



The Faith Community of

# ST. THERESE OF LISIEUX

CATHOLIC CHURCH



## 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER



Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." - Jn 20:29

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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 unflinching 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*

April 12, 2026 Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)

## How to Explain to Protestants the Mass & Why We Attend Weekly Mass

By James Drummey, "Catholic Replies," *The Wanderer* (March 26, 2026)

**Q. When I attempt to explain the Mass to my Protestant friends, it seems too much for them to accept and embrace. Can you suggest a better means of explaining the Mass that my friends might understand? — M. O., Md.**

A. Here is how we have explained the Mass to Confirmation students, both teenagers and adults:

The origins of the Mass go back to Adam and Eve, whose original sin set us against God and prevented us from getting to Heaven. For thousands of years, the people of the Old Testament tried to gain God's forgiveness by sacrificing animals and offering them up to God. But these offerings were not enough to make up for the sins of Adam and Eve and their descendants.

God loves us so much, however, that He sent His only Son Jesus into the world to offer Himself as a sacrifice for sin. Because Jesus is God, He could offer the perfect sacrifice to His Father and make up for our sins. Because He was also a man, human like us in all things but sin, Jesus could stand in our place and offer His life in atonement for our sins. That is why we call Jesus the "Lamb of God," because He shed His blood for us and restored our friendship with the Father.

Jesus wanted us to share in His perfect sacrifice, so He instituted the Mass. At the Last Supper, the night before He died, Jesus changed water and wine into His body and blood ("This is my body ... This is my blood") and gave the Apostles the power to do the same in memory of Him. The priest at Mass stands in the place of Jesus and offers the same sacrifice that He offered on Good Friday. This sacrifice in our churches is being offered at the same time in Heaven, so we are part of a much bigger celebration than what we witness in our churches. That is why the priest, in the first Eucharistic Prayer, asks God to "command that these gifts be borne by the hands of your holy Angel to your altar on high."

We can't see them, but dozens of angels are surrounding the priest every time he offers Mass in our churches, and they take our prayers to God.

What is Holy Mass? It is a continuation of the sacrifice of Jesus on the Cross, but in an unbloody way. Jesus died only once, but the Mass is a memorial of His death and Resurrection. It is also a banquet that recalls the Last Supper, that celebrates our unity as followers of Christ, and that anticipates the final banquet in Heaven at the end of time.

**Why go to Mass? Six reasons:** (1) To give praise and adoration to God, who brought us into the world and who watches over us every minute of every day. (2) To offer thanksgiving to God for the many blessings He has given to us. (3) To petition God for favors for ourselves and for other people. (4) To make reparation for our sins and the sins of others. (5) To hear the Word of God read and explained to us so that we know how to lead a holy life. (6) To receive Jesus in Holy Communion and get the spiritual food we need to strengthen our souls so we can get to Heaven.

Whenever evil people try to take over a country, one of the first things they do is close the churches to prevent people from going to Mass. Millions of Catholics down through the centuries have risked their lives, and even died, to attend Holy Mass. They have bravely told their persecutors that they cannot live without the Eucharist and the Mass. Neither can we if we want to get to Heaven.

The best way that we can show our love for God is by faithfully worshiping Him every week at Holy Mass, which is being celebrated every moment of the day somewhere in the world. Holy Mass is the greatest prayer of all, the central act of worship for a Catholic, and the source of many blessings to help us in our daily life and help us get to Heaven.

God expects us to go to Mass, and He will not look kindly on those who deliberately ignore the Third Commandment, which commands us to keep the Lord's Day (Sunday) holy. The night before Jesus died on the Cross for our sins, He said the first Mass and told the Apostles, the first priests, to "do this in memory of me" (*Luke 22:19*). God gives us 168 hours a week. Is it asking too much for us to give Him one hour on Sunday?

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: April 22, 2pm.



**PRAY for the SICK in our PARISH**, and visit them if possible: William Wasurick, Mary Jo Koski, Florence Klappa, Daniel Lenegar, Jennifer Johnson, 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.



**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.

**Sign up for FORMED!**

A program which gives our parishioners free access to many Catholic programs and movies. To sign up: 1) visit Formed.Org 2) Click Sign up 3) Select a parish 4) Find your parish by name and address 5) Enter your e mail. Then, you're in!

**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.

**Parish Support not available at time of publication.**  
 Weekend of March 15, 2026 \$0.00  
 Budgeted weekly need...\$5,567.00  
 Over/Under budget (\$0.00)

**Christian Women's Circle** - Our next meeting is **Tuesday, April 14<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m.** We hope you will join us to meet new friends and learn about opportunities to support St. Therese, our community, and one another.

**“Get some tax relief with a FREE pancake and porky breakfast sponsored by the Holy Name Society on Sunday, April 12 from 9-11 in the hall. If inclined, donations will be accepted.”**

**“The annual spring picnic grounds clean up will be on Saturday, May 16 starting at 8 am.** Please bring a rake and any containers to transport leaves (ex. garbage cans). Lunch will be provided.”

**Holy Name Society** will be having a **meeting on Sunday, April 26 after the 8:30 Mass** in the hall. All men of the parish are invited.

**NBA's Chicago Bulls release player for his Christian stance on homosexuality**  
 (LifeSiteNews, march 31, 2026)

The Chicago Bulls cut Jaden Ivey on Monday just hours after he publicly criticized the NBA for celebrating LGBT “Pride Month,” a promotional stunt embraced by virtually every major league sports team, including the NBA, NHL, NFL, and MLB. “The world proclaims LGBTQ, right? They proclaim Pride Month, and the NBA does too. They show it to the world. They say, ‘Come join us for Pride Month, to celebrate unrighteousness,’” Ivey said on Instagram. The Bulls claimed that his conduct was “detrimental to the team.” The outcry from Christians and conservatives was swift and formidable. “Sports reporters have portrayed Ivey as mentally unstable when in fact he’s just a born-again follower of Jesus talking about his faith,” Newsmax host Todd Starnes noted. “We live in an age where right is wrong and wrong is right. Those who seek to follow the teachings of Christ are punished for their beliefs.” “Jaden Ivey was kicked off the Chicago Bulls today after being labeled ‘detrimental to the team’ due to his Christian views on LGBTQ pride nights. Detrimental to the team? ‘Because I believe in the truth? Because I know Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life?’” *CatholicVote* noted. “A guy who doesn’t wanna celebrate two men having gay sex doesn’t need ‘mental help,’” X influencer Pro-America Politics & Markets asserted. “The NBA is a disgrace.” Christian podcast host John Mason urged, “Christianity is not for cowards. Jesus calls us to be set apart from the world.”

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**MASS INTENTIONS for the Week**

**Monday, April 13**

8:00 AM † Eleanore & Joe Cerretti & Family

**Tuesday, April 14**

8:00 AM † Chet Ramcheck

**Wednesday, April 15**

5:45 PM † Lucille Thomsen

**Thursday, April 16**

No Mass

**Friday, April 17**

8:00 AM † Warren Harris

**Saturday, April 18**

5:15 PM † Living & deceased members of Balmes Family

**Sunday, April 19**

8:30 AM † Sandra Ziccarelli (Mom & Dad)

10:30 AM For Members of the Parish

**Saints & Readings:**

**Week of April 12, 2026**

Sunday: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy), Acts 2:42-47/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24/1 Pt 1:3-9/Jn 20:19-31

Monday: St. Martin I, Pope and Martyr, Acts 4:23-31/Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9/Jn 3:1-8

Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday: *Tax Day*, Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 3:16-21

Thursday: Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20/Jn 3:31-36

Friday: Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Jn 6:1-15

Saturday: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/Jn 6:16-21

Next Sunday: 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter, Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2 and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/1 Pt 1:17-21/Lk 24:13-35

**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**

First Fridays Sunday  
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  
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Parish Secretary & Bulletin Editor.....Mary E. Vestal

**Parish Pastoral Council**

Jeanne Hlavacek, Trustee Treasurer	Tom Haskins
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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.