



The Faith Community of

ST. THERESE OF LISIEUX

CATHOLIC CHURCH



THE HOLY FAMILY

He went and dwelt in a town called Nazareth,
so that what had been spoken through the
prophets might be fulfilled. - Mt 2:23

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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*

December 28, 2025 The Holy Family

January 1: Solemnity Mary Mother of God (& Our Spiritual Mother)



“**Mary.**” This name finds its root in the Old Testament Hebrew name *Miryam* (sister of Moses). But its meaning is a mystery with many proposed interpretations. Among the most common are: “Star of the Sea,” “Lady,” “Queen,” and “Mother of the Lord.” How fitting this name be a mystery; for Mary is linked to a great mystery of our Faith: she is the Mother of God. All Mary’s titles and privileges flow from this truth. To understand this title and teaching, we must consider another great mystery: the Incarnation.

Mother of the Incarnate Son The Incarnation literally means the “enfleshment” of the Eternal Word. The Son of God, who is “God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,” truly became man. The Gospels reveal that the Son of God, the Second Person of the Trinity, united to Himself a human nature (body and soul, with a human mind and will) while still remaining God and retaining His divine nature: “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God...And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us” (Jn. 1:1, 14). The Gospel of St. Luke reveals that this great mystery of the Incarnation took place in the immaculate womb of the Virgin Mary, with Mary’s freely-willed consent, or “Fiat”: “Let it be done to me according to your word” (Lk. 1:38). At that moment Mary become the Mother of Father’s Divine Son; the Mother of God. We call this event the Annunciation; or, more properly the Annunciation of the Incarnation.

Jesus Christ, the “Seed of the Woman” The Incarnation was the fulfillment of all that God had revealed in the Old Testament: that the Father would send His only-begotten Son to save us from sin and death. The revelation of the Redemption of mankind, and Mary’s place in God’s plan as Mother of the Redeemer, began immediately after the Fall. Genesis reveals that after Adam and Eve sinned, God spoke to the serpent (Satan): “I will put enmity between you and the woman, between your seed and her seed...and she will crush your head” (Gen. 3:15). These words reveal the Incarnation and Redemption, and of Mary’s divine motherhood; for the “woman” is Mary and her “seed” is Jesus Christ. Properly, Jesus crushes the head of the serpent; but Mary cooperates with Jesus – in conceiving and giving birth to Him, and at the foot of the Cross by suffering with Him.

The Communication of Idioms It’s important to understand that when the Church teaches that Mary is the Mother of God, it is not saying that God the Son began His existence when Mary conceived Him in her womb. As the Eternal Word, the Son had no beginning; He is co-eternal with the Father and the Holy Spirit. But because the Son of God became man/took flesh *in Mary’s womb* we can truly call her the Mother of God.

The Council of Ephesus In the early fifth century a Bishop named Nestorius taught that Mary was the Mother of Jesus (a human person), but not the Mother of God; in other words, Jesus Christ was two distinct persons, a divine Person and a human person. This teaching was condemned by the Council of Ephesus in 431 A.D., which proclaimed Mary the Mother of God. Jesus is one divine Person, who took a human nature in Mary’s womb. We are told that the people of Ephesus marched through the streets singing praises of Mary after the Council proclaimed this dogma. And how fitting that the dogma of Mary’s divine motherhood should have been proclaimed at Ephesus; for tradition tells us that it was in this ancient City (on the western coast of modern day Turkey) that Mary lived with the Apostle John; and that it was there that she was assumed into Heaven.

Divine Motherhood & Spiritual Motherhood in the Order of Grace Both Scripture and Tradition reveal that Mary’s divine motherhood established her spiritual motherhood in the order of divine grace. The Church is the Mystical Body of Christ. Mary is the Mother of Jesus, Head of the Mystical Body; therefore she is necessarily Mother of all the (baptized) members of that same Body. She earned this title by her unique cooperation with the Sacrifice of her Son on the Cross. Vatican II teaches that “in a wholly singular way she [Mary] cooperated by her obedience, faith, hope and burning charity in the [redeeming] work of the Savior in restoring supernatural life to souls. *For this reason she is a mother to us in the order of grace.*” We show our love for Mary as Mother of Jesus and our spiritual Mother every time we pray the Hail Mary, when we address her as “Mother of God” and ask her to pray for us, “now and at the hour of our death.”

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: January 14, **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, Jim Lauzon, Dennis Daughtry, Maggie Elizabeth Kolanko, Kathleen Albaum, Doris Bruff, Elsie Carver, Marina Pennington. Call rectory for sick persons 694-4695.



“Eucharistic Adoration is the greatest power in the universe capable of transforming us and changing the face of the world.” St. Maximilian Kolbe. Come and spend some time with Jesus, exposed in the Eucharist in the monstrance on the altar, at **St. Therese Church** every Friday 8:30am-5pm; on First Friday-Saturday, adoration continues until 6am, Plus on **First Friday's** there is Children's adoration at 3:30-4:30pm and at **Mt. Camel Church** every Tuesday 3-5:30pm.



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 with any questions.

Parish Support

Weekend of December 14, 2025 \$11,770.00
 Budgeted weekly need...\$5,567.00
 Over/Under budget \$6,203.00

Solemnity of Mary Mother of God
January 1: Holy Day of Obligation

Mass Times:

St. Therese: Wed. Dec. 31, 5:15pm
 Thurs. Jan. 1, 8:30am & 10:30am
Mt. Carmel: Wed. Dec. 31: 4pm
 Thurs. Jan 1: 10am, & 12 noon Latin Mass

St Therese Community,

Thank you for your incredible generosity by providing our Families with a plethora of needed items! We know how much time, thought, energy & planning went into collecting these items for families in Head Start! You have brightened the holidays for so many! **THANK YOU!** The Staff at Chavez Learning Station

Change in Saturday Confession Time: With the change in Mass time to 5:15 PM, Confessions will be heard from 4:15 PM to 5:00 PM.

Change in Saturday Evening Mass time at St. Therese to 5:15pm beginning Dec. 27 – last Saturday in December.

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.

Happy New Year!

The Parish Office will be closed Thursday, January 1st and will reopen on Monday, January 5.



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MASS INTENTIONS for the Week

Monday, December 29

8:00 AM † John Seggiaro (Deanna & Milissa)

Tuesday, December 30

8:00 AM Patty Bell

Wed., Dec. 31 Mary Mother of God

5:15 PM † For Members of the Parish

Thursday, January 1 Mary, Holy Mother of God, New Year's Day, Holy Day of Obligation

8:30 AM † For Members of the Parish

10:30 AM † Richard Sleyster

Friday, January 2

8:00 AM † Betty Campbell

Saturday, January 3

5:15 PM † Pat Roach

Sunday, January 4

8:30 AM † For Members of the Parish

10:30 AM † Virginia Giulia, Rosaria Ruffolo

Saints & Readings:

Week of December 28, 2025

Sunday: The Holy Family Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

Monday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6/Lk 2:22-35

Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Lk 2:36-40

Wednesday: St. Sylvester I, Pope; *New Year's Eve* 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13/Jn 1:1-18

Thursday: Mary, The Holy Mother of God, New Year's Day, World Day of Peace Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

Friday: Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 1:19-28

Saturday: The Most Holy Name of Jesus 1 Jn 2:29-3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6/Jn 1:29-34

Next Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

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 5:15 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 4:15 to 5:00 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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St. Therese supports two Catholic Schools:

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

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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.