

DECEMBER 19, 2021 - 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



St. Teresa of Avila Catholic Church

mission statement: "We are disciples of Jesus building the Kingdom."

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Sacrament of Reconciliation:
Confession Saturdays 2:30-3:30,
30 minutes before every weekday Mass
or anytime at request.

* Please call to set up an appointment
for *any* of these listed below:

*** Anointing of the Sick and
Hospital Visits:**

Please call for yourself or anyone in your
family for: an emergency, serious illness,
if sick and confined to home, or if
entering a hospital or local nursing-home.

Please call us several days prior to the
surgery or event if you know of it in advance.

*** Sacrament of Baptism:**

Parents are required to attend a pre-baptismal
class before their child is baptized.

*** Sacrament of Matrimony:**

Registered Parishioners need to contact the
Pastor at least nine months before the
wedding to participate in marriage
preparation.

*** Interested in the Catholic Faith:**

Inquiry classes begin in October
and are held each Sunday morning.

Bulletin Deadline:

stteresabulletin.ShariD@gmail.com

Please email by 1pm on Friday,
9-days prior to the Sunday it comes out.
Deadline before Holidays is 3 weeks!

~ MASS TIMES ~

• SAT. Vigil Mass 4:00pm • SUNDAY Masses 8:00am & 10:30am
• MON. 7:00am • TUE. & WED. 5:30pm • THUR. 7:00am • FRI. 12:05pm



4th SUNDAY of Advent

"Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit
of your womb. And how does this happen to me, that
the mother of my Lord should come to me?" Lk 1:42-43

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS
Collections for Church Year
July 1st, 2021 - June 30th, 2022

Sunday, December 5, 2021

\$10,940.33

Collections Fiscal Year-To-Date
\$226,870.22

Budget-Year-To-Date Collections
\$231,269.42

\$ Collections Over (Under) Budget
(\$4,399.20)

ONLINE GIVING

To those who have continued to be so generous in helping us meet the continued needs of running our parishes and schools: **THANK YOU!!**

If you are not yet signed up for online giving, you can do so for St. Teresa on our parish website.

*** To donate online please go to:**

www.saintteresahutchinson.com

How-To directions are explained on the website.

~ St. Teresa thanks you for your stewardship of treasure ~

CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES

A friendly reminder to please use your contribution envelopes when making your donations. This not only helps our money counters with their stewardship of time in counting in a timely manner, it will also insure your donations will be added to your end of the year statement for your tax records. **If you aren't receiving year end statements or tithing envelopes please call to verify that we have you listed as an active member.*

Please use generic tithing envelopes in the vestibule...

- If you forgot your tithing envelope
- If you are a guest and would like to give
- For school attendance envelopes
- For all your other giving needs



*** You may also mail it or drop it at the Rectory.**

You can drop off your tithing envelope through our mail slot on the front door of the rectory anytime day or night.

Want to become a member of St. Teresa Parish?

To be added to the weekly tithing envelopes and mailing list, please fill out a registration form (on the front & back).

Forms are located in the vestibule of the church.

Return these to the Rectory at 211 E. 5th Ave.

Or fill-out and submit the form on our website.

Dillon's Community Rewards



We have a wonderful opportunity to contribute to the *upkeep of our St. Teresa altar.*

- 1- Register your card with **St. Teresa** as the Community Rewards,
- 2- use your Plus-Card when shopping at Dillon's,
- 3- St.T earns - *it's easy!*

Our Last Quarter Dillon's Reward was \$532!!



Mass Intentions - Dec. 18 - Dec. 24

ST. TERESA OF AVILA PARISH

Sat. Dec. 18	4:00pm	†	Gene Duffy
Sun. Dec. 19	8:00am	†	Vera Mae Cummings
Sun. Dec. 19	10:30am	SI	People of the Parish
Mon. Dec. 20	7:00am	†	Barbara Johnson
Tue. Dec. 21	5:30pm	†	Mary Ellen Bishop
Wed. Dec. 22	5:30pm	†	Duarte Family
Thu. Dec. 23	7:00am	†	Vivian Phelps
Fri. Dec. 24	4:00pm	†	Fred & Helen Alonzo
Fri. Dec. 24	8:00pm	†	Clarence Hageman

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Fr. Aaron Spexarth,
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Bill Rumback, Lori Bird,
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Connie Dillon

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"The Lord has ears to ALL who call on Him"

Prayer Requests for the St. Teresa prayer line



To add yourself or someone you know to the prayer line contact:

Kathy Wiens - text or call: 316.778.8093

email: wienkathy@sbcglobal.net

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*** ATTENTION ***

If you or a family member will be in the HOSPITAL, please call. 620.662.7812

Fr. Aaron, Fr. Matt or Fr. Will would very much like visit them for Anointing, Reconciliation or Communion.

Do You Have 1-Hour Per Week to Give to Jesus?



Contact Alana Vibbert - 620-727-0481

Please Text or leave a message

COMMUNION to HOMEBOUND & NURSING HOMES

We are trying to reconnect with our parishioners that are homebound or in nursing homes since the pandemic. If you have a loved one or know someone who would like to visit with a priest and/or receive communion please call the parish 620-665-5163 to let them know. Thank you for your help.

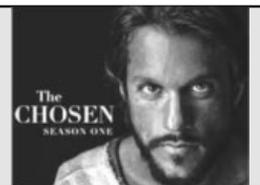


Holy Rosary Prayer Group
1st Sundays @ 12 noon

St. Teresa Parish - All 4 Mysteries

Let's Flood Heaven with Prayers!

We've started showing season 1 of **"The Chosen"**
Meet us in the Parish Family Center
Wednesdays after 5:30 Mass



WHY DO WE DO THAT? - Catholic Life Explained:

~ Besides the wise men, what is significant about the epiphany? ~

Epiphany means “manifestation,” or public display. The feast is usually celebrated January 6. In the US, it is celebrated on the Sunday nearest to January 6. It originates from a story unique to Matthew (2:1-12). Magi from the East come to offer homage to the newborn King, presenting him with gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. This part of Matthew’s infancy narrative differs from Luke’s account of the birth of Jesus. In Luke there are no Magi, star, nor gifts. Luke has Jesus being born in a stable after Mary and Joseph’s long travel from Nazareth to Bethlehem. Matthew seems to have the family living in a house in Bethlehem, where the Magi find them. Why these differences? They stem from the needs and concerns of the audience the authors were addressing, as well as the theological stance of each author. Knowing the original intention helps get at the correct interpretation of the text. Since Matthew was writing primarily to a Jewish community, his concern was to show that Jesus did not come just for Jews, but for Gentiles as well. From his very birth, Jesus not only manifests himself to Jews, but also to Gentiles, who are prominently included in the manifestation, symbolized by the Magi and their journey. This is the most significant aspect of the feast of Epiphany. **How do you manifest Jesus to all with whom you come into contact?**



UNITED STATES CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS

The Pope's Monthly Intention - December

Catechists - Let us pray for the catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God: may they be its witnesses, with courage and creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

~ Lord hear our prayer

Fourth Sunday of Advent

• *First Reading – Micah 5:1-4*

From the humble town of Bethlehem will be born a ruler, great, yet peaceful. What a simple but powerful message. At this time of year, can we, as Christian stewards, quiet our lives enough to truly appreciate this prophecy?

• *Psalm 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19*

Do we, as Christian stewards, call upon the Lord to be our strength?

• *Second Reading – Hebrews 10:5-10*

We acknowledge, as faithful stewards, that Jesus sacrificed Himself for our sins and our salvation. Do we in turn sacrifice our time, talent, and treasure to build up His kingdom here on earth?

• *Gospel – Luke 1:39-45*

In today’s Gospel, the Holy Spirit inspires Elizabeth to proclaim to Mary, “... *Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb.*”

As Christian stewards, do we allow the Holy Spirit to work in our lives to further the work of the kingdom?

• *Stewardship Thought*

The Gospel today tells of the Virgin Mary, pregnant herself, hurrying off to help her cousin Elizabeth. The model of good stewardship, she who had given herself to bear the Savior, gave her time and love to others as well.



St. Teresa Restoration Project

As the restoration continues in the Church we would like to thank those of you who have and continue to support our Restoration Fund.

Please remember all donations are tax deductible and will be added to your end of the year statements. Tax exempt certificates will be sent to anyone who would like to donate.

Thank you for your generosity!!

If you have questions please see Fr. Aaron or call the Rectory.

Weekend	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Musicians	Ushers
<u>Saturday</u> <u>Dec. 18</u>	4:00 Norine Hamby	4:00 Sue Luetters Billy & Shari Duarte	4:00 Celeste & Tim	4:00 Michelle S. Joe C Janie Riggs, volunteer
<u>Sunday</u> <u>Dec. 19</u>	8:00 Amy Godina 10:30 Rosa Fast	8:00 Anita Davison 10:30 Paul Maldonado Ron & Julia Hulsey	10:30 Bill Rumbach	8:00 Betty Davis, Marietta H. 10:30 Joe O'Sullivan Ron & Julia, Jim Hovious
<u>Fri. Dec. 24</u> Christmas Eve Vigil- 4 & 8 PM	4:00 pm Norine Hamby	4:00 pm Jackie Oglesby Angie Stephenson, *TBD	4:00 Trish & Susan	4pm Connie Dillon, Don Miller Mike & Paula Cunningham
<u>Sat Dec. 25</u> Christmas Day 8:00 AM	8:00 pm Victoria Graf 8:00AM Audrey Bornholdt	8:00 pm Mary Sue - Luebbers 8:00AM Josh Carroll	8:00 Diana & Holly 8:00AM *TBD	8:00 pm *TBD 8:00AM *TBD
<u>Sun. Dec. 26</u> Sunday obligation since there was No 4pm Mass on Saturday	8:00 Tammi Ediger 10:30 Mark Smith	8:00 Karen Baldauf 10:30 Kathy Carroll Brian & Lori Bird	10:30 *TBD	8:00am - Christine Becker Tony Probst, two volunteers 10:30am - Lionel Mailloux, Darrell Ranzau, Jim Thomas, volunteer

STEWARDING OUR GIFTS:
"Fully Alive as Missionary Disciples"

Mi 5:1-4a / Heb 10:5-10 / Lk 1:39-45

Leap With Joy

The astonishment of Elizabeth in today's Gospel is easily understood when we know that the visitor in Mary's womb was the Son of God Incarnate. So great was Elizabeth's joy that the child in her own womb, John the Baptist, leaped at the sound of Mary's voice. Our own hearts should be aflutter as the Nativity of Our Lord approaches. Just as Elizabeth and the infant John were blessed by the visit of their Lord and Redeemer, we too have been blessed by the gift of Our Savior.

Let us leap with joy and receive Him.

~ St. Teresa Stewardship Committee ~

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When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the infant leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb."

- Lk 1:41-42

VIRTUS TRAINING SESSIONS
Holy Cross Grade School

ENGLISH - SAT. JAN 8th @10:00am

ENGLISH - WED. MAR 9th @6:00pm

- Those wanting to attend should pre-register to ensure a space at: www.virtus.org.
- Participants will need to enter the far northwest doors of the school building.
- * *Please do not bring children to training sessions*
For info contact: Kim Griffith at 620-899-9453

**LIVE THE LITURGY-
INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK**

Did you ever find yourself wishing that God would just step in and fix all that is wrong with the world? After all, how much longer can all of this go on? There is so much inequity in life. Our world's political, economic, and environmental systems do not always serve the best interests of people. We read stories about injustice, disregard for human life, greed, heartache, and people being hurt and deprived every day. People are still starving and there is often little regard for human life. This is not the way God intended it to be. Realizing that we have caused most of these problems ourselves, we look to God for an answer and a way out of the difficulties we have created. Taking responsibility for our actions is not something that comes easily. What we fail to see is that God has already sent the answer in the person of Jesus Christ. God did fix our problem! Mary had to set her needs aside in order for the Son of Justice to come into the world. We need to do the same. It is only by believing in, listening to, and acting upon what God has spoken that true peace will ever come to be, and God's fix be made known.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP
Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

Baby Jesus' Wish List

Odds are you've got a Christmas list going by now — gift ideas for everyone from your nephew to your goddaughter to your mailman. But what about the birthday boy? What's the gift Jesus gets from you this Christmas? If you've ever read the Book of Leviticus, you know all about the sacrifices God asks of the Israelites, referred to in the reading from Hebrews today. Leviticus can be a chore to read — a little repetitive, a little intimidating. There's a lot of very specific actions that God asks His Chosen People to complete to make up for whatever they have done wrong. In essence, it's a bit of a wish list for gifts. But it's a wish list that can really confuse you. What's God going to do with a cereal offering? The kidneys of an animal? If you look closely, what God is doing here is beautiful. He's customized his wish list to only those things He knows the Israelites can give. It's God saying, in what amounts to theological baby-talk for folks who barely know of Him and His ways, exactly how they could be stewards. "Do this, but don't do that. If you do that, do this and you will find My mercy." Our guide to stewardship — the Gospels of Christ — is less precise because by the time of Christ, God's people have grown in understanding of love and mercy and relationship with the divine. Through Christ, we find out that God's real wish list didn't really consist of cereal offerings and the kidneys of various animals. It's far simpler, but luckily, it's something we still have on-hand. ***All He wants is our whole heart.***

St. Teresa of Avila Parish Announcements



Please feel free to call
Mon-Fri ~ 10am-2pm
620.662.7812



“Accustom yourself continually to make many acts of love, for they enkindle and melt the soul.”

~ St. Teresa of Avila ~

Christmas Call to Sharing

The priesthood is the love and the heart of Jesus.
When you see a priest, think of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Please consider a gift this year for Christmas Call to Sharing for the benefit of the education of our 29 seminarians and care of our 20 retired priests.



STEWARDSHIP RENEWAL FORMS

Every family should get the stewardship packet. Please call the parish office if you didn't receive yours. There are forms and a drop box in the St.T vestibule, or you may mail them or take to the Holy Cross office.



“Stewardship is a natural and necessary result of following Jesus Christ, not an option. Mature disciples make a conscious, formed decision, carried out in action, to be followers of Jesus Christ, no matter the cost to themselves.”

Past due. Please return ASAP.



Advent Confession Service will be Sunday, December 19th 7:00 pm at Holy Cross.



Friday, December 24th: 4:00 & 8:00 PM
Saturday, December 25th: 8:00 AM
Sunday, December 26th: 8:00 & 10:30 AM

ATTENTION
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS, LECTORS, MUSICIANS, USHERS
PLEASE LOOK TO SEE WHEN YOU ARE SCHEDULED TO SERVE . . .
ON THE BULLETIN BOARD IN THE CHURCH, ON ST.T WEBSITE AND ON FACEBOOK.



Please find a sub if you can't serve - Thank you!



St. Teresa's is looking to re-form a **PARISH WELCOMING COMMITTEE**
This committee would help new families get established and acclimated into our parish family. If you would like to be a part of this ministry, please contact the parish office at 620-662-7812.

LETTER AND SPIRIT:

featuring Scott Hahn and Mike Aquilina
VIA ZOOM or in the **St. Teresa Parish Hall SUNDAY'S @ 9:00am**
(between 8:00am & 10:30am masses)
They will show us how it is that the Bible is 'for' the Liturgy and the Liturgy is 'for' the Bible. And that's not all, they will also prove the Bible is 'about' the Liturgy and the Liturgy of the Mass is 'about' the Bible.

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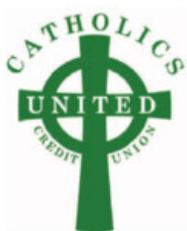
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