

# Our Lady of Mt. Carmel

JANUARY 25TH 2026 ~ 3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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

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### 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)

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**Our Parish supports both Catholic schools:**

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<b>St. Joseph Catholic Academy</b>	262-654-8651

**TRUSTEES** Kelly Hutchinson, *Trustee Treasurer*  
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## **U.S. Carries Out ‘Deadly’ Strike Against Nigerian ISIS Camps Over Christian Persecution**

(*CatholicVote/The Wanderer* Jan. 8, 2026 ) - The U.S. launched a strike against ISIS terrorist camps in north-west Nigeria late Christmas Day in response to ongoing Christian persecution in the country, President Donald Trump announced Dec. 25.

"Tonight, at my direction as Commander in Chief, the United States launched a powerful and deadly strike against ISIS Terrorist Scum in Northwest Nigeria, who have been targeting and viciously killing, primarily, innocent Christians, at levels not seen for many years, and even Centuries," Trump wrote on Truth Social.

"I have previously warned these Terrorists that if they did not stop the slaughtering of Christians, there would be hell to pay, and tonight, there was," he continued, adding that the Department of War carried out "numerous perfect strikes." According to U.S. Africa Command, the strike killed multiple ISIS terrorists in their camps. Gen. Dagvin Anderson, the commander of U.S. Africa Command, stated in the news release that the command is "working with Nigerian and regional partners to increase counterterrorism cooperation efforts related to on-going violence and threats against innocent lives." Nigeria's Ministry of Foreign Affairs issued a statement Dec. 26, saying that the Nigerian government cooperated with the U.S. to address "the persistent threat of terrorism and violent extremism," which led to "precision hits on terrorist targets in Nigeria."

"Terrorist violence in any form whether directed at Christians, Muslims, or other communities remains an affront to Nigeria's values and to international peace and security," the Ministry added.

Trump had warned in November that the U.S. was prepared for "possible action" against ISIS if the Nigerian government failed to protect Christians from persecution. As CatholicVote has previously reported, Islamic jihadists regularly threaten thousands of Nigerian Christians' homes, churches, and lives, a situation that prompted Trump to designate Nigeria as a Country of Particular Concern Oct. 31.

Secretary of War Pete Hegseth applauded the strike in a post on X Dec. 25, stating, "The President was clear last month: the killing of innocent Christians in Nigeria (and elsewhere) must end. The Dept of War is always ready, so ISIS found out tonight - on Christmas. More to come?"

## **Freed From ‘The Faults Of Childhood’: St. Thérèse’s Christmas Miracle: (*Catholic Vote/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, a cloistered order, 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*, that she was the baby of her family and spoiled by her older sisters.

She added, "My extreme sensitiveness made me unbearable." She explained that if she offended anyone, instead of making up she "wept bitterly and so made things worse. Then, when I'd stopped weeping, I'd start all over again and weep for having wept." 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 as Jesus wanted to free me from the faults of childhood, He also took away its innocent pleasures," she wrote. "He 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 and her sister told her to wait to open the presents, as it would upset her too much. But Thérèse was not the same girl. Jesus had changed her," the saint related. She ran downstairs and opened her presents with the same cheer as previous years.

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.

# 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.

## 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, Ann Biondi and Aldo Covelli.

## Readings & Observances

### Readings for the week of January 25, 2026

Sunday: 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time; Celebrate Catholic Schools Week

Is 8:23-9:3/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/1 Cor 1:10-13, 17/Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17

Monday: Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops

2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5 (520)/ Ps 89:20, 21-22, 25-26/Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday: St. Angela Merici, Virgin

2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday: St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church

2 Sm 7:4-17/Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30/Mk 4:1-20

Thursday: 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29/Ps 132:1-2, 3-5, 11, 12, 13-14/Mk 4:21-25

Friday: 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6a, 6bcd-7, 10-11/Mk 4:26-34

Saturday: St. John Bosco, Priest

2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Mk 4:35-41

Next Sunday: 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Zep 2:3; 3:12-13/Ps 146:6c-7, 8-9a, 9b-10/1 Cor 1:26-31/Mt 5:1-12a

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**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.

### 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)



### Women's Winter Bible Study - Fulfilled Part 2

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.

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.**

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday January 24

**4:00 pm Pro-Populo ~ OLMC Parishioners**

### Sunday January 25

**7:00 am Priest Intention**

**10:00 am Janet Santelli (Rita Haugh)**

**12:00 pm Michael Rizzi (Friend)**

### Monday January 26

**7:15 am Priest Intention**

### Tuesday January 27

**5:45 pm Priest Intention**

### Wednesday January 28

**7:15 am Priest Intention**

### Thursday January 29

**7:15 am Priest Intention**

### Friday January 30

**7:15 am Priest Intention**

### Saturday January 31

**8:30 am Priest Intention**

**4:00 pm Priest Intention**

### Sunday February 1

**7:00 am Priest Intention**

**10:00 am Martha & Joseph Coccimiglio (Gene & Sheri Blome)**

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

## LECTORS

**Saturday January 31 4:00 pm Jo Schneider**

**Sunday February 1 7:00 am**

**10:00 am Nick Hartnel**

## 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.

### Parish Support for January 4, 2026

Budgeted Need \$6,800.00

Parish Support \$7,999.00 **Over \$1199.00**



*"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.**

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



### Listen to *THE MARIAN HOUR*

w/Fr. Campbell at

**WSFI 88.5 FM**

**Next program: Jan. 28 at 2pm**

