



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 21st, 2008

Fourth Sunday of Advent

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And the angel said to her in reply, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God."

- Lk 1:35

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

◆ In a few days, we will be celebrating God's greatest gift to us--Jesus, who is Emmanuel, God-with-us. God chose to break into human history by revealing Godself in a human way, through the birth of Jesus. This mystery of the Incarnation (God becoming flesh) is one of the central dogmas of our faith.

Christians throughout the world observe Christmas with thanksgiving, reverence, joy, and hope. As we hear the Scriptures of Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, we will be reminded of the sure and certain promises made to humankind for salvation from all that harms, from all that evokes fear, and from all that militates against the Divine.

During this week and next, our church will be a house of prayer for all who want to worship and give thanks. We warmly welcome family members home for the holidays, on semester or quarter break from school, on leave from military service, or simply having time off from work. We open our doors to visitors who may not have a home parish but wish to celebrate Christmas with us around the Table of the Word and Eucharist. We join our prayers with those who are searching, hurting, or longing for spiritual refreshment. All are welcome to our parish!

◆ Church decorating begins after the 10am mass this Sunday. Thanks to all who have been preparing for the Solemnity of Christmas through giving of time and talent through our various ministries. One of our parishioners mentioned that "the Christmas liturgies are one of the times when our parish is at its best." I agree! We do have much for which to be thankful. Let us put the gift of Jesus on the top of our thank-you list this Christmas!

Christmas blessings & peace to you and yours!

Dr. Alexandra Guliano



God of love and mercy, in this season of Christmas we offer you our thanks and praise. We want to spread the word of peace you give us through Jesus Christ. May the birth of your Son overcome human suffering, calm our fears, and bring peace to our homes, our families and the world. Amen.

Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to those on whom His favor rests. Luke 2:14

In our prayers this week let us ask for God's blessing on all those who are ill or hurting in some way, especially:

Margaret Anderson * Vicky Anderson * Lenore Black * Dee Blom
Art Bonk * Bernice Brah * Gianna Capecci * Janice Corak
David Dane * Alberta Duckhorn * Frank Eskra * Ann Farell
Theresa Gary * Lynn Gordon * Jim Guliano * Chuck Hillyer
John, Vicky, and Baby Heger * Andy Islo * Garnet Jankowski
Joachim Family * Marie Kneifl * Ken Knollenberg
Marcella Kozuh * Ann Lackovic * Lynne Lyste * Millie Metz
Laverne Mucci * Tom & Glenda Nitka * Brayden Ramus
Gerry Roberts * Sylvia Schaffer * Fran Schmidt * Linda Schmidt
Barbara Schmitz * Carlene Siever * Susan Sinks * Danny Stabo
Andy Moehr * Marion Stabo * Mary Stoke * Mary Lu Topple
Olga Valdovinos * Irene Van Eyck * Harold Vanden Heuvel
Merle Weber * Virginia Weber * Deanna Zychowski

Wednesday Prayer Time Changes

Beginning January 14th, 2009

Beginning Wednesday, January 14th, 2009, our Wednesday prayer time will change from 8:00AM to 6:15PM in the chapel. In other words, an evening time of prayer at 6:15PM will replace the Wednesday morning 8:00AM service beginning January 14th. The last Wednesday morning prayer will be Wednesday, January 7th. We will have various prayer services during this Wednesday service. More info is forthcoming in the bulletin. During the Season of Lent, we will celebrate Eucharist (mass) all the Wednesdays of Lent at 6:15PM.



Mary Grace & Donald Washburn celebrated their 50th Anniversary on December 27th. Congratulations and many more blessings to you!

Christmas and Holyday Liturgies, & Office Hours

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.



◆ Nathan Ryan Siclovan, son of Danielle and Jeff Siclovan, and baby brother of Justin, was baptized at St. Anselm Church in

Chesterland, OH, on December 21st.

◆ Mitchell David Pritzlaff, son of Tom and Jodi Pritzlaff, and baby brother of Wesley and Megan, was baptized on December 14th.

Congratulations to these two families!



Parish Events for the Week

Sunday, December 21st

- 9:15AM St. Therese Choir (CH)
- 11:15AM Deck the Halls (CH)
- 11:15AM St. Therese Choir Rehearsal (CHP)

Monday, December 22nd

No Meetings Scheduled

Tuesday, December 23rd

- 12:00PM Parish Office Closed

Wednesday, December 24th

- Parish Office Closed
- 4:00PM Intergenerational Mass (CH)
- 10:00PM Choir Concert & Night Mass (CH)

Thursday, December 25th

- Parish Office Closed
- 8:00AM Christmas Morning Mass (CH)
- 10:00AM Christmas Morning Mass (CH)

Friday, December 26th

Parish Office Closed

Saturday, December 27th

No Meetings Scheduled

Sunday, December 28th

No Meetings Scheduled

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

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.

Pictures from 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.

55+ Social Club

May the love of Christ surround you and His blessings flow your way as you prepare to celebrate His birth on this coming Christmas day.

Question of the Week:

When the Lord speaks to you are you able to draw upon His strength to say "Yes" as Mary did?

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 28th | Already passed |
| January 4th | December 23rd |



Thank you for understanding!

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 take your non-perishable items to a food bank. Thank you for understanding.

Attention All Committee Heads and Ministry Leaders

If you have not done so yet, please pick up the information packet in your sacristy mailbox. The info needs to be followed up on by the end of the year. Please report any changes in your roster to Courtney in the Parish Office as soon as possible. This is extremely important and required by the archdiocese. Thank you for your cooperation.

Upcoming Training for Those Interested in Serving as 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.

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!

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!



Readings for the Week of December 21st

Sun: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38
Mon: 1 Sm 1:24-28; Lk 1:46-56
Tue: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Lk 1:57-66
Wed: Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Lk 1:67-79
Midnight: Is 9:1-6; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14
Thu: Day: Is 52:7-10; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18
Fri: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Mt 10:17-22
Sat: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Sun: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3; Col 3:12-21; Lk 2:22-40

Our Cluster Parish is Holding a Blood Drive

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.



Wauwatosa Community Christmas Dinner

A Community Christmas Dinner will be available on Christmas Day for anyone interested in sharing a holiday meal and festivities with others in our local community. The dinner features a full turkey dinner with all the trimmings, carol singing, and fun.

The dinner will be held at Bethany-Calvary United Methodist Church at 7265 W Center St. There is no charge for the dinner which is sponsored by area churches and local businesses. Donations will be accepted.

Reservations can be made by calling (414) 453-6948 or (262) 347-0544. Transportation to the dinner can be requested and meals can be delivered to anyone who is unable to attend. If you would like to help, or know someone whom we should invite, please call one of the above numbers.

Volunteer Tutors Needed

Milwaukee Achiever Literacy Services, an adult literacy program founded in 1983 by the presidents of Alverno College, Cardinal Stritch University, and Mount Mary College, needs volunteer tutors to work one-on-one with adult learners for a minimum commitment of two hours per week for six months. There is a special need for later afternoon and evening hours. Free training is provided. For further information please see the website at milwaukeeachiever.org or call (414) 643-0176 x105 for the Pierce Center (1512 W Pierce St) or (414) 463-7389 for the Silver Spring Center (5566 N 69th St). Tax-deductible donations are also appreciated. Thank you.

Grieving During the Holidays

Has the recent loss of a loved one taken over your life? Losing a friend or family member isn't easy for anyone. Grief and depression can be overwhelming, but carrying that loss through the Christmas season is even more difficult. Don't hesitate to contact a therapist at Catholic Charities for help. Call (414) 771-2881 in Milwaukee.

Living Our Faith TV Show with Archbishop Dolan

Don't miss the last of the Advent/Christmas series of "Living Our Faith" with Archbishop Timothy Dolan, aired on Channel 12 on Saturday, December 27th. Check out the website www.livingourfaith.net for more information, articles, and materials to help you grow in your Catholic faith.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Tuesday, December 23rd

7:30AM †Abby Bunzel

Wednesday, December 24th

4:00PM †Ray Kniefel

10:00PM Theodore Schmidt

Thursday, December 25th

8:00AM Expectant Mothers

10:00AM †Joseph & †Gertrude Kohlmann

Saturday, December 27th

5:00PM Gregory Enderson

Sunday, December 28th

8:00AM People of St. Therese Parish and the Rake Family

10:00AM †Frida Bippus

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| Thank you! | CHURCH SUPPORT | |
| | Immaculate Conception | Last Weekend |
| | \$257.70 | \$9312.36 |

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 jmiller@csjls.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!



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



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CHRISTMAS

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 !**

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 _____