



The Faith Community of

ST. THERESE OF LISIEUX

CATHOLIC CHURCH



31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"As for you, do not be called 'Rabbi.' You have but one teacher, and you are all brothers. Call no one on earth your father; you have but one Father in heaven. Do not be called 'Master'; you have but one master, the Christ. The greatest among you must be your servant." - Mt 23:8-11

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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 unflinching 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*

November 5, 2023 Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Untangling Some Crucial Questions [re: Pope Francis Permits Blessing Homosexual Unions]

Fr. Gerald E. Murray, *TheCatholicThing.org/2023/10/14*

As all the world now knows, Cardinal Raymond Burke and four fellow cardinals (Brandmüller, Sarah, Sandoval, and Zen) sent five *dubia* (questions) to Pope Francis this past July. He responded almost immediately. The *dubia* and the pope's responses were not made public, however, until Oct 2nd, right before the opening of the current Synod on Synodality. The responses include some very troubling assertions, especially about blessing same-sex unions. Pope Francis has, regrettably, authorized bishops and priests – after some undefined process of “discernment” – to confer a priestly blessing upon same-sex couples. In almost forty years of priestly life, I never dreamed that a pope would do this. I am horrified and saddened.

Pope Francis began his answer to the second of the *dubia* stating that “the Church has a very clear understanding of marriage: an exclusive, stable, and indissoluble union between a man and a woman, naturally open to procreation. Only this union can be called ‘marriage.’” He calls marriage a “reality” that “has a unique essential constitution that requires an exclusive name, not applicable to other realities. For this reason, the Church avoids any type of rite or sacramental that might contradict this conviction and suggest that something that is not marriage is recognized as marriage.”

So far, very good . . . but then, he veers into a justification of blessing same-sex unions. Such unions are usually civil marriages in countries where that's legal, or where the two would-be grooms or would-be brides are likely to consider their de facto unions to be equal to a marriage. Pope Francis argues that “in our relationships with people, we must not lose the pastoral charity, which should permeate all our decisions and attitudes. The defense of objective truth is not the only expression of this charity; it also includes kindness, patience, understanding, tenderness, and encouragement. Therefore, we cannot be judges who only deny, reject, and exclude.”

I don't know anyone who *only* denies, rejects, or excludes, and the emphasis here sets up a straw man. **Pastoral charity which ignores or, worse, contradicts God's revealed truth is not charity, but pseudo-charity.** Kindness or tenderness have their place, but when they degenerate into confirming the faithful in the commission of mortally sinful acts, they become a cruel caricature of the love a pastor of the Church owes to sinners when they come to him. Priests must be trustworthy judges – who reject whatever is contrary to the Gospel and deny any request for a ritual meant to convey the false impression that God and the Church are pleased with any commitment two people make to engage in sodomy.

But Pope Francis persists: “Therefore, pastoral prudence must adequately discern whether there are forms of blessing, requested by one or more persons, that do not convey a mistaken concept of marriage.” Is it possible for a priest to bless the union of two people who are either civilly married, or who consider themselves for all purposes to be married, without giving the false impression that, in the view of the Church, they are in some way married? The couple knows that they cannot have a regular church wedding, so they choose the next available option which is to pretend that the priest's blessing makes it into a “sort of” or “unofficial” marriage. The priest who imparts such a sacrilegious blessing goes along with this make-believe parody of a wedding. Yet Pope Francis tries to have it both ways: “For when a blessing is requested, it is expressing a plea to God for help, a supplication to live better, a trust in a Father who can help us live better. . . although there are situations that are not morally acceptable from an objective point of view, the same pastoral charity requires us not to simply treat as ‘sinners’ other people whose guilt or responsibility may be mitigated by various factors affecting subjective accountability.”

Let's be frank here. The request for a blessing is not in order to live better in the sense of living according to God's unchangeable moral law. **It's a request for reassurance that the Church agrees with them in considering that God's law forbidding sodomy no longer applies – not really – in the more enlightened age in which we live.**

Whatever is objectively morally unacceptable is also subjectively morally unacceptable. No one can exempt himself from God's law by claiming it does not apply to him for some self-interested reason. When someone wants to commit a sin, and denies that it is a sin, this does not make it suddenly no longer a sin. Why is the word “sinners” in scare quotes in the passage above? That usage usually suggests that something is “so-called” or “alleged.” It shifts the word from being an objective description to being a subjective description of an incomplete, if not mistaken, perception of reality. Are people who publicly promise to commit grave sin with each other not sinners, plain and simple?

And why are factors mitigating subjective culpability introduced here? God alone knows the degree of culpability for any sin one commits. Christians who want to follow God's law examine their conscience to discover where they are conscious of having turned away from God. Pastors are called to make that law known to sinners, and to warn them to refrain from any behavior that violates God's law, no matter what they may claim to justify their behavior. The claim that one is often unable to fulfill God's commandments may be true – due to weakness and bad habits. **But it is false if it means that obedience to God's commandments, with the help of God's grace, is impossible.**

Intentionally or not, Pope Francis is encouraging people to enter into, and remain in, immoral sexual relationships. He is encouraging bishops and priests to suggest that God will favor such relationships with his grace, and therefore such relationships deserve not to be condemned but to be blessed. He claims that pastoral charity consists in confirming people in what is in fact sinful, and not in rebuking them to turn away from sin. All this, he claims, falls under the rubric of pastoral charity, [which] will undoubtedly produce much harm for the salvation of souls, and for the doctrinal unity of the Church. We must pray and offer penances for our pope and for our Holy Mother the Church in her affliction.

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. Nov. 8, 2pm.**



PRAY for the SICK in our PARISH, and visit them if possible: William Wasurick, Mary Jo Koski, Florence Klappa, Daniel Lene-gar, Jennifer Johnson, Laurie Smith, Jean Ammendola, Maria Koble, Bart & Aileen Hafferkamp, Billie Knutsen, Richard & Kathleen Bertola, Lawrence W. Klein Sr., Diana Sauter, Michelle Jenewein, Bruce Kennedy, Randy Bonn, Jim Lauzon, Betty Burt, Betty Campbell. Call rectory for sick persons 694-4695.



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.



Have you checked out the St. Therese website at st-therese-kenosha.org? **History** about our church, **Homilies** by Fr. Campbell, previous church **Bulletins**, **Events** calendar on happenings in the parish, and more. Lots of useful information!

The Knights of Columbus Council 973 will be having a **Personal Hygiene and Household Cleaners Drive at St. Therese on the weekends of 11/4 and 11/11** to support the St. Vincent de Paul's Food Pantry site at St. Anthony's in Kenosha. While volunteering at the pantry, the Knights became aware of a dire shortage and need of the following items: **bar soap, deodorant, dish soap, laundry detergent, shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, toothbrushes, feminine pads and baby diapers.**

The St. Anthony Food Pantry opened in March of 2021 and has served 2,388 people and over 610 families. The Knights will supply totes and signage at St. Therese for the drive.

Parish Support

Weekend of October 22, 2023	\$7,714.00
Budgeted weekly need...	\$5,567.00
Weekly offertory	\$7,714.00
Over/Under budget	\$2,147.00
Plan YTD	\$72,500.00
Actual	\$58,561.00
Shortfall (3 months)	(\$13,939.00)

BOOK STUDY w/Fr. Campbell on *The Synodal Process Is a Pandora's Box*

When: Monday evenings Nov. 6 & Nov. 13, 7-8:30pm at St. Therese Church. This book, in a 100 Q & A format, analyzes the potential problems with the ongoing Synod on Synodality now taking place in Rome. Copies of the book will be available: \$5 each.

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.

Christian Women's Circle next mtg is **Tues., Nov. 14th, at 9 a.m.** Join us to meet new friends & learn about opportunities to support St. Therese, our community, and one another. Childcare available. Kindly let us know how many kids to expect (764-1864).

LOVE ONE ANOTHER Campaign

Parish Goal: \$355,144; Total Pledged: \$460,193 (130% of Goal); 92 Pledges, Average Pledge: \$5,002
***For anyone who has not made a pledge, please consider doing so. We now keep 80% of all funds raised. Envelopes are at church entrance.**



At All Saints Catholic School we have incorporated a special time to our school day called "Living Our Faith". It is a focused time to learn about and participate in our Catholic Faith. This time includes attending First Friday Morning Mass as an entire school, taking time to dig deeper into our Virtues in Practice program by focusing on a specific virtue each month, praying the Rosary as a school or participating in "buddy time" allowing our older students to mentor our younger student through a faith-filled activity. We are blessed to be able to have this intentional time to grow in our relationship with Christ. To learn more about All Saints Catholic School call or visit our website. allsaintskenosha.org (262) 925-4000. **Faith. Values. Rigor.**

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 on the right as you enter the church** with hours listed. Please consider committing to an hour on Fridays, and on 1st Fridays/Saturdays (esp. late night/early morning), to spend time alone with Jesus.



MASS INTENTIONS for the Week

Monday, November 6

8:00 AM † Deceased members of Ruffalo/DeCesaro Families

Tuesday, November 7

8:00 AM † Isabel Taglioni

Wednesday, November 8

5:45 PM † Betty Weinberger

Thursday, November 9

8:00 AM † No Mass

Friday, November 10

8:00 AM † Richard Sleyster (Jan Sleyster)

Saturday, November 11

4:00 PM † Barney Barndollar † Louise & Charlotte Weber & Family

Sunday, November 12

8:30 AM † Dr. Al Savaglio

10:30 AM † For Members of the Parish

Saints & Readings:

Week of November 5, 2023

Sunday: 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time; Daylight Saving Time Ends; National Vocation Awareness Week, Mal 1:14b—2:2b, 8-10/Ps 131:1, 2, 3/1 Thes 2:7b-9, 13/Mt 23:1-12

Monday: Rom 11:29-36/Ps 69:30-31, 33-34, 36/Lk 14:12-14

Tuesday: Election Day, Rom 12:5-16b/Ps 131:1bcde, 2, 3/Lk 14:15-24

Wednesday: Rom 13:8-10/Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9/Lk 14:25-33

Thursday: The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica, Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22

Friday: St. Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church, Rom 15:14-21/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Lk 16:1-8

Saturday: St. Martin of Tours, Bishop; Veterans Day, Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 10-11/Lk 16:9-15

Next Sunday: 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Wis 6:12-16/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (2b)/1 Thes 4:13-18 or 4:13-14/Mt 25:1-13

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.