



The Faith Community of

# ST. THERESE OF LISIEUX

CATHOLIC CHURCH



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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.*

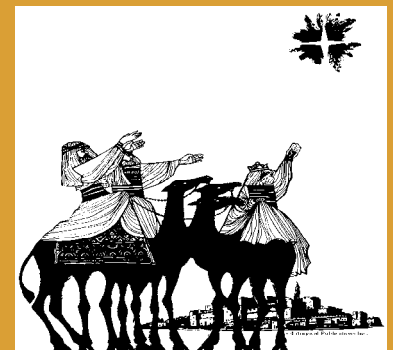
*We practice a conscious,  
living, active faith  
in a community  
whose source of strength  
is the Eucharist.*

*Caravans of CAMELS shall fill you,  
dromedaries from Midian and Ephah;  
all from Sheba shall come  
bearing GOLD and frankincense,  
and proclaiming the PRAISES  
of the LORD.*

ISAIAH 60:6

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**How does the Epiphany  
deepen our understanding of  
what it means to be  
followers of Jesus?**



**Follow the Star !**

January 4, 2009. The Epiphany of the Lord

## COMING EVENTS

**Proven Approaches  
to Getting Employed**

Are you unemployed? Are you looking for a job or a career change?

Saint Anne Parish has a Career Coaching Ministry; it may be the assist that you need!

The ministry brings together those who have employment needs with other individuals whose professional backgrounds and business contacts make them valuable coaches. Our mission is to help individuals land the right job.

The next meeting is on Thursday, January 8, 2009, from 7:00 PM until 9:00 PM at St. Anne. Please go to the St. Anne website, [www.saint-anne.org](http://www.saint-anne.org), for more information.

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**SCRIP**

Looking for a New Year's Resolution....How about buying and using SCRIP on a regular basis? If we all bought and used SCRIP for our usual expenses, our church would benefit. SCRIP can be used for groceries—Woodman's, Pick N Save, and Piggly Wiggly. SCRIP is available from Shell, Speedway, and Mobil for gas. Don't forget all the odds and ends you pick up at Walmart and Kmart—SCRIP can be used there as well.

SCRIP is available after all Masses, at the parish office, and now available on-line. If you would like to learn more about how to order on-line, call Julia at the parish office.

**"Scito Teipsum"**

Throughout Germany at this time of year, you will find most main doorways inscribed with the following: 20+C+M+B+09. Children known as Sternsinger (star singers) dress up as the Magi and go door to door, requesting candy for themselves and money for the Church. As they leave, the house is blessed, and the inscription written in chalk. The 20 and 09 refer to the year, the CMB are said to represent either Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar, the Magi, or the Latin *Christus Mansionem Benedicat*, which means "Christ, bless this home."

Today, we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany, in which we remember the adoration of the newborn Christ by three wise men from the East. This should leave no doubt in anyone's mind just how far and wide the promise of a Savior had spread. These representatives of pagan religions from other lands were determined to pay their respects. It was as if they were born to do this, to acknowledge in some way the beginning of the greatest reign of the greatest king of all.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches us that the Epiphany is the manifestation of Jesus as Messiah of Israel, Son of God and savior of the world (CCC 528). In the three wise men from different lands and different religions, we understand that in Jesus Christ, all are welcome. The Epiphany is the third manifestation of the mystery of the Incarnation, following the Annunciation and the birth of Christ.

Today is truly the beginning of the paschal mystery. Perhaps Father Mike will bless a piece of chalk for you, or better yet, invite him over for dinner and ask him to bless your home.

**Letters To God**

Dear God,  
Father Mike said that we can always ask you anything. So here goes. Who draws the lines around the countries? I went to this wedding and they kissed right in church. Is that OK? Did you mean for the giraffe to look like that or did it happen on accident?

Your friend,  
Richie

**Parish Bulletin Board**

Announcements for the January 17-18th bulletin are due in the Parish Office by 9:00 AM Friday, January 9th.

SCRIP IS AVAILABLE FOR SALE AFTER ALL WEEKEND MASSES AT THE KIOSK AND ON-LINE. PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE FOR FURTHER INFORMATION (694-4695).

Call the Parish Office for further information or contact our website at [www.st-therese-kenosha.org](http://www.st-therese-kenosha.org)



For the Weekend of  
January 10 and 11

**Servers**

- 4:00 PM Megan Irving-  
John Zenzola-Kaitlyn Keel
- 8:30 AM Ryan Getka-Jessica Gillespie-David Dummer
- 10:30 AM Richard Neiper-Allysa & Eric Levans

**Eucharistic Ministers**

- 4:00 PM (B) L. Bogacz-Christina Anderson-C. Bruneau  
(Cup) Karen Smith-Roger McPhaul-  
Craig Anderson-Barbara Clark
- 8:30 AM (B) Aileen Hafferkamp-S & J Kirsch  
(Cup) Tina Cajka- Bob McMahon-B & D.  
Becraft
- 10:30 AM (B) N. Campagna-Rob Jenewein-Eric Antrim  
(Cup) Sue Kaeppler-Mark Van Guyse-R & J  
Fredrickson

**Lectors**

- 4:00 PM Karen Smith
- 8:30 AM Louise Meyer
- 10:30 AM Dana Johnson

**Ushers**

- 4:00 PM H. Krawczyk-Frank Zenzola-Jeff Clark-Loyd  
Skarda
- 8:30 AM C. Cajka-W. Doherty-T. Peltier-Paul Ehlers-  
Joe Hebior
- 10:30 AM Terri Stader-J. Hauke-Laura Thomsen-Dan  
Balmes-Douglas Johnson

**Parish Life-Long Faith Formation**

**Welcome Back to St. Therese  
Parish!**

**Bruce and Katherine  
Reindl**



St. Therese Parish Welcomes

Evan Marcus Conforti  
Son of  
Marcus and Tiffany Conforti

Baptized on December 28th

**Celebrating  
Baptism**



**Adult Confirmation Preparation** begins Wednesday,  
January 7, 2009 at St. Mary's Rectory.



Christmas Memorial Flowers  
Frank S. Cairo

**Parish Events for this Week**

- Monday, January 5**  
7:00 PM Parish Council Meeting (Hall)
- Tuesday, January 6**  
6:30 PM Parish School Com. (Hall)
- Wednesday, January 7**  
6:30 PM Gr. 5-8 Religious Ed. Classes Resume
- Friday, January 9**  
9:00 AM Jan. 18 Bulletin Announcements Due  
6:00 PM Girl Scouts (Classroom)  
6:30 PM Boy Scouts (Hall)
- Saturday, January 10**  
9:00 AM Home/School Antique Fair (Hall)  
10:00 AM Gr. K-4 Religious Ed. Resumes

**Pray for our Parish Family**

**Born To Eternal Life**  
Clara Lillian Nowak  
Mother of Our Pastor, Father Michael E. Nowak

**And Betty Surber**

For all who are ill, hospitalized, in nursing homes,  
or homebound due to illness or age,  
For requests placed in our Prayer Basket and  
with the lighting of candles,  
For peace in our lives, our families,  
our country and in our world,  
**We Pray To The Lord.**

**Readings for the Week of January 4, 2009**

- Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12
- Monday: 1 Jn 3:22---4:6/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
- Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Mk 6:34-44
- Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Mk 6:45-52
- Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19---5:4/Lk 4:14-22a
- Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Lk 5:12-16
- Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Jn 3:22-30
- Next Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11/Acts 10:34-  
38 or 1 Jn 5:1-9/Mk 1:7-11

**OUR SANCTUARY LAMP** will burn this week  
for the intentions of  
**THE CLAEYS FAMILY**  
as requested by  
**THE CLAEYS FAMILY MEMBERS**  
in grateful recognition of  
Our Lord's Sacramental Presence  
in our tabernacle.



**Education News and Events**

**ANTIQUÉ/COLLECTIBLES SHOW  
NEXT SATURDAY, JANUARY 10!!!**

9:00 AM - 4:00 PM at the St. Therese School Hall. Antique/Collectibles dealers will be selling glassware, small furniture, dolls, vintage clothing, 40's, 50's, and 60's collectibles, and more. No admission required. Tax deductible donations will continue to be accepted at the school office 1/5-1/9. All proceeds benefit St. Therese School. Call Jim Baron at 262-308-6943 for details.



**Crossroads Life Teen**

**11<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Retreat**

Jan. 10 & 11: Mandatory Confirmation Retreat. Confirmation Retreat paperwork is past due! Please return it at the St. Mary Parish Center ASAP!!!

Please keep the Confirmation candidates in your prayers next weekend, as they will be on retreat.

*Parish Support for the Week of  
December 21*

Adult Envelopes.....	\$6,725.00
Offertory.....	\$ 486.00
Church Income.....	\$7,211.00
 Weekly Envelop Budget....	\$7,030.00
Actual Envelope Income....	\$6,725.00
Weekly Difference.....	\$ 305.00

*Parish Support for the Week of  
December 28*

Adult Envelopes.....	\$7,354.00
Offertory.....	\$ 520.24
Church income.....	\$7,874.24
 Weekly Envelope Budget ...	\$7,030.00
Actual Envelope Income....	\$7,354.00
Weekly Difference.....	\$ 324.00
Christmas.....	\$14,853.44

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**

<b>Weekend Masses</b>	Saturday Evening	4:00 PM
	Sunday Morning	8:30 & 10:30 AM
<b>Weekday Masses</b>	Monday, Tuesday, Friday	8:00 AM
	Thursday	5:00 PM
	<i>No 8 am Mass on Wednesday or Saturday</i>	
<b>Holy Day Masses</b>	Please consult Sunday bulletin.	
<b>Reconciliation</b>	Saturday	3:00 to 3:30 PM
<b>First Fridays</b>	12 Hour Adoration	
	Contact: John & Sharon Kirsch 694-4688	
<b>Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions</b>	Thursday	5:30 PM
<b>Parish Telephones</b>	Parish Office	262-694-4695
	Fax	262-694-7284
	Religious Education	262-694-0118
	Youth Ministry	262-694-6018, ext. 133

St. Therese Little Flower Preschool & St. Therese Elementary School 262-694-8080  
St. Joseph Inter-Parish Junior High & High School 262-654-8651

<b>Parish Mailing Address</b>	9005 22nd Avenue • Kenosha, WI 53143
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<b>Bulletin E-mail</b>	bogaczl@tds.net
<b>School E-mail</b>	cdegen@tds.net
<b>Religious Education</b>	jmsstl@tds.net
<b>Parish Web Site</b>	www.st-therese-kenosha.org
<b>Young Adult Ministry</b>	<i>E-mail: KAYAC@archmil.org</i>

**Parish Staff**

Pastor.....	Rev. Michael E. Nowak
Director of Faith Formation .....	Sr. Judene M. Studer, SSND
School Principal.....	Carol Degen
Youth Ministry .....	Brian Magliocco
Liturgical Musician.....	Jan Sleyster
Parish Secretary.....	Julia Angelos
Parish Custodian.....	Thomas Bruneau
Bulletin Editor.....	Lori Bogacz

**Parish Council**

Chairperson, Paul Gillespie	Buildings & Grounds, David Becraft
Vice Chairperson, Paul Ehlers	Communication, Charles Cajka
Secretary, James Lauzon	Faith Formation, Stacey Mia
Trustee Treasurer, Linda Kosecki	Finance, Charles Cajka
Trustee Secretary, Mark Van Guyse	Parish School, Rob Jenewein
Recording Secretary, Lori Bogacz	Prayer & Worship, Louise Meyer
	Social Justice Ministries, Patricia Laken
	Stewardship, J. R. Roberts

**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** 1st Sunday each month at 11:45 AM & 3rd Sunday each month at the 10:30 AM Mass. Please call the Parish Office for class registration.

**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.

**Estate Planning** Please keep St. Therese in mind when planning your estate. This is a wonderful gift that will last many years.



Heavenly Father,

In this time of new beginnings,  
we recall how the heavens  
celebrated the birth of Christ.

We think back to the new kingdom  
He proclaimed,  
and remember the new life  
we gained in our Baptism.

In this time of new beginnings,  
and at the beginning of this New Year,  
may we always act as good examples  
of the new life in you  
that all Christians have  
and be the same for others.

Give us the joy that is ours  
as adopted members of God's family.  
Amen.



Craig Anderson  
lights the  
fourth candle  
on our Advent  
wreath.

Mrs. Schultz and Mrs. Adamson pause to  
admire our Nativity crèche as St. Therese  
Parish celebrates the Birth of Christ.



Monday, January 5

8:00 AM † Richard Grasser Anniv. (Family)

Tuesday, January 6

8:00 AM † Michael Fuerstenberg Anniv. (Parents)

Wednesday, January 7

NO MASS

Thursday, January 8

5:00 PM † Norb Balmes Anniv. (Family)

Friday, January 9

8:00 AM † Bill Thiele (Carol Thiele)

Saturday, January 10

4:00 PM † Vivian Majerko Anniv. (Schneider Family)

Sunday, January 11

8:30 AM † For All The Members Of Our Parish

10:30 AM † Eileen Swiatko Anniv. (Family)

### Are You Ready To Follow The Star?



The Epiphany celebrates the public manifestation of God among us in the person of Jesus. Matthew's Magi account concerning Gentiles from unknown lands acknowledging Jesus as King, powerfully communicates an essential truth about Jesus and his followers. It affirms that any true follower of Jesus must be 'catholic.' That does not mean membership in the Catholic Church. Rather to be 'catholic,' is to be universal, with a welcoming embrace toward all.

Jesus came for all people. By accepting Jesus, we too become people open to all, welcoming all, breaking down boundaries, and reconciling enemies. Like Jesus, we welcome the social outcast and the stranger, the immigrant and the powerful, the rich and the poor, to be part of our table. We make sure there is room at the table for every person, treating them with dignity and respect.

Paul's letters to his communities stress the significant aspect of following Jesus. Having encountered Christ in a powerful manner on the Damascus road, Paul's life is completely changed. For Paul, following Christ demands a whole new way of being, seeing and doing.

Paul's Letter to Philemon challenges a Christian slave master to treat his Christian slave as Jesus would have treated him. In Galatians 3:28, Paul highlights the lesson of the Magi that in Christ there is neither Jew nor Greek, male nor female, slave nor free. All are equal when viewed through the Jesus lens.

Do the Magi challenge the way you are following Jesus?