

St. Therese Parish

113 W Kort Street, Rothschild

The Epiphany of the Lord



The Magi - Balthasar, Melchior, and Caspar

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 Deadline : Tues. by noon

Mass Assignments

Weekend: January 10 & 11

The Baptism of the Lord

Lectors:

5:30 pm Pat

10:00 am JoAnne

Extraordinary Ministers:

5:30 pm Renee, Bill, Pat

10:00 am JoAnne Liz, Steve

Servers:

5:30 pm Vivienne

10:00 am Ian, Noah

Ushers:

5:30 pm Rich, Larry, Barb, Bob

10:00 am (Group 1) Larry V., Nick,
 Dave, Emory

Parish Office Hours

Mon- Thursday: 9:00 am -4:00 pm
 Friday: 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
 Saturday & Sunday :CLOSED
 New Year's Eve 9:00 am - noon
 New Year's Day CLOSED

Mass Schedule

Jan. 6, Tuesday

Confession 7:30 am / Mass 8:00 am
 + Pat Stehly

Jan. 7, Wednesday

Confession 7:30 am/ Mass 8:00 am
 +James Hein

Jan. 10, Saturday

Confession 10:00 am / Mass 5:30 pm
 + Kevin Taylor

Jan. 11, Sunday

Confession 9:30 am / Mass 10:00 am
 + Guy Reedy

Santuary Lamp

January 11 -17 Taylor Yapp
 (special intention)

Adoration

Adoration will resume Jan. 6th. If you would like to volunteer for adoration, please call Janet Juonie: 715-573-0134

Religious Education

DRE: Steve Martin

officeofreligouseducation@ sttheresecc.org

Faith Formation /CCD classes are on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 pm-7:45 pm

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Saint Therese Parish

Pastor's Message

By Fr. Janusz Kowalski

The Epiphany of the Lord – Three Kings 2026
The arrival of the Magi from the East to Bethlehem to pay homage to the Messiah is a sign of the King of the Universe revealing Himself to the nations and to all people who seek the truth. This event becomes another sign on the path of God's revelation. God has given and continues to give signs, wanting to show us the way that will lead us to the eternal Bethlehem. These signs, both small and great, appear on the paths of our lives. In these signs, besides nature, God uses people who become signposts for us in our search for the Messiah and our discovery of the truth. For these signs to be effective in my life, I must step out of my old life, stand firm, and look up to see the star that will show me the direction. The Prophet Isaiah says: lift up your head and look, do not be afraid... and then: set out after the star that moves. Follow it to find Christ; find Him anew by observing the world around you and keeping your head immersed in heaven, because every year you have the opportunity to go and seek Him, but also to return to your own life by a different route.

Let us look at the Magi; who were they? After all, they represented the pagan world, but also a very deep spirituality and wisdom. It is said they were learned astronomers, representatives of a great tradition that developed over centuries in Mesopotamia. It was they who believed and followed the star, recognizing it as the sign of the new King and Savior of the World. Perhaps you need more patience, for it allows you to begin seeking God once again. After all, you have the Bible—the Word of God—and you have the star; you can contemplate them and seek the truth. The most precious gift the Magi can offer is their own journey; the greatest gift is their constant longing. God wants us to desire Him. Even the return home is a new path, because the encounter has made you someone changed.

I would like to sincerely thank everyone who shared a kind word with me during Christmas, for the wishes, Christmas cards, prayers, as well as for the gifts. May the Christ Child bless you all and keep you in His care for this New Year 2026.

May God bless you,
fr. Janusz



Parish Announcements

The Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

The Epiphany marks the arrival of visitors, identified in Scripture as the magi, to the place where Jesus was born. Although we know virtually nothing about them, we do know they brought three gifts:

Gold — a symbol of wealth and power, identifies the recipient as a king.

Frankincense — the crystalized resinous sap of a tree used as incense and as an offering, is symbolic of prayer.

Myrrh — another resinous tree sap, was used in healing liniments and as an embalming ointment. Myrrh is an odd gift for a child—so, even at the beginning of Jesus' life on earth, this gift foreshadows his death.

Epiphany kits will be available at all entrances of the church. Please take one and bless your home together as a family.

Mass Intentions and Sanctuary Candle Requests

Mass intentions and Sanctuary lamp openings are available for 2026. Please call or stop in the parish office to sign up if you would like to remember a loved one in a Mass.

TRIP TO CROATIA

Join Father Janusz on a trip to Croatia. Mark your calendar for June 15 - 26, 2026 (12 days and 10 nights). He will be visiting Medugorje, the site where visionaries first claimed to see the Blessed Mother in 1981. There will be time for meditation, praying and Mass. Other cities visited will feature museums, national park, an abbey, a mosque and the beautiful coastline of the Adriatic Sea.

For more information contact Father via email: frjktrips@gmail.com or call St. Therese Parish Office at 715-359-2421.



Thank you to all the parishioners who came and decorated our church for Christmas. We even received a platter of cookies which was greatly appreciated. Last but not least, thank you to all our Reg. Education students for the decorations they made for the tree in the entranceway. Everything looked beautiful.

Colleen Ryan

Pope Leo XIV

January Prayer Intention



For prayer with the Word of God.
Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

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December 28, 2025

	Collection	Mailed
Tithing	\$ 4,335.00	\$ 18,216.29
Offertory	\$ 2,059.00	\$ 0.00
Children Envelopes	\$ 57.00	\$ 0.00
Voltes	\$ 22.00	\$ 5.00
Christmas	\$ 6,460.00	\$ 735.00
Retired Religious Appeal	\$ 50.00	\$ 0.00
Education	\$ 100.00	\$ 0.00
Fuel	\$ 500.00	\$ 0.00
CAPEX	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Church Upkeep	\$ 110.00	\$ 0.00
Circle of Joy	\$ 10.00	\$ 0.00
Credit Card Tithing	\$ 0.00	\$ 49.20
ACH Tithing	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
SUB	\$ 13,703.00	\$ 19,000.49
	TOTAL	\$ 32,703.49

Capital Improvement Expenditure (CAPEX)

Current total to date is \$ 71,168.50

	Inspired By The Spirit Campaign
Campaign Goal:	\$ 520,000.00
Amount Received:	\$ 484,322.67
We are at:	93.14% of our Goal
Diocesan Annual Appeal	
Target Goal	\$ 71,870.00
Amount Collected	\$ 20,149.00
TOTAL Under Goal	\$ 51,721.00

The Little Flower Council will meet on Monday, Jan. 5th in the church hall. We will begin at 6:30 pm with the Rosary and the meeting will follow immediately after. All women of the parish are welcome and encouraged to attend.

St. Therese Circle of Joy food pantry is open. If you or someone you know needs assistance, please call Barb at 715-359-4845. We appreciate your donations, please double check expiration dates, we can not use anything with expired best buy dates. Thank you!

Parish Potluck

Parish Potluck will resume January 22nd in the Church Hall beginning at noon. Bring your favorite recipe to share and enjoy fellowship and good conversation. Plus, Bingo!!

Breakfast



Breakfast is served every 1st and 3rd Sunday after the 10:00 am Mass. Join us for great food and fellowship. Free will offering is accepted. Pierogis and sausage will be available for purchase. They are always available for purchase in the parish office.

Faith Formation

There are no faith formation classes this week. Classes will resume Wednesday, January 14th.

Catholic Daughters

Catholic Daughters Court St. Rose #1062 will begin the New Year on January 8th at 1p.m at St. Therese Catholic church in Rothschild. Our program for the afternoon will be guest speaker Judy Tapper of Jubilee House giving us an overview of what Jubilee House is all about followed by business meeting and refreshments. Bring a friend, a fellow lady from your parish. See you there.

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Jan. 29, 2026

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From the Diocese

What did people say at the 40 listening sessions this fall? Those comments are now available for viewing, along with a summary of the top trends. You can also check out a brief video from Fr. Derek Sakowski sharing a Christmas story illustrating what it means to "pivot from maintenance to mission."



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updates



Events Around Us

Join us for a day of Deepening Our Relationship with Jesus
A St. Agnes Mission.

St. Agnes Catholic Parish 6101 Zinser Street Weston WI

Saturday, March 14, 2026
10:00am – 2:30pm
Lunch is provided

Speakers from the La Crosse Diocese

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Little Flower Council

St. Therese PCCW

Meetings on the first Monday
of the month Sept—April
6:30 Rosary meeting to follow



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