



Saint Therese Parish

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November 25th, 2007

We are Saint Therese Catholic Church, a community of believers who walk together by faith in Christ Jesus and strive hand-in-hand to live as God's people.

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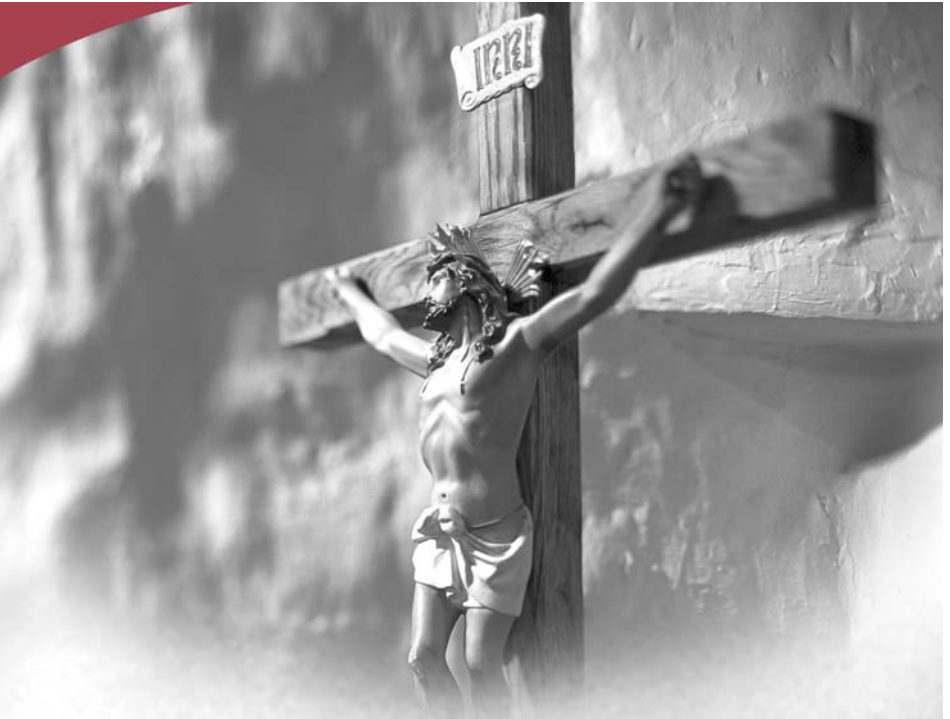
For Parish Emergencies, please call (414) 771-2500 and follow the instructions for the 24-hour emergency line.

Mass Schedule

Saturday: 5:00PM
Sunday: 8:00AM & 10:00AM
Tuesday: 8:00AM
Friday: 7:30AM

Liturgy of the Word with Communion:

Wednesday & Thursday: 8:00AM
See inside for Holy Day Schedules



He delivered us from the power of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.

COLOSSIANS 1:13-15

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Reconciliation: 4:15PM — 4:45PM

1st Saturday of the Month

Anointing of the Sick:

2nd Full Weekend of the Month

Following Each Mass

All Other Sacraments:

Please call the Parish Office

Preparation can take six months or more

Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday:

8:30AM — 4:00PM

closed 12:00PM — 12:30PM

Wednesday:

12:00PM — 7:30PM

closed 4:00PM to 4:30PM

Friday:

8:30AM to 12:00PM

From the Desk of the Parish Director

- As we celebrate Thanksgiving weekend, we are bombarded by signs of Christmas all around us. Christmas tree lots, super-sales at just about every store, and decorations. We haven't even begun Advent yet!

While listening to the radio a few days ago, I heard this advice, "Keep 'thanks' in 'Thanksgiving' and 'Christ' in 'Christmas.'" No doubt, that will be a real challenge for us this pre-holiday season.

- On another note, welcome to all our visitors who are joining us for liturgies this Thanksgiving weekend and these pre-holiday weekends.
- Please remember all who are traveling back to school or back to family and home in your prayers these days. Also, many of our college and graduate students are approaching final exams in the next few weeks. Please lift them up in prayer.
- Finally, the holidays are particularly difficult for those who are alone, grieving the loss of a loved one, or suffering from illness. Please know that our faith community prays for any who are suffering during this holiday season.

God be with you!

Dr. Alexandra Guliano



This is the day which the Lord has made! Let us rejoice in His love and be glad; the winds may be cold and the sun tends to fade, but God's in control—how can I be sad? We are safe in His fold, praise His precious name! God loves with a love that's both deep and true, a love unsurpassed and, yes, always the same. Rejoice! God cares for you this day, too!

Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto Him with psalms. Psalm 95:2

Please remember the following in your prayers:

Margaret Anderson * Lenore Black * Gianna Capecci
Mary Cosimi * David Dane * Christian Elder * Ray Bernards
Christopher Duffy & Family * Frank Eskra * Ann Farell
Len Dushek * Larry Burazin * Lynn Gordon * Chuck Hillyer
Legia Gomez * Carol Hoppenjan * Anastasia Hubbard
Garnet Jankowski * Mary Stoke * Baby Riana Wolosek
Joachim Family * Ken Knollenberg * Marion Stabo * Art Bonk
Gertrude Kohlmann * Jack Kopischke * Ann Lackovic
Ciel Maccani * Cindy Mekka * Millie Metz * Andy Moehr
Isaiah Montoya * LaVerne Mucci * Fran Schmidt * Susan Sinks
Barbara Schmitz * Karie Schwonke * Sue Monyette
Carlene Siever * Harold Vanden Heuvel * Maurie Wright
Olga Valdovinos * Rosemary Cassady * Patty Miller

Christmas and New Year's Day Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve, December 24th

4:00PM Family Mass

10:00PM Choir Concert followed by Mass

Christmas Day, December 25th

8:00AM and 10:00AM masses

New Year's Day, January 1st

9:00AM Solemnity of Mary/World Day of Prayer for Peace

Three Archdiocesan Initiatives

Parish Planning, Capital Campaign, and Living Our Faith Upcoming Meetings

Seven opportunities to learn more about the Three Archdiocesan Initiatives undertaken under the direction of Archbishop Timothy Dolan ("Living Our Faith"—a parish-centered effort to help people to meet, know, and live Christ; "Mission Vision: 21st Century"—archdiocesan planning; and "Faith In Our Future"—the capital campaign) will be held during the next three weeks.

- Wednesday, November 28th: 7:00PM St. Anthony Parish
W280 N2101 Hwy SS, Pewaukee
- Thursday, November 29th: 7:00PM St. Mary Parish
7300 39th Ave, Kenosha
- Monday, December 3rd: 7:00PM St. James Parish
830 County Rd NN East, Mukwonago
- Tuesday, December 4th: 7:00PM St. Peter Alcantara Parish
1800 N Wisconsin St, Port Washington
- Wednesday, December 5th: 6:30PM Holy Family Parish
271 Fourth St, Fond du Lac
- Tuesday, December 11th: 7:00PM St. Jude Parish
734 Glenview Ave, Wauwatosa
- Thursday, December 12th: 7:00PM St. Rita Parish
4339 Douglas Ave, Racine

Thank You!

- To Taimi Parey for the donation of the cost of the glass container for the Oil of the Sick in memory of her father, Donald Parey.
- To Sue Kolesari for donating the cost of the new paper cutter for the Parish Office.

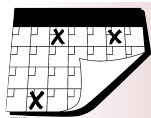
Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is celebrated on December 8th. This year the holyday falls on a Saturday. We will celebrate one holyday mass at 8:00AM in the church. Liturgical ministers are needed for this mass. Please sign up in the sacristy. The 5:00PM mass on December 8th is the Vigil Mass of Anticipation for the Second Sunday of Advent.

Advent Wreath Lighting

It is a tradition here at St. Therese that members of the congregation light the Advent wreath at the beginning of mass for the four weekends of Advent. If you or your family would like to light the Advent wreath, please sign up in the sacristy. The sign up sheet is on the bulletin board.





Parish Events for the Week

Sunday, November 25th

9:15AM Adult Choir (CH)

Monday, November 26th

No Meetings Scheduled

Tuesday, November 27th

8:30AM Bible Study Group (STR)

Wednesday, November 28th

11:30AM 55+ Luncheon at Alioto's

7:30PM Praise Band (CH)

7:30PM Adult Choir (CHP)

Thursday, November 29th

No Meetings Scheduled

Friday, November 30th

No Meetings Scheduled

Saturday, December 1st

10:00AM First Reconciliation Retreat (APR)

4:15PM Canticle Choir (CH)

Sunday, December 2nd

9:15AM Adult Choir (CH)

Note From the Green Team

The St. Therese Green Team recommends that *today* you give something away; that *this week* you air dry your laundry on a clothesline; that *this month* you donate some of the clothes you haven't worn in the past year.

Breakfast With the Saints

On Sunday, December 9th, there will be a pancake breakfast, crafts, story telling, and more. This day is planned to help prepare you and your family for the birth of our savior Jesus Christ. Make time to let Jesus be the reason for this Holy, Holiday Season. Meal will be available after both the 8:00AM and 10:00AM masses. Activities will only take place following the 10:00AM mass. For more information, contact Cathy Smith in the Parish Office.



Ushers, Please Note— New Collection Bags

Due to recent thefts of collection money, parishes in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee are required to have tamper-proof collection bags. We began using these bags October 20th/21st. Please read the note in the sacristy regarding the use of these bags.



Can You Name That Room?

St. Therese has been going through some changes. The 2nd floor of the Parish Office has gotten a makeover and contains rooms that are now being used for catechetics and meetings. With new looks, we need new names. Our challenge to you is "Can you name that room?" The names and places listed in the Bible and our Catholic tradition could be a good starting point.

We would like the people of St. Therese to be part of the naming process. The large main area upstairs will be called "God's Littlest Place," and, appropriately, is where God's Littlest People takes place. One of the unnamed rooms is where Adult Formation takes place, and the second is a wonderful new meeting room. Additionally, we would also like to have what is now known as the "All Purpose Room" receive a more meaningful name. If you are a visual person and would benefit from seeing these spaces, or if you have never been upstairs in the Parish Office, you can take a tour following all of the masses on next weekend.

Please take an active role in the naming of these areas. For the next several weeks, there will be ballots and boxes at all of the entrances for you to submit your ideas. Be sure to include your name because the winners will receive a small prize. The deadline for submissions is December 9th. The winning names will be announced following that date.

Parish Stewardship Cards/Mailing

Thanks to all who have returned their 2007-2008 Stewardship Commitment Cards. Parish Council and Finance/Administration Committee members have begun the follow-up phase by calling all parish members who have not returned their commitment cards. Cards and ministry lists are available on the tables at the entrances of church.

Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors

If You Missed the November 13th Meeting

If you missed the Eucharistic Minister and Lector meeting held on Tuesday, November 13th, please note that there are updated rosters and minutes in the ministry mailboxes in the sacristy for you to pick up. Also, please speak with a Eucharistic Minister or Lector who attended the meeting for an update on what you missed.

Ministry Sign-Up Sheets

Sign-up sheets for servers, lectors, and Eucharistic ministers for January through April are now available in the sacristy. Please indicate your Mass preference and special requests in the spaces provided. The sheets will be available through the first weekend in December. Schedules will be ready the following weekend. If you are interested in joining one of the ministries, please add your name and phone number to the bottom of the appropriate sheet, and you will be contacted. Questions? Contact Mari Pavleje (414) 545-2733.



Greeter Sign-Up Sheets

Greeters and anyone wishing to become one, please sign up for the January-April schedule in the sacristy by December 9th. Thank You.

Liturgical Minister Sign-Up for the Christmas and New Year's Day Liturgies

Eucharistic Minister, Lectors, Altar Servers, and Greeters are asked to sign up to minister for the Christmas and New Year's Day liturgies. It is a privilege to minister at these special feasts!

Readings for the Week of November 25th

Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ the King

Sun: 2 Sm 5:1-3; Col 1:12-20; Lk 23:35-43
Mon: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20; Lk 21:1-4
Tue: Dn 2:31-45; Lk 21:5-11
Wed: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Lk 21:12-19
Thu: Dn 6:12-28; Lk 21:20-28
Fri: Rom 10:9-18; Mt 4:18-22
Sat: Dn 7:15-27; Lk 21:34-36

First Sunday of Advent

Sun: Is 2:1-5; Rom 13:11-14; Mt 24:37-44



Mass Intentions for the Week

Tuesday, November 27th

7:45AM Mother of Perpetual Help Prayers
8:00AM Margaret Koehler

Wednesday and Thursday

7:45AM Rosary before Liturgy
8:00AM Liturgy of the Word with Communion

Friday, November 30th

7:30AM Special Intention

Saturday, December 1st

5:00PM †Jacob & †Pauline Plesko

Sunday, December 2nd

8:00AM †Jim Lunz
10:00AM People of St. Therese Parish

Thank
you!

CHURCH SUPPORT

Envelopes &
Offertory

Totals will be
published next week

The Cherub Choir is Doing Well!

The children have *beautiful* voices. Our next rehearsals are:

December 16th at 9:00AM in the Chapel
December 23rd at 9:00AM in the Church
December 24th at 3:15PM in the Church (in preparation for 4:00PM mass.)

Congratulations MICAH

In the recently approved Wisconsin State budget, MICAH succeeded in securing over \$4 million of State and Federal funding for 24 new school nurses (or other health professionals) to be placed in the Milwaukee Public Schools. These positions are part of the larger Badgercare Plus initiative being extended by Governor Doyle. Fr Tom Mueller, Pastor of St Cyril and Methodius and Chairman of the MICAH Education Committee and its members spent 2 years nurturing this proposal to fruition. It is another example of engaging ordinary people to do extraordinary things. If you would like to learn more about MICAH and its mission, please contact Dave McGinnis at (262) 253-1062.

Advent Giving

Gift tags will be made available in baskets at the entrances to the church beginning this weekend. Each gift tag will identify the gift to be purchased, the age and gender of the recipient, whether the gift should be wrapped and the "return date." All you need to do is buy the gift and return it to church by the return date to help someone in need have a merrier Christmas holiday! Cash donation gift tags will also be available for those who have too much shopping to do already! Thank you for your generosity.

Our Advent Giving Tree recipients this year will include:

Agape Community Center is committed to building community within Northwest Milwaukee neighborhoods so everyone can thrive. Agape provides a comprehensive range of services to children, families and older adults. (Agape would like unwrapped gifts so that parents of the children they serve can choose and wrap a gift for their own children.)

Clement A. Zablocki V.A. Medical Center which provides housing and health care to both men and women veterans.

La Causa, Inc. which provides childcare, K3 - 8th Grade education, child abuse prevention, social services, and child welfare programs to children and families in one of the least advantaged, yet diverse, areas of Milwaukee.

My Home, Your Home, Inc. (and Lissy's House) whose mission it is to provide a safe, secure, and supportive environment to at-risk youth and young adults in the State of Wisconsin and to stabilize and strengthen families. They provide placements for children and youth in treatment foster care, safe housing and services to homeless young women to help them become self sufficient and safety, security, welfare and care to adolescent young men.

St. Vincent DePaul Society works among disadvantaged families. They are collecting children's hats, scarves, gloves and mittens to keep the children safe and warm through the Wisconsin winter. These should be left unwrapped for appropriate distribution.

Volunteer Center of Greater Milwaukee will also provide 100 gift tags provided to it by various charities who serve older adults, people with disabilities and others in need.

Wall of Remembrance

During the Month of November, we remember those who have died. You are welcome to place pictures of your deceased loved one on our parish Wall of Remembrance located next to the baptismal font and Easter candle on the west side of the church.

The Welcoming Committee Needs Your Help

We are looking for someone with a CAD program or a great free hand who can make an architectural drawing of the St. Therese floor plan. Please call Mary Rose Sanger at (414) 425-2028 if you can help.

Coping With the Holidays

Holidays can be an especially difficult time while grieving. How can we cope? How can we plan for the holidays? Come to this bereavement workshop on Wednesday, November 28th at 7:00PM at the Aurora VNA Zilber Family Hospice, 1155 Honey Creek Pkwy, Wauwatosa. If you would like to attend, please call Roger Hansen, Bereavement Coordinator, at (414) 615-5934.

Doing Holiday Shopping Online?

Donate to St. Therese at the same time! Set St. Therese as your charity at goodsearch.com and then click on the GoodShop logo. Search for the online store you would like to patronize, and then shop as you normally would. For every purchase you make in this manner, the retailer donates a percentage of your total. All it takes is visiting goodsearch.com before you begin your shopping. Remember to goodshop for St. Therese this holiday season!



A Special Invitation for Children

St. Therese's youngest members are catching the faith! During Sunday's 8:00AM Mass, children are welcome to join Dr. Guliano, Fr. Hugh, and Fr. Norm for the Lord's Prayer. Please encourage your children or grandchildren to share in this gift of God's love and togetherness.

Show Your Support For God's Littlest People!

Members of the St. Therese community are welcome to purchase a God's Littlest People t-shirt. The shirts are just one way to show our youngest friends that they make St. Therese a special place. The white, pre-shrunk t-shirt with God's Littlest People logo can be found on the Catechesis Table in church. Sizing information and order forms are also available on the table. The cost, whether purchasing a youth or adult size is \$11.20. This is not a fundraiser, just a way to exemplify the vitality of our parish community. Orders are due by Monday, November 26th. For questions, please contact Christine Reinders in the Parish Office.



Lost & Found Closet

If you have lost an item in the church or Heck Hall, you may want to check out the Lost & Found Closet across from the Parish Office. Perhaps your missing item is there! Please note that any keys, cell phones, wallets, or purses are kept in the Parish Office. All other items found after meetings, events, and services are placed in that closet.

55+ Social Club

Our Annual Christmas Luncheon is here! We'll meet at Alioto's Restaurant at 11:30AM on Wednesday, November 28th. Our next meeting in Heck Hall is scheduled for Thursday, January 10th.

Decorating for the Holidays

The Art & Environment Committee is looking for a few good men, women and youth to help decorate the church for Christmas. We will start this process on Friday, December 21st at 6:00PM and finish up on Saturday morning, December 22nd starting at 9:00AM if we don't finish Friday evening.

It is a very big undertaking to make our Church look it's best for this very special time of year. We need manpower in order to decorate the trees with lights, the altar with flowers, setting up the crèche, hanging garland, etc. You don't need any talent in decorating, you just need a willingness to help. If you are able to help, please call Kris Pluta at (414) 771-9432 and leave a message of when you are available to help. Thank you so much for volunteering.



Parish Council

1st Monday of Month at 7:00PM

Chairperson

Kathy Hubrich (414) 259-1961

Vice-Chairperson

Judy Dietz (414) 607-0681

Trustee

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Trustee

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(414) 453-5750

**Saint Vincent
de Paul**

(414) 462-7837

Federal Privacy Regulation — HIPAA (Health Insurance Portability & Accountability Act)

Prohibits all hospitals from informing churches of a patient's presence unless the patient gives permission for the hospital to do so. If you are admitted to a hospital and would like remembrance in prayer or a pastoral visit, please call Dr. Guliano in the Parish Office.

Please remember Saint Therese Parish in your will !

Bulletin deadline:
Monday, 8:30AM

Announcement deadline
Thursday, 3:00PM

All submissions must be in writing; email preferred.

Welcome to Saint Therese Parish Community!

If you are not currently registered and wish to join the Parish, please complete this form and place it in the collection basket or send it to the Parish Office, 9525 West Bluemound Road, Milwaukee, WI 53226. The full registration form will be mailed to you, or if you prefer, you can download and print the form from the "Contact Us" page on our website.

Name _____ Phone (____) _____ Email _____
Address _____ City, State, Zip _____