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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 unfailing 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 OF ADVENT

John wore clothing made of camel's hair and had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey. - Mt 3:4

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December 7, 2025 Second Sunday of Advent

The Argument From Design

By Dr. Donald DeMarco, *The Wanderer* (Nov. 20, 2025) www.wandererpress.com

The argument that proceeds from the appearance of design to the existence of a designer should not be either complicated or contentious. For St. Thomas, the matter was quite simple. In order for an arrow to reach its target, there must be an archer who propels the arrow. The Bowman is the intelligent being who shoots the arrow which is designed to reach its target. The existence of design implies the existence of a designer. Matter closed. Well, at least for the Angelic Doctor.

The argument from design, however, in the present era, has become exceedingly problematic. One problem is whether design can imply the existence of an invisible God. The second problem is that designs ordinarily have a specific purpose. Is man the specific purpose for the existence of the universe?

We now have designer shoelaces. All shoelaces, of course, are designed. They do not grow on trees. Their purpose is to fit easily through the eyelets (or grommets) of the shoe in order to hold it firm. The added term, "designer," does not alter what they are but gives them a certain sophistication. They may be purchased anywhere from \$10 to \$30. We know both the designer and the purpose of the shoelaces so that they are not contentious.

One might argue that if there are designer shoelaces, surely the intricate and complex order of the universe must imply both a design as well as a designer. As Sir Isaac Newton has pointed out, "This most beautiful system of the sun, planets, and comets, could only proceed from the counsel and dominion of an intelligent and powerful being."

For the great mathematician and physicist, the presence of design in the cosmos was irrefutable. But so was what it implied: a Godlike being that is its designer. Concerning the purpose of the universe, what could it be other than a being who is conscious of the beauty and intelligibility of the universe? The universe would be incomplete if there were no one to be aware of its grandeur.

Another argument against intelligent design is Darwinian. It proposes that what we mistake for design comes about by chance. Darwin, who failed to prove the origin of a single species, held that species change as a result of external modifications brought about by chance. Darwin knew nothing about the intricacies of the cell, including the double helix, DNA, mitochondria, genes, and chromosomes. Any given biological organism develops internally. A mature human being is made up of 36 billion well-organized cells. What is even more staggering is the fact that all these cells, perfectly coordinated with each other, grew from a tiny one-celled zygote. This does not accord in the very least with the Darwinian hypothesis. External chance contacts cannot change the XX or XY chromosomes that distinguish the female from the male. If there has ever been a theory utterly out of date, it belongs to Darwin's "Origin of Species."

If we have designer shoelaces, we most certainly have a designer universe. Philosophy reasons from effect to cause. If there are fingerprints on the glass, someone must have left them there. Detectives do not doubt this simple line of reasoning. A doctor makes a diagnosis moving from the pain his patient experiences to its cause. Both the detective and the doctor reason from what is known to what is not yet known but is knowable. This is how our knowledge is enlarged. There is not a shred of controversy about methodology in these instances.

Nonetheless, reasoning from the design in the universe to a designer has many antagonists. Some of them argue that the human being does not exhibit design because he is flawed not only in his physical makeup, but also in his conduct. This argument, though many share it, excludes the overwhelming fact that the presence of design can be accompanied by flaws. It is the design that proves the designer, something that its flaws cannot veto. Michael Jordan, throughout his career, missed 12,345 field goals and 1,445 free throws. Yet no one would claim that he was not a great basketball player. The number of his misses does not cancel what he accomplished in a positive vein. Even designer shoelaces will one day disintegrate.

Michael Behe, in his well-researched book, *Darwin's Black Box: The Biochemical Challenge to Evolution*, is a biologist. His knowledge of that subject allows him to say that "life on earth at its most fundamental level, in its most critical components, is the product of intelligent activity." So what is all the fuss? Whereas most people will immediately see the intimate connection between design and designer, others will, when it comes to the universe as designed by God, insist on being agnostics.

The problem seems to be not a scientific one, but something emotional. Darwin was an atheist. If he is correct in assuming that life is the product of chance, then there is no need for a God who functions as a designer. Then, man is free from transgressing a presumed God and His laws. There will not be a hell to pay. Man will live his life solely on his own terms.

Design is simply the purposeful arrangement of parts. Whether an arrangement is a handkerchief, a horse, or a human being, it is clear that some factor other than the handkerchief, horse, or human being served as its / his designer. Whether that designer is a loving God is a matter not for science, but for theology.

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** every 2nd & 4th Wednesday. Next program: December 10, **2pm**.



PRAY for the SICK in our PARISH, and visit them if possible: William Wasurick, Mary Jo Koski, Florence Klappa, Daniel Lenegar, Jennifer Johnson, Laurie Smith, Jean Ammendola, Maria Koble, Billie Knutsen, Kathleen Bertola, Lawrence W. Klein Sr., Jim Lauzon, Dennis Daughtry, Maggie Elizabeth Kolanko, Kathleen Albaum, Doris Bruff, Elsie Carver, Marina Pennington. Call rectory for sick persons 694-4695.



Monday Dec. 8, Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception: Holy Day of Obligation

Mass Times:

St. Therese: 8am & 7pm

Mt. Carmel: 8am, 12 noon (Latin), 5:30pm

Change in Saturday Evening Mass time at St. Therese to 5:15pm beginning Dec. 27 – last Saturday in December: With Jan Slyster retiring as organist & choir director after decades of faithful service (BIG THANKS!), Christopher Dill will become our new organist/choir director. But because he plays organ at the 4pm Mass at Mt. Carmel (he is the organist/choir director there as well), we must permanently change the Saturday afternoon Mass from 4pm to 5:15pm at St. Therese. The Sunday Masses at St. Therese will remain the same, and Christopher will play organ at the 8:30am Sunday Mass. The Sunday 10:30am Mass at St. Therese will normally be a “low Mass” – i.e., with no organ, but with simple chants led by the priest (like the 7am Mass at Mt. Carmel); but we hope to have an organist on some Sundays when available.

Parish Support
 Weekend of November 23, 2025 \$3,727.00
 Budgeted weekly need...\$5,567.00
 Over/Under budget (\$1,840.00)

Jan's Retirement Party's!

The main event will be on **Saturday, December 13** after the 4:00pm Mass. The Holy Name Society will be serving a Hot Beef Sandwich meal. Please come and honor Jan Sleyster as she retires after serving our Parish for 20 yrs as our Liturgical Musician.

Also: Homemade breakfast treats will be served after the 8:30am and 10:30am Masses to also honor Jan's retirement.

Christmas Bake Sale!

Delicious treats, homemade by our talented bakers will be for sale before and after Masses the weekend of December 20-21.

Bakers Needed: Kindly package your baked goods in a bag or on a plate ready to sell. Single servings and larger amounts are both popular. Please label them and drop them off at Church on Friday, Dec. 19 or before Mass on Dec. 20/21. Many Thanks!

Paladins Youth Group is grateful for all of the donations for the October Diaper Drive. They collected 28 boxes of diapers and \$312 in monetary donations! Thank you!

Christian Women's Circle - Our next mtg is **Tues., 12/9 at 9 a.m.** We hope you will join us to meet new friends & learn about opportunities to support St. Therese, our community, and one another.

Paladins of Carmel's 5th annual Nerf Gun Party is in the books. Thank you to Kris Granahan and Ben Traczyk for organizing this event. It's by far the kids favorite event every year!



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MASS INTENTIONS for the Week

Monday, December 8 Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

8:00 AM † Priest Intention
7:00 PM † Priest Intention

Tuesday, December 9

8:00 AM Renee Milne

Wednesday, December 10

5:45 PM † Lawrence Beales

Thursday, December 11

No Mass

Friday, December 12

8:00 AM † Ann Gersheski (Cousins)

Saturday, December 13

4:00 PM † Stan & Kelly McCormick (Family)

Sunday, December 14 Third Sunday of Advent

8:30 AM † Mike Zimmer

10:30 AM † For Members of the Parish

Saints & Readings:

Week of December 7, 2025

Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Advent Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 (see 7)/Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12

Monday: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday: St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin Is 40:1-11/Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13/Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday: Our Lady of Loreto Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10/Mt 11:28-30

Thursday: St. Damasus I, Pope Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab/Mt 11:11-15

Friday: 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

Saturday: St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr 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 35:1-6a, 10/Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10 (see Is 35:4)/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday through Thursday 7:15 am to 2:30 pm
Closed Friday

Please submit bulletin announcements in writing to the Parish Office or e-mail to office@st-therese-kenosha.org 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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St. Therese supports two Catholic Schools:

All Saints Catholic School	262-925-4000
St. Joseph Catholic Academy	262-654-8651

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Liturgical Musician.....	Jan Sleyster
Parish Secretary & Bulletin Editor.....	Mary E. Vestal

Parish Pastoral Council

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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.