



Saint Therese Parish

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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.

August 10th, 2008

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Mass Schedule

Saturday: 5:00PM
Sunday: 8:00AM & 10:00AM
Tuesday: 8:00AM

Liturgy of the Word with Communion:
Wednesday, Thursday, Friday: 8:00AM

See inside for Holy Day Schedules



*After they got into the boat,
the WIND died down.
Those who were in the BOAT
did him homage, saying
“Truly, you ARE the
SON of God.”*

MATTHEW 14:32-33

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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

Summer Office Hours

Monday, Wednesday:
8:30AM to 12:00PM

Tuesday, Thursday:
12:30PM — 4:00PM

Friday:
Closed

From the Desk of the Parish Director

This coming Friday we celebrate an important feast of the church: August 15th is the feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is sometimes referred to as Mary's heavenly birthday—celebrating the day Mary was received into heaven. It is a relatively new feast and dogma of the church, proclaimed by Pope Pius XII in 1950. However, the belief that Mary was taken into heaven has been firmly part of the Christian tradition since the 7th century. It seems appropriate that what will happen to all of us should first happen to Mary, for as Catholics we affirm that we believe in the resurrection of the dead every time we proclaim our Creed.

We have no real knowledge of the day, year, and manner of Mary's death. The dates which have been assigned to her death vary between three and fifteen years after Christ's Ascension. Both Jerusalem and Ephesus claim to be the place where she died. (By tradition, Mary lived at Ephesus after the death of Jesus.) Mary's tomb was presumably found in Jerusalem. It is believed that Mary died in the presence of all the Apostles, but that after her burial, her tomb, when opened, was found empty. Therefore, they concluded that her body had been taken up (assumed) into heaven.

The Feast of the Assumption is a sign of hope for us. Someday, through God's grace, we too will join the Blessed Mother. Where she now is, we are meant eventually to be. Mary's being taken to heaven after her life on earth was ended is the logical outcome of her immaculate nature, uniquely protected — also by God's grace — from personal sin. We seek to imitate her self-sacrificing love, her indestructible faith and her perfect obedience.

This feast is a holy day of obligation for us in the United States. Please join us for Mass on Friday at either 8:00AM or 7:00PM.

Sr. Judy



The greatest thrills of life and love that fill us with content are gifts of grace we give away and ask no compliment. It might be just a helping hand we give to one, in need, or just a gift of caring grace – when nothing else succeeds. A little bit of love and care that comes from you and me can lift a heart of grief and tears from days of misery; and it is heavenly ordained that we – of faith – impart the love and care God gives to us to share with crying hearts.

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is of God; everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God. 1 John 4:7

Please remember the following in your prayers:

Margaret Anderson * Vicky Anderson * Lenore Black * Dee Blom
Art Bonk * Bernice Brah * Janice Corak * David Dane
Alberta Duckhorn * Christopher Duffy & Family * Frank Eskra
Ann Farrell * Tom Gaughan * Lynn Gordon * Chuck Hillyer
Carol Hoppenjan * Anastasia Hubbard * Christine Hutchins
Andy Islo * Garnet Jankowski * Joachim Family * Marie Kneiff
Ken Knollenberg * Ann Lackovic * Lynne Lyste * Millie Metz
Aiden & Conner McKenna * Andy Moehr * Sue Monyette
Laverne Mucci * Tom & Glenda Nitka * Brayden Ramus
Gerry Roberts * Frank & Sylvia Schaffer * Fran Schmidt
Barbara Schmitz * Karie Schwonke * Carlene Siever * Susan Sinks
Tom Sopkovich * Danny Stabo * Marion Stabo * Mary Stoke
Olga Valdovinos * Irene Van Eyck * Harold Vanden Heuvel
Merle Weber * Virginia Weber * Deanna Zychowski

Dear Parishioners,

Sunday, August 3rd is a day that I will remember for a long time. Marcella Kozuh took a nasty fall and received a terrible blow to her head. One minute we were listening to Fr. Peter give his closing remarks after the 8:00AM Mass, and the next moment, Marcella fell to the floor. What was so amazing about this serious situation was how quickly people in the congregation responded to the immediate need. Betty Lovinus and Leona McGraw took charge, someone called 911, and several others came to calm and comfort Marcella. Fr. Peter remained calm, and I know many in the congregation were offering prayers for Marcella's health.

As a parish, we are truly blest with so many capable, caring, and charitable people; there are people in our community who, in times of trouble or trauma, are quick to assume whatever responsibilities occur. It is good to know that if someone in our midst needs immediate help, there will be individuals at St. Therese Parish who will answer the call!

Sincerely,

Sterling Biggers

2008 Catholic Stewardship Appeal Update

As of July 30th, St. Therese Parish members have contributed \$26,873 for the support of the 2008 Catholic Stewardship Appeal. We have reached 84% of our goal of \$32,000! Like the last efforts of a marathon, it's that portion that presents the greatest challenge. Thanks to the 172 donors from our parish. Please help us reach 100% by contributing as you are able.

Many Hands. One Vision.



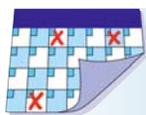
Feast of the Assumption

Friday, August 15th, is the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a holy day of obligation. We will celebrate this feast with Mass at 8:00AM and 7:00PM.



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Parish Events for the Week

Sunday, August 10th

9:00AM Blood Pressure Screening (CH)

Monday, August 11th

6:00PM St. Vincent dePaul Society (STR)

7:30PM Sharing Sunday Committee (MC)

Tuesday, August 12th

No Meetings Scheduled

Wednesday, August 13th

No Meetings Scheduled

Thursday, August 14th

No Meetings Scheduled

Friday, August 15th

No Meetings Scheduled

Saturday, August 16th—Sharing Weekend

No Meetings Scheduled

Sunday, August 17th—Sharing Weekend

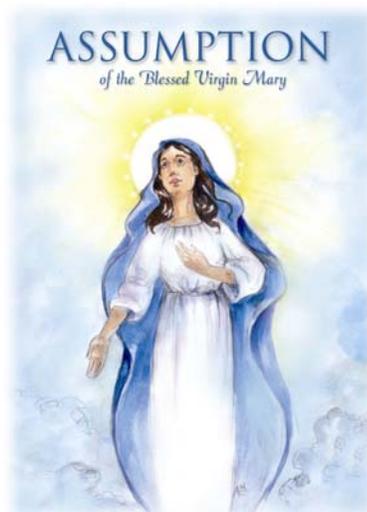
11:15AM RCIA (GN)

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

What Are We Celebrating on the Feast of the Assumption of Mary?

The Assumption, along with the Immaculate Conception, are two Marian dogmas that have been infallibly defined by the church. The Assumption proclaims the reality that Mary was taken up body and soul into heaven. This was God's special gift to her in response to her total giving of self to God's plan and will.

The church believes that Mary was immaculately conceived, that is, conceived without original sin. This led the church to believe that she did not suffer one of the key consequences of original sin, death and corruption. The Orthodox Church celebrates the Dormition of Mary, the belief that Mary did not die but rather fell asleep and was thus assumed into heaven.



What significance does this feast have for our lives as Christians today? This feast is above all an assurance and hope of our continued life with God. Modeling ourselves on Jesus and living the Christian life molded by Jesus' values, is certainly the sure path to God. As a result, God will not leave us orphaned or alone to suffer the emptiness of death. Rather we believe that death is merely a transformation of our present state into an even more glorious and eternal relationship with God.

This is the hope and assurance that Mary's Assumption celebrates. It is a celebration of our assumption as well. She is one of us, providing a model of what God has in store for all who love and give of themselves to God.

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19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

A couple of years ago, the American Psychological Association conducted a study on impulsiveness. From a group of 700 students, they selected thirty who drank at least four cups of coffee every day, and thirty who did not. Based on the research, it was found that the caffeine-dependent students were much more prone to acting impulsively than the others. Could this explain Peter's behavior at times? Probably not, but he was impulsive!

What is the significance of today's reading from Matthew? The disciples venture out into a boat, far away from Jesus. As a storm threatens, Jesus appears to calm them. But Peter, often speaking before he thinks, asks Jesus to prove that he is real. Peter's initial doubt causes him to sink before his faith saves him. When we find ourselves further from Jesus than we should be, does doubt cloud our faith?

Peter was prone to acts of impulsiveness such as this. But the Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches us that faith, indeed, is certain "because it is founded on the very word of God who cannot lie" (CCC 157). When times become very tough for you, and you may feel further from your faith than ever, it is precisely at this time when you should reach out for Jesus, just as Peter did, and you will find that he is closer to you than ever.

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He said, "Come." Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus. But when he saw how strong the wind was he became frightened; and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Immediately Jesus stretched out his hand and caught Peter, and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?"

MT 14:29-31



Readings for the Week of August 10th

Sun: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a; Rom 9:1-5; Mt 14:22-33
 Mon: Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c; Mt 17:22-27
 Tue: Ez 2:8-3:4; Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
 Wed: Ez 9:1-7; 10:18-22; Mt 18:15-20
 Thu: Ez 12:1-12; Mt 18:21-19:1
 Fri: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; 1 Cor 15:20-27;
 Lk 1:39-56
 Sat: Ez 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32; Mt 19:13-15
 Sun: Is 56:1, 6-7; Rom 11:13-15, 29-32; Mt 15:21-28



Mass Intentions for the Week

Tuesday, August 12th

7:45AM Mother of Perpetual Help Prayers
 8:00AM †Joseph Kohlmann

Friday, August 15th

8:00AM All Expectant Mothers
 7:00PM A Special Intention

Saturday, August 16th

5:00PM Theodor Schmidt

Sunday, August 17th

8:00AM People of St. Therese Parish Community
 10:00AM †Bob Greene

Growth in Faith Opportunities

Take advantage of these opportunities from the Saint Clare Center for Ministry Formation at Cardinal Stritch University:

♦ The Certificate Program in Lay Ministries

Are you a parish volunteer? Would you like to be better prepared to serve your parish? Are you ready for further commitment in your community? Would you like to receive guidance or direction in intellectual, human, pastoral or spiritual formation? If you answer yes to any of these questions, The Certificate Program in Lay Ministries offered through the Saint Clare Center for Ministry Formation at Cardinal Stritch University is just for you. The purpose of this two year commitment is to assist you in developing your skills for service in your parish and community.

♦ The Pentecost Mission

Are you an adult Catholic looking to grow in the knowledge of the faith? Would you like to deepen your relationship with God and the Church? Would you like to grow in your faith life? If you answer yes to any of these questions, the Pentecost Mission programs offered through the Saint Clare Center for Ministry Formation at Cardinal Stritch University are for you. Pentecost Mission programs may be taken for personal enrichment, discernment for lay ministry formation, basic certification as a catechist or Catholic-school teacher, foundational courses for those interested in diaconate formation, or for maintenance of certification.

If you would like more information on programs offered by the Saint Clare Center for Ministry Formation at Cardinal Stritch University, or if you would like to set up an interview with a staff member, please call (414) 410-4405.

Appropriate Way to Report Inappropriate Behavior

How should you communicate your concerns to someone who may be behaving inappropriately with children? The "I" message is a simple way to reframe what you want to say so that the listener hears you speak of your feelings and concerns rather than hearing a complaint against him- or herself. The "I" message, simply diagrammed, says, "I feel [feeling] when [situation] because [reason]." For example, you can say, "I feel anxious when you drive a child home alone after religious education classes, because that could put you or the child in a potentially risky situation." It is a much more constructive approach than saying, "You shouldn't be driving children home alone because it is against the rules and puts them in danger." For particular help you may call Amy Peterson at (414) 758-2232 or petersona@archmil.org.

Source: Paul J. Ashton, "CAREfronting vs. Confronting Those Who Behave Inappropriately," featured August 9th, 2004, at virtusonline.org/virtus.

Thank
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Greater Tosa Interfaith

Volunteer Opportunities

Time on your hands? Would you like to help an Older Adult? Well, there are opportunities to serve as a volunteer with Greater Tosa Interfaith. People are needed to transport elders to medical appointments, the grocery store, bank or other errands once or twice a month. Visitors to a homebound older adults are needed. Can you pick up groceries or prescriptions one or twice a month for an older adult; do yard work or minor home chores or repairs? If so, you're just what GTA needs. If you can help in any way contact Greater Tosa Interfaith at (414) 453-5750.

Jubilee Marriage Celebration

St. Matthias Parish, 9306 W Beloit Rd, Milwaukee
 The Mass of Thanksgiving will be celebrated on Saturday, October 25th, beginning at 10:30AM with Bishop Richard Sklba as principal celebrant and homilist. **This Mass honors those married in 1983 or 1958, celebrating their 25th or 50th wedding anniversaries.** (Couples married longer than 55 years are also welcome to this celebration.) A reception will follow in Steiger Hall. Cost is \$25.00 per couple. For more information or to register, please call Annette at (414) 758-2201.

Employment Opportunity

St. Therese is looking for a **Building Services Associate** to perform cleaning and related services to maintain a well-groomed appearance in all areas of our building. This 25-hour per week position requires the ability to work flexible hours as the position entails some evening and weekend work. If you are interested, please download the full job description and employment application from the "News & Events" page of our website.

Do You Enjoy Singing?

The St. Therese Music Ministry is looking ahead to September and the beginning of another choir season. Please consider joining the St. Therese Sunday Choir this year. The Saint Therese Choir season begins on the first Wednesday after Labor Day, September 3rd and finishes with the Pentecost Sunday 10:00AM Mass, May 31st, 2009. However, many of our members will join us for the portion of the season for which their busy schedules allow. We rehearse Wednesdays from 7:30PM to 9:30PM. On Sundays we meet at 9:15AM to prepare for the 10:00AM Liturgy.



Join this talented and friendly group of musicians to help support the congregational singing on Sunday mornings. Other liturgical events include an Ecumenical Service on Thanksgiving Eve, a Christmas Concert on Christmas Eve, and leading the congregation at the Ash Wednesday evening and Easter Vigil liturgies. Our weekly anthems are drawn from a wide variety of styles in choral literature.

All voices are welcome. There are no auditions. Reading music is a plus, but not a prerequisite. Offer your gift of music to glorify God and to support the faith life of our parish.

Ministry Sign-Up Sheets

♦ Sign-up sheets for servers, lectors, and Eucharistic ministers for September through December are now available in the sacristy. Please indicate your Mass preference and special requests. The sheets will be available through August 10th. 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 at (414) 545-2733.



♦ All greeters, please sign up for the September through December schedule as soon as possible. The sign up sheet will be in the Sacristy until August 17th. More volunteers for this ministry are greatly needed. Just list your name and phone number at the bottom of the sheet and you will be contacted with information.



Out of the Mouths of Babes

A pastor was giving a lesson to a group of children on the 23rd Psalm. He noticed that one of the little boys seemed disquieted by the phrase, "Surely, goodness and mercy will follow me all the days of my life..."

"What's wrong with that, Johnny? The pastor asked.

"Well," answered Johnny, "I understand about having goodness and mercy, for God is good. But I'm not sure I'd like Shirley following me around all the time."

Parish Council

1st Monday of Month at 7:00PM

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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, 12:00 NOON**

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 W Bluemound Rd, 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.

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