



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 14th, 2008

Third Sunday of Advent

Parish Staff

Parish Director

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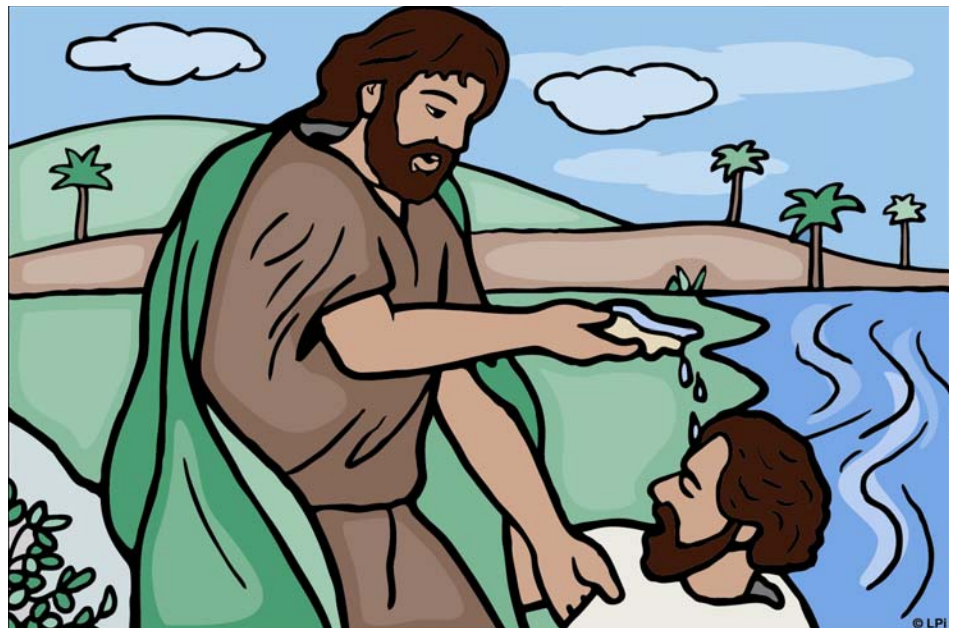
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Building Services Senior Technician

Mike Davis ext. 16

Parish Emergencies

(414) 771-2500 — listen for instructions



John answered them, "I baptize with water; but there is one among you whom you do not recognize, the one who is coming after me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to untie."

Jn 1:26-27

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

On Monday, December 1st, members of our staff and Parish Council attended the Vision 21 meeting with Auxiliary Bishop William Callahan, who is the new Vicar for Planning for the parishes and institutions of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. In attendance from the Parish Council were Kathy Hubrich, Chairperson; Mari Pavleje, Trustee-Secretary; Alice Kennedy, and Chuck Jagemann. In attendance from the Parish Staff were Barb Heinz, Courtney Falk, Elterine Jankowski-Biggers, and me. St. Jude Parish hosted the gathering of over 200 people from District 12.

While the content of the meeting was largely a report on the results of the planning process conducted by Rev. Jim Connell throughout 2007-2008, there was some time for responses and reactions to the presentation.

The General Recommendations are grouped under six articulated priorities:

- ◆ Growth In Holiness—Seek First the Kingdom
- ◆ Strengthen Parishes
- ◆ Foster Vocations
- ◆ Strengthen Faith Formation and Catholic Education
- ◆ Justice and Charity
- ◆ Stewardship

A major issue put forth in the recommendations was “Alternative Pastoral Leadership Models.” Here is a direct quote from the document:

(To the archbishop) “We encourage you to ask the Priests’ Placement Board to

a) Design a plan to implement the options allowed by Canon 517.2 of the Code of Canon Law, utilizing the charisms of our ordained ministers and lay ecclesial ministers to strengthen ministry and faith communities throughout the archdiocese.

b) Educate priests and the faithful about the role of the parish director.”

Since St. Therese is one of the five parishes with the pastoral leadership of an ecclesially appointed parish director, I thought you might find it interesting that this model of pastoral leadership is supported in plans for the future of our archdiocesan parish ministry.

For your information, here is the wording of Canon 517.2: “If, because of a dearth of priests,



Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, ever faithful to your promises and ever close to your Church; the earth rejoices in hope of the Savior’s coming and looks forward with longing to His return at the end of time. Prepare our hearts and remove any sadness that hinders us from feeling the joy and hope which His presence will bestow, for He is Lord for ever and ever. Amen.

Lord, fill us at daybreak with Your love, that all our days we may sing for joy. Psalm 90:14

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 * 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: †Frank Schaffer

Christmas and Holy Day Liturgies, & 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

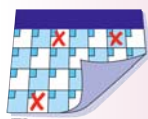
The Parish Office will also be closed on December 23rd (beginning at noon), December 31st, and January 2nd.

the diocesan bishop has decided that participation in the pastoral care of a parish is to be entrusted to a deacon, to another person who is not a priest, or to a community of persons, he is to appoint some priest who, provided with the faculties of a pastor, is to direct the pastoral care.”

A copy of the entire 7-page summary is available in the Parish Office.

Advent blessings to you and those you love!

Dr. Alexandra Guliano



Parish Events for the Week

Sunday, December 14th

Library Display

9:00AM Blood Pressure Screening (CH)

6:00PM Confirmation Prep (MC)

Monday, December 15th

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

Tuesday, December 16th

No Meetings Scheduled

Wednesday, December 17th

11:30AM 55+ Social Club Luncheon (OFFSITE)

7:30PM St. Therese Choir (CHP)

Thursday, December 18th

8:30AM — 6:30PM Prayer Day (CHP)

Friday, December 19th

No Meetings Scheduled

Saturday, December 20th

4:15PM Canticle Choir (CH)

Sunday, December 21st

9:15AM St. Therese Choir (CH)

11:15AM Deck the Halls (CH)

11:15AM St. Therese Choir Rehearsal (CHP)

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

Thank You

- ♦ To Ginny Kopischke for embroidering the crosses on the new sacristy cloths.
- ♦ To Ann Maher for donating the balance due for the Lector Preparation Books.
- ♦ To all who have made special donations for the electrical repairs for our church. To date, parish members have donated approximately \$1500 to defray the cost of this repair.



Thank You

May God bless all of you who have been dropping off old and new calendars; cards - old & new; rosaries, and whatever else you think someone can use. Much has been passed on the VA Hospital, to a number of our SSNDs who minister to various people; to the homeless; to the poor, and so the list could continue. Your kindness is appreciated. Thank you.

55+ Social Club

Our Christmas Luncheon is this Wednesday, December 17th at Alioto's beginning at 11:30AM. Our next monthly meeting in Heck Hall is on Thursday, January 8th.

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.

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.



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 will be forthcoming so watch the bulletin and website.

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

Liturgical ministry schedules for lectors, servers, and Eucharistic ministers for January through April are now available in the sacristy. Please pick up a copy as soon as possible. If you are interested in joining one of the ministries, please 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.

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.

Prayer Day - Thursday, December 18th

Counting the days, hours until Christmas? Rushing around and trying to do a "million" things? How about some quiet time. Why not sit down with the Guest of honor, and find out how He would like His birthday to be celebrated. Adoration is from 8:30AM - 6:30PM. People are needed for half-hour segments from: 12:00 - 1:00PM; 2:00 - 3:00PM; and 4:00 - 4:30PM. If you are willing to take any of these times, please sign, before Thursday, the paper posted at the chapel, or call Sr. Ann Christine at (414) 453-5049. Drop-ins are welcomed.

Readings for the Week of December 14th

Sun: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; 1 Thes 5:16-24;
 Jn 1:6-8, 19-28
 Mon: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Mt 21:23-27
 Tue: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Mt 21:28-32
 Wed: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Mt 1:1-17
 Thu: Jer 23:5-8; Mt 1:18-25
 Fri: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Lk 1:5-25
 Sat: Is 7:10-14; Lk 1:26-38
 Sun: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Rom 16:25-27;
 Lk 1:26-38

 **Mass Intentions for the Week**

Tuesday, December 16th

7:30AM †Rosalie Ziebert

Saturday, December 20th

5:00PM †Henny Arnold

Sunday, December 21st

8:00AM †Abby Bunzel

10:00AM People of St. Therese Parish and
 †Jack Kopischke

<i>Thank You!</i>	CHURCH SUPPORT	
	<u>Sharing Weekend</u> \$1572.00	<u>Envelopes/Offertory</u> \$6486.00

District 12 Communal Penance Service

Saturday, December 20th, 10:00AM at St. Sebastian Parish—5400 W Washington Blvd for Faith Formation and Religious Education children, families, and anyone else desiring to receive the sacrament.

Spiritual Direction

Interested in deepening your relationship with God? Want to develop an awareness of God's Presence in your life? Spiritual direction can help. A one-to-one meeting with a trained spiritual director provides an opportunity to grow in an awareness of God's movements in a person. Sr. Judy Miller, CSJ is available for spiritual direction in the Milwaukee area. Stipend is assessed on a sliding scale. Contact Sr. Judy at (920) 410-1917 or jmillier@csjsl.org.

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!



Our Cluster Parishes are Holding a Blood Drive

St. Vincent Pallotti Blood Drive

Saturday, December 20th

8:00AM – 1:00PM

Parish Recreation Center – 201 S 76th St

Contact Cathy Healey at (414) 476-8201 to make an appointment

St. Jude Parish—Cy Jung Memorial Blood Drive

Monday, January 5th, 2009

2:30 – 7:30PM

Church Hall Basement – 734 Glenview Ave

Contact Mary Jo Mance at (414) 258-1432 to make an appointment



Dear Friends in Christ,

Sharing my Kenyan story with you last week was such a blessing. It opened my heart once more to all that was - and still continues. The wonderful spirit of your parish is a witness to what *church* is all about. It was a thrill to be a part of your vibrant community. You mirrored Christ's mission.

Now I have received your most generous response. Our mission in Kenya will continue! Asante sana! Mungu akubariki! Thank you! May God bless you, your families, and your loved ones abundantly.

Gratefully in Christ,

Sr. Michael Marie Laux, SSND

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 last week for \$46.77 just for one extra click. Let's keep it going—every little bit helps!

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.

“Living Our Faith” TV Show with Archbishop Dolan

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

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

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 WML 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!

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.

Thank you for understanding!



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

St. Therese Does Not Have a Food Bank

Recently food donations of non-perishable items were left at the parish. The only food donations we are able to accept are those we ask for through our St. Vincent de Paul Meal Program. We do not have a food bank at the parish, nor do we supply another food bank. Please bring your non-perishable items to a food bank. Thank you for your understanding.

Attention All Committee Heads and Ministry 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.

Donations Needed

Please consider donating for the cost of these sacristy items as a memorial in honor of someone, living or deceased:

- ♦ 24 cloths for cleansing the sacred vessels—\$50
- ♦ 2008 Ordo for Mass (the Ordo is the book that lists the mass for the day, the color for vestments, and the readings for the day, used mostly by the priest/presider for preparation)—\$15



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.

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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Richard Sanger (414) 425-2028
Doug Sedlar (414) 258-3996

Greater Tosa Interfaith (414) 453-5750	Saint Vincent de Paul (414) 462-7837
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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 !

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

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 _____