



The Faith Community of

# ST. THERESE OF LISIEUX

CATHOLIC CHURCH



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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*

## 27<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



*"The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone." - Mt 21:42ab*

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October 8, 2023 Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Bishop Strickland on same-sex ‘blessings’: God does not and cannot bless sin

Below are excerpts of a pastoral letter written by Bishop Joseph Strickland on Sept. 26, 2023, courtesy of *LifeSiteNews*:

We see many agendas in the world today that relate to human identity, in particular “sexual identity.” One that is very much before our eyes in this time is the LGBTQ agenda. As I stated in my pastoral letter from September 12, 2023: “The Church teaches that those who experience feelings of same-sex attraction or gender dysphoria do not sin simply because they have such feelings, but freely acting upon these feelings is sinful and not in accordance with God’s design for His children.”

Prior to his election as Pope Benedict XVI, Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger wrote: “In Genesis 3, we find that this truth about persons being an image of God has been obscured by original sin. There inevitably follows a loss of awareness of the covenantal character of the union these people had with God and with each other. The human body retains its ‘spousal significance’ but this is now clouded by sin. Thus, in Genesis 19:1-11, the deterioration due to sin continues in the story of the men of Sodom. There can be no doubt of the moral judgement made there against homosexual relations.” (Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger, *Letter to the Bishops of the Catholic Church on the Pastoral Care of Homosexual Persons*, October 1986, para. 6).

Cardinal Ratzinger continued: “To choose someone of the same sex for one’s sexual activity is to annul the rich symbolism and meaning, not to mention the goals, of the Creator’s sexual design. Homosexual activity is not a complementary union, able to transmit life, and so it thwarts the call to a life of that form of self-giving which the Gospel says is the essence of Christian living. This does not mean that homosexual persons are not often generous and giving of themselves; but when they engage in homosexual activity, they confirm within themselves a disordered sexual inclination which is essentially self-indulgent.” (Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger, *Letter to the Bishops of the Catholic Church on the Pastoral Care of Homosexual Persons*, October 1986, para. 7).

We must be loving but clear, therefore, that those who carry the burden of same-sex attraction must not act upon these inclinations because such activities are contrary to the biological and God-given identity of the individual, and therefore contrary to the will of God in all cases. We as their clergy, family, and friends must surround these individuals with love and support so they may embrace their crosses and live out their authentic, God-given identity. . . .

All of this brings us to the **upcoming Synod on Synodality** which is emerging as an attempt by some to change the focus of Catholicism from eternal salvation of souls in Christ, to making every person feel affirmed regardless of what choices they have made or will make in life. One of the topics that reportedly will be discussed during the Synod is the blessing of same-sex relationships. Archbishop Victor Manuel Fernandez, Prefect of the Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith, stated in July 2023, when asked about blessings for homosexual couples: “If a blessing is given in such a way that it does not cause that confusion, it will have to be analyzed and confirmed.”

However, we must look to the perennial and unchanging teaching of the Church – such a blessing would not be licit and, therefore, would undoubtedly cause confusion. In fact, the very same office, the Congregation (now Dicastery) for the Doctrine of the Faith, released a statement on March 15, 2021, entitled *Responsum of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith to a dubium regarding the blessing of the unions of persons of the same sex*. In this Responsum, the previous Prefect of the Congregation, Luis Cardinal Ladaria, stated that **God “does not and cannot bless sin”** and that, “For the above mentioned reasons, **the Church does not have, and cannot have, the power to bless unions of persons of the same sex.**”

Because truth cannot change, we must acknowledge that the Dicastery cannot come to a different conclusion now which would overturn the original statement of truth from the same office. Truth is based on God’s Divine Word as revealed in Sacred Scripture and Sacred Tradition, and as guarded by the Magisterium of the Church. Therefore, any attempt to permit blessings of same-sex unions would be an attack upon the Sacred Deposit of Faith.



Fr. Campbell's **Wednesday 6am Men's Bible Study** will meet using ZOOM. Contact Fr. Campbell for the link at [frcampbell@olmckenosha.org](mailto:frcampbell@olmckenosha.org).



The **MARIAN HOUR** with Fr. Campbell **WSFI 88.5 FM & also on 750AM** every 2nd & 4th Wednesday. Next program: **Wed. Oct.11, 2pm.**



**Biden admin agencies move to eliminate words like 'mother' and 'father' from childcare laws** Ashley Sadler ([LifeSiteNews](#)), Sept. 26, 2023: Agencies within the Biden administration have moved to scrub gender-specific words like "mother" and "father" from childcare legislation, according to a Monday report by CatholicVote. According to the report, an unpublished regulatory proposal filed by the Office of Child Support Services (OCSS), the Administration for Children and Families (ACF) and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) "proposes to make changes to replace the gender-specific terms 'mother' and 'father' with the gender-neutral term 'parent' where such terms appear" in the law. The proposal also suggests swapping out words like "his or her" with the gender-neutral but plural "their" and trading "paternity" for "parentage." The HHS states that its filing "aligns with President Biden's Executive orders" as well as the so-called "Respect for Marriage Act" in "advancing equity for all, including members of the LGBTQI+ communities," as well as "recogniz[ing] the existence of and legal needs of diverse family structures." CatholicVote cited its director of government affairs, Tom McClusky, who pointed out that "Concerned Catholics, including our bishops, have warned time and time again about the many executive orders and dangerous pieces of legislation cited in this new regulation," which he argued was an attempted "overhaul of the American family." This is far from the first time the Biden administration has made headlines for using gender-bending language in government filings or rejecting biological reality. As LifeSiteNews reported in 2021, President Joe Biden's 2022 budget proposal used the phrase "birthing people" instead of "mothers." Katy Faust, founder and director of "Them Before Us," a nonprofit committed to advancing social policies to defend the rights of children, added that using phrases like "birthing person," which carries the implication that men are capable of bearing children, is "insisting on the imaginary" while "rejecting the biological reality" that only women can be mothers.

**Parish Support**

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| Weekend of September 17, 2023 | <b>\$3,112.00</b>    |
| Budgeted weekly need...       | \$5,567.00           |
| Weekly offertory              | \$3,112.00           |
| <b>Over/Under budget</b>      | <b>(\$2,455.00)</b>  |
| Plan YTD                      | \$72,500.00          |
| Actual                        | \$58,561.00          |
| <b>Shortfall (3 months)</b>   | <b>(\$13,939.00)</b> |

**St Therese Holy Name** will be having a pancake and porky breakfast on **Sunday October 29 from 9 to 11am** in the hall. Donations will be accepted to fund the festival booth.

**CHILD SEX TRAFFICKING: THE STORY BEHIND THE VEIL**

Come hear attorney **Liz Yore** speak at **St. Therese Church** (2020 91st St., Kenosha) **Monday Oct. 16, 7pm.** Liz worked for the Illinois Dept. of Children & Family Services in the area of child sex trafficking and founded "Yore Children" to assist youth. This topic recently gained attention in the movie "Sound of Freedom." Liz will give us an inside look at this horrible crime. Here's a link to her background: <https://www.yorechildren.com/about>.



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



Please join us Sunday nights 6pm at St. Therese to pray the Rosary & litany for our world & personal intentions b/4 Jesus in the Tabernacle.



**TOUR of the CATHOLIC FAITH/RCIA Class**

**When & Where:** Tuesday evenings, 7-9 pm at Mt. Carmel School (enter through door facing east/Columbus Park)  
**Text:** *Catholic Catechism Course* by Fr. Hardon, cost: \$25  
This course is a year-long, complete tour the Catholic Faith, open adults/teens, an RCIA course for non-Catholics,.

**NEXT WEEKEND: COMBINED COLLECTION**

All registered parishioners should receive a mailing w/ envelope for a "combined" collection to assist the following organizations: Catholic Relief Services, Catholic Home Mission Appeal, Peter's Pence, World Mission Sunday, and the Church in Central & Eastern Europe. Envelopes will be available for those who do not receive a mailing, so that one can make a donation at Mass (place envelope in collection).

**Christian Women's Circle** next mtg **Tues. Oct. 10<sup>th</sup>, 9am**

Join us to meet new friends & learn opportunities to support St. Therese, our community, and one another. Childcare available. Kindly let us know how many kids to expect (764-1864).

**ADORERS NEEDED for EUCHARISTIC ADORATION!**

We would like to have at least two people present for every hour that Our Lord in the Eucharist is exposed on the altar: **Fridays 9am** (following Mass & Rosary) until **5pm**; and **First Fridays/Saturdays Friday 9am**, throughout the day, evening, through early **Saturday morning until 6am.** There is a **sign-up board** outside the parish office with hours listed. Please consider committing to an hour on Fridays, and on First Fridays/Saturdays (especially late night or early morning), to spend time alone with Jesus.



**MASS INTENTIONS for the Week**

**Monday, October 9**

8:00 AM † Al Cophen

**Tuesday, October 10**

8:00 AM † Chad Aiello (Mom & Dad)

**Wednesday, October 11**

5:45 PM † Tom Andrews

**Thursday, October 12**

8:00 AM † No Mass

**Friday, October 13**

8:00 AM † Lucille & Raymond Dziurdzik

**Saturday, October 14**

4:00 PM † Norbert & Ceila Balmes † Theresa Valetti

**Sunday, October 15**

8:30 AM † Chad Aiello (Mom & Dad) † Gary & Edith Druding (Gina)

10:30 AM † For Members of the Parish

**Saints & Readings:**

**Week of October 8, 2023**

**Sunday: 27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**, Is 5:1-7/Ps 80:9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20 (Isaiah 5:7a)/Phil 4:6-9/Mt 21:33-43

**Monday: Columbus Day; St. Denis, Bishop, and Companions, Martyrs; St. John Leonardi, Priest**, Jon 1:1—2:2, 11/Jon 2:3, 4, 5, 8/Lk 10:25-37

**Tuesday:** Jon 3:1-10/ Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4ab, 7-8/Lk 10:38-42

**Wednesday: St. John XXIII, Pope**, Jon 4:1-11/Ps 86:3-4, 5-6, 9-10/Lk 11:1-4

**Thursday:** Mal 3:13-20b/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 11:5-13

**Friday:** Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2/Ps 9:2-3, 6 and 16, 8-9/Lk 11:15-26

**Saturday: St. Callistus I, Pope and Martyr**, Jl 4:12-21/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Lk 11:27-28

**Next Sunday: 28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**, Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (6cd)/Phil 4:12-14, 19-20/Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10

**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**

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| 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   | 262-764-0083    |
| Beth Sturino   | Rel. Ed. Coor K-5   | 262-705-9097    |
| Heather Schweitzer   | Rel. Ed Coor 6-12   | 262-914-2288    |
| Liturgical Musician  | Jan Sleyster  | 262-331-4734    |

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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. Coor..... 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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Paul Gillespie, Chairman Patricia Soens  
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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.