



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. - Mt 2:10-11a

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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 unending 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 8, 2023 The Epiphany of the Lord



Feast of the Epiphany

(CNA/EWTN News, Jan. 6, 2018) While the hustle and bustle of Christmas ends for many people on Dec. 26, throughout Christian history Christmas lasts for twelve days - all the way until Jan. 6.

In the Latin Rite of the Catholic Church, Epiphany celebrates the revelation that Jesus was the Son of God. It focuses primarily on this revelation to the Three Wise Men, but also in his baptism in the Jordan and at the wedding at Cana.

In the Eastern rites of the Catholic Church, Theophany - as Epiphany is known in the East - commemorates the manifestation of Jesus' divinity at his Baptism in the River Jordan.

While the traditional date for the feast is Jan. 6, in the United States the celebration of Epiphany is moved to the next Sunday, overlapping with the rest of the Western Church's celebration of the Baptism of Christ. (This year Jan 6 happens to fall on Sunday!) However, the meaning of the feast goes deeper than just the bringing of presents or the end of Christmas, says Fr. Hezekias Carnazzo, a Melkite Catholic priest and founding executive director of the Virginia-based Institute of Catholic Culture:

"You can't understand the Nativity without Theophany; or you can't understand Nativity without Epiphany." The revelation of Christ as the Son of God - both as an infant and at his baptism - illuminate the mysteries of the Christmas season, he said. "Our human nature is blinded because of sin and we're unable to see as God sees," he told CNA. "God reveals to us the revelation of what's going on."

Origins of Epiphany: While the Western celebration of Epiphany (which comes from Greek, meaning "revelation from above"), and the Eastern celebration of Theophany (meaning "revelation of God"), have developed their own traditions and liturgical significances, these feasts share more than the same day. "The Feast of Epiphany, or the Feast of Theophany, is a very, very early feast," said Fr. Carnazzo. "It predates the celebration of Christmas on the 25th."

In the early Church, Christians, particularly those in the East, celebrated the advent of Christ on Jan. 6 by commemorating Nativity, Visitation of the Magi, Baptism of Christ and the Wedding of Cana all in one feast of the Epiphany. By the fourth century, both Christmas and Epiphany had been set as separate feasts in some dioceses. At the Council of Tours in 567, the Church set both Christmas day and Epiphany as feast days on the Dec. 25 and Jan. 6, respectively, and named the twelve days between the feasts as the Christmas season.

Over time, the Western Church separated the remaining feasts into their own celebrations, leaving the celebration of the Epiphany to commemorate primarily the Visitation of the Magi to see the newborn Christ on Jan. 6. Meanwhile, the Eastern Churches' celebration of Theophany celebrates Christ's baptism and is one of the holiest feast days of the liturgical calendar.

Roman Traditions: The celebration of the visitation of the Magi - whom the Bible describes as learned wise men from the East - has developed its own distinct traditions throughout the Roman Church. As part of the liturgy of the Epiphany, it is traditional to proclaim the date of Easter and other moveable feast days to the faithful - formally reminding the Church of the importance of Easter and the resurrection to both the liturgical year and to the faith.

Other cultural traditions have also arisen around the feast. Dr. Matthew Bunson, EWTN Senior Contributor, told CNA about the "rich cultural traditions" in Spain, France, Ireland and elsewhere that form an integral part of the Christmas season for those cultures. In Italy, La Befana brings sweets and presents to children not on Christmas, but on Epiphany. Children in many parts of Latin America, the Philippines, Portugal, and Spain also receive their presents on "Three Kings Day."

Meanwhile, in Ireland, Catholics celebrate "Women's Christmas" - where women rest from housework and cleaning and celebrate together with a special meal. Epiphany in Poland is marked by taking chalk - along with gold, incense and amber - to be blessed at Mass. Back at home, families will inscribe the first part of the year, followed by the letters, "K +M+B+" and then the last numbers of the year on top of every door in the house. The letters, Bunson explained, stand for the names traditionally given to the wise men - Casper, Melchior and Balthazar - as well as for the Latin phrase "*Christus mansionem benedicat*," or, "Christ, bless this house."

In nearly every part of the world, Catholics celebrate Epiphany with a Kings Cake: a sweet cake that sometimes contains an object like a figurine or a lone nut. In some locations lucky recipient of this prize either gets special treatment for the day, or they must then hold a party at the close of the traditional Epiphany season on Feb. 2.

These celebrations, Bunson said, point to the family-centered nature of the feast day and of its original celebration with the Holy Family. The traditions also point to what is known - and what is still mysterious - about the Magi, who were the first gentiles to encounter Christ.

While the Bible remains silent about the wise men's actual names, as well as how many of them there were, we do know that they were clever, wealthy, and most importantly, brave. "They were willing to take the risk in order to go searching for the truth, and what they discerned was a monumental event," he said, adding that the Magi can still be a powerful example.

Lastly, Bunson pointed to the gifts the wise men brought - frankincense, myrrh and gold - as gifts that point not only to Christ's divinity and his revelation to the Magi as the King of Kings, but also to his crucifixion. In giving herbs traditionally used for burial, these gifts, he said, bring a theological "shadow, a sense of anticipation of what is to come."

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. 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 Hafferkamp, Billie Knutsen, Richard & Kathleen Bertola, Lawrence W. Klein Sr., Diana Sauter, Michelle Jenewein. Call rectory for other sick persons 694-4695.



4 Stages of Marriage- The 4 stages of marriage are: (1) Romance, (2) Disillusionment, (3) Misery, and (4) Awakening. Many marriages experience the first 3 Stages. Marriages that end in divorce never make it to the 4th Stage of Awakening. Don't give up without learning about the 4th Stage of Awakening. If your marriage suffers from Disillusionment or Misery, please contact Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-VI with a long I).

For confidential information about or to register for the program beginning with a weekend February 17-19th in Racine, please call (414) 502-7685 or email: Milwaukee@HelpOurMarriage.org or visit the website at <http://www.HelpOurMarriage.org>

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.



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.

Parish Support	
Weekend of Dec. 18, 2022	\$4,978.00
Budgeted weekly need...	\$5,567.00
Weekly offertory	\$4,978.00
Over/Under budget	(\$589.00)
Plan YTD	\$122,474.00
Actual	\$113,271.00
Shortfall (5 months)	(\$9,203.00)

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).

RAISING SAINTS
Homeschooling Group

The Mt. Carmel and St. Therese Homeschool Group, Raising Saints, had their "5th Day of Christmas" gathering on Thursday December 29th. There is still time for registered homeschooling families of St. Therese and Mt. Carmel to join our growing group. The next session of co-op classes begins soon. Call Heather for more information. 262-914-2288



New Year's Resolutions: Each time the earth completes its revolution / People make a resolution / To gain for past sins absolution / Yet soon learn that this is no solution. What is the solution? Getting real absolution in the Sacrament of Penance!

Sen. Baldwin introduces bill to pay for abortion travel expenses: U.S. Senators Tammy Baldwin (D-WI) and Patty Murray (D-WA) on Thursday, Dec. 8 (the Solemnity of Mary's Immaculate Conception!) introduced the "Reproductive Health Travel Fund Act," legislation to provide women with funds to pay for travel expenses to obtain abortions. (Ken. News, Dec. 9, 2022, B2) How dare they propose to use our tax dollars to help murder innocent unborn children!

Please Pray for Fr. Frank Pavone, who was recently laicized (removed from the priesthood). I received this email from the former Evangelical convert to Catholicism, author, and founder of Family Life Center International, Steve Wood:

Dear Father,
I was stunned when I heard the news. Fr. Frank Pavone, the National Director of Priests for Life, the National Pastoral Director of Rachel's Vineyard, and the president of the National Pro-Life Religious Council has been laicized by the Vatican - kicked out of the priesthood.

What Gives? Why is our abortion and homosexual-marriage supporting president given Holy Communion by spineless clerics, while Fr. Pavone can't even say Mass? Why are the 89 Catholics in the House of Representatives who voted for the Disrespect for Marriage Act not disciplined, while Fr. Pavone is laicized? Why are homosexual-loving clerics promoted and given papal audiences, while Fr. Pavone is kicked to the curb?

I responded to these troubling questions by saying that in these times of great confusion, we must never abandon our faith and our hope in God, knowing that in His loving Providence He permits evil only to bring about a greater good. His thoughts are not our thoughts. But we also know, God will not be mocked (cf. Gal. 6:7). We must patiently wait to see His plans unfold.

MASS INTENTIONS for the Week

Monday, January 9

8:00 AM † Arlene Bilotti

Tuesday, January 10

8:00 AM † Barbara Christian

Wednesday, January 11

5:45 PM † Arlene Bilotti

Thursday, January 12

8:00 AM † No Mass

Friday, January 13

8:00 AM † Harry Williams (Georgette Williams)

Saturday, January 14

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

Sunday, January 15

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

10:30 AM † For Members of the Parish

**Saints & Readings:
Week of January 8, 2023**

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

Monday: The Baptism of the Lord, Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Acts 10:34-38/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 (11b)/Mt 3:13-17

Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9/Mk 1:21-28 or Heb 1:1-6 and 2:5-12/Mk 1:14-20 and 1:21-28

Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9//Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: Heb 3:7-14/Ps 95:6-7c, 8-9, 10-11/Mk 1:40-45

Friday: St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church, Heb 4:1-5, 11/Ps 78:3 and 4bc, 6c-7, 8/Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: Heb 4:12-16/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mk 2:13-17

Next Sunday: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Is 49:3, 5-6/Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10/1 Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34

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.