

ST. THERESA PARISH



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. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. - Mt 2:10-11

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Office Hours

Monday - Thursday: 8:00 am - 3:30 pm
Friday: Office Closed

Sacramental Life

Weekend Eucharistic Liturgies
Saturday: 4:30 pm
Sunday: 9:00 am

Weekday Mass
Wed & Thurs: 8:00 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturday's 3:45 to 4:15 pm
or by appointment

Baptism

Celebrated once a month at Mass.
Contact the parish office.



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The Epiphany of the Lord, January 2, 2022
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Saturday, January 1 (Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God)
 4:00 pm (St J) † Ralph & Helen Sargeant (*Also live streamed on YouTube*)
 4:30 pm (St T) Parishioners

Sunday, January 2 (Epiphany of the Lord)
 8:00 am (St J) † Lucille Casper
 9:00 am (St T) † Elaine Potrykus (C. Potrykus)
 10:00 am (St J) † John & Elaine Dalsasso

Monday, January 3 (Holy Name of Jesus)
 6:00 pm (St J) † Robert Pakulski

Tuesday, January 4, (St. Elizabeth Ann Seton) No Mass

Wednesday, January 5 (St. John Neumann, Bishop)
 8:00 am (St T) † Damian & Loretta Coenen (Zellmer)

Thursday, January 6 (St. Andre Bessette, Religious)
 8:00 am (St T) † Michael & Beatrice Delany (family)

Friday, January 7 (St. Raymond of Penafort)
 8:00 am (St J) † Sr. Romula

Saturday, January 8
 4:00 pm (St J) † Kathy Jensen (*Also live streamed on YouTube*)
 4:30 pm (St T) † Phil Walker (family & friends)

Sunday, January 9 (Baptism of the Lord)
 8:00 am (St J) Parishioners
 9:00 am (St T) † Millie Major (Mike & Jan Major)
 10:00 am (St J) † Damian & Loretta Coenen (*Also live streamed on YouTube*)

SUNDAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING:

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you. (Is 60:1)

PSALM:

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you. (Ps 72)

SECOND READING:

It was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. (Eph 3:5-6)

GOSPEL:

"Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." (Mt 2:2)

EXTENDED! FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP PLEDGE CAMPAIGN

Thank you to all those who have taken the time to pledge for the Financial Stewardship Campaign. If you have forgotten, you can still make a pledge either on line or at Mass till the final weekend in January. You can make your pledge by going to our website www.sttheresaagle.com/ and make your commitment on line, on the stewardship tab or fill out the pledge card found on the bookshelf in the vestibule and return to the parish office. Thank you for your generosity, The Stewardship Committee

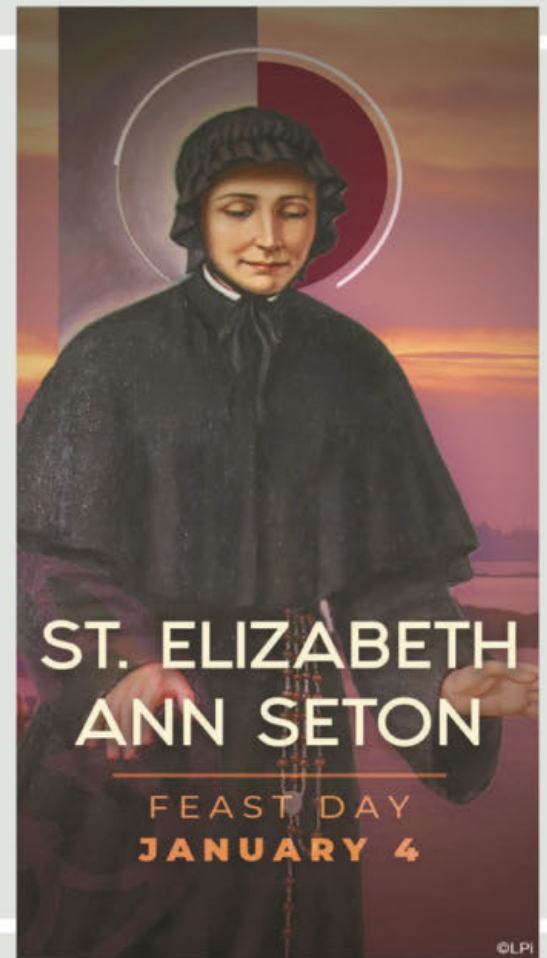
PARISH STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

In Thanksgiving for God's gifts to us, we have returned to God:

Contributions to Date: Church Fiscal year 2022

7/1/2021 - 12/18/2021

Actual Collections	Budget	Difference
\$ 92,898	\$ 107,500	\$ (14,602)



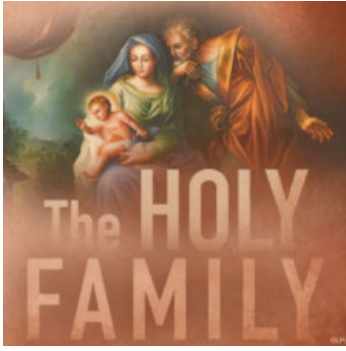
Saint of the Week

The patron saint of Catholic schools, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (August 28, 1774 – January 4, 1821) was born in New York City to a prominent family of the Episcopal faith. When she turned 19, she married a wealthy businessman with whom she had five children. He later died of tuberculosis in 1803, leaving her a young widow. After discovering the Catholic faith in Italy, where her husband had died, she returned to New York and converted to Catholicism in 1805.

After several years struggling as a single mother, Elizabeth moved in 1809 to Emmitsburg, Maryland, where she founded the Sisters of Charity of St. Joseph, the first community for religious women established in the United States. She also began St. Joseph's Academy and Free School, which started a chain reaction of Catholic-based education in the United States that continues today.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton was canonized September 14, 1975 in St. Peter's Square by Pope Paul VI and was the first citizen born in the United States to be given the title of "saint."

Journeying to Joy with the Holy Family



By the time you read this reflection, Christmas will have passed, and we are headed into 2022. We will continue our journey with a focus on discipleship and living the heart of Jesus' through the Beatitudes.

This Advent we journeyed with Joseph, Mary and Jesus the Eucharist as we prepared are hearts and minds to receive Jesus this Christmas. If you

were unable to attend the mission talks, they are available on the St. Theresa Facebook Page.

Deacon Anton shared with us the humility and righteous of Joseph as both a husband and father. Joseph's acceptance of God's call to accept His Son into his heart is the same call we have been commissioned at our Baptism. Joseph's journey required trust, and silent listening to the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Joseph's fiat reminds us that like Joseph, our vision of what our life should look like is often rerouted and we too need to trust that God has a plan.

Marge Fenlon helped us contemplate the difference between wondering and waiting. Mary must have wondered about the unknown, the "what if's" as she gave her fiat. We too worry about the unknown, we let the stories in our head overtake our reason. Mary's unconditional yes is our example of how to faithfully say yes to God. Like Mary, we wait for what we know is to come. Mary waited to hold the baby Jesus, but she also had to wait for her Son to fulfill his own destiny as Messiah. Mary became the first disciple of Jesus when she said yes. She was the first person to meet the Son of God. Mary sees Jesus as both son and Savior. We wait for the fulfillment of Jesus' promise of salvation.

Father Ed brought this full circle as we mediated the mystery of the Incarnation. Fr. Ed pointed out that all the extraordinary circumstances of Nativity are all lessons for us. He asked us to use our imagination as we put ourselves into the Nativity story. Notice who the first visitors were. Shepherds? Foreigners? Even as an infant, Jesus welcomed the outcasts and pagans into His circle of love. How do we welcome the poor and those who are different than we are? How do you think Mary and Joseph may have reacted to the odd assortment of visitors? Father Ed also asked us to imagine Mary and Joseph's reaction to the stable and trough that they had been delivered to. He suggested that they may have thought: "this is it?" Advent helps us look at our own disillusionments. Advent helps us scrutinize our own relationship with Jesus. Is our relationship with Jesus one-sided? Do we want Jesus to conform to our vision of God or do we conform to God's vision for us?

Jesus, Emmanuel, God with Us! God is with us each time we receive the Eucharist. We celebrate the Eucharist to celebrate the incarnation and then are sent forth to live the morality of Jesus. Eucharist started in the manger and continues to nourish our relationship with God from generation to generation.

Lent 2021 we will continue the Journey to Joy with presentations of the Beatitudes and stories from Luke with Emmy award winning actor Frank Runyeon on March 6 & 7. Mark your calendars. We are seeking sponsorship of this event. Watch for more information in the coming weeks.

*Renee Hitt,
Adult Formation and Parish Life Coordinator*

Catholic Stewardship Appeal Update

Dear Members of St. Theresa Parish,

Congratulations on reaching your parish's goal for the 2021 Catholic Stewardship Appeal. The funds raised support so many important ministries and programs across the ten counties of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. You have done an outstanding job supporting the work and mission of the Church through your spirit of giving through the Appeal. Your generosity makes a real difference in people's lives and in the Church. May God bless you and your parish.



Most Reverend Jerome E. Listeki, Archbishop of Milwaukee

Every year the Archdiocese gives each parish a fundraising goal for the Appeal. Last year, St. Theresa Parish was given a goal of \$17,513 and \$18,530 was raised! Heartfelt thanks are extended to the 79 households that responded to this need and achieved our goal! Overall, the Archdiocese had hoped to raise \$8.1 million, but the actual donations of \$8.7 million exceeded that goal.

Please spread the word



Unfortunately, there will be **No Sledding** on the hill at St. Theresa Church as the area is an active construction site. For safety and liability reasons, no such activity will be allowed this year. We appreciate your cooperation!

Disciples in Action

Disciples in Action service projects invite youth to address the hardships of others in tangible ways. 7th and 8th grade students took up the call to clothe the naked when working with the Council of Catholic Women on the Box of Joy project. Through their generosity and prayers, many impoverished children will receive gifts of hygiene and clothing items, school supplies, and toys to lift their spirits this Christmas.

High school students answered the call to feed the hungry by donating bags of food to St. Vincent de Paul just before Thanksgiving, and Confirmation candidates worked with the SVDP members to set-up, pack, and distribute the Thanksgiving Baskets to community members who needed a helping hand. Thank you to all the students who gave of their time and treasure for these projects!



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