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"Go and make disciples" (Matt 28:19)
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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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Fr. Leonard Andrie, Pastor
Deacon John Allgaier

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Weekend:

- Saturday: 8:00 am, 5:00 pm
- Sunday: 8:00 am & 10:00 am

Weekdays:

- Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri: 7:00 am
- Wednesday 5:15 pm

SACRAMENTS

Reconciliation:

Wednesday: 4:45 to 5:10 pm
Saturday: 8:30 to 9:30 am
4:00 to 4:30 pm

Baptism:

Call Liz Lammers, 952-473-4422, to
schedule Baptism preparation class.

Matrimony:

Call Geri Korman, 952-261-0560,
at least six months in advance to
schedule wedding preparations.

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- Tuesday: 8:00 am to 6:00 pm
- Wednesday: 7:30 am to 8:00 pm
- Thursday: 8:00 am to 5:00 pm
- Friday: 8:00 am to 2:00 pm
- Saturday: 8:30 am to 10:00 am

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For the sick, homebound, dying
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A Message from Father Andrie

Wedding Banquet of Heaven

There is something truly heartwarming about the moment of a marriage proposal. It is a moment of great excitement and anticipation. One of the great threads that runs throughout Sacred Scripture is a wedding. For example, on March 25th, we celebrate the **Annunciation**, when the Archangel Gabriel, on behalf of heaven (God, the angels, and saints) proposed to Mary. God wills to unite Himself with the human race in a covenant of love. It's no accident that many paintings of the Annunciation have Gabriel bowing or on one knee with a hand extended like a wedding proposal.

Mary offers her "yes" on behalf of everyone. She represents the best of humanity – open, docile, full of grace, trusting, and a heart filled with love and ready to suffer for God. "Yes, let it be done to me, according to your word." The wedding proposal is accepted, and the Word becomes flesh in her womb. Jewish tradition gave March 25 as the date of creation, when God said, "Let there be light." Every March 25, we celebrate Christ's conception, the date when all of creation, fallen in Adam, is renewed in Christ.

On **Christmas**, we celebrate Jesus, the Bridegroom, leaving heaven, His Father's house, to betroth himself to us, the Church, His Bride. On Christmas, we decorate trees, bring out festive colors, and offer beautiful music because the Bridegroom has arrived. He comes to betroth himself to us. And He offers us not just a ring or a cup of wine, but *Himself*.

Today, we celebrate the **Solemnity of the Epiphany**. On this day, the wedding guests arrive with gifts for the baby Bridegroom: Gold, frankincense, and myrrh. The Magi symbolizes all those who are open to the truth. They represent the human heart that hungers for God. In short, they represent those who say "yes" to Christ's wedding invitation, i.e., to His betrothal. When wedding invitations are sent out, one must RSVP. By giving your yes, you are saying, "I will be there because this is important. I want to celebrate with you and to honor you." We RSVP to God's invitation by the way we live.

Next week, we conclude the Christmas season with our **Lord's baptism**. In the Jewish tradition, there was a custom wherein the bride (and sometimes the bridegroom) underwent a ritual washing prior to the wedding. This was called the bridal *mikvah* or "bridal bath." It was done in running water either the night before the wedding or as close to the wedding as possible. The bath recalled the rivers from the Garden of Eden and symbolized the new birth and the new world that begins with marriage.

It's no accident then, that in humility, Christ is baptized or undergoes the *mikvah* or spiritual cleansing, not for Himself, but for us. Baptism is our *mikvah* or bridal bath that cleanses us for the marriage covenant in Christ, and prepares us for the wedding banquet in heaven

The theme of betrothal during the Christmas season also sheds light on Jesus' miracle which was performed at a wedding. By turning water into wine, Jesus reveals that He is the long-awaited Messiah-Bridegroom who arrives with a wedding invitation. Jesus will give Himself to us in what John calls His "Hour," or His passion, death, and Resurrection.

The theme of a wedding also sheds light on the meaning of the Mass. Jesus, the Messiah-bridegroom, promises to be with you "in good times and in bad, in sickness and in health." "This is my body, which will be given up for you." And then the chalice, "This is the chalice of my blood, the blood of the new and eternal covenant, which will be poured out for you." These are marriage vows. Your vow, for its part, is one word: Amen. Your Amen is your "yes," your acceptance of Jesus' Love and your promise to be faithful to Him on good days and bad ones, when you are healthy or sick, until you draw your last breath.

Finally, in a traditional Jewish wedding, during the betrothal period, the groom returned to his father's house to prepare a place for his bride. The bride, for her part, focused on her personal preparations, the wedding garments, lighted lamps, etc. Although the bride expected her bridegroom after about a year, she did not know the exact day or hour when he would return. The groom's father gave final approval for the groom's return.

During this time of waiting, the bride kept her oil lamp ready at all times, just in case the groom came in the night. Hence, Jesus gives the parable of the ten virgins in Matthew 25:1-13. Five are well prepared with oil, while five are not. It is a reminder that as the Messiah-Bridegroom, Jesus could return at any time. Therefore, one must be prepared.

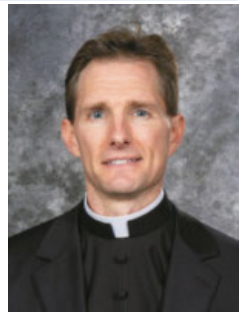
The theme of a wedding, with a proposal, a time of betrothal, the exchange of wedding vows, helps put all our celebrations in their proper context. In a wedding, a bride and groom each give their vows in love as they enter into a covenant together.

Christ, the true Bridegroom, offers a proposal to you every day. He betroths Himself to you with His life. And as heaven waited with anticipation and excitement for Mary's response, so heaven waits with eagerness for your response. The angels and saints hope and pray you give your "yes" with a life of sacrifice, of service, and of love for our Lord. Like Mary, may Jesus help you give your "yes" to Him each day, and in doing so, prepare you for the wedding banquet of heaven, an eternal celebration of great joy.



Goldy and Golderina just married.

~St. Thérèse, pray for us!



Monday	1/3		Chapel closed at this time
Tuesday	1/4	*7:00am †Fr. Dennis K. Dempsey	
	at DW	3:30pm †Jim LaVoy	
Wednesday	1/5	*7:00am †Matt Waldron	
		8:00am For our teachers & staff	
		5:15pm †Mario & Marie Tonelli	
Thursday	1/6	*7:00am	Grant & Christy Ketel
Friday	1/7	*7:00am	†Patricia Swanke
Saturday	1/8	*8:00am †Rev. Ralph Huar	
		5:00pm †John Seeger	
Sunday	1/9	8:00am	For the People
		10:00am †Myron Jorissen	

Jan 4	St. Martha's Circle Party
Jan 6	St. Elizabeth's Book Club <i>"John Paul the Great" by P Noonan</i>
Jan 7	Friday Night Bash
Jan 8	Wine & Cheese Saturday
Jan 9	Coffee & Donut Sunday
Jan 11	Church History Session
Jan 11	Deephaven Woods Movie Night
Jan 14/15	Women's Retreat
Jan 15/16	ICA Food Collection Weekend
Jan 18	Church History Study
Jan 21	Local March for Life
Jan 22	YDM Service Saturday
Jan 22/23	Community Caring for Life Diaper Drive
Jan 23	Sunday Evening 5:00pm Mass
Jan 30	Catholic Schools Week Kickoff
Feb 4	Family Fun Night
Feb 5	Canva Dinner

Go to www.st-therese.org for parish updates on Confession and Adoration. Livestreaming of Mass and Rosary videos available on our website.

Readings for the Week of January 2, 2022

Sunday:	Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf.11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12
Monday:	1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
Tuesday:	1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mk 6:34-44
Wednesday:	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:	Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/Acts 10:34-38/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22 or, Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 [1]/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

Remember in Your Prayers

Kailey Giancola, Erik Soderlund, Dillon DuPonte, Treffle Daniels, Louise Burton, Christopher Daniels, Ruth Colnar, Marisa Zarate, Michael Scott, Bill Ashenbach, Richard Morton. *To be included in requests, you or a family member should call the parish office, 952-473-4422. Names will be shown at least 30 days or as space allows.*



ARTICLES/INSERTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

To have something printed in the body of the bulletin, please submit the article 10 days prior to publication. Inserts are forms or flyers with information that will not fit in the body of the bulletin. Please submit inserts 5 days prior to publication. To have a pulpit announcement made during weekend liturgies, please submit it by noon on the Thursday prior to announcing. Submissions may be emailed to Catherine at crupp@st-therese.org.

Deacon John's Note

Our Epiphany

The word "epiphany" originally meant a manifestation or appearance of something, often a divine being. This week we celebrate the Magi (3 Kings, Wise Men) following a star to the place of the birth of Christ. The Magi were not Jews and yet they came to worship Jesus. This should reinforce that Jesus came to save the entire world - both the Jews and Gentiles. So, we all fall into that category of who Jesus came to save. God invites each of us to be saved.

Today, when someone has an "epiphany," it also means they've had a sudden insight into the deeper meaning of something. We must all hope to have an epiphany with God. Sometime during our lives, we need to see and know God as our loving and merciful Father. It may happen early in our life, or right before we take our last breath on earth. It doesn't matter if you grew up in the Faith or never walked into a church in your life – at some time in our lives we are called to find and love God.

God gives each of us the gift of faith at our baptism. He gives each of us the faith to come to know and love Him. God has already done his part. We must activate that gift of faith to find Him, which will lead us to our own personal epiphany! We may not have to travel on the back of a camel across a hot dessert, but we do have to take time in our lives to follow the star to our Savior.



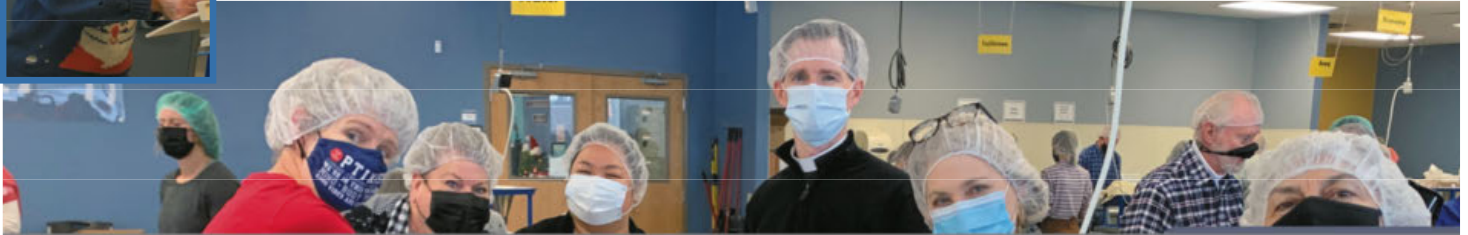
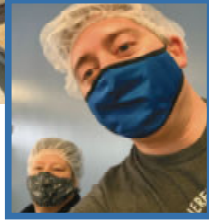
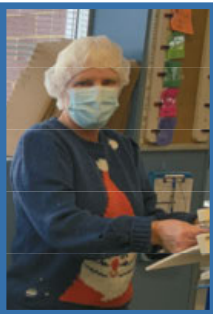
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Staff Christmas Celebration

The week before Christmas, our wonderful St. Therese faculty and staff had our Christmas party. They chose to gather together to serve as we do so often with our students and parishioners! Our team spent the afternoon together packing meals at Feed My

Starving Children! Such a great way to kick off the last week of Advent!



Early Learning Center



The Elephants

The Elephant class has been learning all about the Joy of Christmas. We made presents for our Moms and Dads. We learned about Jesus and His Birth.

Merry Christmas!



The Early Childhood Program at St. Therese is a fun and enriching place to be! Want to join the fun?

Contact: Jo Ellen Begalke at 952-261-0587 or on-line at jbegalke@st-therese.org or Emily Rohla at erohla@st-therese.org.

Faith Formation

On December 15, eleven children were received into the Catholic Church. Congratulations Charlotte, Nash, Rose, Lauren, Olin, Roman, Winston, Lenora, Knox, Rowan and John.



Questions of the Week

Adult: What events or people have guided you in your relationship with God?

Child: Who are some of the people and what are some of the signs that help you know God?



Save the Date!

Vacation Bible School

June 20-24, 2022

Registration opening soon!

www.st-therese.org/vbs



Winter Faith Camp

"It's everything that you love about camp... but in the winter! Our High School Youth will be heading to Camp Courage to "fortify" their faith in a new way. This camp is intended for youth who are looking to deepen their understanding of the faith and to be reignited in their relationship with Jesus. This camp will feature the power of the Sacraments, talks, outdoor winter activities, and the opportunity to meet Catholic youth from all over the Twin Cities!"

When: Feb 18th (evening) - 21st, 2022

Where: Camp Courage, Maple Lake, MN.

Price: \$200

Register online at www.st-therese.org/youth.



Deeper Love...

6th Annual Women's Retreat - 2022
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Friday Evening: January 14
5:30 Check-in and Dessert, 6:00-9:00PM Program

Saturday: January 15
7:30 AM-3:00 PM Program
(Continental Goodies and Lunch Provided)

**Come Be Inspired...
By Our Special 2022 Retreat Leader
Elizabeth (Liz) Kelly**

Register online at www.st-therese.org/events OR return form (see reverse side) with payment to the parish office. Livestream option available for those unable to attend in person. Full program can be found on the parish website.

Financial Stewardship

November 2021 COLLECTIONS	November 2021	November 2020	Year over Year	Fiscal Year to Date	Prior Year thru November	Year over Year
Sunday Envelope & Electronic Gifts	\$ 114,473.67	\$ 100,479.96	\$ 13,993.71	\$ 523,632.83	\$ 473,541.28	\$ 50,091.55
Sunday Plate	\$ 3,527.47	\$ 2,588.05	\$ 939.42	\$ 14,842.16	\$ 9,330.49	\$ 5,511.67
Total	\$ 118,001.14	\$ 103,068.01	\$ 14,933.13	\$ 538,474.99	\$ 482,871.77	\$ 55,603.22

Sunday giving keeps the lights on, pays for repairs, and funds all ministries and operations. Thank you for your continued generosity to our parish community.

Parish and Community

Eucharistic Adoration

Each hour you spend with Jesus will deepen His Divine Peace in your heart. **“Come to Me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest”** (MT 11:28). If you would like to fill an Adoration hour contact Geri in the parish office. Hours available are: Tuesdays 9-10am, Thursdays 1-2pm and 4-5pm. Regardless, know that you are welcome to pray anytime during Adoration hours.



Men's Silent Retreat—January 20-23

Let God meet you at the beautiful Lake Elmo, Demontreville Jesuit Retreat House. Begins Thursday evening and ends Sunday evening. Freewill donations are accepted. For more information, call Bob Cardinal at (651) 398-1457 or check out the website <http://www.demontrevilleretreat.com>.



Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend

Friday, February 11-Sunday, February 13
Christ the King Retreat Center, Buffalo

Look to rekindle the excitement and romance in your relationship.

This is a private weekend away from life's distractions that allows a husband and wife to focus on each other. Early registration is recommended. For more information, visit twincitieswwme.org

Operation Andrew Dinner

January 17, 6:00-8:00pm, Archdiocesan Catholic Center, St. Paul
Archbishop Bernard A. Hebda and Father David Blume, Director of Vocations, invite men, ages 16 and older, who are discerning their vocations, to join them for dinner and conversation about priesthood and religious life. Online registration is required. For more information and to register, see 10000vocations.org.

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