



The Faith Community of

# ST. THERESE OF LISIEUX

CATHOLIC CHURCH



## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. - Mt 2:10-11

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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 unfailing 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*

January 3, 2021 The Epiphany of The Lord

## FEAST of the EPIPHANY and of the THREE HOLY KINGS

Rev. Alban Butler

**EPIPHANY** in the original Greek signifies “appearance” or “manifestation.” This feast honors Jesus who manifested himself to the Magi or wise men, who soon after his birth, by a particular inspiration of Almighty God, came to adore him and bring him gifts.

The Magi represent all the Gentile (non-Jewish) nations. The call of the Gentiles had been foretold for many ages before in the clearest terms by David and Isaiah and other prophets. It was to him, who was also the consubstantial Son of God, who being born the spiritual king of the whole world, for the salvation of "*all men*" (1 Tim. 2:4), would therefore manifest his coming to Jew and Gentile. Upon his birth, a star was the divine messenger on this important errand to the Gentiles of the East – conformably to Balaam's prophecy (Num. 24:17), who foretold the coming of the Messiah by that sign.

The summons of the Gentiles to Bethlehem to pay homage to the world's Redeemer was obeyed by several whom the Scripture mentions under the name and title of “Magi”, or wise men; but is silent as to their number. The general opinion declares for three. However, the number was small, comparatively to those many others that saw that star but paid no regard to this voice of heaven.

The wise men come, by the guidance of the star, into Jerusalem. On their entering the royal city they suppose in every street and corner they shall hear the acclamations of a happy people, and learn with ease the way to the royal palace, made famous to all posterity by the birth of their King and Savior. But to their great surprise there appears not the least sign of any such solemnity.

And in this unexpected juncture what shall these weary travelers do? Were they governed by human prudence, this disappointment is enough to make them abandon their design, and retreat as privately as they can to screen their reputation. But true virtue makes trials the matter and occasion of its most glorious triumphs. Steady in the resolution of following the divine call, they inquire in the city with equal confidence and humility, and pursue their inquiry in the very court of Herod himself: "Where is he that is born king of the Jews?"

The whole nation of the Jews, on account of Jacob's and Daniel's prophecies, were then in the highest expectation of the Messiah's appearance among them; the place of whose birth having been also foretold, the wise men quickly learned, was *Bethlehem*, having been pointed out by the Prophet Micah (Mic. 5:2). Herod, and all Jerusalem, instead of rejoicing at such happy tidings, were alarmed and disturbed. Herod, extravagantly blind and with foolish ambition, does not realize that the divine infant came not to deprive him of his earthly kingdom, but to offer him one that is eternal. The tyrant pretends a desire of paying homage to the new-born King, and covers his impious design of taking away his life under the specious pretext of going himself in person to adore him.

Wherefore, after a strict charge to come back and inform him where the child was to be found, he dismissed them.

No sooner had the wise men left Jerusalem, God was pleased to show them the star again to encourage their faith and zeal, and to direct their travels. The star continued to go before them till it conducted them to the very place where they were to see and adore their God and Savior. Probably sinking lower in the air, the star tells them in its mute language: "*Here shall you find the new-born king.*" The holy men entered the poor cottage, and finding the child with his mother, they prostrate themselves, they adore him, they pour forth their souls in his presence in the deepest sentiments of praise, thanksgiving, and a total sacrifice of themselves.

So far from being shocked at the poverty of the place, and at his unkingly appearance, their faith rises and gathers strength on the sight of obstacles which, humanly speaking, should extinguish it. It captivates their understanding; it penetrates these curtains of poverty, infancy, weakness, and abjection; it casts them on their faces, as unworthy to look up to this star, this God of Jacob; they confess him under this disguise to be the only and eternal God: they own the excess of his goodness in becoming man, and the excess of human misery which requires for its relief so great a humiliation of the Lord of glory. St. Leo thus extols their faith and devotion: "*When a star had conducted them to adore Jesus they did not find him commanding devils, or raising the dead, or restoring sight to the blind, or speech to the dumb, or employed in any divine actions; but a silent babe, under the care of a solicitous mother, giving no sign of power, but exhibiting a miracle of humility.*"

The Magi present to Jesus, as a token of homage, the richest produce their countries afforded, gold, frankincense, and myrrh: gold, as an acknowledgment of his regal power; incense, as a confession of his Godhead; and myrrh (for anointing the dead), as a testimony that he became man for the redemption of the world.

Fr. Campbell's **Wednesday 6am Men's Bible Study**  
 There will be no Bible Study on Wed. January 6, will resume on Wed. January 13 by ZOOM.

The **MARIAN HOUR** with Fr. Campbell **WSFI 88.5 FM Wed. January 13 at 2:00pm.**

**PRAY for the SICK in our PARISH**, and visit them if possible: Germaine Brennan, Gerry Buhnerkempe, Maria Miller, Pat Ware, William Wasurick, Mary Jo Koski, Phyllis Giovannoni, Florence Klappa, Daniel Lenegar, Jennifer Johnson, Laurie Smith, Billie Lou Knutsen, Darlene Skarda. Please call the rectory for other sick persons 694-4695.

**Youth Group Event held on Dec. 12 at St. Therese**  
 The Youth built Gingerbread houses, played ice-breaker games, and closed the night praying a decade of the rosary for all their individually mentioned intentions. Special thanks to Fr. Campbell and Fr. McDermott for stopping by to say hello.



**Parish Support**

Weekend of December 13, 2020

**\$5,432.17**

Budgeted weekly need...	\$4,865.00
Weekly offertory	\$5,432.17
<b>Over/Under budget</b>	<b>\$567.17</b>
Plan YTD	\$82,712.00
Actual	\$75,150.00
<b>Shortfall (4 months)</b>	<b>(\$7,562.00)</b>

**Course on Critique of Evolution: "Foundations Restored: A Catholic Perspective on Origins":**  
 Next class **Tues. Jan. 12, 7pm, St. Therese Church.** "Foundations Restored" is an excellent 17-part DVD series which provides a thorough defense of the traditional Catholic doctrine of creation of the universe and of human life from the perspective of theology, philosophy, and natural science, as well as a thorough refutation of Darwin's theory of evolution (and Descartes' faulty philosophy) which has provided a pseudo-scientific foundation for the world-wide culture of death. No class January 5.

Come and pray the Holy Rosary at St. Therese Church Sunday Evening's at 6:00pm.

St Therese will be having an **Italian Beef Dinner Fundraiser on Super Bowl Sunday February 7, 2021.** This is the famous beef served at our Parish Festival. Dinner includes 1 lb of beef, 4 bomber buns, salad, dressing, chips and cookies. Cost is \$25. Additional beef can be purchased for \$10/lb. Preorders are necessary and taken at [st-therese-kenosha.org](http://st-therese-kenosha.org) or call 262-697-0834. Pick up on February 7th 11:30 am until 2:00 pm. Cash or credit. Enjoy the Big Game with a taste of our summer festival.

**In order to reduce costs and maximize our profits any and all donations toward purchase of supplies would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Joe Stancato 262-697-0834. RSVP by January 24, 2021.**

**Emergency Assistance Fund:** Contact Fr. Campbell if you need financial assistance (652-7660).

**MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP**



**CAN YOU ESCAPE?**

When: Saturday January 9th, 2021  
 6pm-8pm

Where: St. Therese 2020-91<sup>st</sup> Street  
 (use main entrance)

What: Escape Room

An escape room, also known as an escape game, is a game in which a team of players cooperatively discover clues, solve puzzles, and accomplish tasks in one or more rooms to progress and accomplish a specific goal in a limited amount of time. The goal is often to escape from the site of the game.

Please rsvp: [religiouseducation@olmckenosha.org](mailto:religiouseducation@olmckenosha.org)

**MASS INTENTIONS for the Week**

**Monday, January 4**

8:00 AM † Ruth Kmacbert (Jody Tremear)

**Tuesday, January 5**

8:00 AM † Melvin Koski

**Wednesday, January 6**

5:45 PM Carol Brooks

**Thursday, January 7**

8:00 AM † No Mass

**Friday, January 8**

8:00 AM † Melvin Koski

**Saturday, January 9**

4:00 PM † Ewald Thomsen (Lucille Thomsen)

**Sunday, January 10**

8:30 AM † John Ruggiero, Joseph & Regina Pumpera

(Theresa Ruggiero) † Mary Marasa (Chic Marasa)

10:30 AM † For Members of the Parish

**Saints & Readings:**

**Week of January 3, 2021**

Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord; National Migration Week, Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

Monday: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious, 1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a [8ab]/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday: St. John Neumann, Bishop, 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8 [cf. 11]/Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday: St. André Bessette, Religious, 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Mk 6:45-52

Thursday: St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest, 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17 [cf. 11]/Lk 4:14-22a

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 [12a]/Lk 5:12-16

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Jn 3:22-30

Next Sunday: The Baptism of the Lord, Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/Acts 10:34-38/Mk 1:7-11 or Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [3]/1 Jn 5:1-9/Mk 1:7-11

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS:**

**Monday through Thursday 7:30 am to 2:45 pm  
Closed Friday**

Please submit bulletin announcements in writing to the Parish Office or e-mail to valang@tds.net 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	4:00 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	3:00 to 4:00 PM
	Sunday	
First Fridays	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
	Fax	262-694-7284
	Rel. Ed. Coord.	262-705-9097
Liturgical Musician	Jan Sleyster	262-331-4734
Sacristan	Jim Lauzon	262-945-1855

All Saints Catholic School 262-925-4000  
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**Parish Staff**

Pastor.....Rev. Fr. Dwight P. Campbell, S.T.D.  
Shared Associate Pastor.....Rev. Fr. Robert T. McDermott  
Rel. Ed. Coord.....Beth Sturino  
Liturgical Musician.....Jan Sleyster  
Parish Secretary & Bulletin Editor.....Mary E. Vestal

**Parish Pastoral Council**

Robert Beales, Trustee Treasurer Kristen Kelly  
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Paul Gillespie, Chairman Patricia Soens  
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Rita Van Guyse, Secretary

**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.