

JANUARY 2, 2022 - THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



# 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  
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Please call for yourself or anyone in your  
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Please call us several days prior to the  
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**\* Sacrament of Baptism:**

Parents are required to attend a pre-baptismal  
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Registered Parishioners need to contact the  
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wedding to participate in marriage  
preparation.

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and are held each Sunday morning.

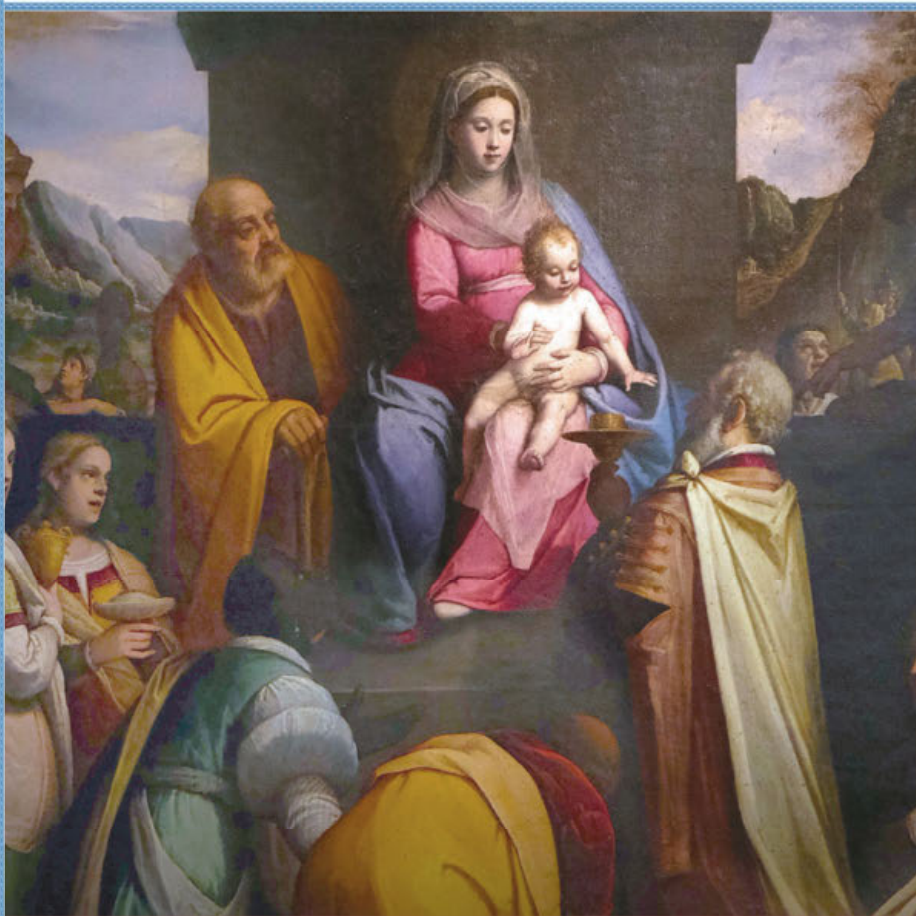
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[stteresabulletin.ShariD@gmail.com](mailto:stteresabulletin.ShariD@gmail.com)

Please email by 1pm on Friday,  
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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



## 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

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

**Sunday, December 19, 2021**

\$16,015.72

Collections Fiscal Year-To-Date  
\$261,414.26

Budget-Year-To-Date Collections  
\$251,379.81

\$ Collections Over (Under) Budget  
\$10,034.75



**Mass Intentions - Jan. 1 - Jan. 7**

**ST. TERESA OF AVILA PARISH**

Sat. Jan. 1	4:00pm	†	Gene Duffy
Sun. Jan. 2	8:00am	†	Mary Ellen Bishop
Sun. Jan. 2	10:30am	†	Duarte Family
Mon. Jan. 3	7:00am	†	Charlotte Ridder
Tue. Jan. 4	5:30pm	†	Opal Wilson
Wed. Jan. 5	5:30pm	†	Laverne Maybrier
Thu. Jan. 6	7:00am	SI	Carroll Family
Fri. Jan. 7	12:05pm	†	Sara Elizabeth Etzold

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**How-To directions are explained on the website.**

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

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Bill Rumback, Lori Bird,  
Kay Dechant, Mark Maness,  
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**  
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**\* ATTENTION \***

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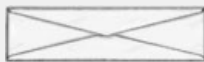
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**CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES**

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.

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

**ADORATION**

**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.

**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.

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**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:

~ *What happens to a consecrated host if it accidentally falls to the ground?* ~

This a very practical question because, as we all know, accidents happen, even during the most careful celebration of the liturgy. The short answer to this question is that nothing happens to the consecrated host. The Real Presence of Jesus remains in the consecrated host or any consecrated wine that might accidentally be spilled. Another question we might ask is: How should the ministers respond if the Eucharist is dropped or spilled? If this happens, the priest, deacon, or extraordinary minister of holy Communion should immediately pick up the dropped host and consume it. If it is a case of the Precious Blood being spilled, the minister would use the purificator (and additional purificators if needed) to clean the spill and then the area should be reverently washed as soon as the Mass is over and the water poured into the sacrarium (a special sink that is located in church sacristies for reverently disposing of holy water, the water used to clean sacred vessels, etc.).

## The Epiphany of the Lord

• *First Reading – Isaiah 60:1-6*

The prophet Isaiah paints a radiant picture of God's abundant gifts to us, which should inspire us, as Christian stewards, to gratefully proclaim His praise and glory.

• *Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13*

God, in His mercy and justice, exhorts us, as His stewards, to praise and glorify Him by sharing our time, talent, and treasure with the poor and oppressed.

• *Second Reading – Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6*

Our heavenly Father, in His goodness through Jesus Christ, offers His gift of grace to all people and welcomes everyone as members of the Body of Christ and His heirs, regardless of who they are.

• *Gospel – Matthew 2:1-12*

The story of the Magi's gifts to Jesus reminds us how much God blesses us, and how, as Christian stewards, we must use and return these gifts gratefully to the Lord in His service.

- The Magi journeyed far, with great effort, to pay homage to our King. Do we respect, honor, and make time for Him in our lives? Do we trust God in all things?

• *Stewardship Thought*

The three kings in today's Gospel traveled a great distance at considerable cost to offer their richest gifts to the Infant Jesus. How far will *I* go, and what will *I* offer to do homage to this newborn King and Savior?

LORD,  
EVERY NATION  
ON EARTH  
ADORES YOU.

PSALM 72



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Weekend	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Musicians	Ushers
<u>Saturday</u> <u>Jan. 1</u>	4:00 Kathy Carroll	4:00 Bill & Ana R. Angie Stephenson	4:00 Diana & ?	4:00 Mark & Josh Dreiling Joel & Clayton Hamby
<u>Sunday</u> <u>Jan. 2</u>	8:00 Amy Godina 10:30 Paul Maldonado	8:00 Anita Davison 10:30 Irene Owston Steve Stacey, Lori Story	10:30 Diana & Holly	8:00 Wayne & Carol Prather 10:30 Marietta H., Rosa Fast, Josh Sander, Belen Dryden
<u>Saturday</u> <u>Jan. 8</u>	4:00 Ana Rumback	4:00 Don Miller, Billy & Shari Duarte	4:00 Brian Davis	4:00 Mark & Karen Maness Teresa Meyer, Bill Logsdon
<u>Sunday</u> <u>Jan. 9</u>	8:00 Audrey Bornholdt 10:30 Victoria Graf	8:00 Mary Sue Luebbers 10:30 Joe Bribiesca Ron & Julia Hulsey	10:30 Jeanette Hermes	8:00 Kay Dechant, Joe Hammersmith 10:30 Bill H., Frank B. Belen D. Anita D.



**STEWARDING OUR GIFTS:**  
 "Fully Alive as Missionary Disciples"  
*Is 60:1-6 / Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6 / Mt 2:1-12*

**Seek Him**

Today's Gospel presents us with the story of the manifestation of Jesus to the Gentiles through the visitation of the Magi. With the birth of Jesus, the world as a whole is able to see God in a new way. The word Epiphany is often used to describe a moment in which you suddenly see or understand something in a new or very clear way. And so it was with the birth of Christ. Rightfully understood, God was no longer to be thought of simply as the God of the Israelites but as the God of the Universe, who would sacrifice Himself for all of mankind. May we also seek Him, that we may pay him homage, to prostrate ourselves and place our gifts—our very selves—before Him.

~ St. Teresa Stewardship Committee ~  
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*The Pope's Monthly Intention - January*  
**For true human fraternity ~**

We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family. ~ *Lord hear our prayer*

**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](http://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**

Human beings easily get bored. Life's routines can become so predictable that there is often little time for excitement or freshness. Today is all about the new and the wonderful. In celebrating the beauty and simplicity of the Epiphany, we see in tangible ways God's creative, redemptive, and restorative power. This refreshment and revitalization is offered not only to a select few but to everyone throughout the world. There is nothing routine or static about God. Surprises, wonders, miracles, opportunities, healings, and joy without measure are available to those who believe. There are never any endings, just beginnings. And, when darkness, boredom, and gloom seem to be the order of the day, a bright new light now shines pointing us to truth and reminding us that we are loved.

**EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP**  
 Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

***The Light of the Moon***

If you own a television that has been turned on at any point in the last month or so, chances are you've caught at least a scene or two of the 1946 classic film "It's a Wonderful Life." If you're not familiar with the movie, it follows the life of George Bailey from childhood through adulthood. A dreamer by nature, George has big plans for himself that involve world exploration and adventure — but family and community obligations keep him tethered to the same spot on the map, leading an altogether ordinary life. One of the most memorable scenes from that movie is of George dancing with his sweetheart Mary while they sing "Buffalo Gals — Won't you come out tonight/And dance by the light of the moon?" That lyric always catches my ear. Of course, the moon doesn't have any light of its own. All the moon has is the ability to reflect the light that shines upon it. The same holds for us, doesn't it? Our stewardship is purely a reflection of the grace granted to us by another. "Upon you the LORD shines," writes Isaiah, "and over you appears his glory." Every good action we will ever take begins in the mind of God. The fact that we have the honor of carrying it out on His behalf is a beautiful gift. It is God that makes our ordinary lives extraordinary. In the end of the movie, George Bailey realizes that he had a far greater life because, instead of being the hero of his own story, he allowed himself to reflect goodness onto others. Remember — the magi didn't chart their own course. They merely followed the star.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

# St. Teresa of Avila Parish Announcements



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



*“Truth suffers,  
but never dies.”*

*~ St. Teresa of Avila ~*

**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!*



## W E L C O M E

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*  
People often speak as if the Bible and the Catholic  
Mass are totally separate from one another, and anti-  
-Catholics make the claim that the Mass and the  
Bible are in competition to one another...not so, and  
today Scott Hahn and Mike Aquilina are going to  
set the record straight. 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.  
*All are invited to join this DVD series presentation.*  
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### St. Teresa Restoration Project



As the restoration continues  
in the Church we would like to  
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are tax deductible and will be  
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additional info please see  
Fr. Aaron or call the Rectory.

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all of you for the generous outpouring of  
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prayers! Your continued generosity is  
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