



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.

January 4th, 2009

Parish Staff

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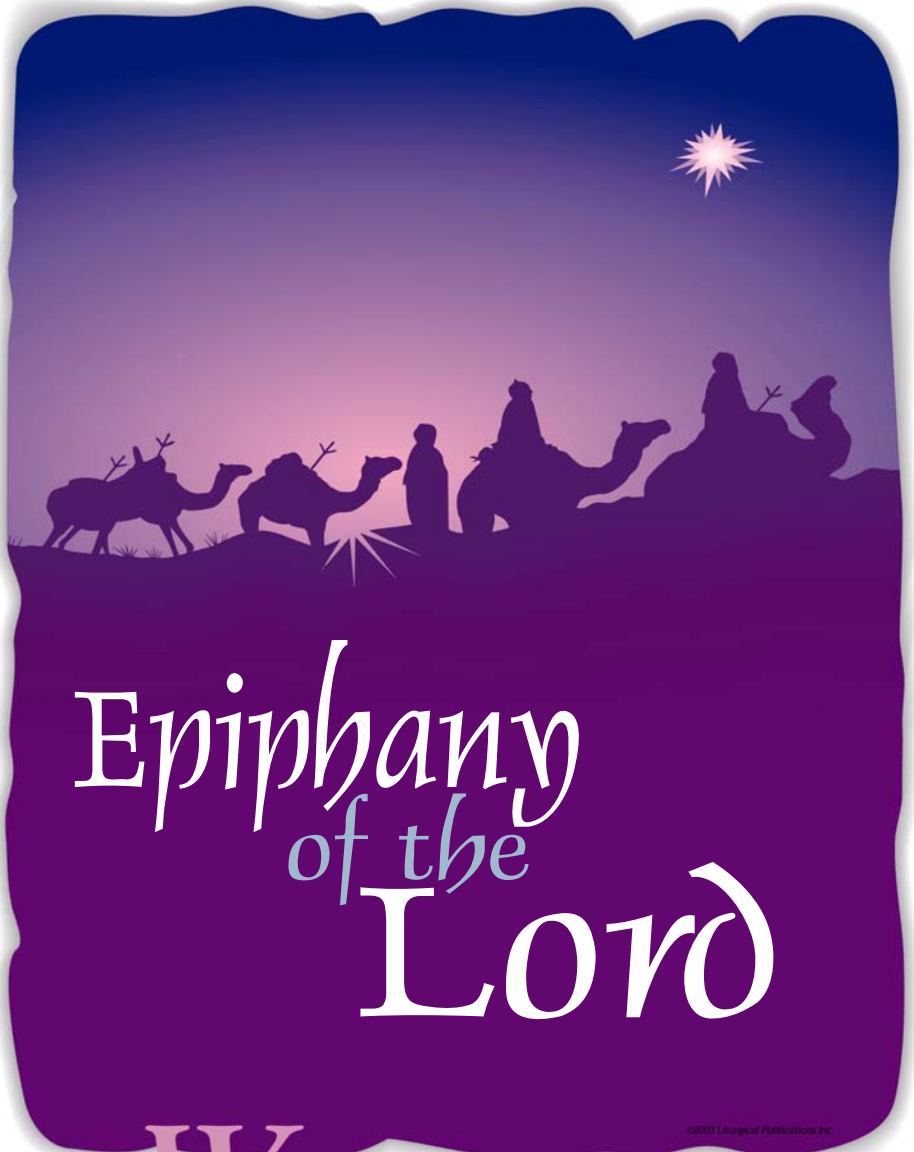
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Parish Emergencies

(414) 771-2500 — listen for instructions



Epiphany of the Lord

Worship the newborn King

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

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

This weekend we celebrate the 12th day of Christmas with the Solemnity of the Epiphany. The Gospel story that we hear of the coming of the Magi to the Christ Child is significant in that it indicates the Gentiles also adored the newborn King. This event makes clear that Jesus has come for *all* people throughout the world, for all times, and for all ages.

We do not know exactly who the Magi were. Some translations call them “astrologers.” Others believed they were kings or wise men. The Bible says there were three gifts, but never reports how many magi brought them or what their gender was. There is a tradition that ascribes to them the names of Melchior, Bethasar, and Caspar. None of these were Jewish or from Israel.

Today’s feast challenges us to recognize Christ in the many ways Christ is present...as we celebrate the Eucharist, in other people, in the events of our lives, in our own hearts.

The word “epiphany” comes from the Greek word “epiphanos,” which is translated as “manifestation.” May we not miss the many manifestations of Christ today.

In our liturgical calendar, Christmas lasts one more week and ends next weekend with the Solemnity of the Baptism of the Lord. Let’s celebrate this last week of Christmas even though many of us go back to our routines of school and work.

God be with you!

Dr. Alexandra Guliano



Congratulations to Elterine Jankowski-Biggers and Sterling Biggers on their 25th Wedding Anniversary! May God grant them many more happy, joyful, and harmonious years together!

Christmas and New Year Greetings from Archbishop Dolan

Archbishop Dolan called Dr. Guliano last week to wish our parish and Dr. Guliano a Blessed Christmas and Happy New Year. He appreciates our parish community and wishes us well as we continue to follow Christ and live our mission statement. He assured us of his prayers on our behalf and thanks us for our prayers for him.



This is a time for reflection as well as celebration. As you look back on the past year and all that has taken place in your life, remember each experience for the good that has come of it and for the knowledge you have gained. Remember the efforts you have made and the goals you have reached. Remember the love you have shared and the happiness you have brought. Remember the laughter, the joy, the hard work, and the tears. And as you reflect on the past year, also be thinking of the new one to come. Because most importantly, this is a time of new beginnings and the celebration of life.

Guide me in Your truth and teach me, for You are God my Savior.

Let us pray this week for all who are lonely or troubled, for those who suffer, for peace for our troubled world, and for all who seek healing, 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 * Chuck Hillyer
John, Vicky, and Baby Heger * Andy Islo * Garnet Jankowski
Joachim Family * Marie Kneifl * Ken Knollenberg * Ed Panelli
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

Candy Canes—“Jesus Canes”

In response to a request, we are publishing the story of the candy cane. (Author Unknown)

Many years ago, a candy maker wanted to make a candy that would symbolize the true meaning of Christmas—Jesus. The hard candy was shaped like a “J” to represent that Jesus is our rock of all ages. The candy was made of white to stand for the pureness of Jesus. The red represents the blood that Jesus shed to save us from our sins.



So the next time you see a candy cane, take a few moments to remember the real meaning of Christmas.

Baskets of “Jesus Canes” are on the tables at the entrances of church. Enjoy!

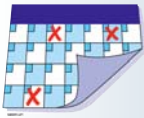
Thank You

- ♦ To Mary Martin and Ginny Kopischke for embroidering the crosses on the cloths used to clean our sacred vessels.
- ♦ To John Rickert for donating, in honor of Pat Rickert, for the cost of the new cloths used to clean our sacred vessels.



Tuesday Morning Mass Time Changed to 8:00AM

Due to Father Hugh’s teaching schedule, the Tuesday morning mass time has been changed from 7:30AM to 8:00AM, beginning Tuesday, January 6th.



Parish Events for the Week

Sunday, January 4th

- 7:30AM Canticle Choir (MC)
- 9:15AM St. Therese Choir (CH)

Monday, January 5th

- 7:00PM Parish Council (MC)

Tuesday, January 6th

No Meetings Scheduled

Wednesday, January 7th

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

Thursday, January 8th

- 11:30AM 55+ Social Club (HH)

Friday, January 9th

No Meetings Scheduled

Saturday, January 10th

No Meetings Scheduled

Sunday, January 11th

Catechesis Sunday

- 9:00AM Blood Pressure Screening (CH)
- 9:15AM St. Therese Choir (CH)
- 11:15AM Zoo Interchange Project Meeting (HH)

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

Attention All Greeters

Schedules for January through April are now available in the Sacristy. Please pick up your copy.

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.

Green Team Field Trip

Would you like to see a sustainable building with solar electricity and a roof garden, and a slide to the basement? Come tour the Urban Ecology Center with the St. Therese Green Team on Saturday, January 10th from 10:00AM to 11:30AM. Meet at the church parking lot at 9:30AM to carpool. Suggested donation is \$5.00. Contact Dianne Dagenen for details at (414) 771-1505.

Question of the Week:

When the magi found Jesus they gave the new born king gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. What gift do you have to give the new born king?

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 are a few other St. Therese or St. Theresa's in the area. Please listen and look carefully for St. Therese—Milwaukee!

55+ Social Club

Join us on January 8th in Heck Hall at 11:30AM when we have a program entitled "Nourish Your Noggin." It is a "fun program" all about Brain Health. Learn how memory works, about age-related changes (what is normal, what is not) and how to live a brain-healthy life. Orders are being accepted for sub-sandwiches from Bunzel's. If you would like to place an order (due by January 5th) and/or can bring a dessert, call Barb in the Parish Office. There is a choice of a turkey, ham or beef sub at a cost of \$6.00 which includes chips, pickles or olives or, as usual, you may bring your own lunch!

Congratulations Christmas Raffle Winners!

Thanks to all of you who came to the Advent/Christmas library display in the main lobby last weekend. Many parishioners stopped by, enjoyed a cup of coffee and cookie while browsing through the many wonderful DVD movies and books. Congratulations to Rayna Barnes who won the children's gift basket and David Islo who won the beautiful crystal cross. There are still many great DVD movies and Christmas/Advent book selections available in the parish library located in the main lobby. Stop by and check out a movie or book to enjoy on these cold, wintry days.

Reminder to Finance/Administration Committee

The Finance/Administration Committee will meet on Monday, January 5th at 6:00PM in Miriam's Corner and will continue with a joint meeting with the Parish Council at 7:00PM.

Festival Thank You Celebration

Did you ever work a booth, serve a beverage, clean-up or set-up for any of the St. Therese Parish Festivals? If you have been involved in any way with the festivals, then you are invited to a very special party. On Friday, January 16th, we will be having a party to end all parties! Please fill out the coupon below and drop it off to the parish office by *next Sunday—January 11th*. If you have questions, please email Cathy in the Parish Office.

Festival Thank You Celebration

Family Name _____

Phone () _____

Number Attending _____

Readings for the Week of January 4th

Sun: Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12
 Mon: 1 Jn 3:22-4:6; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
 Tue: 1 Jn 4:7-10; Mk 6:34-44
 Wed: 1 Jn 4:11-18; Mk 6:45-52
 Thu: 1 Jn 4:19-5:4; Lk 4:14-22a
 Fri: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Lk 5:12-16
 Sat: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Jn 3:22-30
 Sun: Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Acts 10:34-38; Mk 1:7-11



Mass Intentions for the Week

Tuesday, January 6th

7:30AM †Henny Arnold

Saturday, January 10th

5:00PM †Vera Kleiber

Sunday, January 11th

8:00AM †Abby Bunzel

10:00AM People of St. Therese Parish and
 †Clement Zipperer

Thank you!	CHURCH SUPPORT	
	December 20th/21st	December 27th/28th
	\$8046.16	\$4754.92
	Christmas	Electrical Repairs
	\$9007.59	\$500.00

Easy Way to Financially Help the Parish

If you shop at Pick 'N' Save and have your card registered with the account number 814700, St. Therese will receive a portion of the "We Care" proceeds. The last check we received was for approximately \$65.00. Every bit counts. Thanks to all who use the parish number when they shop.

Help Needed for a Parish Family

The McShane Family have been members of St. Therese Parish for many years. A few weeks ago, an explosion completely destroyed the home of Timothy and Bernadette McShane (who lived on Wind Lake Rd). They lost everything. A trust fund has been set up to help Tim and Bernadette rebuild their home and their lives. If you wish to make a contribution, the information follows, or call (866) 649-0046 for more information. Thanks to all who respond to this appeal to help a family in need. Please make out your check to "The McShane Benefit Trust," include the account number of the trust on your check, and send your donations directly to:

The McShane Benefit Trust

1st Banking Center
 9918 S Loomis Rd
 Wind Lake, WI 53186
 Account # 2643935

New Sistering Relationship

The Social Concerns Committee needs your help. We are committed to a relationship with a Church, school, group, or community in the solidarity of a sistering relationship. To that end we would like your input on the subject. Please answer the following questions as completely as possible and return them to us. You can leave it in the Social Concerns mailbox in the Sacristy, send or take it to the Parish Office (please address it to "Social Concerns Committee"), or place it in the collection basket. For your convenience, the form is also available and can be filled out right on the News & Events page of our website.

You need not choose to serve on a Sistering Committee in order to submit a suggestion. Nor do you need to submit a suggestion in order to serve on a Sistering Committee.

We realize that this will take a good deal of thought and prayer, perhaps conversation with others, as well. Therefore we will give you **the entire month of January** to submit a response. We thank you for your attention to this very important part of our ministry.

Sistering Relationship Suggestion

1. What Church, school, group, or community do you suggest for a sistering relationship?
2. Please list your reasons. Be as specific as possible.
3. Do you have a contact name for your selection? Please specify.
4. What is the address, phone number, and/or email address for your selection?
5. Would you like to serve on a Sistering Committee? If so, please list your name, address and phone number/email address.
6. Feel free to write any other comments.

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@csj.org.

Flower/Candle Memorial Donations Accepted Through January 11th

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!



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

Faith In Our Future

Capital Campaign Preparations Begin This Week

All the parishes of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee have been asked by Archbishop Dolan to participate in an archdiocesan-wide Capital Campaign entitled "Faith In Our Future." This campaign is a stewardship campaign aimed at raising \$110 million dollars--60% which will go to the parish and 40% that will fund educational and catechetical ministries of the archdiocese. A *Faith In Our Future Trust Fund* has been established so that the money collected by this campaign will be totally restricted in an account separate from the archdiocesan accounts.



Our Parish Council and Finance/Administration Committee will be meeting in joint session on Monday, January 5th, beginning at 7:00PM to begin preparations for the campaign by reviewing the timeline and the particulars. The goal for our parish is \$340,000 over three years. \$340,000 is the income amount St. Therese Parish received during the fiscal year 2007-2008 through ordinary envelopes and loose collection.

Each week the bulletin will contain important information about the Capital Campaign. Thank you for your openness to learning about it.

National Vocation Awareness Week

January 11th-16th

Next week marks National Vocation Awareness Week, beginning with the Solemnity of the Baptism of the Lord. No matter what your vocation in life is, this call began in the Sacrament of Baptism. Let us continue to pray for all who are discerning God's call in their life—to ministry as a lay ecclesial minister, an ordained priest or deacon; to faithful witness as ministry as a married couple; or as a dedicated single person. The church of Jesus Christ needs all of us!

Coming Soon: Prayer for Our Parish on Wednesday Evenings

Beginning Wednesday, January 14th, and continuing through May 27th, we will gather for prayer for our parish and for our Faith In Our Future Campaign at 6:15PM in the Chapel. Thanks to Sisters Sara Jean Donegan, Ingrid Hamm, and Margit Loeffler for coordinating this spiritual effort. Our Wednesday prayer time will include various prayer forms, including mass during Lent, Liturgy of the Word with Communion, Evening Prayer (Vespers), Taize Prayer, meditation, rosary, and prayer through the intercession of St. Therese. Prayer time will last 30-45 minutes. All are welcome.

Please Observe Our "NO PARKING" Areas

In order for emergency vehicles to have access to our parking lot, there must be open areas near our entrances and along the sidewalk. For this reason, there are areas designated with "NO PARKING" signs. Please kindly observe these especially during the severe and inclement weather, but also through the rest of the year. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation!



Church Heat (Thermostat) Set at 66°

Over the last few months, several of our thermostats were replaced. The heat in church is now set to 66 degrees. Hopefully, this is a temperature that is comfortable enough but will also save on the cost of heating our worship space. During the weekdays, we shut off the blowers in church to save on our heat bill.

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

Secretary

Jesse Stringer (262) 442-3710

Darian Borst (414) 461-8030

Judy Dietz (414) 607-0681

Barb Gritzmacher (414) 774-1396

Chuck Jagemann (414) 453-5280

Janet Krebs (414) 774-9113

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 !**

**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 _____