

The **Epiphany** is the manifestation of Jesus as Messiah of Israel, Son of God and Savior of the world. The great feast of Epiphany celebrates the adoration of Jesus by the wise men (*magi*) from the East, together with his baptism in the Jordan and the wedding feast at Cana in Galilee. In the magi, representatives of the neighboring pagan religions, the Gospel sees the first fruits of the nations, who welcome the good news of salvation through the Incarnation. The magi's coming to Jerusalem in order to pay homage to the king of the Jews shows that they seek in Israel, in the messianic light of the star of David, the one who will be king of the nations.²¹³ Their coming means that pagans can discover Jesus and worship him as Son of God and Savior of the world only by turning towards the Jews and receiving from them the messianic promise as contained in the Old Testament. The Epiphany shows that "the full number of the nations" now takes its "place in the family of the patriarchs", and acquires *Israelitica dignitas* (is made "worthy of the heritage of Israel"). (CCC 528)

Today the Magi gaze in deep wonder at what they see: heaven on earth, earth in heaven, man in God, God in man, one whom the whole universe cannot contain now enclosed in a tiny body. As they look, they believe and do not question, as their symbolic gifts bear witness: incense for God, gold for a king, myrrh for one who is to die.
— St. Peter Chrysologus

Prayer Requests: We continue to pray for all of our parishioners who are sick and for the people who care for them. Please pray for all of the members of our Armed Forces and for all of our Law Enforcement Officers, especially Deputy David Zurawska, Deputy Dakota Jarvis and Brian Paridon as they risk their lives to keep us safe.



There are special prayer requests for Cathy Andrews, Stanley and Jadwiga Kuc, Ralph Rowbotham, Jennifer Nason, Mrs. Maria Doniec, Bob and Sonia Burke, Joana Macijauskas, Mrs. Hella Tompkins, Mrs. Ann Ivers, Albina Vysniauskas, Brone and Vida Nakas, Dennis and Jean Sandfort, Maria Antoniewicz, Glen Zanetic, Mrs. Anna Jarzabek, Robert Espinosa, Winifred & Steve Flowers, and Bruce Paridon. Please remember to pray each day for the souls in purgatory and for our fellow parishioners at St. Theresa.

Two Notes: 1) The names listed in our prayer list are not all suffering from illness. Some of the names represent special intentions for things other than illnesses. They or a member of their family may need some intercessory prayers for a variety of reasons.

2) Mass Intentions are not only for the deceased. They are also for the living on special days of their lives, in appreciation for their place in our lives, for a special intention of our prayers, or a group of people in need of prayers.

“For by gold the power of a king is signified, by frankincense the honor of God, by myrrh the burial of the body; and accordingly they offer Him gold as King, frankincense as God, myrrh as Man.” — St John Chrysostom

Offertory: We thank our parishioners and guests for their continued generosity.

St. Theresa Parish Offertory	Nov. 2023	Nov. 2022	Total for This FY (July 2023 – Nov. 2023)	Total for Prior FY (July 2022 – Nov. 2022)
	\$ 6596	\$ 5114	\$ 36901	\$ 39739
CSA for 2023	Goal	Pledged	Received	
	\$ 3385	\$ 6896	\$ 6521	



Blessing for Our Home on Epiphany

Bless, O Lord God almighty, this home, that in it there may be health, purity, humility, goodness, mercy, the fulfillment of Your law, and thanksgiving to God the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. And may this blessing remain upon this home and upon all who live in it. Through Christ our Lord. Amen

**“We cannot all do great things, but we can do small things with great love.”
 – St. Mother Teresa**