



Saint Therese Parish

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March 2nd, 2008

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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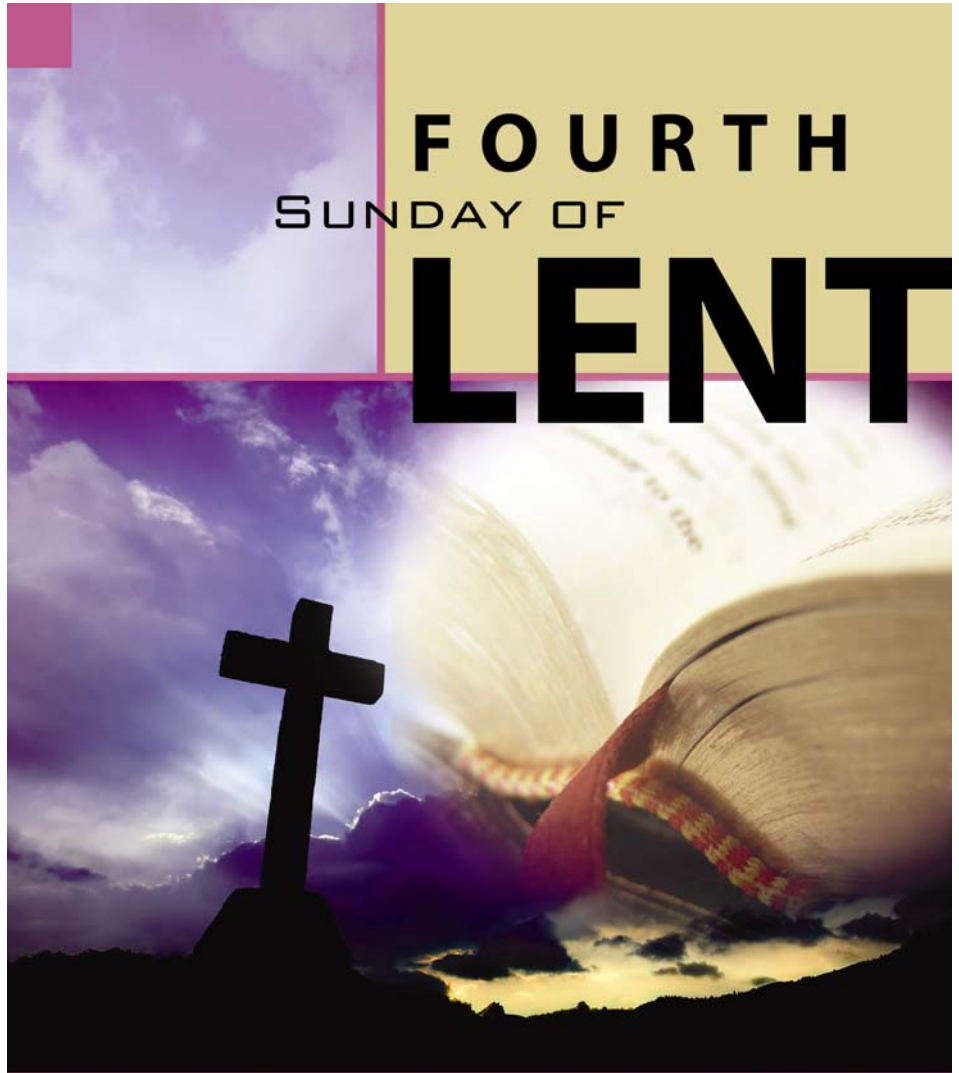
For Parish Emergencies, please call the Parish Office and follow the instructions for the 24-hour emergency line.

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



**FOURTH
 SUNDAY OF
 LENT**

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TRY TO LEARN WHAT IS PLEASING TO THE LORD.
 Ephesians 5:10

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

Our Finance/Administration Committee and Trustees reviewed the first draft of our 2008-2009 Parish Budget on Tuesday, February 19th, 2008. Based on projected income and expenses submitted by the staff, committees, and parish members (through stewardship commitment cards) the first draft showed a deficit of approximately \$38,000.

Our next step is to balance the budget. The Parish Trustees, Mari Pavleje and Jim Balliet, together with Doug Sedlar, Finance/Administration Committee Chairperson, and I will be meeting this week to discuss where we can cut expenses and increase revenues.

One area that has cost the parish more is the maintenance and upkeep of our church and grounds. The cost of snowplowing has averaged \$5,000 per month since December. We budgeted \$7,500 per year for snowplowing for 2007-2008, and those funds were depleted in mid-January. Because of this, we are asking our membership to use the special envelopes in the pews to make an additional donation to help defray this expense.

In addition, we have had boiler repairs, thermostat replacements throughout the building, and electrical component replacements in Heck Hall.

We are committed to maintaining our building and grounds. Deferring maintenance often results in a worse situation, exacerbated conditions, and higher costs.

Thank you for your faithful and generous stewardship for the support of our parish. It has been a difficult winter! Whatever extra you can give to help us meet our snowplowing and maintenance costs is much appreciated.

Remember that God cannot be outdone in generosity, and all that we have comes from the hand of Our Provident God.

Lenten blessings to you,

Dr. Alexandra Guliano



On our Lenten journey, we try to enter more deeply into the mystery of the death and resurrection of Jesus, in order to appreciate more fully the incredible, unconditional love of our God. It is the light of that love that will enable us to choose truth over falsehood, self-sacrifice over self-serving. This is the perfect time to take to heart more deeply the images of the prodigal son and the all-forgiving father...images that teach us how to forgive and how to accept forgiveness. This is how we best express our love of God and neighbor.

The measure of love is to love without measure.

Please remember the following in your prayers:

Margaret Anderson * Henny Arnold * Lenore Black * Dee Blom
Art Bonk * Janice Corak * David Dane * Alberta Duckhorn
Christopher Duffy & Family * Christian Elder * Frank Eskra
Ann Farell * Tom Gaughan * Lynn Gordon * Keith Hammernick
Chuck Hillyer * Carol Hoppenjan * Anastasia Hubbard
Christine Hutchins * Andy Islo * Garnet Jankowski
Joachim Family * Marie Kneifl * Ken Knollenberg * Ann Lackovic
Pete Lovinus * Ciel Maccani * Millie Metz * Andy Moehr
Sue Monyette * Laverne Mucci * Brayden Ramus * Fran Schmidt
Barbara Schmitz * Karie Schwonke * Carlene Siever * Susan Sinks
Marion Stabo * Mary Stoke * Olga Valdovinos * Maurie Wright
Harold Vanden Heuvel * Merle Weber * Virginia Weber
Deanna Zychowski * The People of Banos de Agua de Ecuador

Born to Eternal Life: †Charles Lovinus

Thank You

—To Bill and Carol Hoppenjan for donating the cost of the new candlelighter.

—To Jim Jensen and Alice Kennedy of the St. Therese Green Team for purchasing and installing energy efficient light bulbs in our chapel. Not only is the lighting better and saving energy, but also we have received an \$80.00 rebate from WE Energies Energy Incentives for our efforts at conservation.



Congratulations

—To Barb and Jim Holmes on their 40th Wedding Anniversary. May God grant you many more healthy and happy years together!



Lenten Opportunities for the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Penance)

District 12 parishes will celebrate of the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Penance) in communal form on Thursday, March 13th at 7:00PM at St. Margaret Mary Parish. All are welcome to attend.

Lenten Wednesdays—6:30PM Services

Mark your calendars and plan to attend the Wednesday evening Lenten prayer services. We will have Taize Prayer (Prayer Around the Cross) this week on March 5th and on March 12th. Stations of the Cross will be held on March 19th.

Family Activities for Lent and Easter

Looking for ways to make Lent and Easter more faith centered? Visit the Catechesis Table, where you'll find numerous ways to keep Jesus at the forefront of Lent and Easter.

Lenten Bible Study

In conjunction with the Lenten Wednesday prayer offerings, a Lenten Bible Study group is forming. The Bible Study will follow the Stations of the Cross or Taize Prayer each of the Wednesdays during Lent. For more information please contact Cathy Smith in the Parish Office.





Parish Events for the Week

Sunday, March 2nd

- 9:00AM Cherub Choir (CHP)
- 9:15AM Adult Choir (CH)
- 10:00AM Mass & LGP (CH/HH)

Monday, March 3rd

- 6:00PM St. Vincent dePaul Society (LIB)
- 7:00PM Parish Council (MC)

Tuesday, March 4th

- 6:30PM First Communion Prep (GLP)
- 7:00PM Usher's Society (MC)

Wednesday, March 5th

- 6:30PM Taize Prayer (CH)
- 7:00PM Lenten Bible Study (GN)
- 7:30PM Praise Band (CH)
- 7:30PM Adult Choir (CHP)

Thursday, March 6th

No Meetings Scheduled

Friday, March 7th

No Meetings Scheduled

Saturday, March 8th—Sharing Weekend

No Meetings Scheduled

Sunday, March 9th—Sharing Weekend

- 9:00AM Usher's Pancake Breakfast (HH)
- 9:00AM Blood Pressure Screening (CH)
- 11:15AM RCIA (GN)
- 6:30PM Teen Program (MC)

CH=Church, CHP=Chapel, GLP=God's Littlest Place, GN=Good News Gathering Place, HH=Heck Hall, KIT=Heck Hall Kitchen, LIB=Library, MC=Miriam's Corner, RR=Raphael Room, STR=St. Therese Room

Pancake Breakfast

Come one and all to the Usher's Annual Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, March 9th in Heck Hall, after the 8:00AM and 10:00AM masses. Bring your kids and your appetites, too. Thank you!



Wanted: A Crafty Person

Cathy Smith is looking for a Crafty Person or two to help create banners for the upcoming April 18th Confirmation Mass. To offer your services, please contact Cathy in the Parish Office.

Next Weekend is Sharing Weekend

The Recipient of our March 8th/9th Sharing Collection will be the Benedict Center. Our speaker will be Kit Murphy McNally, the Executive Director.

The Benedict Center is an interfaith nonprofit agency working with victims, offenders and the community to achieve a system of criminal justice that is fair and treats every person involved with dignity and respect.

- ◆ We offer real opportunities for change to women in conflict with the law through the Women's Harm Reduction Program, a gender-specific jail and prison alternative, grounded in substance abuse treatment and education.
- ◆ We organize citizens to advocate for systemic change in the criminal justice system, with emphasis on restorative community alternatives to imprisonment through the Community Justice Program.
- ◆ We provide spiritual support to men and women in the jail and their families outside through the interfaith Jail Chaplain Program.
- ◆ We promote sentencing plans that emphasize safe, productive community alternatives to incarceration through the Sentencing Advocacy Program.
- ◆ We reach out to men and women in conflict with the law through the operation of Outreach Programs: The Milwaukee County Jail and House of Correction Libraries, Restorative Community Service at the Day Reporting Center, and street outreach to women involved in drugs and prostitution. At the Benedict Center, there are many ways for every person who champions human potential, human dignity, and human rights to make a personal difference.

Thank you in advance for your generosity.



Eucharistic Minister and Lector Meeting

Tuesday, March 4th at 7:00PM Please mark your calendars for the special Eucharistic Minister and Lector Meeting at 7:00PM beginning in Heck Hall. Signups for the ministries for Palm Sunday, Holy Week, and Easter will begin at that meeting. If you are unable to attend, please email or call Dr. Guliano in the Parish Office.



Altar Server Training



Altar Servers are needed for all our masses. Children, youth, and adults who have received the Sacraments of Baptism and Eucharist are welcome to this ministry. We especially need Altar Servers for the 10:00AM Sunday mass. Training sessions will be held on three Sundays—March 2nd, 9th, and 16th after the 10:00AM mass. All three sessions are required. Please come to the center section of the church on March 3rd to begin.

Parish Council Nominations

The parish council is accepting nominations for three members at-large positions. Nominations are being accepted until March 16th. Please consider nominating members of the parish or submitting your own name.

I would like to nominate the following for Parish Council:

Spring
forward
next weekend

Readings for the Week of March 2nd

Sun: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Eph 5:8-14;
 Jn 9:1-41
 Mon: Is 65:17-21; Jn 4:43-54
 Tue: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Jn 5:1-16
 Wed: Is 49:8-15; Jn 5:17-30
 Thu: Ex 32:7-14; Jn 5:31-47
 Fri: Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
 Sat: Jer 11:18-20; Jn 7:40-53
 Sun: Ez 37:12-14; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45

 **Mass Intentions for the Week**

Tuesday, March 4th

7:45AM Mother of Perpetual Help Prayers
 8:00AM †Sr. Lisa Ann Lazio

Wednesday and Thursday

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

Friday, March 7th

7:30AM †Fred Sachse

Saturday, March 8th

5:00PM A Special Intention

Sunday, March 9th

8:00AM People of St. Therese Parish
 10:00AM A Special Intention

<i>Thank you!</i>	CHURCH SUPPORT	
	Envelopes & Offertory	February 23rd/24th \$6680.53

Looking Ahead to the Sacred Triduum

Mark your calendars and plan to attend the liturgies of the Sacred Triduum of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Vigil/Easter Sunday. All Masses and Liturgies will be in the Church, and all prayer services and other blessings will be held in the Chapel. The Liturgical Schedule is as follows:

Thursday, March 20th, Holy Thursday

8:00AM Morning Prayer
 7:00PM Mass of the Lord's Supper
 After Mass Eucharistic Adoration in the Chapel until 10:00PM

Friday, March 21st, Good Friday

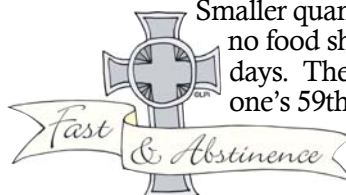
8:00AM Morning Prayer
 1:00PM Liturgy of the Lord's Passion
 7:00PM Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

Saturday, March 22, Holy Saturday

8:00AM Morning Prayer
 12:00PM Blessing of Food
 7:30PM Easter Vigil Mass

Sunday, March 23rd, Easter Sunday

8:00AM Easter Morning Mass
 10:00AM Easter Morning Mass



Lenten Almsgiving

"In Pakistan and Afghanistan, people don't believe in 30-minute power lunches to do business. Rather, it takes three cups of tea over many months to cultivate a lasting relationship," Greg Mortenson, co-founder and Executive Director of Central Asia Institute says. "When you have your first cup, you are strangers. After the second cup, you become friends, and after the third, you're regarded as family. Ignorance breeds hatred," he says. "We can spend billions of dollars amassing a wall around America, but unless we invest a small fraction of that amount building bridges of peace and understanding, our efforts will be in vain."

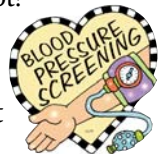


The St. Therese Garden Is Growing Strong

On Sunday, February 24th, God's Littlest People rolled up their sleeves and dug into Baptism... literally. After a tour of the Baptismal Font and Easter Candle, the children explored the meaning of baptism through a hands-on activity. Each child was given a sunflower seed, mineral rich soil, and a clay pot to represent themselves, their family, and the St. Therese community. Just as a seed cannot grow without water and sunlight, the children learned they cannot grow spiritually without the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Our youngest members are really taking root!

Blood Pressure Screening

The Health and Wholeness Committee will be screening blood pressures after the 8:00AM mass until 10:00AM next weekend. If you'd like to take part in this service, please go to the last pew near the Bluemound Entrance during that time.



55+ Social Club

Money and reservations for the show *Anything Goes* at the Fireside Theatre on Sunday, April 6th are due on Monday, March 3rd. If you would like to make a reservation, please call Barb Heinz in the Parish Office.

Lenten & Easter Library Display

Looking for a good movie that will inspire you during this Lenten season? There are many excellent movies on DVD and VHS for you to check out. Next weekend after all masses come by the main lobby. There will be a wide display of DVDs, tapes and books for children and adults. Come and see what's new! There will be a free raffle for a children's Easter basket filled with goodies. Enjoy a cup of coffee and homemade goodies. Don't miss this special event!

Lenten Fast and Abstinence

The Catholic Church asks each member to preserve the penitential character and purpose of Lent. For this reason:

- a) Catholics who have celebrated their 14th birthday are bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and each Friday of Lent;
- b) Catholics who have celebrated their 18th birthday, in addition to abstaining from meat, should fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Hence, on those days they should eat only one full meal.

Smaller quantities of food may be taken at two other meals, but no food should be consumed at other times during those two days. The obligation of fasting ceases with the celebration of one's 59th birthday.

Catholics should not lightly excuse themselves from these prescribed minimal penitential practices.

Political Flyers, Materials, and Leafleting Prohibited on St. Therese Property

Despite the fact that the November elections are months away, supporters of candidates have already begun disseminating flyers on cars in our parking lot. We have signs posted at both entrances to our parking lot prohibiting this activity. Last Sunday, February 17th, leaflets were left on cars in our parking lot during both our 8:00AM and 10:00AM masses. The leafleters ignored our signs. The political candidate whose name was on the flyer was called and emailed immediately. In addition, a local political group deposited a large amount of 8 1/2" by 11" papers with political literature in our mailbox.

These groups do not speak for St. Therese Parish or the Catholic Church, and we have voiced our opposition to their trespassing and discourteous behavior. If you see anyone placing leaflets or political literature on cars in our parking lot or leaving flyers in our parish building, please ask them to leave with their literature. If they refuse, please report them to Dr. Guliano in the Parish Office, and further action will be taken. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Easter Bulletin Deadline

Due to publication deadlines, all bulletin submissions for the Easter bulletin (March 22nd/23rd) are due by 8:30AM on March 12th. Please note that all bulletin deadlines are firm. Thank you for planning ahead.



Christian Formation News~A Correction

The next meeting date for the Christian Formation Committee is **Monday, March 31st** at 6:30PM in Miriam's Corner. If you have any questions please contact Cathy Smith in the Parish Office.

Last Supper of the Lord

On Thursday, March 20th, please join with your St. Therese Family as we gather to celebrate the Last Supper of our Lord. We will have dinner at 5:30 in Heck Hall followed by Mass and the washing of feet at 7:00PM in the Church. The fee for dinner is \$5.00 per person but no more than \$20.00 per family of four or more. We will be serving a simple meal of chicken soup, bread, and salad. Reservations for dinner are required. For more information contact Cathy Smith in the Parish Office.



Last Supper of the Lord Reservation Form—Due by Monday, March 17th

Family Name _____ Phone Number (____) _____

Email Address _____

Number Attending _____ x \$5.00 = \$ _____ or \$20.00 for a family

- I can donate a baked item for this event.
- I can help prepare the meal for this event.
- I can help clean-up from this event.

Festival News

Help is needed for our 2008 Festival. We need a Bar Manager and an Adult Games Supervisor. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Mike Wolf at (414) 476-7671.



Parish Council

1st Monday of Month at 7:00PM

Chairperson

Kathy Hubrich (414) 259-1961

Vice-Chairperson

Judy Dietz (414) 607-0681

Trustee

Jim Balliet (414) 257-0339

Trustee

Mari Pavleje (414) 545-2733

Secretary

Suzanne Goodacre (414) 475-5062

Barb Gritzmacher (414) 774-1396

Chuck Jagemann (414) 453-5280

Alice Kennedy (414) 771-8147

Diane May (414) 476-6238

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Interfaith

(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 _____