



The Faith Community of

ST. THERESE OF LISIEUX

CATHOLIC CHURCH



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*The LORD, your God,
is in your midst,
a MIGHTY savior;
he will rejoice over you
with GLADNESS,
and renew you in his love,
he will SING joyfully
because of you.*

ZEPHANIAH 3:17

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PARISH WEBSITE:
www.st-therese-kenosha.org

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.*



December 13, 2009 · Third Sunday of Advent

COMING EVENTS

Christmas Shopping with Scrip

How is your Christmas shopping coming along? Did you know that when you shop for just that right gift for that special someone, you can also help St. Therese Parish?



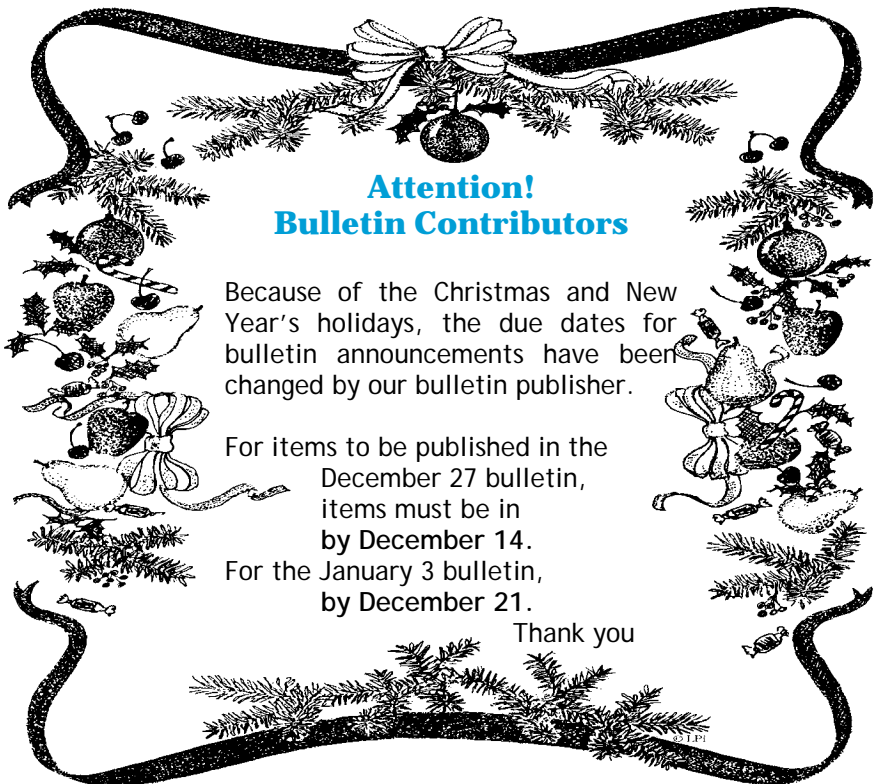
Use SCRIP! Grocery, drug, and

department stores, restaurants, gas stations and auto supply stores, discount stores, entertainment, travel, specialty stores, American Express, Visa and many others. This is an easy way to give that special gift to those who are hard to buy for and it's another way to help your parish.

If you purchase scrip for Christmas gifts, it costs you nothing extra but the parish makes a percentage from each store represented. The percentages range from 1.5 % to 13 %.

If scrip is ordered by Monday morning, you will be able to pick it up on Thursday at the parish office, at Mass on Sunday or it can be placed in your child's take-home school folders.

Pick up a scrip form at the kiosk and see what is available. If you have questions please call the parish office at 694-4695 and talk to Julia.



**Attention!
Bulletin Contributors**

Because of the Christmas and New Year's holidays, the due dates for bulletin announcements have been changed by our bulletin publisher.

For items to be published in the December 27 bulletin, items must be in by December 14.

For the January 3 bulletin, by December 21.

Thank you

Parish Council Update

At the December 7th meeting of our Parish Council, members considered the future of our pre-school, listened to plans for the Mardi Gras scheduled for February 13, and discussed plans for this year's Lenten Fish Fry Dinners.

The next Parish Council meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 4 at 7:00 PM in the Hall.

Children's Christmas Eve Mass Practice

Practices for children participating in the 4:00 PM Christmas Eve Mass are:

- 1st Practice. . . Sat., Dec. 19 - 9:00-10:30 AM
 - 2nd Practice. . . Tues., Dec. 22 - 6:00-7:30 PM
- Questions? Call Carrie Scruggs at 262-960-5806.

Parish Bulletin Board

Christmas Flower Memorial # Our bulletin publishing company unexpectedly changed the due dates on which our Christmas bulletin was to be published. As a result, all names submitted for the Christmas Flower Memorial before December 11th will be published in the December 20th bulletin. Any names submitted after December 11th will be published in the December 27th bulletin.

Incense will be used at all Masses on the Vigil of Christmas, Christmas Day, the Vigil and Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary (January 1), and Epiphany (January 3).

SCRIP is available for sale after all weekend Masses at the kiosk and on-line.

Call the Parish Office for further information or contact our website at www.st-therese-kenosha.org

Some thoughts to help you . . . Along Your Journey in Faith

God speaks personally to each one of us but, unlike some people, He never shouts.

Some people image that God 'speaks' as a voice somewhere in the back of the head. This is nonsense. On rare occasions, in the history of the Church, men and women have apparently heard a 'voice.'

The Church is very cautious about accepting such 'voices' or personal revelations. God does not speak to the vast majority of us in such a way. But then how does He speak to you and me?

The most important way that God gets through to us is through the life and words of Jesus found in Holy Scripture. These words have come down to us in the books of the Gospels, but it's important to realize that Jesus never wrote a book. Every word He spoke was addressed to a particular person or to a particular group of people. Every word Jesus spoke was personal to those people. And it's the same with us today.

God doesn't only 'speak' to us

through the words of Jesus. He also 'speaks' to us through the circumstances of our everyday life. Sometimes the more difficult events can be God's way of showing us who we truly are and highlighting what is demanded of us.



Of the many life experiences through which God speaks to us, the experience of aging is common to many. This is reflected in the following prayer by Teilhard de Chardin.

"When the signs of age begin to mark my body and still more, when they touch my mind;

when the ill that is to diminish me or carry me off strikes from without or is born within me;

when the painful moment comes in which I suddenly awaken to the fact that I am growing old; and above all, at that last moment

when I feel I am losing hold of myself and am absolutely passive within the hands of the great unknown forces that have formed me;

in all those dark moments, O God, grant that I may understand that it is You, provided my faith is strong enough, who are painfully parting the fibers of my being, in order to penetrate to the very marrow of my substance and bear me away within Yourself."

(Adapted from *Personal Prayer* by John Trenchard, C.Ss.R.)

REMEMBER:

All of us have experienced at one time the 'voice' of God speaking to us. It might be through a comment made by a family member, a friend, or a perfect stranger. It might be just a thought that strikes you as the answer to a problem, a direction to be taken, a choice to be made. Some people feel that God speaks to us through our conscience.

No one knows the answer, but yet each one of us knows. Deep down in our souls, we know when God has spoken to us. Think about how God speaks to you as you walk with Him this week Along Your Journey in Faith.

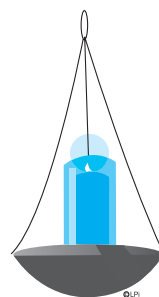
Father Mike

The Forgotten Sin

A question frequently asked by penitents who receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation is this: If I have forgotten to mention a sin during my Confession, are my forgotten sins forgiven?

With our Advent Penance Services scheduled to begin this week, this may be a good time to remember that we cannot stop the flow of God's love and mercy, especially when we act with sincere hearts. When we strive to do the right thing and we honestly seek to live our faith, our foibles and miscues are not occasions of sin, but reminders that we are human and imperfect. God loves us anyway!

Forgotten sins are forgiven by the overwhelming mercy and love of God. If the forgotten sin is a serious one, you should mention it the next time you go to confession. Most importantly, remember that God is so anxious to love you and save you that nothing can stand in His way, except our refusal of His love. And even then, He waits for us to say yes.



OUR SANCTUARY LAMP

will burn this week for the repose of the soul of **FUHRER FAMILY** as requested by **JEANNE AND TED WILLIAMSON** in grateful recognition of Our Lord's Sacramental Presence in our tabernacle.





City-Wide Penance Services

Thursday, December 17, 7:00 PM,
Saint Therese Parish

Saturday, December 19, 10:00 AM
Saint James Parish

Tuesday, December 22 12:00 PM
Saint Elizabeth Parish

*Additional Confession at St. Therese,
Saturday, December 19, 3:00 to 3:30 PM*

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve, December 24

4:00 PM Christmas Vigil Mass

9:30 PM Caroling Concert

10:00 PM Christmas Mass During the Night

Christmas Day, December 25

8:30 AM Christmas Mass at Dawn

10:30 AM Christmas Mass During the Day

Feast of the Holy Family, December 28

4:00 PM Saturday

8:30 & 10:30 AM Sunday

Solemnity of Mary Mother of God

Thursday, December 31, 2009

5:00 PM Vigil Mass

Friday, January 1, 2010

9:00 AM Mass

**Parish Support for the Week of
December 6**

Adult Envelopes.....	\$5,420.00
Offertory.....	\$ 487.00
Church income	\$5,907.00
Weekly Envelope Budget	\$6,115.00
Actual Envelope Income.....	\$5,420.00
Weekly Difference.....	(\$ 695.00)

Please submit bulletin announcements in writing to the Parish Office or e-mail to bogaczl@tds.net by 9:00 AM Friday 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
	Thursday	5:00 PM
	No 8:00 AM Mass on Wednesday or Saturday	
Holy Day Masses	Please consult Sunday bulletin.	
Reconciliation	Saturday	3:00 to 3:30 PM
First Fridays	12 Hour Adoration	
	Contact: John & Sharon Kirsch 694-4688	
Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions	Thursday	5:30 PM
Parish Telephones	Parish Office	262-694-4695
	Fax	262-694-7284
	Religious Education	262-694-0118
	Youth Ministry	262-694-6018

St. Therese Little Flower Preschool	262-694-4695
Mount Carmel/St. Therese Elementary School	262-694-8080
St. Joseph Interparish Jr. High & High School	262-654-8651

Parish Mailing Address	9005 22nd Avenue • Kenosha, WI 53143
E-mail	valang@tds.net
Bulletin E-mail	bogaczl@tds.net
School E-mail	principal@mtcarmel/stthereseschool.org
Parish Web Site	www.st-therese-kenosha.org
K-5 Rel. Ed. Coord.	scruggsc@stmarycatholic.org
Youth Min./6-8 Rel.Ed. Coord.	maglioccob@stmarycatholic.org

Parish Staff

Pastor	Rev. Michael E. Nowak
Principal	Elliot Kramsky
Youth Ministry: 6-8 Rel. Ed. Coord.	Brian Magliocco
K-5 Rel. Ed. Coord.	Carrie Scruggs
Liturgical Musician	Jan Sleyster
Parish Secretary	Julia Angelos
Parish Custodian	Thomas Bruneau
Bulletin Editor	Lori Bogacz

Parish Council

Chairperson, Paul Gillespie	Buildings & Grounds, Alan Zahn
Vice Chairperson, Charles Cajka	Communications, Anne Tabbert
Secretary, James Lauzon	Faith Formation, Jerome Pudulek
Trustee Treasurer, Linda Kosecki	Finance, Charles Cajka
Trustee Secretary, Mark Van Guyse	School Board, Rob Jenewein
Recording Secretary, Lori Bogacz	Prayer & Worship, Louise Meyer
	Social Justice Ministry, Patricia Laken
	Stewardship, Tricia Roach

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) Adults interested in baptism, receptions into the Catholic Church, Confirmation and/or First Communion, children age seven and over not yet baptized; please contact the Parish Office.

Baptism Please call the Parish Office to arrange for Baptism.

Marriage Please call the Pastor at least six months in advance to make arrangements.

Home Visitation Anyone who cannot attend Mass and receive the Sacraments, because of sickness or age, please contact the Parish Office or Homebound Ministry.

Liturgical Ministers For the Weekend of December 19 and 20



Servers

4:00 PM Katie Clark-John Zenzola-Kaitlyn Keel
 8:30 AM Ethan Ehlers-Melissa & Laura Thurber
 10:30 AM Angelyn & Sean Gallagher-Joseph Skurski

Extraordinary Ministers

4:00 PM (B) C. P. Anderson-R. McPhaul-C. Bruneau
 (C) * Anne Tabbert-C. Anderson- B. Clark
 8:30 AM (B) Mary Wasilevich-Tricia Roach-M. Arentz
 (C) * Bob Carver-C. Carver-M. Tercek-Bob Ramsdell
 10:30 AM (B) M. Jenewein-R. Van Guyse-Dick Stader
 (C) * Eve Vaughn-P. Olson-C. Carroll-K. Forster

* Responsible for cleaning cups and dishes.

Lectors

4:00 PM Lori Bogacz
 8:30 AM John McMahon
 10:30 AM Jon Olson

Ushers

4:00 PM H. Adamson-J. Sturino-J. Stancato-A. Stan gas
 8:30 AM John Kirsch-Joe Stancato-Chris Stancato-Bart Hafferkamp
 10:30 AM J. R. Roberts-Leo Peltier-David Lee-Angela Havrilak

Monday, December 14

8:00 AM † Frank Tercek (Marilyn Tercek)

Tuesday, December 15

8:00 AM † Clara Nowak (Ronald & Barbara Baruffi)

Wednesday, December 16

NO MASS

Thursday, December 17

5:00 PM † Bernard MCGivern Anniv.
 (Irene McGivern)

Friday, December 18

8:00 AM † Lisa R. Roach Anniv. (Family)

Saturday, December 19

4:00 PM † Caroline & Domenico Sesto
 (Russell Sesto Family)

Sunday, December 20

8:30 AM † For All The Members Of Our Parish
 10:30 AM † Harley Jenewein Anniv.
 (Rob & Michelle Jenewein)

Parish Events for this Week

Monday, December 14

6:00 PM School Christmas Program (Hall)
 7:00 PM Vincent de Paul Mtg. (Classroom)

Tuesday, December 15

7:00 PM Foresters Mtg. (hall)

Wednesday, December 16

No Religious Education classes for K-5 or 6-8

Thursday, December 17

7:00 PM Advent Penance Service (Church)

Friday, December 18

6:00 PM Girl Scouts (Hall)

Sunday, December 20

7:00 PM Confirmation Class (hall)

The Pink Candle

The pink candle in today's Advent wreath symbolizes hope and the approaching celebration of Jesus' birth — the incredible Incarnation, God made man. It is lit two Sundays before Christmas.



Pray for our Parish Family

For all who are homeless, grieving, unemployed, or alone during this season of hope and love,

For all who are ill, hospitalized or homebound due to illness or age,

For petitions placed in our Prayer Basket and requested with the lighting of candles,

We Pray To The Lord.

Readings of the Week of December 13

Sunday: Zep3:14-18/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18
 Monday: Nm 24:2-7,15-17/Mt 21:23-27
 Tuesday: Zep3:1-2, 9-13/Mt 21:28-32
 Wednesday: Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21b-25/Lk 7:18b-23
 Thursday: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Mt 1:1-17
 Friday: Jer 23:5-8/Mt 1:18-25
 Saturday: Jgs 13:2-7,24-25/Lk 1:5-25
 Next Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45
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