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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 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*

2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi"—which translated means Teacher— "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come, and you will see." - Jn 1:38-39a

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January 14, 2024 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Millions of Human Lives Have Been Silently Erased” (Bishop Donald Hying, *The Wanderer* 12//7/23)

For many years I have prayed outside abortion clinics, trying to be a presence of love, faith and support to the women and men who find themselves in a desperate situation of crisis pregnancy and think abortion is the only way out. In all kinds of weather, in every season and every hour, witnesses to the sacred gift of life stand as sentinels of the Dawn on High at these clinical places of death. I was drawn to the pro-life movement as a young priest as a result of counseling so many people whose lives had been severely wounded by abortion. Some pro-lifers may be too strident or single-issue oriented. Some may be judgmental or condemnatory. The vast majority, however, are good folks who simply want to help stop the killing of innocent life in the womb.

Through more than four decades of legal abortion in the United States, how many millions of human lives have been silently erased, how many mothers and fathers bear the wounds of a hasty decision to end the life they had co-created, how many impassioned words have been written and spoken to articulate the fundamental moral darkness of destroying fragile, beautiful human beings at the very dawn of their mysterious and wonderful existence, fresh with all the potential of who they have been called to be? And yet the killing goes on.

Critics of the Church’s stance on abortion will often say that we care more about life in the womb than those already born, that we passionately want to save a child from abortion yet turn our backs on the mother who ends up choosing life. Yet the Catholic Church offers more compassionate services through health care, education and needed assistance to the poor, the homeless, the imprisoned, the elderly, the immigrant and the unwed mother than any other institution I know. Care and love for the human person must embrace all facets of our social fabric and include everyone in order to be authentic, but it must begin, as indeed the miraculous wonder of each one of us began, with welcome and respect for life in its most fragile and initial stage. If it does not, then the rest of our struggle to build a world of justice, peace and mercy for all will forever be radically deficient.

Several years ago, I prayed outside an abortion clinic in Milwaukee on a gray, melancholy morning, filled with icy wind and a threat of snow. One by one, young women emerged from the building, looking dazed and shocked, each carrying a brown paper bag with medication. Like wounded survivors returning from the front of an invisible and terrible war, they stepped into waiting cars of boyfriends, roommates or parents, whisked away from the place where their child’s life had just ended and their own psychological and emotional torment had just begun. I felt a profound sorrow in that moment that I had never experienced before, grieving for the victims of a needless and preventable tragedy.

Then suddenly the owner of the abortion clinic emerged, hurrying through the cold and past us to reach the security of her Volvo. As she went by, I heard myself quietly saying, more to me than her, “Stop killing people here.” Turning on me with all the rage of her pro-choice righteousness, she hurled obscenities and insults but never denied that she was indeed complicit in the taking of human life. If someone had accused me of ending the life of another person, I would indignantly deny, explain, obfuscate or defend myself against such a charge, but such was not the case with this woman. She screamed and swore, but never answered the fundamental charge that she was an active accomplice in the taking of innocent human life. This startling realization taught me an important truth about the whole abortion struggle.

For years we have thought, that with the help of science, everyone could be convinced that a human fetus, even in the earliest stages of development, rapidly exhibits all of the characteristics, components and complexity of a developing human being, that the whole “it’s just a blob of tissue” canard was false. We hoped that if we could just show the beauty, form and wonder of unborn life, everyone would naturally see that this amazing being is human and abortion would cease. But, of course, this has not happened.

What I came to realize on that cold and sad February morning was that the real challenge is not convincing the abortionists that life in the womb is human — they know that — but rather helping them to see that every life has an inherent dignity which calls for respect, welcome, tenderness and love. The Church’s fundamental stance on so many moral issues flows from the glorious truth that every person is created in the image and likeness of God, but even an atheist can acknowledge the moral absolute “Thou shall not kill,” because such respect for the life of the other is inscribed in our heart and conscience. How will we ever see the homeless, the immigrant, the elderly, those with disabilities, the poor as blessings and not burdens if we cannot welcome precious, innocent life in the fragility of the womb?

Perhaps the greatest challenge is to help folks like the abortion-clinic owner, the frightened pregnant teenager, the Planned Parenthood worker, the pro-choice congressman and ourselves to recognize the gift and beauty of our own humanity. The culture of death seeks to diminish, dehumanize and destroy us. Jesus Christ has come to save, love and forgive us. When we let in that redeeming light of the Lord, the shadows of death vanish and our hearts long for a love that only the Lord can give. Building a civilization of life and love is the fundamental task of the Christian disciple; we can only embrace such a daunting and luminous enterprise if we know our own worth, dignity and beauty in the eyes of the One who kisses us from the cross and laid down His life so that we could be His forever.

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. Jan, 24, 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 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.



Holy Name Society will be having a **meeting on Sunday January 21** after the 8:30 Mass in the hall. All men of the parish are invited.

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.**

MONEY COUNTERS NEEDED
 We are in need of another team of three money counters, to count the collections for the weekend Masses. Please contact the Parish Office if you are willing to volunteer.

Please be aware that in an emergency, to contact a Priest, call Mt. Carmel Rectory 262-652-7660.

The **National Eucharistic Congress** will be held from July 17-21, 2024 in Indianapolis. Registration is available at: <https://www.eucharisticcongress.org/register>. You can also access housing. Anyone interested in going, and who would like to **carpool**, contact Nancy January at nan-janil@sbcglobal.net.

FIRST COMMUNION FASHION SHOW - Featuring First Communion Dresses & Veils provided by Holy Family Catholic Bookstore. Bring your Daughters, Granddaughters & God-daughters! Refreshments will be served, and admission is free. It will be held on **Sunday, January 28th at 1:00** in the church hall. For more info., call 262-697-0333 or go to www.holyfamilycatholicbookstore.com

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.

The **St Therese Holy Name Society** will be having a **Super Bowl Italian beef fundraiser on February 11**. Enjoy famous Italian beef from our summer festival. A dinner for 4 includes Italian beef, buns, chips, salad, and cookies. Cost: \$45 w/additional beef available for purchase. Deadline for ordering is January 28. See St Therese website for order info.

Coffee & Donuts with film on Blessed Carlo Acutis (Patron of Eucharistic Revival) Sunday Jan. 21, after 8:30 & 10:30am Masses in the church hall. The **Holy Name Society** is sponsoring this event. All are invited. This excellent video (25 min.) shows how **Bl. Carlo**, who died as a teen, **promoted Eucharistic miracles through the media.**

Annual Gathering for LIFE Sat. Jan. 20
 Kenosha's annual Gathering for LIFE will be Saturday, January 20th, from **10:30 – 11:30am** at intersection of **39th Ave & 75th St**. This family friendly, prayerful demonstration of support for the protection of all human life is sponsored by the Kenosha Chapter of Wisconsin Right to Life. Signs will be available in St. Mary's Catholic Church parking lot. Chili/soup fellowship follows 12pm. All invited! Info: call Marcia at 262-891-7665 or email: wrtlkenosha@yahoo.com.

A BIG THANKS to the **PALADINS** youth group for putting together the bags for the Epiphany home blessings.!

MASS INTENTIONS for the Week

Monday, January 15

8:00 AM † Jeffrey Donaldson (Walter Adams)

Tuesday, January 16

8:00 AM Emerson Adams (Walter Adams)

† Lawrence Story

Wednesday, January 17

5:45 PM † Dolores Pacetti

Thursday, January 18

8:00 AM † No Mass

Friday, January 19

8:00 AM † Dolores Pacetti

Saturday, January 20

4:00 PM † Nerissa Ott

Sunday, January 21

8:30 AM † Marion & Floyd Randle

10:30 AM † For Members of the Parish

Saints & Readings:

Week of January 14, 2024

Sunday: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4 7-8, 8-9, 10 (8a, 9a)/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42

Monday: Martin Luther King Day, 1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28/Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday: St. Anthony, Abbot, 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Mk 3:1-6

Thursday: January 18-25 is the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13/Mk 3:7-12

Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11/Mk 3:13-19

Saturday: St. Fabian, Pope and Martyr; St. Sebastian, Martyr, 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-3, 5-7/Mk 3:20-21

Next Sunday: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Jon 3:1-5, 10/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (4a)/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20

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.