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Help all become one with God.

Parish Vision:
*Continuing the ministry of
Jesus Christ through word, worship,
service and community-building.*

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph † December 27, 2020



THE HOLY FAMILY

GROWTH

The child grew and became
strong, filled with wisdom;
and the favor of God
was upon him.

- Lk 2:40

Welcome to Saint Teresa of Calcutta Parish

St. Teresa of Calcutta offers a welcoming, intimate and prayerful home, deeply influenced by the amazing life of Mother Teresa.

You and your family are always welcome to worship with us. We hope you will consider registering to become part of our beautiful parish family.

To become a parish member, please call the Parish Office to make an appointment to meet and register with Deacon Allen.

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MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, December 27, 9 am: Fr. Ted Lawson

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

† **Kent Maltby and For the People of St.**

Teresa of Calcutta

11 am: Fr. Ted Lawson

† **James Degenhardt**

Monday, December 28, 8 am: Fr. John Yockey

The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

† **Fr. Victor Seidel**

Tuesday, December 29, 8 am: Fr. Joe Hornacek

St. Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr

† **Lee Jasinski**

Wednesday, December 30, 8 am: Fr. Ted Lawson

† **Dave Wiesehuegel**

Thursday, December 31, 8 am: Dick Mevissen

St. Sylvester I, Pope

The Shaw Family

Mass of Anticipation: Holy Day of Obligation

Mary, Mother of God

4:30 pm: Joe Hornacek, at Monches

† **Audrey Czaplewski**

Friday, January 1, **Holy Day of Obligation**

Mary, Mother of God

World Day of Peace

9 am: Fr. Joe Hornacek

Deacon Ray and Cindy Heitzinger

Saturday, January 2, 4:30 pm: Fr. Ted Lawson

Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and
Doctors of the Church

† **Eileen Donovan**

Sunday, January 3, 9 am: Fr. Ted Lawson

Epiphany of the Lord

For the People of St. Teresa of Calcutta

11 am: Fr. Ted Lawson

Mary Steinbauer

Parish Office open 8:30 am-3 pm

Monday–Thursday

**The Parish Center will close at noon on Thursday,
December 31.**

The North Lake church is open 9 am to 5 pm, Monday-
Thursday; the church in Monches is open noon to 5 pm on
those same days



YEAR END GIVING

As you consider offering a year-end donation to St. Teresa of Calcutta, keep in mind the tax benefits of supporting our parish. (Of course, there are also spiritual benefits!)

- The CARES Act allows taxpayers to deduct donations to charity up to \$300 on their 2020 federal tax return, even though they take the standard deduction. The new law allows all taxpayers to take a charitable deduction even if they do not itemize.
- Funds from an IRA can be used for charitable donations, if done correctly (ask your tax advisor for help). Using an IRA to make a charitable donation can help lower your tax bill.

There will be someone in the Parish Office on December 31 until noon to accept any last-minute gifts.

Thank you to all the donors who keep our parish growing in faith through their generous giving.



*Solemnity of
Mary,
Mother of God*

(Holy Day of
Obligation)

December 31: 4:30 pm Vigil Mass,
Monches

January 1: 9 am Mass, North Lake

REMINDERS FOR THIS WEEK

Mon., Dec. 28, 6 pm	Parish Council Meeting, PC
Thurs., Dec. 31, 9 am–2 pm	Blood Drive, PC
Sun., Jan. 3, 10:15 am	Workcamp Mtg., NL church basement

COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

Thursday, December 31

9 am to 2 pm

Clare Hall–Parish Center

Call Rita at 262/719-2815

Or register online at

bit.ly.stteresadec2020

MASKS ARE REQUIRED

COVID-19 Antibody Testing will be performed on all successful donations. All attempting donors will receive a \$10 E-Gift Card (must enter valid e-mail to receive).



This Season of Giving, give the greatest gift of all to local patients in need: **your lifesaving blood.** Because hospitals can only receive blood from volunteer donors like you, your blood donation is incredibly important, especially in a time of great need.

Because each blood donation can save up to three lives, the blood you donate at our Season of Giving Blood Drive could help multiple families have a happier holiday season. This season and all year long, your gift is much appreciated!

During this Season of Giving, Versiti/ Blood Center of Wisconsin, is giving donors a gift!

Donors at donation sites through

December 31

(and that's us!) will receive a Versiti winter knit hat, while supplies last.

Thanks for saving lives!



PLEASE PRAY FOR A PRIEST EACH DAY

Sunday, December 27	Fr. Michael Michalski
Monday, December 28	Fr. Hilarion Mikalofsky
Tuesday, December 29	Fr. Nathaniel Miniatt
Wed., December 30	Fr. Richard Mersberger
Thursday, December 31	Fr. John Mitchell
Friday, January 1	Pope Francis, Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
Saturday, January 2	Fr. Mark Molling
Sunday, January 3	Fr. Richard Molter

LOOKING FOR PYX

If anyone has a pyx they are not using, PLEASE bring it in and give it to Deacon Allen or drop it off at the sacristy after Mass or at the Parish Center.

Both Monches and North Lake are very short on these pyx.

What is a pyx?

It is a small round container used to carry the consecrated host (Eucharist) to the sick or those who are otherwise unable to come to a church in order to receive Holy Communion. You have likely seen people bring up their pyx at Communion in order to receive a consecrated host from the Eucharist minister, priest or deacon.

Dear friends,

Effie Caldarola says: "Always we begin again." If our New Year's resolution is to grow more deeply in love with God, to achieve a new level of spirituality, to listen more closely to the Spirit in our life, then those four words are vital. Because coming to God is always about invitation, surrender, and trying again. It is about acknowledging that we cannot do it on our own. It has little to do with willpower and my own determination. It has everything to do with being quiet and letting go.

"Always we begin again" reminds us that falling down is a big part of spiritual growth. The big thing is not our failure but that we try again. It is seeing that marker set at zero over and over and realizing God is waiting for us in each step. For me personally, the operative word is "always." Think of a bad habit or vice - overeating, worrying, compulsive shopping, for example. We can think of times when we have fallen and our response might be, "I'll try again tomorrow; might as well finish that bag of Oreos today, (and perhaps) may as well turn from prayer."

God is waiting for us right now in our falling down, not in a

2020 Christmas Altar Flower Donations

Additional names to those listed in
December 20 bulletin.

John Bautz by Alice and Sons

John Buffone by Marilyn Buffone

Armand Chartré by Pat Chartré and Family

Mary Cecelia Dunn by the Dunn Family

Jerald Patrick Dunn by James Dunn

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Family

Tom and Mary Gallagher by the McBroom
Family

Russell and Theresa Hoffman by James
Dunn

William and Sylvia Hoffman by James Dunn

Don Merkel by his Family

Thomas Morrissette by Dawn Timm and
Family

Peter Wegmann by Barb Wegmann

The Weltzin Family

far off "tomorrow." If we are considering deepening our spiritual life in 2021, we start with the wonderful feeling of invitation, not obligation. There will be ups and downs. But because of Christmas, God is with us, He is always inviting us to Him. He knows us better than we know ourselves, so let Him help us. Let us become closer to Him, let us take that courageous step to throw out the old, the not-so-good part of our selves and empty ourselves to become filled up with the "good stuff" we discover in Christ Jesus. This good stuff does not hurt, or hard to do, or add weight to our waistline. We just answer His call to join Him and let Him do His works with us and within us. Always, we begin again.

May God bless all of us with a good 2021.

Deacon Allen



“Life is good when you are happy, BUT much better when others are happy because of YOU.”

–Pope Francis

On this Feast of the Holy Family, all of the members of St. Teresa of Calcutta’s St. Vincent de Paul Conference would like to shout out “**THANK YOU**” to our parish family. Your generosity during these last few weeks has been key to making the Christmas holidays much less stressful for many of our neighbors in need. Indeed, in the words of Pope Francis, “**others are happy because of you!**”

Please keep in mind that, as we head into the cold winter months of the New Year, we know that many have still not been able to find employment and will struggle with heating and rent payments. **Keep your eyes and ears open for those who might need help.** Call our SVdP Conference (414-418-9783). Together we can make a difference.

Your response to our bulletin requests for canned and packaged items for our pantry has been amazing. Items are being dropped off on a regular basis. These have quite literally been gifts from heaven when it comes to keeping in stock the selection of most frequently requested items for our North Lake Food Pantry patrons. Please know that if you would like a receipt for your donated items, just contact us by dropping off a note at the Parish Office, or call or email us.

NEEDED PANTRY ITEMS: FRUIT JUICE

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION MONDAY–THURSDAY, 7:30 TO 7:55 AM

WEDNESDAY, 6:30 TO 7:30 PM

Let’s talk. Meet me at Adoration. Bring all your worries, questions and troubles with you. I’ll help you find a way.

-JESUS



ROSARIES AS DECORATIONS

Question: I’ve seen people hang rosaries over the rear-view mirrors in their cars and a few of them wear them around their necks. Is it OK to do that?

Answer:

The practice of hanging a rosary or a religious medal off of the rearview mirror of one’s car is a fairly popular custom across many cultures. While there is no particular rule approving or condemning this practice, we should also be mindful of the respect and reverence due to religious objects and devotional items (i.e. sacramentals).

An important point to consider would be the reason why one chooses to place a rosary or religious medal in our cars. Is it a reminder of the protection and intercession of Mary and the saints? Does it encourage us to be mindful of God’s presence, even in such a mundane task as driving? Is it an outward expression of our more private devotions?

One advantage of having a rosary or religious medal in our cars is that it can also serve as a reminder to pray when we travel, asking for protection for ourselves and for other motorists or commuters. Certainly, invoking the protection and prayers of the saints is a wonderful practice for families, helping to reinforce our belief in the communion of saints and the care and concern we owe to one another.

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SPECIAL CHRISTMAS GIFTS

If you didn’t receive your book and greeting card at Christmas Mass, please make sure you visit the back of church to collect these gifts (based on availability):

+Mother Teresa Daily Devotional: *Do Something Beautiful for God: The Essential Teachings of Mother Teresa*

+Rejoice / Welcome Home greeting card from the Archdiocese of Milwaukee

PRO-LIFE WISCONSIN'S MARCH FOR LIFE MADISON

JANUARY 2 | MADISON, WI | 11:00 A.M.

Join Pro-Life Wisconsin on the sidewalks outside the Wisconsin State Capitol to march for the preborn!

Pro-Life Wisconsin signs will be available, but you're welcome to bring your own!



St. Roch: Intercessor in Times of Epidemic



O Almighty God and Father of the poor, since You did strengthen St. Roch by Your divine grace to help the sick with his admirable way of curing them, grant us Your mercy through the merits of St. Roch, that we may be spared from all sickness and contagion through his intercession, and that we may receive the grace to be delivered from the greatest evil, which is mortal sin; so that after the trials of this life we may be worthy to be admitted into Your eternal glory in heaven, through Christ our Lord.

Amen

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Tragedy and disappointment are inevitable. What sees you through this? There will be challenges, changes, unexpected circumstances, interrupted plans, hurts, and injustices experienced by every human being at some point in their lives. We will be asked to adjust our plans, change course, and even encounter suffering and death. Where do we learn all of the lessons we need to live life well? Some of them we learn along the way but much of what we bring to life, positive and negative, comes from our early beginnings, our families. This is our early world and provides the blueprint for how we see the bigger, more inclusive world, which unfolds before us.

Our families of origin can be sources of grace, heartache or a combination of both. Families are intended to be pivotal in providing us with proper social structure and understanding, a support system, lessons about relationships and communication, and the unconditional acceptance and love we so desperately crave. They can also determine whether we have an accessible and healthy relationship with God. Many of life's challenges can literally bring us to our knees and require that we possess a strength of character that resides well beyond the superficialities of our world. At some point we will all need three coping gifts that can be given to us only by God: faith, hope, and love. Our families help us learn that we are not the ones responsible for their creation, but God!

Our experience of early family life colors all of our relationships and what we expect to achieve from life in general. Resolving conflicts, dealing with difficulty and suffering, celebrating accomplishments, prioritizing our needs, listening to God's call, understanding relationships, understanding disappointment, learning about the virtues and living a centered focused life are all lessons our families either succeed in teaching or do not. To succeed, as God has designed and ordered our world, is to discover his presence and then trust that Presence. The Holy Family can teach even the most dysfunctional family how to best use God's gifts of faith, hope, and love to find him and do his will. Their simple humble example is always before us, showing us the way. Jesus, Mary and Joseph, pray for us!



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