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.

February 22nd, 2009

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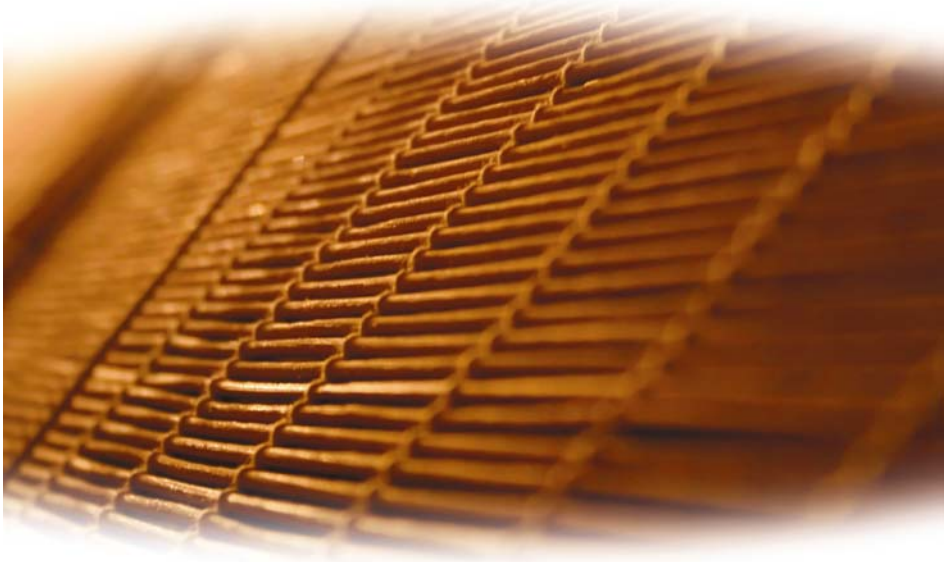

"But that you may know that the Son of Man has AUTHORITY *to* FORGIVE *sins on earth" — he said to the paralytic, "I say to you,* RISE, *pick up your mat, and go home."*

MARK 2:10-11

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Mass Schedule

Saturday: 5:00PM
Sunday: 8:00AM & 10:00AM
Tuesday: 8:00AM
Wednesday: 6:15PM

Liturgy of the Word with Communion:
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

- Lent begins this Wednesday, February 25th with the celebration of Ash Wednesday. We begin forty days of preparation for Easter with the visual reminder of our destiny beyond our human life—the ashes that are imposed on our foreheads. We hear the call to repentance and to deeper faith through the words, "Turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel."

  In the early Church, Ash Wednesday marked the day when public penitents would come to the church in the penitential garments of sackcloth to be sprinkled with ashes. They then would be sent from the assembly to begin their penance for 40 days and would return to the church on Holy Thursday, when they would again be united with the assembly around the Tables of Word and Sacrament and receive the Eucharist. Over the centuries, the practice of dismissing the penitents, was dropped, but the imposition of ashes remained and was expanded to include all the faithful who come forward to receive them.

  These forty days are a gift to us. Some writers refer to these days as our yearly retreat, our yearly time to focus on what is most essential in our lives and to let go of what keeps us distracted from God. It is a time when truly "less is more." We are asked to embark on a journey that can expand our soul if we immerse ourselves in the spirituality of Lent.

  Thanks to the generosity of Father Hugh, we will be celebrating a Wednesday evening mass at 6:15PM in the Chapel. Liturgical ministers are needed for these masses, as well as a sacristan to prepare and cleanse the sacred vessels afterward. If you can help, please sign up in the sacristy.

- During the Season of Lent, we also will continue our preparations for our St. Therese Faith In Our Future Capital Campaign. While the actual commitment weekends are in May, there are several activities that will be held as we lead up to Commitment Sunday. We already have the following committees formed and operating as leadership teams: Chairpersons, Prayer, Administration, Contact, Information, Children and Youth Activities, and Special Events. There will be more information in future bulletins regarding these committees and how you can be a part of the Capital Campaign.

- Thanks to Ann Maher, Jesse Stringer, Darian Borst, and Michael Falk for serving as our Parish Chairpersons for our St. Therese Faith In Our Future Capital Campaign. They will be addressing us at mass soon.

God be with you!

Dr. Alexandra Guliano

Prayer for the Parish on Wednesday Evenings

Due to the 7:00PM Ash Wednesday evening mass, there will not be a 6:15PM service in the chapel that evening. Wednesday Prayer for the Parish resumes on March 4th.

ChristCare
Saint Therese Community

Lord Jesus, you call us to repent and to believe, for the Kingdom of God is at hand. You teach us to do God's will. You invite us to follow You on the way to the cross. As we near Ash Wednesday, Lord, renew in us the grace of our baptism. Transform our thoughts, words and deeds so that we might turn away from sin and live the Gospel. Amen.

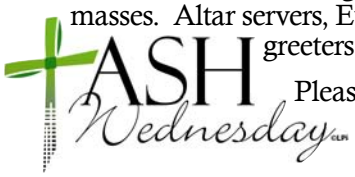
Pause and reflect on what this Lenten season is all about growing in holiness. Allow the grace of God to flow through you, in your heart and your conscience.

Please remember the following in your prayers:

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

Lent Begins on Wednesday, February 25th

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 25th. Two liturgies with the distribution of ashes will be celebrated at 8:00AM and 7:00PM in the church. Liturgical ministers are needed for these masses. Altar servers, Eucharistic ministers, lectors, and greeters are asked to sign up in the sacristy.



Please also note that the Parish Office will be closed on Wednesday in observance of the Holyday.

Lenten Fast and Abstinence

The Catholic Church asks each member to preserve the penitential character and purpose of Lent. For this reason:

1. Catholics who have celebrated their 14th birthday are bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and each Friday of Lent.

2. Catholics who have celebrated their 18th birthday, in addition to abstaining from meat, should fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Hence, on those days they should eat only one full meal. Smaller quantities of food may be taken at two other meals, but no food should be consumed at other times during those two days. The obligation of fasting ceases with the celebration of one's 59th birthday.

Catholics should not lightly excuse themselves from these prescribed minimal penitential practices.

New Ramp for South Church Seating Section

In the past eight months, three of our parish members have fallen on the steps leading from the St. Therese Shrine area to the south section of the church. To offer a alternative to the steps, a ramp with two railings are being constructed so that those who have trouble walking or walk with assistance can access that section of the church safely. Construction has begun and the project should be completed within a few weeks. The cost for the project is approximately $1000. If you would like to donate for the cost of this project, please contact Dr. Guliano.

Parish Events for the Week

Sunday, February 22nd
9:15AM St. Therese Choir (CH)
11:15AM Carnival Sunday Pot Luck (MC)

Monday, February 23rd
6:00PM St. Vincent dePaul Society (MC)

Tuesday, February 24th
8:30AM Bible Study Group (STR)
7:00PM Usher Society (MC)

Wednesday, February 25th
PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
8:00AM Ash Wednesday Mass (CH)
7:00PM Ash Wednesday Mass (CH)

Thursday, February 26th
No Meetings Scheduled

Friday, February 27th
No Meetings Scheduled

Saturday, February 28th
No Meetings Scheduled

Sunday, March 1st
7:30AM Canticle Choir (CH)
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

Looking for a Few Good Hands

On Good Friday, the church will need to be decorated following the evening Liturgy. If you are able to help move plants and other environment media please join us. The more hands we have the less time all hands will need to work. If you have questions or would like to sign-up please contact Cathy in the Parish Office.

Little Black and Little Purple Books

In order to help prepare for the Lenten season, Little Black Books are available for adults and Little Purple Books are available for children.

Stations of the Cross

Mark your calendars! Each Wednesday during Lent, Stations of the Cross will take place following the evening mass.

Question of the Week:

Would the paralytic have gotten to walk if there were no scribes complaining about blasphemy?

St. Joseph Sunday Missals Available

2009 St. Joseph Sunday Missals are available at the entrances of the church. These contain the readings and prayers for each Sunday and holyday of this liturgical year—Year B. If you wish to donate for your copy, the cost is $2.00. Simply place your donation in the collection basket.

55+ Social Club

The Rev. Roger Brooks, retired pastor of the United Church of Christ Congregation, will be our guest speaker at our meeting on Thursday, March 12th in Heck Hall at 11:30AM. Rev. Brooks will talk about Restorative Justice, known as the Community Conferencing Program, which gives victims a chance to explain to offenders how they have been hurt by their crimes. Lunch features baked chicken, German potato salad, coleslaw, baked beans, rolls and butter at a cost of $6.50 per person. Reservations and money are due to Barb by March 9th.

Holy Thursday Soup & Bread Meal

On Thursday, April 9th, we will have the annual St. Therese Soap & Bread Meal. Please watch the bulletin in the coming weeks for more details or contact Cathy in the Parish Office.

Important Reminder to All Ushers

Ushers who serve at the 5:00PM and 10:00AM masses are reminded to please make sure the church doors are locked before you leave. Recently, we have had doors left open and unlocked after these masses. Thank you for taking those extra few minutes to ensure that our church and worship space is secure.

Snow & Weather Closings for Parish Office & 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!

New RCIA Sessions to Begin Soon

RCIA is the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. This is a process by which those desiring more information about the Catholic Tradition gather and learn about the Catholic Church. It is a spiritual journey for those seeking a path to a deeper relationship with God. Any adult who has not yet received the Sacraments of Baptism, First Holy Communion, or Confirmation are invited to contact Cathy in the parish office to receive more information about this enriching program.

Do You Enjoy Singing?

The Saint Therese Sunday Choir is currently accepting new members. All voices are welcome, but this season, we are especially in need of people who can sing alto. The alto section has been plagued with the loss of several members for many reasons, none of which are the fault of the altos!

Please join this gregarious group of singers. They meet on Wednesdays from 7:30PM—9:30PM. The choir leads congregational singing at the 10:00AM Mass on every Sunday except the third Sunday of the month. There are no auditions. Reading music is helpful, but not necessary. Try it! You'll like it! Any questions, please contact Dusty in the Parish Office.

Intentions & Readings for the Week

Monday
Sir 1:1-10; Mk 9:14-29

Tuesday Mass
Sir 2:1-11; Mk 9:30-37
8:00AM †Anna Spitzer

Wednesday Ash Wednesday Mass
Jl 2:12-18; 2 Cor 5:20-6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
8:00AM †Frank Schaffer
7:00PM †Mary Breitbach

Thursday Liturgy of the Word with Communion
8:00AM *Dt 30:15-20; Lk 9:22-25*

Friday Liturgy of the Word with Communion
8:00AM *Is 58:1-9a; Mt 9:14-15*

Saturday Mass
Is 58:9b-14; Lk 5:27-32
5:00PM †Abby Bunzel

Sunday Masses
Gn 9:8-15; 1 Pt 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15
8:00AM People of St. Therese Parish and †Eileen Pendergast
10:00AM †Henny Arnold

Thank You!

Church Support	
Envelopes & Offertory	Last Weekend $5688.76

Two Sunday TV Masses Offered

Heart of the Nation, which provides Catholic television ministry, in partnership with the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, broadcasts a TV Mass on WCTG TV, Channel 24, Sunday mornings at 9:00AM. This TV Mass is offered in addition to the Mass currently airing at 5:30AM, on Sunday mornings on WITI TV Channel 6. Both Masses will continue to be broadcast, offering homebound viewers two options to participate in Sunday Mass. Also, the free missalette service is available by contacting the Communications Office at (414) 769-3504.

Spiritual Assistance for the Journey

A Support Group for the Unemployed

Thursdays from 1:30-2:30PM
St. Matthias Steiger Hall Room 7 (lower level of church)
9306 W Beloit Rd, Milwaukee

Join us for this spiritual support group for those who have lost their jobs and may face issues not encountered previously. Our faith community will help you find God in the midst of it all by praying together, sharing stories and providing mutual support. This is not a group for writing resumes or making contacts. No need to register. For more information or questions contact Brigid O'Donnell, Pastoral Associate, at (414) 321-0893 or bodonnell@stmatthias-milw.org.

A Heartfelt Thank You

It has been about two months since the devastating fire destroyed our home. We are doing fine physically and adjusting to our temporary house while we go through the process of sifting through the rubble to try and find some remnants of our lives. There have been a few victories which we are grateful for.

We are more grateful, however, for you. St. Therese Parish has some of the most giving and generous people. Your outpouring of care, concern and support has been overwhelming and humbling. It is hard to express just how much this has meant to us during this difficult time. Never doubt that each of you has made a difference in our lives.

Thank you for your generosity during these difficult economic times. Thank you for your prayers and offers of help and moral support. But most of all, thank you for being the people you are.

Bernadette & Timothy McShane

2009 Interfaith Conference

The theme for the 2009 Interfaith Conference of Greater Milwaukee's luncheon/lecture series is "Sustaining the World, Sustaining Our Souls." The luncheons will be held each Tuesday in March.

Please visit www.interfaithconference.org/piic.htm for more information.

Living Our Faith TV Show with Archbishop Dolan

Presented by Catholic Knights

Saturdays at noon on WISN TV and on Time Warner Cable's "Wisconsin on Demand," Channel 1111

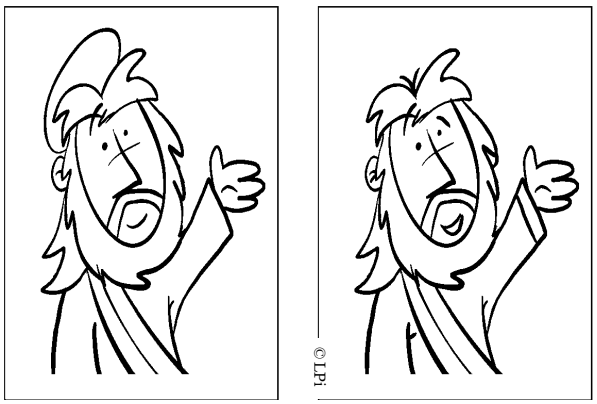
March 7th "Lent: A Look at Catholic Lenten Rituals"
March 14th "Faith in the Workplace and in the Classroom"
March 21st "Faith: Its Positive Impact on Marriage and the Family"
March 28th "Race Relations and a New President"
April 4th "Living Your Faith with Health Care Challenges"
April 11th "Am I Saved?"

Communion Ministry

The Communion Ministry Program at Froedtert Hospital is welcoming candidates to bring Holy Communion to patients at the hospital. Orientation and training are provided for interested persons as Hospital Volunteers and Special Ministers of the Eucharist. Qualifications include personal love for the Eucharist, compassion for the hospitalized, and relatively good health. Please call Fr. Roy Mateljan at (414) 805-2878 to indicate your interest.

For the Kids

Find 8 differences.



Thank You!

A big thank you to all who responded to the Sistering Relationship Suggestion request from the Social Concerns Committee. After studying and discussing the entries, we have concluded that there was not a clear mandate to begin a new relationship at this time.

We are proud of the continuing outreach ministry of our fellow parishioners, both locally and beyond, and respect the wishes not to enter a new endeavor at this time.

Please be assured that if circumstances change and a group of people wish to be involved in the rewards of sistering, a request will be welcomed by the Social Concerns Committee at any time. It is not our place the make a suggestion or place requirements or limitations on the things parishioners wish to do to express and share our Christianity.

Thank you again to all of you who submitted suggestions and ideas, and to all of you who discussed the issue with one of our members or between yourselves.

Eucharistic Ministers, Please Note

- An updated roster, including the six newly-trained Eucharistic ministers is available in the Eucharistic Minister mailbox in the sacristy in the file folder labeled "Rosters." Please pick one up and use it! Thanks very much!
- Thanks to your suggestions, we are improving our ministry by placing an extra "waterless" hand sanitizer solution on a small table to the right of the lector chairs at the altar. Eucharistic Ministers may cleanse their fingers by using the solution on the credence table or on this new table.

Lector and Eucharistic Minister Meeting

Monday, March 9th at 6:30PM

All Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers are asked to attend the special Lent/Easter ministry meeting scheduled for Monday, March 9th at 6:30PM in Heck Hall. Please bring your calendars. Sign-up sheets for Holy Week, Triduum, and Easter will be available. If you are unable to attend, please contact Dr. Guliano by email or phone.

Lenten Alms: Hope Through Education

Over 100 successfully-completed community projects are primarily located in remote, under-served regions in northern Pakistan where few organizations have ventured. The project's focus is on girls' education, women's empowerment and basic health education. This year we will introduce the program, "Pennies for Peace," to our children, to encourage them to learn the joy of sharing.

Cost for Purchase of a New Water Fountain for the Lobby

A new water fountain for the lobby, equipment plus installation, will cost $1000. Since this item was not in our 2008-2009 operating budget, it is an item that we would like to purchase through special donations or through fundraising. If your group/committee or family would like to donate for the replacement of the water fountain, please call Dr. Guliano in the Parish Office. Perhaps you may have a fundraising project you would like to do for the parish. If so, please fill out a Fundraising Approval Form found in the Sacristy mailboxes, and submit it to the Finance/Administration Committee whose mailbox is also in the Sacristy.

Parish Council

1st Monday of Month at 7:00PM

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(414) 453-5750

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(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 _____