



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 con-
soling troubled souls with heavenly
graces, in our unfailing 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*

2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



"Prepare the way of the Lord." - Mk 1:3

FOR THE GREATER GLORY OF GOD

The World Needs Fathers

Strengthening bonds of faith and fraternity can help Catholic men grow in holiness and respond to the ‘crisis of fatherhood’

By Supreme Knight Patrick E. Kelly

IN LATE SEPTEMBER, we launched a new video series on marriage and family called *Into the Breach: The Mission of the Family*. The aim of this five-part series is to help all of us — but particularly husbands and fathers — embrace the Catholic vision of marriage and family life amid the challenges of the modern world.

Why is this a priority for the Knights of Columbus? Quite simply, as the world’s largest organization of Catholic men, we have a duty to help them become the husbands and fathers that God is calling them to be. This is especially urgent now, amid what is rightfully called a “crisis of fatherhood” in our society. For anyone with eyes to see, it’s obvious that the absence of strong fathers is having a profoundly negative impact on our families, our parishes and our society.

Recent polls paint a bleak picture. More than a quarter of millennials in the United States (27%) say they have no close friends, and 22% say they have no friends at all. Younger generations struggle with depression at a rate that’s at least three times higher than it is for older generations. At least nine out of 10 men under age 24 view pornography at least monthly. The rates of substance abuse and overdose are skyrocketing — along with rates of suicide. Young men, in particular, are said to be dying “deaths of despair.”

Faced with this grim reality, our work as husbands and fathers is more urgent than ever. Without good fathers and strong families, our children search for meaning and love in all the wrong places — and they are far more susceptible to the lies of the world and the evil one. What our children need more than anything else are the love and acceptance that come from strong family bonds that are rooted in Christ and the sacraments.

As fathers, it is our job to provide this solid footing. The evidence shows that when a father believes in God and lives out his

faith in his daily life, his children are *10 times* more likely to be committed Catholics as adults. A living faith inspires. And for our sons and daughters, no one has more power to inspire than a faithful father.

The great challenge of our time is to give men the tools to be good fathers — the kind of fathers who believe in Christ and raise their children in the faith. If we do that, we’ll ensure a brighter future for our children, while dramatically improving the health of our society — one family at a time. If we want our children to rise above the moral chaos of this world, we need to be fathers who introduce them to the joy of a Christian life.

None of us should try to pursue this noble vision of fatherhood alone. All of us were made with a need for community. Scripture tells us that “a threefold cord is not quickly broken” (Eccl 4:12), while “Iron sharpens iron, and one man sharpens another” (Prv 27:17). We make each other better when we unite as brothers in Christian friendship.

We’re living in a time of endless moral traps and constant impediments to family life. If we hope to avoid those pitfalls and overcome those obstacles, we must do so together. Christ himself formed a band of men to carry out his mission. The Apostles didn’t choose one another, but they certainly needed one another — and so do we.

The Knights of Columbus can be that place of unity and fraternity. Through the *Cor* initiative, we are redoubling our commitment to helping Catholic men deepen their faith while building bonds of friendship that can sustain them on the journey. None of this is easy, but we weren’t called to a life of ease. Let us ask the intercession of St. Joseph, patron of fathers, and Blessed Michael McGivney to help us embrace our noble vocation, for the sake of our children and grandchildren.

Vivat Jesus!



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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 88.5 FM & also on 750AM** every 2nd & 4th Wednesday. Next program: **Wed. Dec. 13, 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, Randy Bonn, Jim Lauzon, Betty Burt, Betty Campbell. Call rectory for the sick 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!

Parish Support

Weekend of November 26, 2023	\$3,876.00
Budgeted weekly need...	\$5,567.00
Weekly offertory	\$3,876.00
Over/Under budget	(\$1,691.00)
Plan YTD	\$122,692.00
Actual	\$113,362.00
Shortfall (5 months)	(\$9,330.00)

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

St. Therese: Christmas Eve Sunday Dec. 24: 4pm & 10pm (Caroling Concert 9:40pm before 10pm Mass)

Christmas Day Mon. Dec. 25: 8:30am & 10:30am

Mt. Carmel: Christmas Eve Sunday Dec. 24: 4pm Midnight Mass (Latin): 12am

Christmas Day Mon. Dec. 25: 10am

(Christmas hymns sung before Masses)

Additional Confession Times in Advent

St. Therese: Wednesday Dec. 20: 4:30-5:30pm; 6:30-7:30pm; Saturday, Dec. 23, 2:30-4pm

Mt. Carmel: Tuesday Dec. 19: 4:30-5:30pm; Saturday Dec. 23, 2:30-4pm

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.

Christmas Cookies and Bread Bake Sale! Delicious treats, homemade by our talented bakers will be for sale before and after Masses the weekend of Dec. 16 – 17

Bakers Needed - Kindly place your cookies and/or bread in a bag or on a plate ready to sell, such as a dz. cookies or ½ dz. large cookies each, and breads wrapped separately. Please label them and drop them off at church by Thur., 12/14 at 2:00. Many Thanks!

Interior Church Clean Up Help Needed

Can you spare an hour? All members of the parish are welcome. We hope you will join us to lend a hand Tues., 12/12 at 10:00 a.m.

The **Holy Name Society** will be having a meeting on **Sunday, December 17** in the hall after the 8:30 Mass. All men of the parish are invited.

Mass Schedule: 4th Sunday Advent & Christmas: BOTH are Obligatory

This year the *Fourth Sunday of Advent* falls on the same day as Christmas Eve, with *Christmas Day* on Monday. The obligation to attend Mass on the Fourth Sunday of Advent **and** on Christmas still stands. Because people may have questions about how to fulfill both obligations, below are **four options**. The important thing to remember is that no matter which option is chosen, **the two obligations must be fulfilled separately:**

Option 1 – Saturday Eve Dec. 23rd 4th Sunday of Advent 4pm & Sunday Dec. 24 at 4pm Christmas Eve

Option 2 – Saturday Eve Dec. 23rd 4th Sunday of Advent 4pm & Monday Dec. 25 8:30am or 10:30am Christmas Day

Option 3 – Sunday Dec. 24 at 8:30am or 10:30am 4th Sunday Advent & Sunday Dec. 24 at 4pm Christmas Eve

Option 4 – Sunday Dec. 24 at 8:30am or 10:30am 4th Sunday Advent & Monday Dec. 25 at 8:30am or 10:30am Christmas Day

MASS INTENTIONS for the Week

Monday, December 11

8:00 AM † Lawrence Beales

Tuesday, December 12

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

Wednesday, December 13

5:45 PM John Stancato

Thursday, December 14

8:00 AM † No Mass

Friday, December 15

8:00 AM † Donald Baker

Saturday, December 16

4:00 PM † Louis Valetti † John Seggiaro (Mother, Yolanda & Brother, Joseph)

Sunday, December 17

8:30 AM † For Members of the Parish

10:30 AM † Kelly McCormick (Mom & Dad)

Saints & Readings:

Week of December 10, 2023

Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Advent, Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 (8)/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8

Monday: St. Damasus I, Pope, Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday: Our Lady of Guadalupe, Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Jdt 13:18bcde, 19/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

Wednesday: St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr, Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10/Mt 11:28-30

Thursday: St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church, Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab/Mt 11:11-15

Friday: Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Mt 11:16-19

Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19/Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Next Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Advent, Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54 (Is 61:10b)/1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

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	262-764-0083
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Parish Staff

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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.