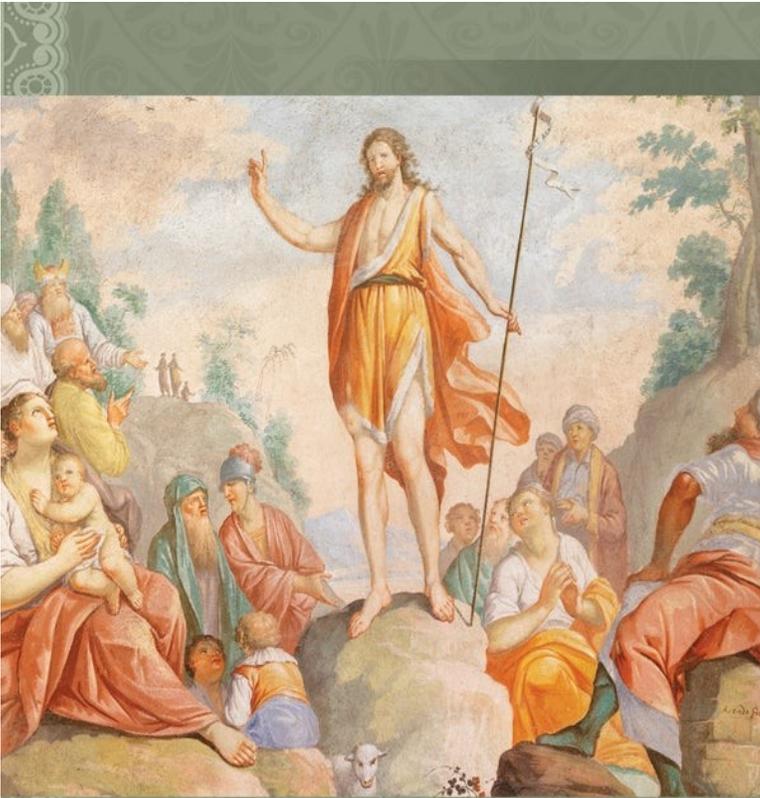


# Our Lady of Mt. Carmel

DECEMBER 7TH 2025 ~ 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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"John the Baptist appeared, preaching in the desert of Judea and saying, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!'" - Mt 3:1

Excerpt from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD

### BAPTISM AT MT. CARMEL CHURCH

Parents must be contributing members, regularly attending weekly Mass, for at least 4 months. In preparation for the sacrament, a one hour class for parents must be completed prior to the baptism, please contact the rectory, 652-7660, at least 2 months in advance.

### MARRIAGE ARRANGEMENTS

Should be made with the pastor at least six months to one year before the proposed wedding date. One member of the couple must be a registered, practicing member and contributor of record at Mt. Carmel for at least six months. Couples sharing the same abode will be asked to live separately prior to their marriage .

### CONFESSIONS

Saturday 3:00 pm until 3:45 pm, Tuesday 5:00 pm until 5:30 pm. When available Fathers Campbell and McDermott will hear confessions before Sunday Masses.

### MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday at 7:15 am with 7:00 am Morning Prayer, Rosary after Mass.  
Tuesday Eucharistic Adoration 3:00pm until 5:30 pm. Mass at 5:45 pm.  
Saturday 8:30 am (Latin)  
4:00 pm (anticipated Sunday Mass)  
Sunday 7:00 am, 10:00 am, 12:00 pm (Latin)

**PARISH WEBSITE** [www.olmckenosha.org](http://www.olmckenosha.org)

**MT. CARMEL CHURCH** 19th Avenue & 54th Street  
Entrance on 19th Avenue.

**MT. CARMEL RECTORY** 1919 54th Street  
Kenosha WI 53140

Rectory new office hours: Monday –Thursday 8:00 am until 12:00 pm. Closed on Fridays.  
(262) 652-7660

### PASTORAL STAFF

**Pastor:** Rev. Fr. Dwight. P. Campbell, S.T.D. KHS  
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**Our Parish supports both Catholic schools:**

<b>All Saints Catholic School</b>	262-925-4000
<b>St. Joseph Catholic Academy</b>	262-654-8651

**TRUSTEES** Kelly Hutchinson, *Trustee Treasurer*  
Peter Martin, *Trustee Secretary*

**PASTORAL COUNCIL** Justin Peachy, Chairman, Dean Bartello, Vice Chairman, Peter Martin, Karyn Gleeson, Jeff Szulczewski, Deirdre Purdy, and Len Hartnell.

4 Stages of Marriage – The 4 stages of marriage are: (1) Romance, (2) Disillusionment, (3) Misery, and (4) Awakening. Many marriages experience the first 3 Stages. Marriages that end in divorce never make it to the 4th Stage of Awakening. Don't give up without learning about the 4th Stage of Awakening. **If your marriage suffers from Disillusionment or Misery, please contact Retrouvaille** (pronounced retro-VI with a long I).

For confidential information about or to register for the program beginning with a weekend **Jan 23-25, 2026** in Franklin, WI, please call (414) 502-7685 or email: [2035R@HelpOurMarriage.org](mailto:2035R@HelpOurMarriage.org) or visit the website at <http://www.HelpOurMarriage.org/MKE>



*"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 Mt. Camel Church every Tuesday 3-5:30pm**; and at **St. Therese Church every Friday 8:30am-5pm** and on **First Friday till 6am Saturday morning**.

### St. Andrew Christmas Novena

*F*ail and blessed be the hour and moment in which the Son of God was born of the most pure Virgin Mary, at midnight, in Bethlehem, in the piercing cold. In that hour vouchsafe, I beseech Thee, O my God, to hear my prayer and grant my desires through the merits of Our Savior Jesus Christ, and of His blessed Mother. Amen.



Paladins Youth Group is grateful for all of the donations for the October Diaper Drive. They collected 28 boxes of diapers and \$312 in monetary donations! Thank you!

#### Sewing Ministry Wednesdays from 10 am to noon

*(Please contact me ahead of time to make sure we are meeting.)*

Come to the Mount Carmel rectory for access to the sewing room.

*Be aware that we will be going down stairs to get to the sewing room.*

#### **For more information or questions:**

Contact Sheri Blome at 847-975-1535 or [sblome96@gmail.com](mailto:sblome96@gmail.com)

#### Fr. Campbell's Wed 6am

**MEN'S BIBLE STUDY** via Zoom:

To get the link, email Fr. Campbell at : [FrCampbell@olmckenosha.org](mailto:FrCampbell@olmckenosha.org)



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



#### **Parish Support for November 23, 2025**

Budgeted Need \$6,800.00

Parish Support \$4,913.00 **Under \$1,887.00**

#### Listen to **THE MARIAN HOUR**

w/Fr. Campbell at

**WSFI 88.5 FM**

**Next program: Dec. 10 at 2pm**



**Sign Up for FLOCKNOTE!** To sign up: Text 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.



**Paladins of Carmel's** 5th annual Nerf Gun Party is in the books. Thank you to Kris Granahan and Ben Traczyk for organizing this event. It's by far the kids favorite event every year!

# The Argument From Design

By Dr. Donald DeMarco, *The Wanderer* (Nov. 20, 2025) [www.wandererpress.com](http://www.wandererpress.com)

The argument that proceeds from the appearance of design to the existence of a designer should not be either complicated or contentious. For St. Thomas, the matter was quite simple. In order for an arrow to reach its target, there must be an archer who propels the arrow. The Bowman is the intelligent being who shoots the arrow which is designed to reach its target. The existence of design implies the existence of a designer. Matter closed. Well, at least for the Angelic Doctor.

The argument from design, however, in the present era, has become exceedingly problematic. One problem is whether design can imply the existence of an invisible God. The second problem is that designs ordinarily have a specific purpose. Is man the specific purpose for the existence of the universe?

We now have designer shoelaces. All shoelaces, of course, are designed. They do not grow on trees. Their purpose is to fit easily through the eyelets (or grommets) of the shoe in order to hold it firm. The added term, "designer," does not alter what they are but gives them a certain sophistication. They may be purchased anywhere from \$10 to \$30. We know both the designer and the purpose of the shoelaces so that they are not contentious.

One might argue that if there are designer shoelaces, surely the intricate and complex order of the universe must imply both a design as well as a designer. As Sir Isaac Newton has pointed out, "This most beautiful system of the sun, planets, and comets, could only proceed from the counsel and dominion of an intelligent and powerful being."

For the great mathematician and physicist, the presence of design in the cosmos was irrefutable. But so was what it implied: a Godlike being that is its designer. Concerning the purpose of the universe, what could it be other than a being who is conscious of the beauty and intelligibility of the universe? The universe would be incomplete if there were no one to be aware of its grandeur.

Another argument against intelligent design is Darwinian. It proposes that what we mistake for design comes about by chance. Darwin, who failed to prove the origin of a single species, held that species change as a result of external modifications brought about by chance. Darwin knew nothing about the intricacies of the cell, including the double helix, DNA, mitochondria, genes, and chromosomes. Any given biological organism develops internally. A mature human being is made up of 36 billion well-organized cells. What is even more staggering is the fact that all these cells, perfectly coordinated with each other, grew from a tiny one-celled zygote. This does not accord in the very least with the Darwinian hypothesis. External chance contacts cannot change the XX or XY chromosomes that distinguish the female from the male. If there has ever been a theory utterly out of date, it belongs to Darwin's "Origin of Species."

If we have designer shoelaces, we most certainly have a designer universe. Philosophy reasons from effect to cause. If there are fingerprints on the glass, someone must have left them there. Detectives do not doubt this simple line of reasoning. A doctor makes a diagnosis moving from the pain his patient experiences to its cause. Both the detective and the doctor reason from what is known to what is not yet known but is knowable. This is how our knowledge is enlarged. There is not a shred of controversy about methodology in these instances.

Nonetheless, reasoning from the design in the universe to a designer has many antagonists. Some of them argue that the human being does not exhibit design because he is flawed not only in his physical makeup, but also in his conduct. This argument, though many share it, excludes the overwhelming fact that the presence of design can be accompanied by flaws. It is the design that proves the designer, something that its flaws cannot veto. Michael Jordan, throughout his career, missed 12,345 field goals and 1,445 free throws. Yet no one would claim that he was not a great basketball player. The number of his misses does not cancel what he accomplished in a positive vein. Even designer shoelaces will one day disintegrate.

Michael Behe, in his well-researched book, *Darwin's Black Box: The Biochemical Challenge to Evolution*, is a biologist. His knowledge of that subject allows him to say that "life on earth at its most fundamental level, in its most critical components, is the product of intelligent activity." So what is all the fuss? Whereas most people will immediately see the intimate connection between design and designer, others will, when it comes to the universe as designed by God, insist on being agnostics.

The problem seems to be not a scientific one, but something emotional. Darwin was an atheist. If he is correct in assuming that life is the product of chance, then there is no need for a God who functions as a designer. Then, man is free from transgressing a presumed God and His laws. There will not be a hell to pay. Man will live his life solely on his own terms.

Design is simply the purposeful arrangement of parts. Whether an arrangement is a handkerchief, a horse, or a human being, it is clear that some factor other than the handkerchief, horse, or human being served as its / his designer. Whether that designer is a loving God is a matter not for science, but for theology

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

**Mount Carmel:** Tuesdays 3-5:30 pm. Please come and adore Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament! Benediction at 5:30 pm, Mass 5:45 pm.  
**St. Therese:** Fridays at 8:30am-5pm;  
 1st Fridays adoration continues until 6am Sat.



### Please PRAY for the sick in our parish

Jean Wawiorka, Aldo Bosco, Sharon Fair, Dorothy Ramcheck, Tom Komarec, Patricia Cascio, Alan Vittori, Chris Neugebauer, Len Hartnell, Rosann Bartello, Gloria Presta, Richard (Dick) Lesko, Miriam Tetzlaff, and Ann Biondi.



### Monday Dec. 8, Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception: Holy Day of Obligation

Mass Times:  
**Mt. Carmel:** 8am, 12 noon  
 (Latin), 5:30pm  
**St. Therese:** 8am & 7pm



### 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.



### Please Pray for the Soul of the Faithful Departed:

Fr. McDermott & parishioners of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel extend our deepest sympathies to the family of:

#### Betty Campbell

O Lord, comfort them in their sorrow and grief. Eternal rest grant unto Betty and let perpetual light shine upon Her.

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday December 6

**4:00 pm** **John & Mary Metallo**  
 (Linda Metallo & Family)  
**Domenic Marotti** (Mary)

### Sunday December 7 **The Second Sunday of Advent**

**7:00 am** **Deceased members of Diane Spallato**  
 (Dianne Spallato)

**10:00 am** **Gino DeBartolo** (Emma & Family)  
**Rita & Emilio Ruffolo,**  
**Saveria & Giacomo Ruffolo,**  
**and Fortuna & Nunziato Covelli**  
 (Francesca & Nunzio Covelli)

**12:00 pm** **Pro-Populo ~ OLMC Parishioners**

### Monday December 8

#### Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

**8:00 am** **Priest Intention**

**12:00 pm** **Latin Mass**

**5:30 pm** **Priest Intention**

### Tuesday December 9

**5:45 pm** **Priest Intention**

### Wednesday December 10

**7:15 am** **Anthony Taglione**

### Thursday December 11

**8:00 am** **All Deceased members of the Alia Family**  
 (Frank Alia)

### Friday December 12

**7:15 am** **Priest Intention**

### Saturday December 13

**8:30 am** **Priest Intention**

**4:00 pm** **Dino Alteri** (Silenzi Family)  
**Angeline Roscioli** (Marta McAllister)

### Sunday December 14 **The Third Sunday of Advent**

**7:00 am** **Pro-Populo ~ OLMC Parishioners**

**10:00 am** **Peter & Frances Palermo And**  
**Carmine & Christine Noto** (Family)  
**Francesco Covelli, Betty Covelli,**  
**Luigi Covelli & Irma, Ildo,**  
**Caroline Miceli And Rose Vitaro**  
 (Francesca & Nunzio Covelli)

**12:00 pm** **Priest Intention**

#### LECTORS

**Saturday December 13** **4:00 pm** **Jo Schneider**

**Sunday December 14** **7:00 am**

**10:00 am** **Nick Hartnell**

#### ALTARBOYS

Jaxson Anderson, Dominic & Pascal Blome, Domenico Chiappetta, Christopher Doan, Lino Fioravanti, Robert, Peter, Nicholas & Timmy George, Aiden & Eian Granahan, Tony, Richard, Stephen, Paul Hazinski, Samir Khoury, Alex & Blake Martin, Vincent Meyerhofer, Elijah Meyerhofer, Isaac & Jude Purdy, Landen & Sam Traczyk.

