



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 unflinching 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 4, 2026 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 2026 — is simple: take chalk of any color and write the following inscription *above the entrance of your home*: **20 + C + M + B + 26**.

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 “25” 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. 6th, but in the Vatican II Mass it is celebrated on the Sunday between Jan. 2 & Jan. 8 (**this year Sunday Jan. 4**).

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 + 25 as the leader says “Two thousand ... Caspar ... Melchior ... Balthasar ... 26” (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. 

The **MARIAN HOUR** with Fr. Campbell **WSFI 88.5 FM** every 2nd & 4th Wednesday. Next program: January 14, **2pm**. 

PRAY for the SICK in our PARISH, and visit them if possible: William Wasurick, Mary Jo Koski, Florence Klappa, Daniel Lenegar, Jennifer Johnson, Laurie Smith, Jean Ammendola, Maria Koble, Billie Knutsen, Kathleen Bertola, Jim Lauzon, Dennis Daughtry, Maggie Elizabeth Kolanko, Kathleen Albaum, Doris Bruff, Elsie Carver, Marina Pennington. Call rectory for sick persons 694-4695. 

"Eucharistic Adoration is the greatest power in the universe capable of transforming us and changing the face of the world." St. Maximilian Kolbe. Come and spend some time with Jesus, exposed in the Eucharist in the monstrance on the altar, at **St. Therese Church** every Friday 8:30am-5pm; on First Friday-Saturday, adoration continues until 6am, Plus on **First Friday's** there is Children's adoration at 3:30-4:30pm and at **Mt. Camel Church** every Tuesday 3-5:30pm. 

Women's Winter Bible Study - Fulfilled Part 2
We invite you to participate in a **7-week women's Bible study beginning February 18 and concluding on April 1**. The course, titled "Fulfilled," is the second part of a two-part series by Ascension Press that examines the biblical foundations of the Catholic faith. This study explores God's continual design for worship and His relationship with us, highlighting where the blueprint for the Catholic faith was established in the Old Testament and how it is fulfilled by Jesus in the New Testament. Part two examines the outer sanctuary's elements and their links to the Magisterium, Eucharist, Incense, and Mary.

The group will meet on Wednesdays from 10:00 – 11:30 am at St. Therese. There will be a cost of \$28 for materials which is due at the first session. **Please call the St. Therese office (262-694-4695) by February 2 to register.** Please contact Lori Martin at Lorimarmar@gmail.com with any questions.

Parish Support
Weekend of December 21, 2025 \$4,783.15
Budgeted weekly need...\$5,567.00
Over/Under budget (\$783.85)

Change in Saturday Confession Time: With the change in Mass time to 5:15 PM, Confessions will be heard from 4:15 PM to 5:00 PM.

REMINDER: Saturday evening Mass time at St. Therese has been changed to 5:15pm. Confessions are now 4:15 –5pm.

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.

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

Sign up for FORMED! A program which gives our parishioners free access to many Catholic programs and movies. To sign up: 1) visit Formed.Org 2) Click Sign up 3) Select a parish 4) Find your parish by name and address 5) Enter your email. Then, **you're in!**

Sign Up for FLOCKNOTE!
What is Flocknote? Flocknote is a means by which Fr. Campbell can send information by both text and email to all parishioners who are signed up. Signing up is EASY! **To sign up: Type out the word LOOP (in all CAPS) as a text message & send to 84576.** Then you'll be in our parish "loop" and will receive texts, news & emails from Fr. Campbell.

Your gift to the Catholic Stewardship Appeal— whether large or small—makes a difference. Every gift is welcomed and needed to help out Church continue God's work in our communities. To donate, visit www.catholicappeal.org, text APPEAL2025 to 414-348-8330, or mail your check to Catholic Stewardship Appeal, 3501 S. Lake Drive, St. Francis, WI 53235

MASS INTENTIONS for the Week

Monday, January 5

8:00 AM † Betty Campbell (Jim & Sally Hauke)

Tuesday, January 6

8:00 AM Christina January

Wednesday, January 7

5:15 PM † Gloria Scuglik

Thursday, January 8

No Mass

Friday, January 9

8:00 AM † Betty Campbell (Catholic Woman's Club of Kenosha)

Saturday, January 10

5:15 PM † Gloria Scuglik

Sunday, January 11

8:30 AM † Betty Campbell (Catholic Woman's Club of Kenosha)

10:30 AM † For Members of the Parish

Saints & Readings:

Week of January 4, 2026

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

Monday: St. John Neumann, Bishop 1 Jn 3:22-4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

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

Wednesday: St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/Mk 6:45-52

Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19-5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17/Lk 4:14-22a

Friday: 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, 3, 9-10/Acts 10:34-38/Mt 3:13-17

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday through Thursday 7:15 am to 2:30 pm
Closed Friday

Please submit bulletin announcements in writing to the Parish Office or e-mail to office@st-therese-kenosha.org 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	5:15 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	4:15 to 5:00 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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St. Therese supports two Catholic Schools:
All Saints Catholic School 262-925-4000
St. Joseph Catholic Academy 262-654-8651

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Parish Pastoral Council

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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.