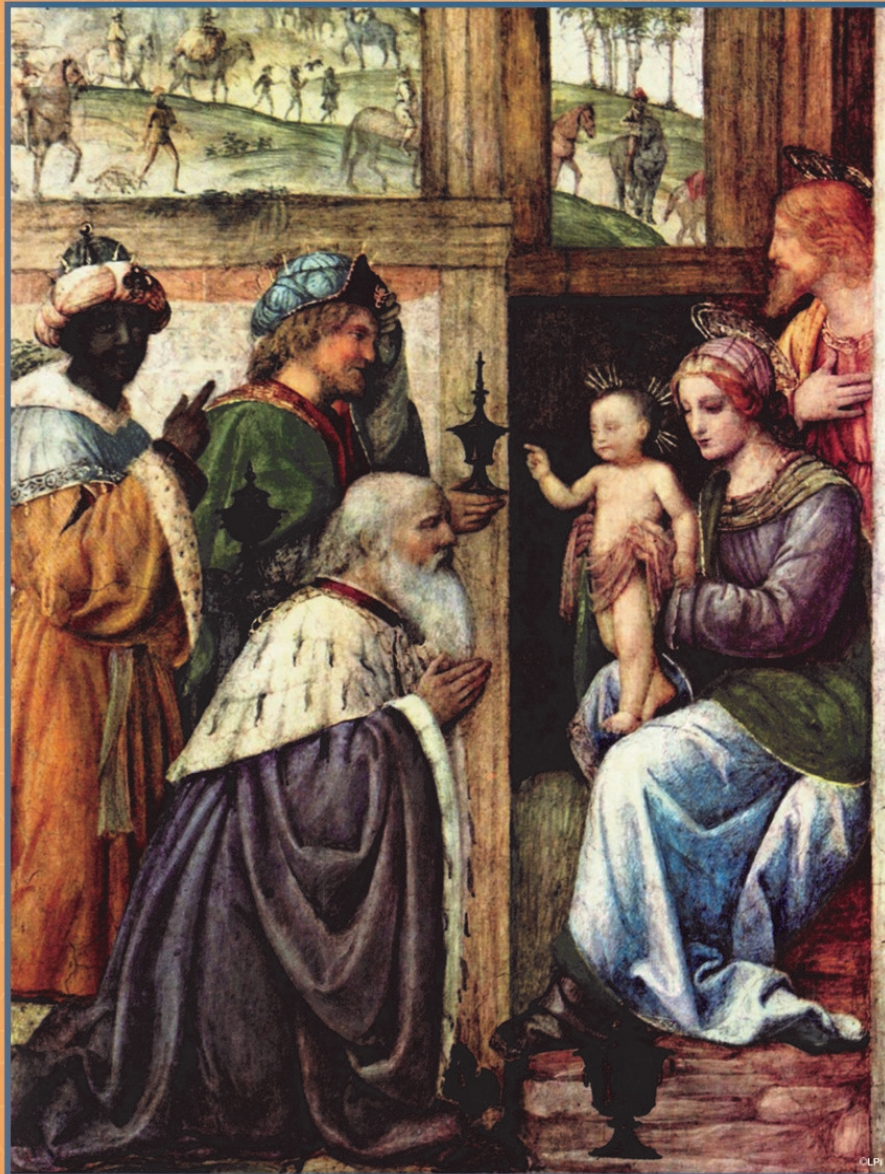




The Faith Community of

ST. THERESE OF LISIEUX

CATHOLIC CHURCH



THE EPIPHANY *of the Lord*

*"Since from you shall come a ruler,
who is to shepherd my people Israel." - Mt 2:6b*

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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 con-
soling troubled souls with heavenly
graces, in our unflinching interces-
sions 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 2, 2022 The Epiphany of the Lord

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Epiphany comes from a Greek word meaning “*manifestation*.” The visit of the Magi from the East was the first manifestation of Our Savior to Gentiles, that is, to those not of the house of Israel. It is interesting to note that the celebration of the visit of the Magi to Jesus originated in Egypt. In Egypt during the 3rd century the pagans worshipped their “*sun god*” on January 6th. The Church authorities wanted to oppose this pagan practice by celebrating the manifestation of the true Light of the World - Jesus Christ. They actually celebrated both the Nativity and the Magi’s visit on this day. By the 4th century the celebration of Epiphany had become a celebration of the entire Church.

These Magi from the East came to be known as “*Kings*” by the 6th century. This is due to the following two Old Testament prophecies which were thought to be fulfilled by them. “The kings of Tharsis and the islands shall offer presents: the kings of the Arabians and of Sheba shall bring gifts. (Psalms 71, 10) “The kings shall walk in the brightness of Thy rising ...

“They all shall come from Sheba, bringing gold and frankincense.” (Isaiah 60, 3-6) Actually the name Magi is not a Hebrew word, but of Indo-European origin and means “*great illustrious*.” St. Matthew uses this term because it was well-known to the people of this time in Palestine. The Kings from the East were unique among the royalty. These Kings seem to have been more likely priestly scholars. They studied religions as well as

the natural sciences such as medicine, mathematics, and astronomy. Thus, we see why they are also referred to as the “*Wise Men*.” St. Matthew said that these Kings came from the East. Some hold that each one of the Kings represented one of three races, black, white, and oriental. This may account for the tradition that it was three kings who visited Jesus since the Gospels do not mention there were *three* kings. Also, the three gifts given to Jesus makes us assume there were only three gift givers. The lovely names of the Kings have been handed down to us from the 7th century- Gaspar, Melchior, and Balthasar. It was in the 12th century that the Kings were first referred to as “*saints*.” This was in the writings of Archbishop Hildebert of Tours. This veneration spread over all Europe. Church authorities did not prohibit this movement and epiphany acquired the popular name of “*Feast of the Three Holy Kings*” in most countries of Europe.


The three gifts have been given a symbolic meaning in Catholic Tradition- the gold representing His Kingship, the incense His Divinity and the myrrh His Suffering and Death. Tradition has it that, after the Magi returned home, they were later baptized by St. Thomas the Apostle and they worked increasingly to spread the Faith. The Cologne Cathedral in Germany contains what is believed to be their relics which were discovered in Persia and brought to Constantinople by St. Helen, the mother of the emperor Constantine. They were transferred to Milan in the 5th century and to Cologne in 1163.




Epiphany Home Blessing & Epiphany Water

On the Solemnity of the Epiphany it is customary to bless the home by invoking the names of the three Magi or Wise Men, by writing the first letter of their names (Caspar, Melchior, Balthasar) in chalk over the lintel (horizontal beam) over the front door, between the numbers of the current year: 20 + C + M + B + 22

While the feast of Epiphany primarily focuses on the visit of the Magi, historically it was also focused on the baptism of Jesus Christ in the Jordan River. For this reason, there developed a special blessing of Epiphany water in memory of Jesus sanctifying the waters of Baptism. The emphasis of the blessing was not so much on the commemoration of Jesus’ baptism as it was on the symbolic nature of water as a protection from Satan and all his demonic angels. It reminds us of the spiritual power of holy water and reminds us to use it in faith, trusting in the protecting help of God over our spiritual enemies.

Fr. Campbell's **Wednesday 6am Men's Bible Study** will meet using ZOOM. Contact Fr. Campbell for the link at frcampbell@olmckenosha.org. 

The **MARIAN HOUR** with Fr. Campbell **WSFI 88.5 FM & and now also on 750AM** every 2nd & 4th Wednesday. Next program: **Wed. Jan. 12 at 2pm**.

PRAY for the SICK in our PARISH,  and visit them if possible: Gerry Buhnerkempe, Maria Miller, Pat Ware, William Wasurick, Mary Jo Koski, Phyllis Giovannoni, Florence Klappa, Daniel Lenegar, Jennifer Johnson, Laurie Smith, Jean Ammendola, Maria Koble, Aileen Haffer-kamp, Billy Knutsen, Richard & Kathleen Bertola, Jim Lauzon. Please call the rectory for other sick persons 694-4695.

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

Sign up for FLOCKNOTE which enables you to receive important news and info. about the parish through texts & emails. **To sign up:** Send the word **LOOP** (typed in all caps) as a text message to this address: **84576**. Then you'll be part of the "flock" & receive notes. **Please pass this info on to others!**

Sign up for FORMED: A program which gives our Parishioners free access to many Catholic Programs and movies. **Want to create a new FORMED account? Follow these steps:**
1. Visit FORMED.org; 2. Click Sign Up; 3. Select "I Belong to a Parish or Organization"; 4. Find your parish by name or zip; 5. Enter your email, you're in!

Community Outreach collection for the month of January is for Walkin' In My Shoes. Needs: At this time we can only accept Cash Donations or Gift cards (with activation receipt) are always welcome: for clothing, restaurants, groceries or gas. Please deposit your offering in our Donation box in the Lobby.

Pope's Prayer Intention for January. For true human fraternity. We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.

Parish Support

Weekend of December 12, 2021

\$11,252.73

Budgeted weekly need...	\$5,010.00
Weekly offertory	\$11,252.73
Over/Under budget	\$6,242.73
Plan YTD	\$110,212.00
Actual	\$104,610.00
Shortfall (5 months)	(\$5,602.00)

THANKS to all who contributed to the 2021 Catholic Stewardship Appeal (CSA) this past year. Contributions to the CSA as of mid-December totaled **\$16,985** - which means **we surpassed our goal (\$11,332) by over \$3,600**. Again, thanks to all who contributed to the CSA.

Holy Name Society will be having a **pancake and porky breakfast on Sunday, January 9 from 9-11am** in the hall. Adults \$7, kids 3-12 \$5, under 3 free.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S CIRCLE

NEW! WE WILL OFFER CHILDCARE to enable moms to join us! Kindly let us know how many kids to expect. We meet monthly and always welcome new members. No need to sign up, just join us to meet new friends & learn about opportunities to support St. Therese Parish, and one another. Our next mtg. is Mon., Jan. 10 at 9 a.m. in the church mtg. room. For more info contact Jean Marie @ 262-764-1864.

March for Life will be on Friday, January 21, 2022.

Join fellow pro-life Wisconsinites for an exclusive journey to our nation's capital for the 2022 March for Life D.C., to be the voice of the preborn. You'll travel with Pro-Life Wisconsin on privately chartered buses to Washington D.C. on Wednesday, January 19th, and return to Wisconsin on Sunday, January 23rd.

Pickup locations include Madison, Green Bay, Plainfield, Necedah, Elm Grove, and Racine. Visit www.prolifewi.org/march-for-life-dc for full details and register before **December 20, 2021**.

INFLATION

If you have been following the news or have been shopping lately, you are no doubt aware that inflation is increasing. The factors giving rise to this situation also affect St. Therese. The Parish Finance Committee has noticed that many of our members have been contributing the same amount weekly/monthly for several years. When inflation was low, the impact has been somewhat muted. However, over time the impact is more severe.

If you have not adjusted your contributions for several years, please consider whether an increase might be feasible. We appreciate the generosity of our parishioners and realize that what we are asking may not be possible for many. We just ask that you be aware of the parish needs and consider what you can afford. "God loves a cheerful giver" (St. Paul). Thank you.

HEROIC MEN is a 100% FREE Catholic streaming platform designed especially for men who want to discover (or re-discover) the truth, beauty and goodness of the Catholic faith. Offering more than 100 feature-length films, TV shows, documentaries and short films, Heroic Men seeks to source the best Catholic media available and bring it all to you, all in one place.

Some examples of programs on Heroic Men:

"RISE": a 30-day challenge for greater peace and balance in your life

"STRIVE": a 21-day challenge to break free from addiction to pornography. Go to the website: heroicmen.com

MASS INTENTIONS for the Week

Monday, January 3

8:00 AM † Richard Neiper

Tuesday, January 4

8:00 AM † Deceased members of Ruffalo/DeCesaro Family

Wednesday, January 5

5:45 PM † Mary Kay Johnson

Thursday, January 6

8:00 AM † No Mass

Friday, January 7

8:00 AM † Rita Brown

Saturday, January 8

4:00 PM † Rita Brown † Joe & Myrtle Skalla

Sunday, January 9

8:30 AM † John Ruggiero & Joseph & Regina Pumpera † Mary Marasa

10:30 AM † For Members of the Parish

**Saints & Readings:
Week of January 2, 2022**

Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord; Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church, 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: The Most Holy Name of Jesus, 1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious, 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday: St. John Neumann, Bishop, 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/Mk 6:45-52

Thursday: St. André Bessette, Religious, 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17/Lk 4:14-22a

Friday: St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest, 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 5:12-16

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

Next Sunday: The Baptism of the Lord, Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 9-10 [11b]/Acts 10:34-38/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22 or, Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 [1]/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

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
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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.