



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.*

### **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*

## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." - Mt 2:1-2

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January 7, 2024 The Epiphany of The Lord

## 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 mighty 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 & also on 750AM** every 2nd & 4th Wednesday. Next program: **Wed. Jan, 10, 2pm.**



**PRAY for the SICK in our PARISH,** and visit them if possible: William Wasurick, Mary Jo Koski, Florence Klappa, Daniel Lene-gar, Jennifer Johnson, Laurie Smith, Jean Ammendola, Maria Koble, Bart & Aileen Hafferkamp, Billie Knutsen, Richard & Kathleen Bertola, Lawrence W. Klein Sr., Diana Sauter, Michelle Jenewein, Randy Bonn, Jim Lauzon, Betty Burt, Betty Campbell. Call rectory for sick persons 694-4695.



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



Please join us Sunday nights 6pm at St. Therese to pray the Rosary & litany for our world & personal intentions b/4 Jesus in the Tabernacle.



Have you checked out the St. Therese website at [st-therese-kenosha.org](http://st-therese-kenosha.org)? **History** about our church, **Homilies** by Fr. Campbell, previous church **Bulletins**, **Events** calendar on happenings in the parish & lots of useful information!

**Welcome her into eternal life...**  
*Father Campbell, Father McDermott, and the Parish community of St. Therese wish to extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Nerissa Ott.*  
*O, Lord, comfort them in their time of sorrow and grief. Eternal rest grant unto her, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in the peace of Christ.*

**MONEY COUNTERS NEEDED**

We are in need of another team of three money counters, to count the collections for the weekend Masses. Please contact the Parish Office if you are willing to volunteer.

**Please be aware that in an emergency, to contact a Priest, call Mt. Carmel Rectory 262-652-7660.**

The **National Eucharistic Congress** will be held from July 17-21, 2024 in Indianapolis. Registration is available at: <https://www.eucharisticcongress.org/register>. You can also access housing. Anyone interested in going, and who would like to **carpool**, contact Nancy January at [nan-janil@sbcglobal.net](mailto:nan-janil@sbcglobal.net).

**FASHION SHOW** - Featuring First Communion Dresses & Veils provided by Holy Family Catholic Bookstore. Bring your Daughters, Granddaughters & Goddaughters! Refreshments will be served, and admission is free. It will be held on **Sunday, January 28<sup>th</sup> at 1:00** in the church hall. For more info., call 262-697-0333 or go to [www.holyfamilycatholicbookstore.com](http://www.holyfamilycatholicbookstore.com)

**TOUR of the CATHOLIC FAITH/RCIA CLASS**  
**When & Where:** Tuesday evenings, 7-9 pm at Mt. Carmel School (enter through door facing east/Columbus Park)  
**Text:** *Catholic Catechism Course* by Fr. Hardon, cost: \$25. This course is a year-long, complete tour the Catholic Faith, open adults/teens, an RCIA course for non-Catholics.

The **St Therese Holy Name Society** will be having a **Super Bowl Italian beef fundraiser on February 11**. Enjoy a taste of our famous Italian beef from our summer festival. A dinner for 4 includes Italian beef, buns, chips, salad, and cookies. Cost is \$45 with additional beef available for purchase. Deadline for ordering is January 28. See the St Therese website for order info.

**Coffee & Donuts with film on Blessed Carlo Acutis (Patron of Eucharistic Revival) Sunday Jan. 21, after 8:30 & 10:30am Masses** in the church hall. The **Holy Name Society** is sponsoring this event. All are invited. This excellent video (25 min.) shows how **Bl. Carlo**, who died as a teen, **promoted Eucharistic miracles through the media.**

**Christian Women's Circle** next mtg is **Tues., Jan. 9<sup>th</sup>, at 9 a.m.** Join us to meet new friends & learn about opportunities to support St. Therese, our community, and one another. Child-care available. Kindly let us know how many kids to expect (764-1864).

*In Swaddling Clothes*

By MARK AMOROSE

“And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped Him up in swaddling clothes” — Luke 2:7.

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Before His feet walked dry-shod on the waves;  
 before His hands gave sense to ear and eye;  
 before His voice called dead men from their graves;  
 before His wish caused bread to multiply:  
 the Lord of all was first a speechless child,  
 deprived of power by His swaddling bands.  
 How mighty were those tiny feet and hands  
 when on her helpless God His mother smiled?

Already when the kings came from the East  
 to greet a greater king upon His birth  
 and fell down at His feet upon the earth  
 with gifts for God and sacrifice and priest,  
 Mary had wrapped up — as with festive bows —  
 the world's first Christmas gift, in swaddling clothes.

**MASS INTENTIONS for the Week**

**Monday, January 8**

8:00 AM † Fr. James Kendzierski

**Tuesday, January 9**

8:00 AM † Andor Paal Sr.

**Wednesday, January 10**

5:45 PM Intentions of Brian & Thomas Weir

**Thursday, January 11**

8:00 AM † No Mass

**Friday, January 12**

8:00 AM † Poor Souls in Purgatory (Richard D.)

**Saturday, January 13**

4:00 PM † Stan & Kelly McCormick (Family)

**Sunday, January 14**

8:30 AM † Mary Nagode

10:30 AM † For Members of the Parish

**Saints & Readings:  
Week of January 7, 2024**

**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 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 (3)/1 Jn 5:1-9/Mk 1:7-11

**Tuesday:** 1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Mk 1:21-28

**Wednesday:** 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Mk 1:29-39

**Thursday:** 1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25/Mk 1:40-45

**Friday:** 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19/Mk 2:1-12

**Saturday: St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church; BVM,** 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 2:13-17

**Next Sunday: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time,** 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4 7-8, 8-9, 10 (8a, 9a)/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42

**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	262-764-0083
Beth Sturino	Rel. Ed. Coor K-5	262-705-9097
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Liturgical Musician	Jan Sleyster	262-331-4734

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**Parish Staff**

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

**Parish Pastoral Council**

Robert Beales, Trustee Treasurer	Joyce Hui
Claudia Volpentesta, Trustee Secretary	Nancy January
Paul Gillespie, Chairman	Patricia Soens
Jim Lauzon	Jerome Pudelek
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.