"Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage."

Matt. 2:2
Gloria

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you, we bless you,
we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.
For you alone are the Holy One,
for you alone are the Lord,
for you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Liturgical Readings

First Reading - IS 60:1-6
Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem!
Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you.
See, darkness covers the earth, and thick clouds cover the peoples;
but upon you the LORD shines, and over you appears his glory.
Nations shall walk by your light, and kings by your shining radiance.
Raise your eyes and look about; they all gather and come to you:
your sons come from afar, and your daughters in the arms of their nurses.
Then you shall be radiant at what you see, your heart shall throb and
overflow, for the riches of the sea shall be emptied out before you, the wealth of nations shall be brought to you.
Caravans of camels shall fill you, dromedaries from Midian and Ephah;
all from Sheba shall come bearing gold and frankincense, and proclaiming the praises of the LORD.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM - continued
For he shall rescue the poor when he cries out,
and the afflicted when he has no one to help him.
He shall have pity for the lowly and the poor;
the lives of the poor he shall save.
R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

Second Reading - EPH 3:2-3, 5-6
Brothers and sisters:
You have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for your benefit,
namely, that the mystery was made known to me by revelation.
It was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit:
that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.
Lector: The Word of the Lord - Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm - PS 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13
O God, with your judgment endow the king,
and with your justice, the king's son;
He shall govern your people with justice
and your afflicted ones with judgment.
R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.
Justice shall flower in his days,
and profound peace, till the moon be no more.
May he rule from sea to sea,
and from the River to the ends of the earth.
R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.
The kings of Tarshish and the Isles shall offer gifts; the kings of Arabia and Seba shall bring tribute.
All kings shall pay him homage, all nations shall serve him.
R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

The Lord be with you. - And with your spirit.
A reading from the Gospel - Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel - MT 2:1-12
When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea,
in the days of King Herod,
behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem,
saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage."
When King Herod heard this, he was greatly troubled,
and the chief priests and the scribes of the people inquired of him where the Christ was to be born.
They said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it has been written through the prophet:
And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; since from you shall come a ruler, who is to shepherd my people Israel."
Then Herod called the magi secretly and ascertained from them the time of the star's appearance.
He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search diligently for the child. When you have found him, bring me word, that I too may go and do him homage."
After their audience with the king they set out.
And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was.
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.
And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed for their country by another way.

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ
Homily

Profession of Faith:
I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.
I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayer of the Faithful (petitions):
After each petition we reply: Lord hear our prayer.

The Liturgy of the Eucharist
...it will become for us the bread of life.
Blessed be God forever.
...it will become our spiritual drink.
Blessed be God forever.

Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters), that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.
May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.
(St. Michael says the Prayer over the Offerings.)
Amen

Eucharistic Prayer
The Lord be with you... - And with your spirit.
Lift up your hearts... - We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God... - It is right and just.

Priest: ...as without end we acclaim:
Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Priest: The mystery of faith.
We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

Or:
When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

Or:
Save us, Savior of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.

Priest: Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, for ever and ever.
Amen.

Priest: At the Savior's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say: Our Father, who art in heaven...

Priest: ...as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever.

Priest: The peace of the Lord be with you always. And with your spirit.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

Priest: ...Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

After Communion - Let us pray - And with your spirit.
The Lord be with you... - May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit - Amen.
Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord... - Thanks be to God.

* (Please stay for the closing hymn or prayer)

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.
Wiseman See God in the Simple Things

If you’re on social media, you have probably seen a meme going around that features this quote: “God has a plan for your life. The enemy has a plan for your life. Be ready for both. Just be wise enough to know which one to battle and which one to embrace.” There were certainly two competing plans for the Magi: God’s and Herod’s. And, wise as they supposedly were, it wasn’t entirely easy for the Magi to discern which was which. After all, Herod posed as a friend. He offered the Magi hospitality and kindness. Though the Gospel doesn’t say so, he probably flattered them and appealed to every moral weakness he could observe in them. In his palace, they must have felt great physical comfort - rest and tables of plenty on what was an otherwise long and treacherous journey. But if the Magi were honest with themselves, I’ll bet they would have admitted that, regardless of Herod’s charm, they felt a gnawing sense of doubt while in his presence. When they looked upon the Christ Child, born in a stable without any of the comforts of the world or protections of wealth, they probably felt the opposite. They probably felt safe. The Magi were lucky enough to have the right plan spelled out for them in a dream, but for the rest of us, it’s enough to remember this: God’s plan is often the one that leads us to places of great simplicity, great humility and great love. Let’s have the wisdom to view power with suspicion, and innocence with admiration. Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Stewardship Gifts
Epiphany of the Lord “...they fell down and worshipped him. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh...” - MATTHEW 2:11 Notice the order of events in the Magi’s visit. First, they knelt before Jesus and prayed to Him. Then they presented Him with their gifts. We, too, as Stewards, must take time to pray before we present our gifts to the Lord. We never know what God may be asking us to share!

Metanoia: The Greek word means conversion but also to change, to repent, to turn, and to think differently. The journey of changing one’s mind, heart, self, or way of life.

Metanoia: A Journey With Christ Into Conversion

This series leads us on a journey with Christ into conversion. Each of the episodes explores areas of our life where conversion is so often necessary. Metanoia will examine topics such as who is Jesus, what must we do to inherit eternal life, and many other significant matters of faith. “This series invites us to a deeper and more profound conversion—a metanoia—that moves us from something to someone, as metanoia ultimately turns us to Jesus.” All are invited to join this DVD series presentation.

ZOOM • Sunday’s @ 9:00am
(between 8:00am & 10:30am masses)

ST. TERESA OF AVILA PARISH

Mass Intentions - Jan. 2 - Jan. 8

SUN. Jan. 2
4:00pm † Ron Alan Willard

SUN. Jan. 3
8:00am † Hubert Faulkner
10:30am SI People of the Parish

MON. Jan. 4
NO MASS - NO MASS

TUE. Jan. 5
5:30pm † Frances and John Hall

WED. Jan. 6
5:30pm † Richard Dorenkamp

THU. Jan. 7
7:00am † Betty Schechinger
12:05pm † Ron Alan Willard

FRI. Jan. 8
7:00am † Hubert Faulkner
12:05pm † Ruth Cobb

Spiritual Communion Prayer
My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen.

The Pope's Monthly Intention for January

Intention for evangelization - Human fraternity

May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all.

Blind Faith

An act of FIAT requires more than just a bit of blind faith. We have many examples in Sacred Scripture of people who do not hesitate to respond to God’s call, no matter how intimidating that call may be! Today we look to the magi from the east, who followed a star in the night sky to the crib of the newborn King. On the way, they encountered Herod, whose reaction to Jesus was one of jealousy and fear. They also encountered the chief priests and the scribes, who were fairly indifferent to the news of Jesus’ birth. Yet these wise men persisted on, keeping their gazing on the star that led them to the Holy Family, where they paid homage to the Christ child. In your own efforts to grow in discipleship you may encounter similar difficulties. There will be people who react to you with hostility, trying to steer you off course. There will be people who are completely unconcerned with your efforts. They don't interfere, but they certainly don't help. Like the magi, you must lift your eyes to heaven and trust God to guide you to the exact place He intends you to be.

~ St. Teresa Stewardship Committee ~
**St. Teresa of Avila Parish Announcements**

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

**WEEKLY COLLECTIONS**
Collections for Church Year
July 1st, 2020 – June 30th, 2021

**Sunday, December 27, 2020**
$ 15,436.42
Collections Fiscal Year-To-Date
$ 243,457.43
Budget-Year-To-Date Collections
$ 248,929.98
$ Collections Over (Under) Budget
($ 5,472.55)

**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. Generic tithing envelopes are available in the vestibule.

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

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

**“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: wienskathy@sbcglobal.net

Want to become a member of St. Teresa Parish?
To be added to the weekly tithing envelope and mailing lists, please fill out the registration form (front & back) located in the vestibule of the church or printable forms from our website…

* Return the forms to the Rectory at *
211 E. 5th Ave, Hutchinson, KS 67501

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**“God withholds Himself from no one who perseveres.”**
– St. Teresa of Avila

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**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!**
Thanks to all of you that helped in any way with your gifts of money, time, donated items, baking, cooking, wrapping, making trays, delivering, etc... everything you did is greatly appreciated! Because of your donations, we were able to give a little something to brighten the Christmas’ of the homebound and the families of inmates.

Your continued support of our missions is deeply gratifying to us, and we hope it is the same for you. Your support is invaluable, because together we are making a difference.

God bless you!

**Do You Have 1-Hour Per Week to Give to Jesus?**
Please call Mary Ellen Bishop 620-664-5679

* ATTENTION *
If you or a family member will be in the HOSPITAL, please call. 620.662.7812
Father Mike would very much like to come visit them for Anointing, Reconciliation or Communion.

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**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 as well.

Thank you for your generosity!! For questions or info please see Fr. Mike.