# SAINT THERESE CATHOLIC CHURCH Sioux Falls, South Dakota

### January 2, 2022

### Mass Schedule

Weekend Masses Saturday: 4:00pm Sunday: 8:30am, 10:45am & 7:00pm

Sunday 8:30am Mass streamed LIVE on YouTube

Daily Masses Refer to schedule on page 4

**Confessions** Thursday: 6-6:30pm **Saturday:** 3:00pm Sunday: 8:00am & 10:15am Also by appointment

### Parish Information

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Parish Office Hours Monday-Friday 9:00am-3:00pm Parish School St. Lambert School Colleen Davis, Principal



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# 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

### PRAYER FOR CONVERSION TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

Oh Divine Savior, our Lord Jesus Christ, You died for us on the cross. In doing so you saved the world and forgave our sins. The source of our life flowed from your side and enveloped every nation. We pray today that our world may be converted to your Most Sacred Heart and again embrace and spread Your Holy Gospel to every corner of the world. We beg You to make us fervent missionaries of Your Word to all people. Help us always to share with others Your message of Faith, Hope and Love. Transform our lives so that we may attract others to You. Thank you for sharing with us Your ministry of healing and deliverance. We recognize that the sickness and evil that we daily encounter are more than we can bear. It is only through Your grace and Divine assistance that we are able to wage constant battle against the evil one. Make St. Therese parish and parishioners willing participants in the life-long task of bringing You to others. We ask this through Your Most Holy Name, Amen.



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# OUR PARISH

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### Information

Membership & Prayer Requests

Contact the parish office at 605.338.2433 or office@sttheresesf.org

#### Bulletin Submissions

Email: bulletin@sttheresesf.org Deadline is Tuesday by 11:00am for the weekend bulletin

#### Baptisms

Contact Deacon Barnier to schedule a preparation meeting

#### Weddings

Contact Father O'Dell to set up wedding preparation classes prior to scheduling a date

# A NOTE FROM FR. O'DELL

### THE VISIT OF THE MAGI

This Sunday, we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany of the Lord. Epiphany is a Greek word which means a moment when you suddenly feel or become aware of something that is powerfully important to you - that you see below the surface to the true meaning or reality of a thing or idea. The feast of the Epiphany is our remembrance of the first demonstration of Jesus Christ as Son of God to the waiting world when He was made manifest to the three kings who had traveled to honor Him and adore Him. Because it is such an important feast day, in some countries it is the day that gifts are shared among family and friends rather than on the traditional Christmas Day as we observe it.

So, who were these three kings (or wise men) who came to see Jesus, and what was the significance of their visit? First, Scripture never tells us the names of the three kings, but tradition has it that their names were Gaspar, Balthasar, and Melichior. The three wise men were not "kings" in the normal sense of the word, they were magi. The word magi is the same root for our word magician, but the three magi of the Bible had nothing to do with magic. They were nobles who were highly educated, philosophers and teachers who had learned of the predicted coming of the Christ child from studying the Scriptures. They were watching for a sign that would reveal that the child had been born, and when the star appeared they followed it, because they believed that would lead them to the Messiah.

And lead them it did. When they arrived at the stable in Bethlehem, they found the tiny child and realized the power and the salvation that would issue forth from him. They knelt to worship the new born king and the three wise men then placed gifts near the infant; gifts of gold (for a king), frankincense (because He was God) and finally myrrh, a spice that was used in the preparation of a dead body, signifying His death on the cross for us.

Interestingly, by the 8th century, Church tradition had also come to see the three magi as kings as well. Balthasar a king of Arabia, Melichoir, a king of Persia and Gaspar a king of India – hence the connection of the three magi to the royalty. Earthly kings coming to worship the King of all creation.

So, what should the feast of the Epiphany mean to us today. There are several things that people have taken the feast of the Epiphany to signal. One of those is what gifts we bring today to Christ to honor and worship Him. Perhaps, the gifts of gold, incense and myrrh are no longer important. Perhaps, the gift that is most significant to the Lord is the gift of our hearts. Our hearts turned in conversion and love to Him.

A second signal that the three magi bring to us is to always approach worldly power with a sense of discernment and care. The three magi were confronted by Herod who wanted them to return and tell him where the Christ child resided, because Herod secretly wanted to go and kill the child because of his fear and envy. In the same way, many civil authorities today, wish to downplay the gift of faith and the miracle of Christmas, in order to push us away from the active practice of pursuing God. Just as the three magi returned by a different route, so too do we steer a wide berth around those who seek to lead us away from Christ.

Third, as the wise men returned home by a "different route" so too do we travel a different route away after we have encountered Jesus. No one can come to the Lord and leave unchanged. Once we have encountered Christ we travel a different route home.

Fourth, the epiphany should signal to all of us that we are "sort-timers" here on earth. Our ultimate agenda is to be with the Lord. We know our route to Heaven is shaped and dependent upon how we live our lives here on earth. The magi learned that lesson well and adjust their lives accordingly. This epiphany we are called to remember our travel plans, our agenda, how we need to travel a different path to get to Heaven.

Have a blessed feast of the Epiphany of the Lord.

## PARISH NEWS

#### HOMEBOUND MINISTERS NEEDED FOR EUCHARISTIC OUTREACH

Every Sunday after the 8:30 Mass, our Eucharistic Outreach Team takes the Eucharist out to our parishioners who are homebound and to the nursing homes in our area. We are in need of more volunteers for this ministry, to ensure we can bring the gift of Jesus to these residents each week. If you are interested in helping out with this beautiful and rewarding mission of bringing Christ to those who can't join us at Mass, please contact Deacon Thane at the parish office for details.

To all Eucharistic Ministers: If you feel sick or have cold, please do not administer Holy Communion. If you are called up and are sick, simply wave to the priest that you cannot come up. If Father feels you are not well enough to distribute, he may ask you to step down.



EDUCATION

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION K-5th (6-7pm) 6-8th (7:15-8:15pm) 1/5 Class 1/12 Class

Please pray for: Natalie, Logan, Brilynn, Eleanor, Emma, Maya, Vivienne, Brynlee, Cydney as they prepare to make their 1st Reconciliation on January 22nd!

### UPCOMING YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES:

RESTART—Feb 12 @ 7pm—O Gorman What is RESTART (FAMILIES WELCOME):

It would be equivalent to a Steubenville event.

- 1. High Energy Music and worship
- 2. Keynote speaker
- 3. Adoration with Fr. Tony
- 4. Worship

Tickets are \$20 each. Please contact Allie if you would like tickets!

# March for Life will take place on Jan. 19-23rd, 2022 in Washington D.C..

You are invited to join us on pilgrimage with people from around the diocese. Check out the diocesan website for more information: <u>http://www.sfcatholic.org/</u> respectlife/march-for-life/



ST LAMBERT SCHOOL NEWS Ms. Colleen Davis, Princi-

Jan. 5 - School Resumes Jan. 7 - 8:30 School Mass led by 6th Grade



Please welcome

John & Paula Spaniol and their Lauren and granddaughter Abigail

to our St Therese Parish Family.



### FAMILY HOLY HOURS FOR THE CONVERSION OF THE WORLD

Family Holy Hours continue every Thursday Beginning with Vespers at 5:15 PM Mass at 5:30 PM Adoration follows with Benediction at 6:30 PM Confessions after Mass until 6:30 PM

### RETREAT OPPORTUNITIES

Many times in the Gospel it says that Jesus "went off to a deserted place to pray." Taking a retreat can be a powerful time of renewal for tired souls, and way for us to grow closer to the Lord. Below are a few of the upcoming retreat opportunities in our area.

#### BROOMTREE RETREAT CENTER

Women's Silent Retreats: Feb 3-6, Mar 3-6, Mar 31-Apr 3 Men's Silent Retreats: Feb 17-20, Mar 17-20 Day of Recollection: Jan 18, Feb 15, Mar 22, April 19 Other Retreats: Undone: A Healing Retreat, Father Scott Traynor Feb 25-27, For more information visit https://broom-tree.org/.

### ABBEY OF THE HILLS

Veterans Hope, Healing & Peace Retreat Christ-centered retreat by Veterans FOR Veterans Feb 5-6 Marriage Retreat: "Do Whatever he Tells You", Deacon Time & Julie DIckes - Mar 11-13 For more information visit https://www.abbeyofthehills.org/.

### CATHOLIC FAMILY SERVICES

SURVIVING DIVORCE PROGRAM This six week program begins Tuesday February 1, 2022 in Sioux Falls, SD. Sessions are held on Tuesday evenings, 6:00-8:00 pm. Cost of \$45 per person includes a "Personal Survival Guide", refreshments and all materials for 6 weeks. For information or to register contact Catholic Family Services, 605-988-3775 cfs@sfcatholic.org. Scholarships are available.

#### ST. JOSEPH CATHEDRAL GRIEFSHARE PROGRAM

GriefShare is a worldwide Christian grief program for adults. It blends faith, educational videos, a personal workbook and group discussion. The video series is watched as a large group followed by small group discussions according to the participant's particular loss (loss of a spouse, child, parent, sibling etc.) The program will run for 11 weeks.

GriefShare will begin again on February 1, 2022 from 6-8pm. Cost of the workbook is \$20 (scholarships available) and there will be an opportunity for a free will offering to help cover the additional costs. For more information or to register, please contact Catholic Family Services at 605-988-3775 or email cfs@sfcatholic.org. Space is limited and pre-registration is required.

## THIS WEEK

### MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Sun	Jan 2	8:00am 8:30am 10:15am 10:45am 7:00pm	Confessions Mass - St Therese Parish <i>(also streamed Live on YouTube)</i> Confessions Mass - St Therese Parish Mass - St Therese Parish		
Mon	Jan 3	8:00am	Mass - David Adams (also streamed Live on YouTube)		
Tue	Jan 4	8:00am	Mass - Rita Richmond (also streamed Live on YouTube)		
Wed	Jan 5	8:00am Mass - † Edward Dryer (also streamed Live on YouTube)			
Thu	Jan 6	<ul> <li>8:00am Mass - † Sandra Conlon <i>(also streamed Live on YouTube)</i></li> <li>5:15pm Vespers (Evening Prayer)</li> <li>5:30pm Mass - Conversion of the World to the Sacred Heart of Jesus Adoration &amp; Confessions after Mass until 6:30pm</li> </ul>			
Fri	Jan 7	7:00am 9:00am	Mass - † Nancy Melsha <i>(also streamed Live on YouTube)</i> First Friday Mass		
Sat	Jan 8	8:00am 3:00pm 4:00pm	Mass - † Pat Matthews <i>(also streamed Live on YouTube)</i> Confessions Vigil Mass - St Therese Parish		
Sun	Jan 9	8:00am 8:30am 10:15am 10:45am 7:00pm	Confessions Mass - St Therese Parish <i>(also streamed Live on YouTube)</i> Confessions Mass - St Therese Parish Mass - St Therese Parish		

### WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the week of Jan. 2, 2022 Sun: 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 1 Jn 3:22-4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-Mon: 12a/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/ Tues: Mk 6:34-44 Wed: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/Mk 6:45-52 Thurs: 1 Jn 4:19-5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17/Lk 4:14-22a Fri: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 5:12-16 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 Sat: and 6a and 9b/Jn 3:22-30 Next Sun: 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

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MON 1/3	TUE 1/4	WED 1/5	THUR 1/6	FRI 1/7	SAT 1/8	SUN 1/9
8:00am Daily Mass & Rosary 3:30pm CGS: Level 2	8:00am Daily Mass & Rosary 4:30pm CGS: Level 2	8:00am Daily Mass & Rosary 6:00pm Rel Ed: K- 5th 7:15pm Rel Ed: 6- 8th	6:00am Men's Group 8:00am Daily Mass & Rosary 3:30pm CGS: Level 1 5:15pm-6:30pm Holy Hour (Vespers, Mass, Adoration, Confes- sions) 6:00pm Legion of Mary	7:00am Daily Mass & Rosary 9:00am First Friday Mass 9:30am First Friday Social	8:00am Daily Mass & Rosary 4:00pm Vigil Mass	8:00am Confessions 8:30am Mass <i>(also streamed LIVE on YouTube)</i> 10:15am Confessions 10:45am Mass 7:00pm Mass

### JOB OPPORTUNITIES

#### **O+GORMAN CATHOLIC SCHOOLS OPENINGS**

**After School Teacher Assistants**: PT/Seasonal (2:45-6:00pm) for St. Michael, Holy Spirit and St. Mary; *Go to the website: <u>www.ogknights.org</u> for more details or if interested in applying. Great Employment opportunities!* 

LUNCHTIME SOLUTIONS is hiring for the following positions: Dishwasher/kitchen helper: PT/Seasonal (10:00-1:30pm) for Holy Spirit; Kitchen helper: PT/Seasonal (9:15-1:15pm) for St. Michael; Cashier: PT/Seasonal (10:30-1:30pm) for St. Lambert.

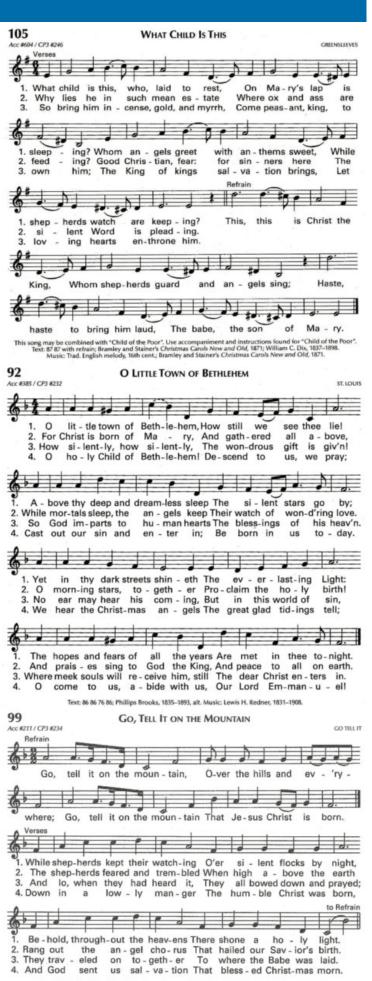
interested in applying go to lunchtimesolutions.com/careers/Bishop O'Gorman

**CATHOLIC FAMILY SERVICES** in Sioux Falls has an immediate opening for a Clinical Counselor. More details may be found at <a href="http://www.sfcatholic.org/human-resources/employment-opportunities/">www.sfcatholic.org/human-resources/</a> employment-opportunities/

If you're not feeling well, coughing, running a fever, please stay home. Please use good common sense and if you are sick, watch the Mass on TV or LiveStream, for your own health and the well being of those around you.

# WORSHIP AID





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