



The Faith Community of

# ST. THERESE OF LISIEUX

CATHOLIC CHURCH



## 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"Come after me, and I will make you fishers  
of men." - Mt 4:19

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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*

January 25, 2026 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

## War and Peace

Dr. Donald DeMarco (*The Wanderer*, Jan. 8, 2026)

The prospect of the end of a war brings a great deal of joy and excitement. War is indescribably horrible, and the news of its termination is happily received. Yet, in this fervor, the unexamined assumption is made that the end of a war will bring peace. Peace, however, is not simply the absence of war. The two terms — war and peace — do not contradict each other. There can be an absence of peace even when there is an absence of war. War and peace are not contradictories. The absence of war can occur when there is also an absence of peace.

The notion of peace is elusive and is often mistakenly understood as the absence of something. A man who is trying to get some sleep might beg for some “peace and quiet.” The absence of distracting sounds is all he wants. Defining peace by what it is not fails to enlighten us about what peace *is*.

When the priest turns to the congregation during Mass and says, “Peace be with you,” he is conveying peace in its positive sense. But what is this positive kind of peace? St. Augustine is helpful when he defines peace as “the tranquility of order.” Peace is not some “thing.” It is more a mood or an atmosphere. It exists when our life is put in its proper order. Robert Browning gives us a sense of the tranquility that order confers in his short poem, *Pippa’s Song*: “The year’s at the spring, And day’s at the morn; Morning’s at seven; The hill-side’s dew-pearl’d; The lark’s on the wing; The snail’s on the thorn; God’s in His heaven, All’s right with the world!”

There is cosmic order in the universe. The universe, however, not possessing consciousness, cannot enjoy its own tranquility. Yet its tranquility can be a source of inspiration for us. The “*Sea of Tranquility*,” so called, is a large, dark plain on the surface of the moon. It is famous for being the landing site of the Apollo 11 Mission, which marked the first time a human walked on another celestial body. It is said to symbolize hope for weary human beings. The *Sea of Tranquility* is also the title of a novel by Canadian author, Emily St. John Mandel. It unfolds the story of humanity across the centuries.

Peace is disrupted when things are out of order. We love peace because we love putting our life in order and enjoying the sweet tranquility this order confers. We talk about peace a great deal because our lives are usually out of order. The mere ending of a war does not bring about this kind of peace automatically. The restoration of peace requires a great deal of work. It is a sobering notion that buried in the ashes of a war may lie the seeds of another war. World War I did not prevent the advent of World War II.

What is needed for a nation to bring about peace? A great deal. *There needs to be a friendship among citizens.* A sense of unity must prevail, and people must work hard to give substance to that unity. Given the human proclivity for disagreement, anger, and divisiveness, the peace for which they yearn will always be something they must continue to strive for.

Peace is more realizable on a personal level. We admire those who have achieved a peace of soul and radiate a certain calmness. They have a vital role to play in bringing about peace for their country. The end of war does not bring peace. What it brings is a greater opportunity to establish peace. War prevents peace, but so do other factors, such as poverty, crime, inadequate housing, and many other factors. War is simply one — though a large one — that works against the establishment of peace.

Former U.S. President Ronald Reagan stated that, “Peace is not the absence of conflict, it is the ability to handle conflict by peaceful means.” This is a hope-laden saying. It suggests that conflict — not war — is inevitable, but that inevitability can be resolved in a peaceful way. Nonetheless, the formidable difficulties of that peaceful way remain. Reagan is guilty of oversimplifying peace.

St. Mother Teresa held that “peace begins with a smile.” If we have enough peace in our hearts to smile, that can initiate a chain reaction that results in a larger peace. The genesis of peace is in the heart, not the boardroom of international experts. Therefore, it is everyone’s job to initiate peace. “First keep peace with yourself,” wrote Thomas a Kempis, “then you can also bring peace to others.” We make our small contribution to peace and hope it catches fire. Nonetheless, world peace needs supernatural help.

Mary, the Mother of God, bears the title, “Queen of Peace.” This is proper since she is the Mother of Christ, the “Prince of Peace.” Christ came into an un-peaceful world to bring peace. His peace, however, as announced on Christmas Day, in order to flourish, must be accepted by “men of good will.” Hence, the need on a supernatural level for establishing peace and the need on the part of humans to be properly disposed to the reception of peace. This peace, for which Catholics and others pray, is not something negative, such as the absence of conflict, but something deeply spiritual. The conclusion of a war, then, should inspire not only fellowship and hard work, but much prayer.

**Freed from ‘The Faults of Childhood’: St. Thérèse’s Christmas Miracle:** (*The Wanderer* Jan. 8, 2026) - St. Thérèse of Lisieux was described in her mother's letters and diaries as a cheerful, bright child, but after her mother's untimely death when Thérèse was just 4 years old, the girl became sullen, withdrawn, and sensitive. The saint faced many challenges in her life: In addition to the early loss of her mother, her beloved older sister Pauline joined the Carmelites when Thérèse was just 9, leading her to feel that she was being abandoned all over again. Thérèse notes in her autobiography, *The Story of a Soul*, "My extreme sensitiveness made me unbearable." If she offended anyone, instead of making up she "wept bitterly and so made things worse." Thérèse wrote that she needed a miracle to help her grow out of her childish behavior, and that miracle came on Christmas Day in 1886, when she was nearly fourteen years old. "Jesus, the Child then only an hour old, flooded the darkness of my soul with torrents of light," she wrote. "By becoming weak and frail for me, He gave me strength and courage. He clothed me with His weapons, and from that blessed night I was unconquerable." Thérèse, her sister Céline, and her father had just arrived home after attending midnight Mass. Thérèse had received Communion and she was excited to see her shoe full of presents. "When we were small children," she wrote, "this old custom gave us such delight that Céline wanted to continue treating me like a baby." She said that for years, her father had delighted in her childish Christmas joy as she opened her presents. "But Jesus arranged matters so that Daddy was irritated at seeing my shoes in the fireplace." Her father said, "Thank goodness it's the last time we shall have this kind of thing!" which Thérèse said "hurt her very much." After he said that, "Thérèse went up to her room, but she was not the same girl. Jesus had changed her," the saint related. She ran downstairs and opened her presents with cheer. She reflected, "Thérèse had got back for good the strength of soul which she had lost when she was four and a half. On this glorious night the third period of my life began." The saint said that from that night, after her victory over her emotions, Jesus made her a fisher of men, like His apostles. "I forgot myself and henceforth I was happy." When Thérèse became a Carmelite sister at the age of fifteen, she took the name "Thérèse of the Child Jesus," showing her lifelong devotion to the Holy Infant after her Christmas day miracle.

**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.



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: January 28, **2pm**.



**“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.



**Change in Saturday Mass & Confession Time:** Mass is 5:15 PM, Confessions will be heard from 4:15 to 5:00 PM.

" The **January 2026 Holy Spirit Novena for Life** will commence on Jan 22 and proceed through the Kenosha Parishes. **It will be at St. Therese on Jan 28** and will begin with the 5:45 Mass followed by the Rosary and Novena. The complete schedule is available in the vestibule."

**Women's Winter Bible Study - Fulfilled Part 2** A 7-week women's Bible study beginning Feb. 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. The group will meet on Wednesdays 10-11:30 am at St. Therese. Cost is \$28 for materials due at 1st session. **Please call St. Therese office (262-694-4695) by Feb. 2 to register.**

Please join us **Sunday nights 6pm at St. Therese to pray the Rosary & litany** for our world & personal intentions before Jesus in the Tabernacle.

**Reminder - Special Collections & Foyer Donation Box**  
 - **2nd Weekend** each month: Maintenance Fund collection  
 - Every **5th Sunday** of the month, collection for special needs (Vincent de Paul, Pro-Life, etc.)  
 Also, be aware there is a donation box at the front entrance of the church, with special needs listed.

**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.

**Parish Support not available at time of Publication.**  
 Weekend of January, 2025 \$.00  
 Budgeted weekly need...\$5,567.00  
 Over/Under budget (\$.00)

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**MASS INTENTIONS for the Week**

**Monday, January 26**

8:00 AM † Betty Campbell (Bill & Cindy Kolanko)

**Tuesday, January 27**

8:00 AM Rick Neiper

**Wednesday, January 28**

5:45 PM Intentions of Sheryl Neiper

**Thursday, January 29**

No Mass

**Friday, January 30**

8:00 AM † Betty Campbell (Bill & Cindy Kolanko)

**Saturday, January 31**

5:15 PM † Priest Intention

**Sunday, February 1**

8:30 AM † Betty Campbell (Bill & Cindy Kolanko)

10:30 AM † For Members of the Parish



**Knights of Columbus**

**“Baby Bottles for Life”**

**Fundraiser**

**January 31st- February 7th**

Please take a bottle home and fill it with pocket change, then place it in the baby bottle return box the following weekend.

If you wish to give without taking a bottle, we also have a very large baby bottle for donations. 100% of the donations will go to local prenatal and postnatal care programs.



**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	<b>4:15 to 5:00 PM</b>
	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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Heather Schweitzer	Rel. Ed Coor 6-12	262-914-2288
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St. Therese supports two Catholic Schools:  
All Saints Catholic School 262-925-4000  
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**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.