



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.

December 7th, 2008

Second Sunday of Advent

Parish Staff

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*“As it is written in Isaiah the prophet:
‘Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead
of you; he will prepare your way.’”*

Mk I:2

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

◆ Last weekend the First Sunday of Advent, we inaugurated our new mission statement. At the recommendation of the Strategic Planning Committee, and with the unanimous approval of the Parish Council, we add “and minister in the Little Way of St. Therese” to our statement.

The new statement (which, by the way, is on the cover of our bulletin) now reads:

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.

I'm proud to report that when our parish representatives attended the “Faith In Our Future” meeting in Lomira with several other parishes, we were the only parish in the group that could recite our mission statement! Thanks to all who crafted this statement. May we continue to live it!

◆ The Finance/Administration Committee completed our 2008-2009 Parish Support Commitment effort at our December 2nd meeting. The good news is that 286 parish members/units pledged \$290,112 for the support of the parish, which is an increase of approximately \$5,000 from last year. 56% of our parish membership have returned their Parish Support Commitment. We will add this number to the estimate we have for the contributions of those who consistently give but have not returned their commitment sheet and add the projections for loose collections to estimate the figure for total contributions for as we build the parish budget for 2009-2010.

Thanks to all who returned their 2008-2009 Parish Support Commitment sheet.

◆ In this Holy Season, let us keep our focus on the “reason for the season”—Christ our Lord.

He is with us always. Remember to take some quiet, “waiting” time each day this Advent to prepare your heart for the feast of Christmas.

God be with you!

Dr. Alexandra Guliano



The ark which God has sanctified, which He has filled with grace, within the temple of the Lord has found a resting-place.

More glorious than the seraphim, this ark of love divine, corruption could not blemish her whom death could not confine. God-bearing Mother, Virgin chaste, who shines in heaven's sight, she wears a royal crown of stars who is the door of light. To Father, Son and Spirit blest may we give endless praise with Mary who is Queen of heaven, through everlasting days.

“Blessed is she who trusted that the Lord's words to her would be fulfilled.” May we see heaven as our goal and come to share in her glory!

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 * Theresa Gary * Lynn Gordon
Jim Guliano * Neil & Mary Jane Guliano * Chuck Hillyer
Christine Hutchins * Garnet Jankowski * Joachim Family
Marie Kneifl * Ken Knollenberg * Marcella Kozuh
Ann Lackovic * Lynne Lyste * Aiden & Conner McKenna
Millie Metz * Andy Moehr * Laverne Mucci * Patrick Nook
Tom & Glenda Nitka * Brayden Ramus * Ellen Roe
Gerry Roberts * Frank & Sylvia Schaffer * Fran Schmidt
Linda Schmidt * Barbara Schmitz * Carlene Siever * 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

Born to Eternal Life: †Anastasia Hubbard

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

Holyday of Obligation, December 8th

Monday, December 8th marks the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, a holyday of obligation. The Parish Office will be closed, and 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.

Christmas and Holy Liturgies, and Office Closings

Come celebrate the commemoration of the birth of Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Invite family, friends, and neighbors to join us for these beautiful liturgies. Please note that the Parish Office will also be closed on these days.



Christmas Eve, December 24th

- ★ Intergenerational Family Mass 4:00PM
- ★ Night Mass beginning with the 10:00PM Choir Concert

Christmas Day, December 25th

- ★ 8:00AM and 10:00AM

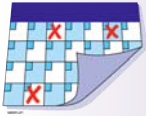
Solemnity of Mary/World Day of Prayer for Peace (New Year's Day), January 1st

- ★ 9:00AM

The Parish Office will also be closed on December 23rd (beginning at noon), December 31st, and January 2nd.



On November 22nd, we initiated the two newest members of our Christian community: Eric Anthony Pinto and Alaina Grace Pinto, children of Catherine and Carlos Pinto. Congratulations!



Parish Events for the Week

Sunday, December 7th—Sharing Weekend

- 7:30AM Canticle Choir (CH)
- 9:00AM Breakfast with the Saints (HH)
- 9:15AM St. Therese Choir (CH)

Monday, December 8th

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

- 8:00AM Mass
- 7:00PM Mass

Tuesday, December 9th

- 8:00AM Bible Study Group (STR)
- 9:00AM LGP Core Team (MC)
- 3:30PM Canticle Choir (MC)
- 5:00PM RCIA (GN)

Wednesday, December 10th

- 7:30PM St. Therese Choir (CHP)

Thursday, December 11th

No Meetings Scheduled

Friday, December 12th

No Meetings Scheduled

Saturday, December 13th

Library Display

Sunday, December 14th

Library Display

- 9:00AM Blood Pressure Screening (CH)
- 6:00PM Confirmation Prep (MC)

CH=Church, CHP=Chapel, GLP=God's Little 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

Embroidery Needed for Sacristy Cloths

Do you enjoy embroidery? Special cloths for cleaning the sacred vessels for mass have been purchased, and these need to be marked with crosses. If you are willing to embroider a simple cross on these (24 in total), please call Dr. Guliano in the Parish Office.

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.

Question of the Week:

We are called to "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths." What are you doing in your life to *make straight his paths*?

This 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.

Another Pretty Good Variety Show

We had so much fun and had such a wonderful response from last January's "Pretty Good Variety Show" that we thought we'd have "Another PGVS" on Sunday, January 25th at 3:00PM. If you or a member of your family are interested in performing as a singer, dancer, storyteller, instrumentalist, actor, comedian, or you have any other talent that you'd like to share, please pickup a flyer from Elterine "Dusty" Biggers-Jankowski at the organ in church or see her in the Parish Office. We are especially looking for volunteers to help with the technical/backstage crew—operating a spotlight or sound, props, scenery and the like. No experience is necessary just a willingness to help.

Library Display

Stop by the main lobby next weekend after mass and browse through a wonderful display of books and DVDs. Full-length movies on DVD are available for adults and children. Current books appropriate for the season of Advent are available for you to check out. Topics include biographies, self-help, fiction, prayer and spirituality and meditation. Choose a beautiful Christmas story the whole family will enjoy. Enter a free raffle for a gorgeous crystal cross. For children, there will be a raffle for a holiday basket filled with goodies. And you're invited to sample a homemade sweet treat, too. Don't miss this special event!

Scrap Paper Needed for Parish Office

Does your office or business have 8½" by 11" scrap paper, clean on one side, that can be donated to the church? We are in need of scrap paper that can be used in a printer or copier. Please make sure that the paper donated contains only text and/or images appropriate for the church; we don't want anything you wouldn't show to your grandma! If you can donate, please bring the paper to the Parish Office during office hours.

55+ Social Club

Our Christmas Luncheon is at Alioto's on Wednesday, December 17th at 11:30AM. The next monthly meeting in Heck Hall is on January 8th, beginning at 11:30AM. Our program will be "Nourish Your Noggin—The Necessities of Brain Wellness."

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. 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.

Readings for the Week of December 7th

Sun: Is 40:1-5, 9-11; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8
 Mon: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
 Tue: Is 40:1-11; Mt 18:12-14
 Wed: Is 40:25-31; Mt 11:28-30
 Thu: Is 41:13-20; Mt 11:11-15
 Fri: Zec 2:14-17; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Lk 1:26-38
 Sat: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Mt 17:9a, 10-13
 Sun: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; 1 Thes 5:16-24;
 Jn 1:6-8, 19-28



Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, December 8th

8:00AM †Clement Zipperer
 7:00PM †Marietta Lateana

Tuesday, December 9th

7:30AM †Henny Arnold

Saturday, December 13th

5:00PM †Jack Kopischke

Sunday, December 14th

8:00AM People of St. Therese Parish and
 †Carol Hoppenjan
 10:00AM †Fred Sachse

Bulletin Deadlines Until the End of the Year!

Due to publication deadlines, bulletin articles for the holidays are due to Courtney Falk earlier than normal. Please see the chart below to figure out when your article is due, and note that all bulletin deadlines are firm. All requests must be made in writing. As always, email is preferred, but hard copies are also accepted.

Bulletin Date	Submission Deadline
December 21st	December 12th
December 28th	December 17th
January 4th	December 23rd

Thank you for your cooperation!

Attention All Committee Heads and Group Leaders

Please check your mailbox in the Sacristy for information about potential new members to your committees. Please read the information carefully, and follow-up by the end of the year. Please report any changes in your roster to Courtney Falk in the Parish Office. This is extremely important and required by the archdiocese.

Would You Like to Light the Advent Candles at Mass?

Individuals and families are encouraged to sign-up to light the Advent candles at the beginning of mass for the weeks of Advent. Please sign-up in the sacristy.

“Living Our Faith” TV Show with Archbishop Dolan

Watch Channel 12 (WISN) on Saturdays, December 13th, 20th, and 27th for “Living Our Faith” with Archbishop Dolan, airing at 11:00AM. Check out the website www.livingourfaith.com got more information, articles, and materials to help you grow in your Catholic faith.

District 12 Communal Penance Services

- ♦ **Saturday, December 13th, 10:00AM**
 Blessed Savior Parish—8607 W Villard Ave
- ♦ **Saturday, December 20th, 10:00AM**
 St. Sebastian Parish—5400 W Washington Blvd
 For Faith Formation and Religious Education children, families, and anyone else desiring to receive the sacrament

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. Please pick up your loved one’s picture in the sacristy.

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!

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

Thank you!	CHURCH SUPPORT	
	<u>November 22nd/23rd</u>	<u>Last Weekend</u>
	\$8427.86	\$4682.87
	<u>Thanksgiving Day</u>	<u>Electrical Repairs</u>
	\$176.00	\$600.00

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! Thank you to those who are already shopping in this way. We received a check this week for \$46.77 just for an extra click. Let’s keep it going—every little bit helps!

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 to the right, include your donation of any amount, and return both in the collection basket at any mass. Thank you for your generosity!



Eucharistic Ministers/Lectors Who Missed the November 24th Meeting

Meeting notes and handouts for Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors who missed the November 24th meeting are available in the sacristy mailboxes marked for Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers. (Envelopes are labeled for those who missed the meeting.) An updated roster is also available in the mailboxes.

Liturgical Ministers Needed for the Christmas Season Liturgies

Any liturgical ministers who have not yet signed up to minister for the Christmas Season liturgies are asked to do so by signing up in the sacristy.

Upcoming Training for New Eucharistic Ministers

Training sessions for new Eucharistic Ministers will be held on Sundays, January 11th, 18th, and 25th from 9:00AM to 9:50AM in the church. If you are interested in serving as a Eucharistic Minister, please come to the first session and gather in the middle pews. All three sessions are required for this ministry.



Liturgical Ministry Schedules

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, or call Mari Pavleje at (414) 545-2733.

Attention Greeters

Please sign up for the January through April schedule as soon as possible. Sign up sheet will be in the Sacristy until 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.

Snow Closings for Parish Office & Parish Meetings

Now that the "snow season" is upon us, there may be times that our Parish Office is closed and parish meetings are cancelled due to inclement weather. Please note that notification of Parish Office and meeting cancellations will be published on Channel 12, WISN TV; on the website, www.wisn.com; and through radio stations WMIL FM106.1; The Brew 97.3FM; News/Talk 1130AM; WKKV 100FM; AM920, and Milwaukee's My 95.7FM.

Also, please note that there is a St. Therese Parish in Kenosha, and two St. Theresa Parishes—in Theresa and Eagle, WI, besides our parish. Please listen and look carefully for St. Therese—Milwaukee!

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.



Holy cow, this is IMPORTANT!

Parish Council

1st Monday of Month at 7:00PM

Chairperson

Kathy Hubrich (414) 259-1961

Vice-Chairperson

Alice Kennedy (414) 771-8147

Trustee

Jim Balliet (414) 257-0339

Trustee

Mari Pavleje (414) 545-2733

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Diane May (414) 476-6238

Richard Sanger (414) 425-2028

Doug Sedlar (414) 258-3996

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 !

deadline:
Please see body of bulletin for altered deadlines for the holidays.
writing; email

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 _____