



The Faith Community of

# ST. THERESE OF LISIEUX

CATHOLIC CHURCH



## SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

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PARISH WEBSITE:

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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 1, 2023 Mary, The Holy Mother of God

## Epiphany Blessing with Chalking of the Doors Explained

Jamie Skojec Jan. 22, 2021 *OnePeterFive.com*

Epiphany (also known as Twelfth Night, *Theophany*, or Three Kings Day) marks the occasion of a time-honored Christian tradition of “chalking the doors.” The formula for the ritual — adapted for 2023 — is simple: take chalk of any color and write the following inscription *above the entrance of your home*: **20 + C + M + B + 23**.

The letters have two meanings. First, they represent the initials of the Magi — Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar — who came to visit Jesus in His first home. They also abbreviate the Latin phrase, *Christus mansionem benedicat*: “May Christ bless the house.” The “+” signs represent the cross, and the “20” at the beginning and the “23” at the end mark the year. Taken together, this inscription is performed as a request for Christ to bless those homes so marked and that He stay with those who dwell therein throughout the entire year.

The chalking of the doors commonly is performed on the traditional Feast of the Epiphany [Jan. 6, the Twelfth Day of Christmas] or whatever day the feast is celebrated, after Epiphany Mass, and can be done at any church, home, or dwelling. Traditionally the blessing is done by either a priest or the father of the family. This blessing can be performed simply by just writing the inscription (see above) with chalk and offering a prayer (see below) with the burning of incense and the sprinkling of holy water (or blessed Epiphany water, which is in the bag with the blessed chalk).

The chalking of the doors of a home reminds us, while daily passing in and out, that our homes and all those who dwell there belong to Christ. It also serves as a reminder of welcoming the Magi gave to Jesus. We should be as welcoming to all who come to our homes to visit us! The Feast of Epiphany is traditionally celebrated on the 12th day after Christmas, Jan. 6<sup>th</sup>, but in the Vatican II Mass it is celebrated on the Sunday between Jan. 2 & Jan. 8 (this year Sunday Jan. 8).

### PRAYER with EPIPHANY BLESSING & CHALKING of the HOME

**Leader** (*Priest, if present, or father of the family*): Peace be to this house.

**All**: And to all who dwell herein.

**All**: From the east came the Magi to Bethlehem to adore the Lord; and opening their treasures they offered precious gifts: gold for the great King, incense for the true God, and myrrh in symbol of His burial.

**All Pray**: The *Magnificat*: “My soul magnifies the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Savior. For He has looked with favor on His lowly servant. From this day all generations shall call me blessed: The Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is His Name. He has mercy on those who fear Him in every generation. He has shown the strength of His arm; He has scattered the proud in their conceit. He has cast down the might from their thrones, and has lifted up the lowly. He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich He has sent away empty. He has come to the help of His servant Israel, for He has remembered His promise of mercy, the promise He made to our fathers, to Abraham and his children forever.” *During the Magnificat, the room where the prayers of blessing are prayed is sprinkled with holy water and incensed. After this is completed,*

**All**: From the east came the Magi to Bethlehem to adore the Lord; and opening their treasures they offered precious gifts: gold for the great King, incense for the true God, and myrrh in symbol of His burial.

**Leader and others**: *Our Father* prayer.

**Leader**: All they from Saba shall come

**All**: Bringing gold and frankincense.

**Leader**: O Lord, hear my prayer.

**All**: And let my cry come to You.

**Leader**: Let us pray. O God, who by the guidance of a star didst on this day manifest Thine only-begotten Son to the Gentiles, mercifully grant that we who know Thee by faith may also attain the vision of Thy glorious majesty. Through Christ our Lord.

**All**: Amen.

**Leader**: Be enlightened, be enlightened, O Jerusalem, for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee—Jesus Christ born of the Virgin Mary.

**All**: And the Gentiles shall walk in thy light and kings in the splendor of thy rising, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon thee.

**Leader**: Let us pray.

Bless, + O Lord God almighty, this home, that in it there may be health, purity, the strength of victory, humility, goodness and mercy, the fulfillment of Thy law, the thanksgiving to God the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. And may this blessing remain upon this home and upon all who dwell herein. Through Christ our Lord. **All**: Amen.

*After the above prayers and blessing are recited, the initials of the Magi are inscribed on the lintel (horizontal beam) at the entrance to the home with the blessed chalk: 20 + C + M + B + 23 as the leader says “Two thousand ... Caspar ... Melchior ...*

*Balthasar ... 23” (As noted above, the initials, C, M, B, can also be interpreted as the Latin phrase “Christus mansionem benedicat” which means “Christ bless this house”.) Then each room of the home is sprinkled with Epiphany water and incensed.*



Fr. Campbell's **Wednesday 6am Men's Bible Study** will meet using ZOOM. Contact Fr. Campbell for the link at [frcampbell@olmckenosha.org](mailto: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. January 11, at 2pm.**

**PRAY for the SICK in our PARISH,** and visit them if possible: Pat Ware, William Wasurick, Mary Jo Koski, Florence Klappa, Daniel Lenegar, Jennifer Johnson, Laurie Smith, Jean Ammendola, Maria Koble, Aileen Haffer-kamp, Billie Knutsen, Richard & Kathleen Bertola, Lawrence W. Klein Sr., Diana Sauter, Michelle Jenewein. Call rectory for other sick persons 694-4695.



**CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S CIRCLE**

**\*\*PLEASE NOTE OUR NEW MEETING DATE\*\***

We understand Mondays do not work for some, so our next Mtg will be **Tues., Jan. 10th at 9 a.m.** Please join us to meet new friends & learn about opportunities to support St. Therese Parish, and one another. Childcare available: Kindly let us know how many kids to expect (764-1864).



*For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name will be called, "Wonderful, Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." Isaiah 9:6*

*My sincere thanks to you for your good will and support through out the past years.*

*May the joy and peace of Christmas be with you all through the New Year 2023. Wishing you a season of blessings from heaven above.*

*Joseph Mwangela*  
Rt. Rev. Joseph Mwangela  
Bishop, Catholic Diocese of Kitui

**Please note:** St. Therese Congregation will NOT automatically prepare contribution receipts for tax purposes for 2022. If you wish to have a written receipt, please contact the Parish Office, to request one be prepared for you.

**Friday Eucharistic Adoration:**

Friday adoration begins after 8am Mass, closes w/Benediction at 5pm. **First Friday** adoration continues to Saturday 6am.



**Parish Support**

Weekend of Dec. 11, 2022	<b>\$5,420.40</b>
Budgeted weekly need...	\$5,567.00
Weekly offertory	\$5,420.40
<b>Over/Under budget</b>	<b>(\$146.60)</b>
Plan YTD	\$122,474.00
Actual	\$113,271.00
<b>Shortfall (5 months)</b>	<b>(\$9,203.00)</b>



On December 3rd, the Middle and High School CCD students took a bus trip to the National Shrine of St Maximilian Kolbe in Libertyville, IL followed by participating in a food pack at Feed My Starving Children, putting both Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy into action.



**Epiphany Celebration**

Friday January 6th, 2023 at 6pm at Mt. Carmel Church The Religious Education Program invites the families and friends of Mt. Carmel and St. Therese parishes to a Liturgical Epiphany Celebration followed by a Potluck dinner. To register or for more information email Heather at [relig-iouseducation@olmckenosha.org](mailto:relig-iouseducation@olmckenosha.org)

**Please come join us in prayer!**

Please join us on Sunday nights at 6:00pm at St. Therese as we pray the rosary and a litany for our world and for our personal intentions in front of Jesus in the Tabernacle.

**MASS INTENTIONS for the Week**

**Monday, January 2**

8:00 AM † Stanley & Marlene Gittens

**Tuesday, January 3**

8:00 AM † Marcella Dubanewicz

**Wednesday, January 4**

5:45 PM † Eleanor Lukosaitis

**Thursday, January 5**

8:00 AM † No Mass

**Friday, January 6**

8:00 AM † Eleanor Lukosaitis

**Saturday, January 7**

4:00 PM † Repose of the soul of Alison Gercken

**Sunday, January 8**

8:30 AM † Dwayne Walter Scherneck (Raising Saints Co-op)

10:30 AM † For Members of the Parish

**Saints & Readings:**

**Week of January 1, 2023**

**Sunday: Mary, The Holy Mother of God**, National Migration Week, New Year's Day, Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (2a)/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

**Monday: Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen**, Bishops and Doctors of the Church, 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 1:19-28

**Tuesday: The Most Holy Name of Jesus**, 1 Jn 2:29—3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6/Jn 1:29-34

**Wednesday: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton**, Religious, 1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Jn 1:35-42

**Thursday: St. John Neumann**, Bishop, 1 Jn 3:11-21/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Jn 1:43-51

**Friday: St. André Bessette**, Religious, 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-28 or 3:23, 31-34, 36, 38

**Saturday: St. Raymond of Penyafort**, Priest, 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a, and 9b/Jn 2:1-11

**Next Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord**, Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 (see 11)/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

**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. Coor	262-705-9097
Liturgical Musician	Jan Sleyster	262-331-4734
Sacristan		

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. Coor.....	Beth Sturino
Liturgical Musician.....	Jan Sleyster
Parish Secretary & Bulletin Editor.....	Mary E. Vestal

**Parish Pastoral Council**

Robert Beales, Trustee Treasurer	Joyce Hui
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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.