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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*

2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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"Now I have seen and testified that he is
the Son of God." - Jn 1:34

“Marriage” Bill Passes, Undermines Truth, Natural Law

By Fr. Shenan J. Boquet, hli.org, Dec. 5, 2022

The deceptively titled “Respect for Marriage Act” ultimately has nothing to do with “respecting” marriage. Instead, it legislatively enshrines the radical redefinition of marriage imposed on the country in 2015 by the U.S. Supreme Court in the *Obergefell v. Hodges* decision [which ruled that all states accept same-sex “marriage”].

Marriage Is Essential For The Common Good: Marriage is a natural institution, something common to all mankind and a practice common to all cultures in all ages. At its most basic level, marriage is a union between a man and a woman for the purpose of procreation and for mutual support and love; it is also understood that marriage is meant to be a lifelong union. . . . Christ elevated marriage between a man and a woman to the level of a sacrament, in part because of the profound, intrinsic dignity of this particular union. By elevating marriage to the level of a sacrament, Christ pointed to the immense good of this lifelong union of a man and a woman, such that their union is not only a way to grow in love and to welcome children into the world, but is also a means of salvation for the couple and their children; they participate not only in God’s creative act but also in the redemptive act of Christ — a type and symbol of the divine union between Christ, the Bridegroom, and His Church, the Bride.

The Church has also always taught that the goodness of man-woman marriage is reflected in natural law. Marriage is the bedrock of a healthy civilization. It is the venue in which future generations are brought into the world and educated. One doesn’t need to be a theologian to see that there is a natural physical and psychological complementarity between men and women that is ordered toward the begetting and rearing of children, and that the health and strength of a civilization in large measure depends upon the health and strength of individual families, which are in turn founded upon strong marriages!

As the Vatican’s Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith (CDF) put it in the document *Considerations Regarding Proposals to Give Legal Recognition to Unions Between Homosexual Persons*: “Marriage is not just any relationship between human beings. It was established by the Creator with its own nature, essential properties and purpose. No ideology can erase from the human spirit the certainty that marriage exists solely between a man and a woman, who by mutual personal gift, proper and exclusive to themselves, tend toward the communion of their persons. In this way, they mutually perfect each other, in order to cooperate with God in the procreation and upbringing of new human lives.”

Furthermore, “There are absolutely no grounds for considering homosexual unions to be in any way similar or even remotely analogous to God’s plan for marriage and family.”

From the standpoint of natural law alone, the fact that marriage can only be between a man and a woman is (or should be) self-evident. It is also (or should be) self-evident that ideally such marriages should be as stable as possible. In other words, one does not need religious arguments to make the case that civil law should proactively encourage and (if necessary) enforce marriage as a permanent, lifelong union of a man and a woman. Divorce is not compatible with marriage; the same is true of adultery and same-sex unions. As the *Catechism* teaches, civil divorce and/or separation are not to be embraced, but only “tolerated,” and only if there is no other possible way to secure legal or financial rights or care of the children (n. 2383). It must also be understood that “tolerance” of a civil divorce or separation does not touch the true bond of the marriage, which stands intact between the spouses and in the sight of God.

Hence, the decision to allow no-fault divorce was the beginning of the transformation of our understanding of marriage as the necessary and sacred foundation of a stable civil order, to little more than “adults’ companionship.” Moreover, no-fault divorce recognizes no obligation to maintain a common conjugal life; there is no interest in protecting children from scandal and no recognition of the obligations of the spouse causing the dissolution.

As one writer put it recently, “If marriage can mean anything, it will soon mean nothing.”

The Solution to Insanity is not More Insanity: The immediate victims of this redefinition that began decades ago has been the generations of children who have had their worlds torn apart because the adults in their lives chose to prioritize their temporary “feelings” over fidelity to the vows they exchanged on their wedding day and the good of their children. The long-term victims have been all of us, as we all suffer the consequences of the widespread disillusionment in the values of love and commitment, the further degradation of our understanding of sexuality and marriage, and the social fallout of broken families.

The evidence is clear: Once you abandon the natural law understanding of marriage as the lifelong union of a man and a woman, everything is up for grabs. We have already seen this with the legalization of same-sex unions.

As so many pro-family activists had warned would happen, we have seen an explosion in LGBT propaganda in our schools, entertainment, and laws. Furthermore, it used to be common sense that men and women were physically different and complementary. Now, however, radical gender ideologues are calling into question the very existence of men and women, saying that girls can become boys, and men can become pregnant. Tens of thousands of children are being swept into a maelstrom of insanity, being provoked into questioning their sexuality and gender, with serious consequences. The so-called “Respect for Marriage Act” simply pushes us one step further down the path to madness. As Catholics, our response is a fervent commitment to live, teach, and defend Catholic principles regarding marriage.

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 & and now also on 750AM** every 2nd & 4th Wednesday. Next program: **Wed. January 25, at 2pm.**

PRAY for the SICK in our PARISH, and visit them if possible: Patricia Ware, William Wasurick, Mary Jo Koski, Florence 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. Call rectory for other sick persons 694-4695.



Special thanks to several of our Paladins of Carmel Youth Group teens for putting together the Epiphany House Blessing Bags. They assembled 500 bags with Epiphany water, blessed by Fr. McDermott, at the Epiphany Celebration, along with a stick of Frankensense and Myrrh incense, and a piece of chalk. All those that attended Mass at St. Therese and Mt. Carmel last weekend were welcome to take an Epiphany bag home to chalk and bless their homes.

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.



Please note: St. Therese Congregation will NOT automatically prepare contribution receipts for tax purposes for 2022. If you wish to have a written receipt, please contact the Parish Office, to request one be prepared for you.

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



The **Holy Name Society** will have a meeting on **Sunday, January 22** after the 8:30 am Mass in the hall. All men of the parish are invited.

Famous Fish Fry Begins Friday, Feb. 24th
We are bringing back the option to dine in! This means we will need many volunteers to prep ahead of time and help out on Friday evenings during Lent. Even if you are only able to work one shift, we would appreciate the help. Fulfill one of your new year's resolutions to get more involved and make new friends at the same time. Please do consider joining us to help provide fellowship and a delicious meal!

Parish Support	
Weekend of Dec. 25, 2022	\$9,664.00
Budgeted weekly need...	\$5,567.00
Weekly offertory	\$9,664.00
Over/Under budget	\$4,097.00
Plan YTD	\$144,742.00
Actual	\$150,199.00
Excess (6 months)	\$5,457.00

The 4 Stages of Marriage

The 4 stages of marriage are: (1) Romance, (2) Disillusionment, (3) Misery, and (4) Awakening. Many marriages experience the first 3 Stages. Marriages that end in divorce never make it to the 4th Stage of Awakening. Don't give up without learning about the 4th Stage of Awakening. If your marriage suffers from Disillusionment or Misery, contact Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-VI with a long I). For confidential info. about or to **register** for the program beginning with a weekend February 17-19th in Racine, please call (414) 502-7685 or email: Milwaukee@HelpOurMarriage.org or visit the website at <http://www.HelpOurMarriage.org>

Welcome her into eternal life... *Father Campbell, Father McDermott & the Parish community of St. Therese wish to extend our deepest sympathy to the family of **Felicia Arnold**. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and may she rest in peace.*

Deepening Depopulation

(<https://www.pop.org/pri-insider-volume-3-issue-1-january>)

Paul Ehrlich Predicts Apocalypse...Again: The infamous Paul Ehrlich has returned to the spotlight to spread doom and gloom on "60 Minutes." His predictions of the 1970s "smog disasters" and the 1980s "Great Die-Off" were both proven false, but Ehrlich now claims that civilization will collapse in the next few decades.

"My former colleague at Stanford University, biology professor Paul Ehrlich, hasn't learned anything in the past 55 years," says PRI President **Steven Mosher**. "In 1967 he predicted that global famines would begin in the following decade that would lead to nuclear war and the extinction of mankind. He advocated putting sterilizing agents into drinking water and into staple foods to stop people from having children. Over a half-century later, Ehrlich is still arguing in favor of population control and warning that human beings will soon be extinct."

Musk Slams Ehrlich: Public figures are speaking out against Paul Ehrlich's catastrophizing on "60 Minutes," pointing out his obvious failures in the past five decades. Elon Musk among them was straightforward in saying, "Ehrlich despises humanity. Nothing he says should be given the slightest credibility." "Elon Musk says that Ehrlich is 'Mad as a hatter'", says PRI President Steven Mosher. "But I counter that he is clever as a fox. Early in his career he learned that telling scary stories made him a TV celebrity and helped his books to sell millions of copies. He has gotten rich from peddling his apocalyptic nonsense. So is he mad or just a clever con man? You decide."

Europe's Decline: Based on research from the *Lancet* and United Nations projections, Europe is on the fast track to becoming the "Empty Continent." Between now and 2100, the continent will see population losses similar to those of the Bubonic Plague of the 1300s. "A manmade pestilence of infertility is sweeping across the globe," says PRI President Steven Mosher. "Entire peoples will cease to exist over time. Only those who rediscover the value of marriage, family, and children will survive."

Paving to Populate: The Japanese government has boosted the payment offered to citizens for moving to regions outside of Tokyo. Couples will be paid 1 million yen (\$7,500) per child to relocate to regional areas with declining populations.

MASS INTENTIONS for the Week

Monday, January 16

8:00 AM † Lawrence Story

Tuesday, January 17

8:00 AM † Kathryn Williams (Georgette Williams)

Wednesday, January 18

5:45 PM † James E. Reising (Tina Cajka)

Thursday, January 19

8:00 AM † No Mass

Friday, January 20

8:00 AM † David Ralph

Saturday, January 21

4:00 PM † Eleanor Lukosaitis (John & Sharon Kirsch)

Sunday, January 22

8:30 AM † Arlene Bilotti (Peter & Lori Martin)

10:30 AM † For Members of the Parish

Saints & Readings:

Week of January 15, 2023

Sunday: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Is 49:3, 5-6/Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10/1 Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34

Monday: Martin Luther King Day, Heb 5:1-10/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4/Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday: St. Anthony, Abbot, Heb 6:10-20/Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9 NS 10c/Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday: January 18-25 is the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, Heb 7:1-3, 15-17/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4/Mk 3:1-6

Thursday: Heb 7:25—8:6/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17/Mk 3:7-12

Friday: St. Fabian, Pope and Martyr; St. Sebastian, Martyr, Heb 8:6-13/Ps 85:8 and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Mk 3:13-19

Saturday: St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr, Heb 9:2-3, 11-14/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9/Mk 3:20-21

Next Sunday: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Is 8:23—9:3/Ps 27:1,4, 13-14 (1a)/1 Cor 1:10-13, 17/Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17

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.