gender Ideology,” held Tuesday, March 28, at Mary Mother of the Church Pastoral Center. “This is like a tsunami hitting the culture,” said Farnan, who made a point of saying how surprised she constantly is by how pervasive gender ideology is. “We have to talk about it so people know that we care, that we’re there for them, and then pray for them because that matters a whole lot to these families that are suffering and really struggling. The pain they go through is incredible.” Farnan, a fellow at the Ethics and Public Policy Center in Washington, D.C., focusing on the challenges of gender ideology as part of the Person and Identity Project, presented along with Mary Rice Hasson, J.D., and Dcn. Patrick Lappert, M.D., for approximately 180 school and parish leaders.

The presenters delivered content based on Christian anthropology, the cultural impact of gender ideology, medical issues related to it, how to pastorally care for individuals and families, and the formation of young people. The day-long event was the next step in a discussion that began with the January 2022 release of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee’s “Catechesis and Policy on Questions Concerning Gender Theory,” a document that has served as a blueprint for other dioceses across the nation in crafting their own policies.

The Archdiocese of Milwaukee’s policy defines gender ideology as *“An ideology or theory that denies the difference and reciprocity in nature of a man and a woman, and envisages a society without sexual differences, thereby eliminating the anthropological basis of the family. Thus, it promotes a personal identity and emotional intimacy radically separated from the biological difference between male and female. Consequently, human identity becomes a choice of the individual, one which can also change over time. Ideologies of this sort, which seek to respond to what are at times understandable aspirations, manage to assert themselves as absolute and unquestionable, even dictating how children should be raised. It needs to be emphasized that biological sex and the socio-cultural role of sex (gender) can be distinguished but not separated.”*

That presents a great clash of anthropologies in which the Christian worldview holds that we are created male or female by God, whereas gender ideology supports the fallacious notion that gender is self-creating and appears on an infinite spectrum of identities. The Catholic Church has released several clear teachings that gender ideology is incompatible with Catholic doctrine and is harmful to young people.

According to Dcn. Lappert of the Diocese of Birmingham, Alabama, these issues used to be isolated to a very small percentage of young boys who experienced gender dysphoria. Now, it is a much larger number and is disproportionately affecting females in their teens and early 20s, which indicates it is most likely a social phenomenon. He added that experts say as people mature, the gender dysphoria dissipates, so the most compassionate action is to provide counseling for other issues and take no action toward transitioning, socially or physically.

“Our young people deserve to know that (gender transition) is a medical scandal that exploits and harms vulnerable people,” Farnan said. “They need to hear it from us.” Hasson said part of the appeal of claiming a transgender identity is the positive affirmation that comes along with it. “Kids want to be appreciated,” Hasson said. “They want to know they matter. If they don’t feel that, they’re looking for a way to get that kind of feedback. The de-transitioners talk about when they’re feeling left out and they have no friends, you get love-bombed by this online community. They will take you no matter what and they validate every choice you make, whether it’s your names, your pronouns, your latest expression, how you’re changing yourself. It’s all good as long as you’re going in that direction. Unfortunately, as these young people learn, it doesn’t last, so one of the painful things for the de-transitioners is when they realize this is starting to hurt my body, they get repudiated and they risk losing all of their friends.”

“Your kids need you to love them,” Farnan said. According to the presenters, the first step in pastorally responding to young people who are experiencing gender confusion is strong catechesis and formation, such as providing the correct understanding of freedom (that it is always directed to the good), identity (that they are a child of God) and an authenticity grounded in a relationship to God. Catholics have to have the courage to be counter-cultural, grounded in the conviction that following God’s plan leads to happiness. When accompanying young people, Church leaders, teachers and family members are encouraged to ask open-ended questions (such “What does it mean ...” and “Tell me more”), along with empathizing and being a rational guide through the process.

Farnan added that youth aren’t the only ones who need accompanying; parents and siblings of children facing these issues also need support, along with peers, extended family and friends. She said they are affected by the issues raised by gender ideology, such as girls who lose scholarships to biological males who identify as female, students who self-censor for fear of being rebuked and boys who are being told their masculinity is toxic.

“We need to broaden our understanding of who we need to accompany, so we’re not just hyper-focusing on the child who claims a transgender identity,” Farnan said. “We have to realize it has ripple effects throughout the entire community.”

Archdiocesan resources for the pastoral response to issues raised by gender ideology can be found at www.archmil.org/evangelization/sex-identity. The Person and Identity Project can be found at personandidentity.com.

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 & also on 750AM** every 2nd & 4th Wednesday. Next program: **Wed. May 10, 2pm.**



SPRING RUMMAGE SALE - Spring cleaning is a good time to look around the house for unused items. Please consider donating them for our next rummage sale, **May 19th & 20th**. We accept **clean/in good condition** household items decor, shoes, coats, purses, toys, books, jewelry, kitchen, yard & garden, tools, etc. **Please do not bring other clothing, large appliances, TV's, electronics/furniture.** Setup begins May 8th. We need help setting up. Day and evening hours available. For more details, contact Tina Cajka @ 914-3480.

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



Please join us Sunday nights 6pm at St. Therese to pray the Rosary & litany for our world & personal intentions before Jesus in the Tabernacle.



Please join Our Lady of Mt. Carmel and St. Therese Parishes for the **2023 Confirmation Mass, Thursday May 4th, 2023, 7:00 p.m. Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church**
Candidates for Confirmation
 Anneliese Ceclia Blome Natalie Therese of Lisieux Gleeson
 Andreas Michael Gonzales Angelo Mark Gonzales
 Sydney Anne Laabs Stephen Oliver Plunket Hazinski
 Chloe Maria Goretti Schweitzer Molly Therese of Lisieux Granahan
 NaRhesa Mary Magdalene Mayhall

OUR SANCTUARY LAMP will burn this week for Richard Sleyster requested by Jan Sleyster and in grateful recognition of Our Lord's Sacramental Presence in our tabernacle.



St Therese Holy Name Society will be having a **meeting on Sunday, April 30 after the 8:30 Mass in the hall.** All men of the parish are welcome.

Special Collection Offerings **Community Outreach for April:** Please place cash offerings in our donation box to purchase food items for Arnetta of God's Kitchen to feed the hungry of Kenosha. **Shalom Center:** Place Non perishable food items in our donation baskets.

Parish Support	
Weekend of April 16, 2023	\$3,611.00
Budgeted weekly need...	\$5,567.00
Weekly offertory	\$3,611.00
Over/Under budget	(\$1,956.00)
Plan YTD	\$217,125.00
Actual	\$216,050.00
Excess (9 months)	\$1,075.00

LOVE ONE ANOTHER

THE CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN



Our Parish Share of the Campaign Funds

The largest component of the Love One Another Campaign is strengthening our parishes. Sixty percent (60%) of all pledges made and fulfilled by St. Therese Parish families will go toward needs of our parish, including:

- Asphalt for parking lots, driveways, church, and rectory.
- Re-shingling the church roof.
- Rectory repairs.
- Tithe of 10% to assist The Diocese of Kitui, Kenya.
- Outreach and evangelization

If we surpass our parish campaign goal, an even greater percentage of the funds contributed by our parish families will go toward our parish's needs.

Please pray for the success of the Love One Another Campaign.

Parish Goal: \$355,144
Total Pledged: \$303,400
Percent Goal Pledged: 85%
Number Pledges: 21
Average Pledge: \$14,448
Parish Share: \$182,040

May Crowning
 Saturday May 13th at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel
 Immediately following the 8:30am Mass

*All youth of OLMC and St. Therese Parishes Are invited to participate in a special May Crowning event.
 *It will not replace the Crowning events traditionally held at St. Therese.
 *The First Communicants are invited to wear their FHC attire.
 *Fr. Campbell will pick one young lady to crown Our Lady.
 *Every participant will present Our Lady with a flower.
 *Reception to follow
 **Please RSVP: religiouseducation@olmckenosha.org

Knights of Columbus Scholarship forms (for post-high school education programs) can be completed online using the attached writable PDF. Email to David Kreutz at bdkreutz@yahoo.com.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S CIRCLE will meet **Tuesday, May 9th 9 a.m.** Please join us to meet new friends & learn about opportunities to support St. Therese Parish, and one another. Child-care available: Let us know how many kids to expect (764-1864).

2023-2024 Middle and High School
 Religious Education Registration for 6th-11th Grades (Middle & High School CCD) is NOW OPEN. Visit Mt Carmel parish website under Youth Faith Formation to register. St. Therese CCD for Middle and High School classes are held at Mt. Carmel. Please see website for more information regarding Religious Education or contact: Heather Schweitzer religiouseducation@olmckenosha.com

MASS INTENTIONS for the Week

Monday, May 1

8:00 AM † Joseph, Alice & Frank Lucas

Tuesday, May 2

8:00 AM † Lawrence & Trudy Lucas

Wednesday, May 3

5:45 PM † Joseph, Eleanore, Bev & Joe Cerretti

Thursday, May 4

8:00 AM † No Mass

Friday, May 5

8:00 AM † Ramona, Robert & Larry Siville

Saturday, May 6

4:00 PM † Pat Roach (Jim Roach) † Donald Baker
(Bill & Sherry Ellis)

Sunday, May 7

8:30 AM † Gary Druding (Daughter) † Lola Fuerstenberg

10:30 AM † For Members of the Parish

*Saints & Readings:
Week of April 30, 2023*

Sunday: 4th Sunday of Easter, Acts 2:14a, 36-41/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (1)/1 Pt 2:20b-25/Jn 10:1-10

Monday: St. Joseph the Worker, Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4/Jn 10:11-18

Tuesday: St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church, Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday: Sts. Philip and James, Apostles, 1 Cor 15:1-8/ Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Jn 14:6-14

Thursday: National Day of Prayer, Acts 13:13-25/Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27/Jn 13:16-20

Friday: Cinco de Mayo, Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab/Jn 14:1-6

Saturday: Acts 13:44-52/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 14:7-14

Next Sunday: 5th Sunday of Easter, Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 (22)/1 Pt 2:4-9/Jn 14:1-12

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		

All Saints Catholic School 262-925-4000
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Parish Staff

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 Joyce Hui
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Rita Van Guyse, Secretary

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.