



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 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*

## 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"This is the one about whom it is written: Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way before you." - Mt 11:10

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December 14, 2025 Third Sunday of Advent

## St. Nicholas



Catholic Online: [https://www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint\\_id=371](https://www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint_id=371)

The great veneration with which St. Nicholas has been honored for many ages and the number of altars and churches all over the world that are dedicated in his memory are testimonials to his wonderful holiness and the glory he enjoys with God. The Greek histories of his life agree he suffered an imprisonment of the faith and made a glorious confession in the latter part of the persecution raised by Diocletian, and that he was present at the Council of Nicaea and there condemned Arianism. It is said that St. Nicholas died in Myra, and was buried in his cathedral.

St. Nicholas' episcopate at Myra during the fourth century is really all that appears indubitable authentic, according to Alban Butler, an English Roman Catholic priest from the 1700s. This is not for lack of material, beginning with the life attributed to the monk who died in 847 as St. Methodius, Patriarch of Constantinople. Nevertheless, the universal popularity of the saint for so many centuries requires that some account of the legends surrounding his life should be given.

St. Nicholas, also known as "Nikolaos of Myra," was a fourth century saint and Greek bishop of Myra. Nicholas was born in Asia Minor in the Roman Empire as an only child to Christian parents. Nicholas would take nourishment only once on Wednesdays and Fridays, and that in the evening according to the canons. "He was exceedingly well brought up by his parents and trod piously in their footsteps. The child, watched over by the church, enlightened his mind and encouraged his thirst for sincere and true religion."

Both of his parents tragically died during an epidemic when he was a young man, leaving him well off, but to be raised by his uncle – the Bishop of Patara. Nicholas was determined to devote his inheritance to works of charity, and his uncle mentored him as a reader and later ordained him as a presbyter (priest).

An opportunity soon arose for St. Nicholas and his inheritance. A citizen of Patara had lost all his money, and needed to support his three daughters who could not find husbands because of their poverty; so the wretched man was going to give them over to prostitution. Nicholas became informed of this, and thus took a bag of gold and threw it into an open window of the man's house in the night. Here was a dowry for the eldest girl and she was soon duly married. At intervals Nicholas did the same for the second and the third; at the last time the father was on the watch, recognized his benefactor and overwhelmed Nicholas with his gratitude.

Coming to the city of Myra when the clergy and people of the province were in session to elect a new bishop, St. Nicholas was indicated by God as the man they should choose. This was during the time of persecutions in the beginning of the fourth century and "as he [Nicholas] was the chief priest of the Christians of this town and preached the truths of faith with a holy liberty, the divine Nicholas was seized by the magistrates, tortured, then chained and thrown into prison with many other Christians. But when the great and religious Constantine, chosen by God, assumed the imperial diadem of the Romans, the prisoners were released from their bonds and with them the illustrious Nicholas, who when he was set at liberty returned to Myra."

St. Methodius asserts that "thanks to the teaching of St. Nicholas the metropolis of Myra alone was untouched by the filth of the Arian heresy," which denied that Jesus was God. St. Nicholas was present during the Council of Nicaea in 325, which defined that Jesus was "God from God, Light from Light, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father"; and he gave the heretic Arius a slap in the face.

St. Nicholas is celebrated as the patron saint of several classes of people, especially, in the East, of sailors and in the West of children. The first of these patronage is most likely due to the legend that during his lifetime, he appeared to storm tossed mariners who invoked his aid off the coast of Lycia and brought them safely to port. Sailors in the Aegean and Ionian seas, following a common Eastern custom, had their "star of St. Nicholas" and wished one another a good voyage in the phrase "May St. Nicholas hold the tiller."

The legend of the "three children" is credited to his patronage of children and various observances, ecclesiastical and secular, connected there with; such were the boy bishop and especially in Germany, Switzerland and the Netherlands, the giving of presents in his name at Christmas time. This custom in England is not a survival from Catholic times. It was popularized in America by the Dutch Protestants of New Amsterdam who converted the popish saint into a Nordic magician (Santa Claus = Sint Klaes = Saint Nicholas).

Curiously enough, the greatest popularity of St. Nicholas is found neither in the eastern Mediterranean nor north-western Europe, great as that was, but in Russia. With St. Andrew the Apostle, he is patron of the nation.

Fr. Campbell's **Wednesday 6am Men's Bible Study** will meet using ZOOM. Contact Fr. Campbell for the link at [frcampbell@olmckenosha.org](mailto:frcampbell@olmckenosha.org).



The **MARIAN HOUR** with Fr. Campbell **WSFI 88.5 FM** every 2nd & 4th Wednesday. Next program: , TBA.



**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.



**Christmas Mass Schedule 2025**

**St. Therese:** Christmas Eve Wednesday Dec. 24: 4pm & 10pm (Caroling Concert 9:40pm before 10pm Mass)  
Christmas Day Thursday Dec. 25: 8:30am & 10:30am  
**Mt. Carmel:** Christmas Eve Wednesday Dec. 24, 4pm (caroling b/4 Mass)  
Midnight Mass (Latin): 12am (caroling b/4 Mass)  
Christmas Day Thursday Dec. 25, 10am

**Additional Confession Times in Advent:**

**Wed. Dec. 17,** 5:00-5:45pm & 6:15-7:15pm at **St. Therese**  
**Tues. Dec. 23,** 4:30pm-5:30pm at **Mt. Carmel**  
**Wed. Dec. 24,** 11:30am-12:30pm at **St. Therese**  
 1:00pm-2:00pm at **Mt. Carmel**

**Women's Winter Bible Study - Fulfilled Part 2**

We invite you to participate in a **7-week women's Bible study beginning February 18 and concluding on April 1.** The course, titled "Fulfilled," is the second part of a two-part series by Ascension Press that examines the biblical foundations of the Catholic faith. This study explores God's continual design for worship and His relationship with us, highlighting where the blueprint for the Catholic faith was established in the Old Testament and how it is fulfilled by Jesus in the New Testament. Part two examines the outer sanctuary's elements and their links to the Magisterium, Eucharist, Incense, and Mary.

The group will meet on Wednesdays from 10:00 – 11:30 am at St. Therese. There will be a cost of \$28 for materials which is due at the first session. **Please call the St. Therese office (262-694-4695) by February 2 to register.** Please contact Lori Martin at [Lorimarmar@gmail.com](mailto:Lorimarmar@gmail.com) with any questions.

**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!

**To my St. Therese Family**

Please accept my heartfelt thanks for your wonderful support during my 20 years as your Music Director. My childhood devotion to follow the 'little ways' of St. Therese completes my musical journey at St. Therese of Lisieux Catholic Church on January 4, 2026. You will remain in my heart with such gratitude for a very special friendship of sharing music and prayer together. Fondly, Jan Sleyster



**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 30, 2025 \$2,645.00  
 Budgeted weekly need...\$5,567.00  
 Over/Under budget (\$2,922.00)

**MASS INTENTIONS for the Week**

**Monday, December 15**

8:00 AM † Betty Campbell (Denise Dickman)

**Tuesday, December 16**

8:00 AM † Betty Campbell

**Wednesday, December 17**

5:45 PM † Barbara Baruffi

**Thursday, December 18**

No Mass

**Friday, December 19**

8:00 AM † Betty Campbell

**Saturday, December 20**

4:00 PM † Barbara Baruffi

**Sunday, December 21 Fourth Sunday of Advent**

8:30 AM † Ann Gersheski (Cousins)

10:30 AM † For Members of the Parish

**Sign Up for FLOCKNOTE!**

**What is Flocknote?** Flocknote is a means by which Fr. Campbell can send information by both text and email to all parishioners who are signed up. Signing up is EASY! **To sign up: Type out the word LOOP (in all CAPS) as a text message & send to 84576.** Then you'll be in our parish "loop" and will receive texts, news & emails from Fr. Campbell.

**Your gift to the Catholic Stewardship Appeal—**

whether large or small—makes a difference. Every gift is welcomed and needed to help our Church continue God's work in our communities. To donate, visit [www.catholicappeal.org](http://www.catholicappeal.org), text AP-PEAL2025 to 414-348-8330, or mail your check to Catholic Stewardship Appeal, 3501 S. Lake Drive, St. Francis, WI 53235

**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](mailto: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
	Fax	262-764-0083
Beth Sturino	Rel. Ed. Coor K-5	262-705-9097
Heather Schweitzer	Rel. Ed Coor 6-12	262-914-2288
Kris Granahan	Youth Group 6-12	262-331-4457
Liturgical Musician	Jan Sleyster	262-331-4734

St. Therese supports two Catholic Schools:  
 All Saints Catholic School 262-925-4000  
 St. Joseph Catholic Academy 262-654-8651

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 Parish Web Site [www.st-therese-kenosha.org](http://www.st-therese-kenosha.org)  
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 Youth Group [youthgroup@olmckenosha.org](mailto:youthgroup@olmckenosha.org)

**Parish Staff**

Pastor.....Rev. Fr. Dwight P. Campbell, S.T.D.  
 Shared Associate Pastor.....Rev. Fr. Robert T. McDermott  
 Rel. Ed. Coor..... Beth Sturino  
 Liturgical Musician..... Jan Sleyster  
 Parish Secretary & Bulletin Editor.....Mary E. Vestal

**Parish Pastoral Council**

Jeanne Hlavacek, Trustee Treasurer	Tom Haskins
Steven Plato, Chairman	Barb Brooker
Claudia Volpentesta, Trustee Secretary	J. R. Roberts
Nancy January, Secretary	Alex Zenzola

**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.