



# Saint Therese Parish

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

November 30th, 2008

## First Sunday of Advent

### Parish Staff

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*"Watch, therefore; you do not know when the Lord of the house is coming, whether in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or in the morning. May he not come suddenly and find you sleeping."*

*Mk 13:35-36*

### Mass Schedule

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

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

*See inside for Holy Day Schedules*

**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 — 4:30PM

**Friday:** 8:30AM to 12:00PM

## From the Desk of the Parish Director

The Archdiocesan Capital Campaign process has begun for our parish. On Tuesday, November 18th, Mari Pavleje, Trustee-Secretary; Jim Balliet, Trustee-Treasurer; Barb Heinz, Courtney Falk, Cathy Smith, and I met with Mark Filips, the consultant from the firm of O'Meara Ferguson, assigned to our parish. O'Meara Ferguson is the fundraising firm that the Archdiocese of Milwaukee has hired for the Capital Campaign. While it was an introductory meeting, it certainly was the first step for our parish's participation.

On Tuesday evening, November 18th, Kathy Hubrich, Janet Krebs, Cathy Smith, and I attended another meeting regarding the Capital Campaign at St. Mary Parish in Lomira to learn about how to draft our "case statement" for our parish campaign.

**Faith In Our Future** is the title of the campaign adopted by the archdiocese. It contains two components—funding for parishes and funding for archdiocesan ministries.

60% of all money donated go to the individual parish; 40% will go to the archdiocese for support of several ministries—faith formation at all levels, including a Catholic education endowment; adult and family formation; and stewardship to the global church.

Our Parish Council and Finance/Administration Committee have been preparing for this campaign since it first started in our archdiocese in the fall of 2007. The archdiocesan goal is \$105 million dollars. As of June 20th, over \$30 million dollars has been pledged by advanced gifts and 37 of the 211 archdiocesan parishes.

A separate corporation has been established, the *Faith In Our Future* Trust Fund. It is (1) separate from the Archdiocese of Milwaukee operating funds; (2) founded to benefit Catholic formation, education, and faith formation in southeastern Wisconsin; and (3) presided over by the archbishop and a lay board.

**None of the funds collected for the Faith In Our Future Trust Fund will be used for litigation costs and settlements resulting from the sexual abuse by priests.** The Faith In Our Future Trust Fund is restricted for any other use than specified; therefore, none of the money can be used for lawsuits.

The Parish Council will be discussing our parish Capital Campaign at its December 1st meeting, and the Finance/Administration Committee will be doing the same at its December 2nd meeting. Both



Speak to our hearts during this season of grace, as you spoke to your prophets and saints. Remind us again of the journey you call us to make and the work you would have us do. We are your servants, O Lord. Speak to us in this holy season and turn our eyes to watch for your coming.

*Jesus said to his disciples: Be constantly on the watch! Stay awake. You do not know when the Master of the house is coming.*  
—Mark 13:33

Please remember the following in your prayers:

Margaret Anderson \* Vicky Anderson \* Rita Ash \* Lenore Black  
Dee Blom \* Art Bonk \* Bernice Brah \* Gianna Capecci  
Janice Corak \* David Dane \* Judy Dietz \* Alberta Duckhorn  
Frank Eskra \* Ann Farell \* Lynn Gordon \* Shirley Gradisnik  
Jim Guliano \* Neil & Mary Jane Guliano \* Frank Hartay  
Chuck Hillyer \* Anastasia Hubbard \* Christine Hutchins  
Garnet Jankowski \* Joachim Family \* Marie Kneifl  
Ken Knollenberg \* Marcella Kozuh \* Ann Lackovic \* Millie Metz  
Lynne Lyste \* Aiden & Conner McKenna \* Andy Moehr  
Laverne Mucci \* Tom & Glenda Nitka \* Brayden Ramus  
Gerry Roberts \* Frank & Sylvia Schaffer \* Fran Schmidt  
Barbara Schmitz \* Carlene Siever \* Veronica Silva \* Susan Sinks  
Danny Stabo \* Marion Stabo \* Mary Stoke \* Mary Lu Topple  
Olga Valdovinos \* Irene Van Eyck \* Harold Vanden Heuvel  
Merle Weber \* Virginia Weber \* Deanna Zychowski

## Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

Holyday of Obligation, December 8th

Monday, December 8th marks the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, a holyday of obligation.

Masses will be celebrated at 8:00AM and 7:00PM in the church.

Liturgical ministers are needed for these masses. Please sign up in the sacristy.



## District 12 Communal Penance Services

The District 12 Communal Penance Service will be celebrated on Wednesday, December 3rd at 6:30PM at Christ King Parish (2612 N Swan Blvd; Wauwatosa) and on Saturday, December 13th at Blessed Savior Parish (8607 W Villard Ave). All are welcome to attend.

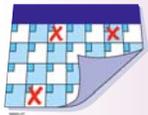
meetings are open to all parish members.

The parishes of the archdiocese have been called to a deeper level of stewardship by our participation in this Capital Campaign. Are we up to the challenge? I hope so. And I know, that, with the grace of God and the direction of the Holy Spirit, we will do our part for the future of our parish and our archdiocesan ministries.

Finally, on another note, Advent begins today. May these four weeks of preparation for Christmas bring all of us closer to Christ and to each other.

God be with you,

*Dr. Alexandra Guliano*



## Parish Events for the Week

### Sunday, November 30th

9:15AM St. Therese Choir (CH)

### Monday, December 1st

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

7:00PM Parish Council (MC)

### Tuesday, December 2nd

9:00AM LGP Core Team (MC)

6:45PM Finance/Administration (MC)

### Wednesday, December 3rd

11:30AM SVdP Meal Program—Cook (KIT)

4:30PM SVdP Meal Program—Serve (OFFSITE)

7:30PM St. Therese Choir (CHP)

### Thursday, December 4th

6:30PM Social Concerns (STR)

### Friday, December 5th

No Meetings Scheduled

### Saturday, December 6th

No Meetings Scheduled

### Sunday, December 7th

7:30AM Canticle Choir (CH)

9:00AM Breakfast with the Saints (HH)

9:15AM St. Therese Choir (CH)

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

### Attention Liturgical Ministers

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 December 7th. 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.



### Pictures from the Wall of Remembrance

Thanks to all who placed pictures of loved ones on our Wall of Remembrance during the month of November. The Wall will be removed after the 10:00AM mass on November 30th (this weekend). You may either remove the pictures yourself or pick them up in the sacristy. It is our privilege to remember those who have gone before us in death in our prayers.

### Next Weekend is Sharing Weekend

The Pregnancy Help Center of Milwaukee has been serving women and low income families in the greater Milwaukee area since 1985. The center was started by two Catholic families who saw a need to help women in crisis pregnancies realize there were alternatives to abortion. Since then the Center has been privately funded through churches and donors. Our mission is to help each woman respect the life of her child and to build a system of support to foster healthy families. The Pregnancy Help Center has served over 35,000 women and families in need with their two locations: 6234 W Capitol Dr and 1225 W Historic Mitchell St. Programs provided by the center include: Peer Counseling, Clothing Closet from 0-4 Mother to Mother Share Group and Pregnancy Testing. The Pregnancy Help Center of Milwaukee is a non-profit organization and relies on the generosity of donors who contribute financially, through material donations and the donation of time. Please be generous to this organization during the Holiday Season.

### Note From the Green Team

Do your part to keep Greater Milwaukee beautiful. Use collected rain water to water your grass and gardens. Use recycled vegetable waste (compost) to fertilize your gardens. Rain barrels and compost bins may be purchased from "Keep Greater Milwaukee Beautiful" at 1313 W Mount Vernon Ave Milwaukee. Please call (414) 272-5462, fax (414) 272-5060 or visit us on the web at [www.kgmb.org](http://www.kgmb.org). Remember this is for the good of the earth!



### We Had a Great Time at the Pot Luck Dinner!

On Friday, November 16th, over 30 St. Therese parishioners joined in a traditional Pot Luck Dinner. Guests were pleasantly surprised when Frank Zareczny brought out his banjo and guitar for everyone's listening pleasure. Check out the pictures of this fantastic evening on the News & Events page of our website.

### Breakfast with the Saints

Sunday, December 7th is the second annual Breakfast with the Saints. We will have crafts and activities for children of all ages. It has been confirmed that Saints will be among us to share their story of what life was like when they were living on earth. This event is for the whole family! Kids 3 and under—free; Ages 4-12—\$4.00; Teens and up—\$6.00. Look at the display on the Catechesis Table for further information, or contact Cathy in the Parish Office.



### 55+ Social Club

Our regular monthly meetings in Heck Hall resume on Thursday, January 8th. If you made a reservation for the Christmas Lunch at Alioto's on December 17th you are reminded to arrive at 11:30AM.

### Attention Greeters

Please sign up for the January through April schedule as soon as possible. Sign up sheet will be in the Sacristy beginning December 14th. New volunteers are always welcome. Add your name and phone number to the list and you will be contacted. Schedules will be ready for pick up the weekend after Christmas.



**On this First Sunday of Advent**, start to wait. Wait for your spouse to get ready to leave without complaining. Expectantly wait for him to arrive home from work. Wait for her to have the last word. Wait for the other to go to bed and then close up. For daily marriage tips visit: [www.ForYourMarriage.org](http://www.ForYourMarriage.org).

**Readings for the Week of November 30th**

Sun: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7; 1 Cor 1:3-9;  
Mk 13:33-37  
Mon: Is 2:1-5; Mt 8:5-11  
Tue: Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24  
Wed: Is 25:6-10a; Mt 15:29-37  
Thu: Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27  
Fri: Is 29:17-24; Mt 9:27-31  
Sat: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8  
Sun: Is 40:1-5, 9-11; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8

**First Sunday of Advent**

One of my favorite sayings is, “Be the kind of person your dog thinks you are!” Our family has a history of saving dogs from shelters and other certain fates; every single one of them has been the most loyal, friendly, and loving pet. Our latest, Oreo, was found in a barn on a freezing January morning. Only a pup and suffering from frostbite and injuries from other animals, she wasn’t given much chance of survival. But twelve years later, she sits and waits by the front door every afternoon for her master to come home.



“Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come.” Jesus’ seemingly stern warning in today’s Gospel reading from Mark is really some very prudent advice. Remember that this was not a sermon to a mass of people; Jesus was speaking privately to Peter, James, John, and Andrew and had just finished describing how humankind will recognize the beginning of the end of times. But his final words tell us not to wait until such signs are apparent; today, and every day, we are to live our lives in great expectation. Be the kind of person our heavenly Father thinks we are!

This is the first Sunday of the season of Advent. During this season, we remember God’s first covenant, the centuries of time in which he promised a Messiah, a Savior for the world. And despite the centuries and passing of time, those who believed and waited never lost faith. The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches us that in Advent we share the expectations of those who first waited, and renew our expectation for his second coming (CCC 524). Today and for the rest of our lives, let us live forever in a season of Advent, awaiting the coming of Jesus Christ.

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**St Pius X Christmas Spectacular**

Join us for a pancake breakfast, craft fair, photos with Santa, and Secret Santa workshop on Sunday, December 7th. Our pancake breakfast features all you care to eat pancakes and sausage (adults—\$5.00, ages 6-10—\$3.00, under 5—free). Visit with Santa and have your photo taken with him in the school cafeteria from 9:00AM to 12:00PM. The Craft Fair features all handmade items and free admission. It will be held in the gym from 9:00AM—1:00PM. Located at 2520 Wauwatosa Ave, parking lot at 75th and Wright St.

**Flower/Candle Memorial Donations**

In this season of giving, you can remember a loved one or a special intention by donating toward the cost of flowers and candles for our church environment. Please complete the form below, include your donation of any amount, and return both in the collection basket at any mass. Thank you for your generosity!



**Mass Intentions for the Week**

**Tuesday, December 2nd**

7:30AM †Abby Bunzel

**Saturday, December 6th**

5:00PM †Bernard McShane

**Sunday, December 7th**

8:00AM †Richard Tandetzke

10:00AM People of St. Therese Parish and †Gertrude Kohlmann

<i>Thank You!</i>	<b>CHURCH SUPPORT</b>	
	Envelopes & Offertory	Totals will be published next week

**“Living Our Faith” TV Show With Archbishop Dolan**

Through the generous sponsorship of catholic Knights, the Channel 12 TV Show, “Living Our Faith” is back for another season. There are four shows left, airing on Saturdays at 11:00AM; December 6th, 13th, 20th, and 27th. Check out the “Living Our Faith” website at [www.livingourfaith.net](http://www.livingourfaith.net) for more information, articles, and materials to help you grow in your Catholic faith.

**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!

**World Aids Day**

Please join us as we pray for those that are inflicted with this disease, and to raise awareness of World Aids Day. The prayer service will take place on Monday, December 1st, at 7:00PM at Holy Rosary Church, 2011 N Oakland Ave, Milwaukee.

**Candle and Flower Donations—PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY.**

Donor Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (     ) \_\_\_\_\_

Please select one:  In Memory    In Honor    In Thanksgiving

Of/For \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please publish:  Yes    No    Anonymous, but print intention

### Thanks Again, Tony Ziebert!

Tony Ziebert has graciously agreed to chair our 2009 Catholic Stewardship Appeal for our parish. Tony has been our parish chairperson for the past seven years, and under his leadership, we have reached our goal six of the seven years! The Catholic Stewardship Appeal supports the offices and ministries of the archdiocese. The kickoff will take place the weekend of February 14th/15th.



### Festival Thank You Party

Mark your calendar now for the Festival Thank You Party! On Friday, January 16th, 2009, St. Therese will say thank you to all of the people who have worked so hard over the years to host the St. Therese Parish Festival. More details are forthcoming so watch the bulletin & website.

### Join us as we Deck the Halls!

On Sunday, December 21st following the 10:00AM Mass, you and your family are invited to help decorate your church. That's right, this year we are having a good old fashioned tree trimming of our beloved St. Therese. We will provide a light lunch, Christmas carols on a boom box, hot apple cider and the makings for a wonderful new holiday tradition. Please contact Cathy in the Parish Office to let her know if you can join in the festivities.

### La Fiesta! and La Posada!

St. Catherine's Parish on 51st and Center has invited St. Therese to their annual La Fiesta following their 9:00AM mass on Sunday, December 14th. During the Mass there will be a celebration of La Posada. Members of the St. Therese Choir will join St. Catherine's Choir for the celebration. Please join us!

### Please Help Keep Our Church and Parish Offices Secure

Please help keep our church and parish offices secure! **Committees and groups** are reminded to make sure that lights are turned off and doors are closed and locked prior to leaving the parish at night. **Ushers** are reminded to make sure that all church inner and outer doors are securely locked and doorway, lobby, and bathroom lights are off before leaving church. Thanks for your attention to this very important parish matter.

## Soup Needed

Our St. Vincent dePaul meal program needs your help! We are in need of Cream of Mushroom Soup.



Next weekend is your **LAST CHANCE**, so please bring cans of any size or brand to church next weekend and put them on the table by the Sacristy.

## THANK YOU!

### Parish Council

1st Monday of Month at 7:00PM

#### Chairperson

Kathy Hubrich (414) 259-1961

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#### Trustee

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#### Trustee

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Greater Tosa  
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, 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.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_