



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.

May 10th, 2009

FIFTH SUNDAY OF *Easter*

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“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and everyone that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit.”

- Jn 15:1-2 -

Mass Schedule

Saturday: 5:00PM
Sunday: 8:00AM & 10:00AM
Tuesday: 8:00AM

Liturgy of the Word with Communion:

Wednesday: 6:15PM
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

- ◆ Happy Mother's Day to all mothers, grandmothers, godmothers, aunts, stepmothers, and all women who nurture and care for children of any age! You are always welcome at St. Therese, and it is our privilege to honor you with a special blessing and a carnation this weekend. Let us remember in our prayers today mothers who have lost children to death, war, or violence of any kind; women who are pregnant; and women desiring to become mothers.
- ◆ Thanks to all who have returned their Faith In Our Future Capital Campaign pledge cards. We will be publishing our progress toward our \$340,000 goal next weekend. Please note that we will be accepting Commitment Cards through the month of May. We will close this first phase of our Faith In Our Future Capital Campaign with our Celebration Weekend on May 30th/31st by enjoying hospitality after all the weekend masses.
- ◆ I hope you have had the chance and taken the time to read the mailings that have come to your home through our Faith In Our Future Capital Campaign, particularly the "Guidelines for Giving." Since these are applicable to Christian stewardship, they are worth repeating and praying over from time to time: **"give first; give gratefully; give faithfully; give generously; give sacrificially; give cheerfully; give feely; give personally; give expectantly; and give worshipfully."**

Continued Easter blessings to you and those you love!

Dr. Alexandra Guliano



Loving God, we thank you for the love of the mothers you have given us, whose love is so precious that it can never be measured, whose patience seems to have no end. May we see your loving hand behind them and guiding them. We ask you to bless them with your own special love in the name of Jesus, Our Lord. Amen.

Mother's Day is remembrance day and we pause each year to pay honor & worshipful tribute to the mother our heart holds dear. Whether here on earth or in heaven, she is with us always.

Please remember the following in your prayers:

Lynn Allen * Mark Allen * Megan Angotti * Mae Bannann
Gerry Bartz * Lenore Black* Bernice Brah * Mary Topple
Janice Corak * Anna Daewel * David Dane * Alberta Duckhorn
Ann Farell * Theresa Gary * Stephanie Gisla * Lynn Gordon
Shirley Gradisnik * Chuck Hillyer * Ben Hoener * John Horobin
Andy Islo * Garnet Jankowski * Marie Kneifl * Kaishian Family
* Ken Knollenberg * Marcella Kozuh * Art Bonk
William Kranstover * Ann Lackovic * Greg Lefts * John Lyste
Andy Moehr * Laverne Mucci * Tom & Glenda Nitka
Ed Panelli * Brayden Ramus * Gerry Roberts * Gloria Sarandos
Sylvia Schaffer * Fran Schmidt * Barbara Schmitz * Susan Sinks
Lucy Sherock * Carlene Siever * Marion Stabo * Mary Stoke
Olga Valdovinos * Merle Weber * Virginia Weber * Bob Wilcox
Harold Vanden Heuvel * Michael Waldoch * Deanna Zychowski

Congratulations to

- ◆ Angeline (Angie) Bunzel who received her First Communion on May 3rd with her classmates at St. Jude Parish.
- ◆ Sister Margit Loeffler, SSND, who celebrated her 70th Jubilee (Anniversary) as a School Sister of Notre Dame

Please Return Your Faith In Our Future Pledge Cards

Whether you decide to pledge or not, please return your Faith In Our Future Capital Campaign Pledge cards to the Parish Office, by placing them in the collection basket or mailing them.

Bulletin Board Notices/Posters Need Approval

All bulletin board notices and posters hung in church need prior approval. Please submit these to Courtney Falk in the Parish Office for approval. Unfortunately, we have had inappropriate and unsolicited postings placed on our bulletin boards. Please note that any notices posted without approval will be removed.

Join Us for Praying the Scriptural Rosary

Wednesday Prayer for the Parish

On Wednesday evenings May 13th, at 6:15PM, we will pray the Scriptural Rosary for our Prayer for the Parish. Prayer books on the Scriptural Rosary will be provided. All are welcome.



2009 Catholic Stewardship Appeal Update

As of May 1st, 140 donors from our parish have contributed a total of \$26,365 toward our parish goal of \$32,000 for the 2009 Catholic Stewardship Appeal. We have reached 82% of our goal. We have \$5,635 to go to reach our goal. Thank you to all who have contributed thus far. Contribution envelopes for the appeal are available in the boxes at the entrances of the church.



These two couples will receive the Sacrament of Marriage here at St. Therese:

- ◆ Heather Mekka and Steve Wilson on May 16th
- ◆ Ashley Hadaway and Paul Golomski on June 6th

Thank You

To Dan Goeden for responding to the call for help for cutting the grass at the Parish House.





Parish Events for the Week

Sunday, May 10th

- 9:00AM Blood Pressure Screening (CH)
- 9:15AM St. Therese Choir (CH)

Monday, May 11th

No Meetings Scheduled

Tuesday, May 12th

- 8:30AM Bible Study Group (STR)
- 3:30PM Canticle Choir (MC)
- 7:00PM Usher Society (MC)

Wednesday, May 13th

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

Thursday, May 14th

- 11:30AM 55+ Social Club (HH)
- 6:30PM Bereavement Ministry Training (MC)

Friday, May 15th

- 6:00PM Mekka/Wilson Rehearsal (CH)

Saturday, May 16th

- 2:00PM Mekka/Wilson Wedding (CH)

Sunday, May 17th

- 10:00AM Mass & Living as God's People (CH/HH)

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

Altar Servers Needed for All Masses

Altar Servers are needed for all our parish mass times—5:00PM Saturday; 8:00AM and 10:00AM Sunday. In order to keep offering three weekend masses at these times, we need enough liturgical ministers to serve at these liturgies. Please pray about the call to serve the Lord and the parish through the ministry of the altar. To respond, please contact Dr. Guliano in the Parish Office.

Planting Lawn Party

Do you have perennial plants that need splitting? Did you purchase too many annuals for your gardens? How about bringing those plants to beautify the Saint Therese gardens? The Green Team is sponsoring a Planting Lawn Party on Saturday, May 30th from 9:00AM-noon to finish the work begun on April 25th. A barbecue lunch will be served afterward. Bring your tools, your plants, and your smile!

Question of the Week:

Do you suppose Jesus felt hurt and lost when God pruned him?

Hey Kids, Save the Date

Vacation Bible School is just around the corner. It will begin on Monday, June 15th and end on Friday, June 19th at St. Bernard Church. As we end the year of St. Paul what better way than with a week in Ancient Rome. The fee for each child is \$15 and is geared toward children age 5 through 5th grade. We would welcome help from teens and adults during this week of fun. If you want to help but cannot be with us during the day, we are looking for people to bake cupcakes and supply other food during the week. For more information please contact Cathy in the Parish Office.



4th Fiscal Quarter Beginning

With the 4th Fiscal Quarter Beginning, it is the time of year when budgets are tight. As a catechetical leader, it is also the time of year when I am being given offers I hate to refuse. Currently, I have access to a website which I use for the Living as God's People sessions and draw from for special events such as Breakfast with the Saints and Carnival Sunday. This website has made wonderful improvements with even more information and opportunities for the catechetical programs here at St. Therese. In the past the fee for this service has been \$100 for a year due to the size of our parish. This year the fee will increase to \$150. However, if the renewal is purchased prior June 1st, it will stay at the old rate. Please consider donating all or part of this \$100 fee. If you have questions or would like to make a contribution please contact Cathy in the Parish Office.

Coming Soon—Lectio Divina

"Lectio divina" is a prayer form that revived in interest since Vatican II. It is a way of experiencing the Christ through praying with Scripture readings. Lectio divina will be celebrated on Wednesdays, May 20th and 27th at 6:15PM in the Chapel.

Lenten Alms: Hope Through Education

Thank you! Your Lenten gifts totaled \$4000 and every penny will be used to promote education in Pakistan and/or Afghanistan. You can feel good about the fact that the Central Asia Institute firmly believes in "no child left behind." Your gifts may be used to supplement tuition fees for children whose parents are unable to pay them. Or you may supplement the salaries of teachers or administrators. Perhaps your contribution will simply supply books, pencils, paper, etc. In any case, you will made a difference in the lives of children, which in turn will change the lives of people in the villages touched by your kindness. Pat Safavi and Alice Kennedy thank you again, and God bless you for your generosity.

Flower/Candle Donations for the Easter Season

Easter began with the celebration of the Easter Vigil on April 11th and continues through the Solemnity of Pentecost on May 31st. Help us keep fresh flowers and plants for the church environment during this time as well as defray the cost of the extra candles used to remind us that the Light of Christ is with us always. Please consider a donation of any amount in memory of a loved one or for a special intention.

Easter Donations—PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY.

Donor Name _____

Phone () _____ Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Please select one: In Memory In Honor In Thanksgiving

Of/For _____

Please publish: Yes No Anonymous, but print intention

Intentions & Readings for the Week



Monday

Acts 14:5-18; Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday Mass

Acts 14:19-28; Jn 14:27-31a

8:00AM †Marie Zimmer

Wednesday Scriptural Rosary

6:15PM *Acts 15:1-6; Jn 15:1-8*

Thursday Liturgy of the Word with Communion

8:00AM *Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Jn 15:9-17*

Friday Liturgy of the Word with Communion

8:00AM *Acts 15:22-31; Jn 15:12-17*

Saturday Mass

Acts 16:1-10; Jn 15:18-21

5:00PM †Abby Bunzel

Sunday Masses

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48; 1 Jn 4:7-10; Jn 15:9-17

8:00AM People of St. Therese Parish and

†Michael Stabo

10:00AM †Frida Bippus

Thank
you!

CHURCH SUPPORT LAST WEEKEND

Offertory/Envelopes \$6723.00

MICAH Celebration

You are invited for an evening of Fellowship and Celebration at the "To Do What is Just" Reception on Thursday, May 21st, 5:00-7:00PM at St John the Evangelist Atrium, 812 N Jackson St (across from Cathedral Square). This reception will bring us together to celebrate our successes, honor our leaders and allies, and reaffirm our commitment to our work together in the coming year. Heavy hors d'oeuvres to be served, donation of \$20. Contact Dave McGinnis at (262) 253-1062 for tickets.

St. Therese Has a Strategic Plan

The Strategic Planning Committee has finished their work and have published the Strategic Plan. It is available on the News & Events page of our website. From there, you can download and read the plan, and find out how to present feedback.

For those who do not have web access, or do not wish to use the web, we have some copies of the plan available. We are trying to contain the cost (the booklet is over thirty pages) so if you are able, please print a copy off of the web.

We also want your feedback! Updating the plan is a ongoing process. You may contact us in a number of ways: drop a note in the collection basket, email strategicplanning@sainttheresemilwaukee.org, send a note via US mail, or leave a voice message at (414) 651-4425. We want to get a copy to the Archdiocesan Offices by the end of May, so please provide feedback at your earliest convenience. Thank you.

Christian Formation News

The Christian Formation Committee is working on a Christian Formation Handbook. This handbook will contain information about all of the formational opportunities available to St. Therese parishioners. It will also include the expectations for all families with children in the program as well as dates for all attendance requirements. The handbook will be available in late summer but you can print the schedule now from the Catechesis page of our website. I would also like to make people aware that all children in the Christian Formation Program are required to attend Living as God's People, and parents of children in grades 1-6 are required to attend parent sessions while their children are in session. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Cathy in the Parish Office.



SVdP Bundle Weekend

Thank you to all who contributed in filling up the St. Vincent DePaul truck last weekend. Through your generous contributions, hundreds of people will have a little richer life. It's never too early to start to save—our next Bundle Weekend will be in the fall!

Attention All Who Use Heck Hall Kitchen

All groups, committees, and individuals who use the Heck Hall Kitchen are reminded to clean it after use, especially the stoves, counter tops and bottoms, and the floor. The kitchen, particularly, the stoves and the floor have been left very dirty. Beginning May 1st, each group that uses the Heck Hall Kitchen will be asked to sign up for use of the kitchen and sign off after the use of the kitchen, so that we can assure that our equipment is maintained properly and that proper health standards are followed. Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

55+ Social Club

Our hall will be filled with "the sound of music" on Thursday, May 14th when Russ Beaumont will be with to sing the songs of Sinatra, Dean Martin, Perry Como and others. Our luncheon (featuring roast beef and turkey, mashed potatoes and gravy, mixed veggies, tossed salad & dressing, rolls and butter) is available at a cost of \$8.00 per person, or you may bring your own lunch. Luncheon reservations and money are due on Monday, May 11th. Call Barb in the Parish Office to make a reservation. The bus for the Ameristar Casino trip on Wednesday, May 20th will leave the St. Therese Parking Lot at 8:30AM. Please be on time and be sure to bring your Picture ID.

Volunteers Needed to Cut Grass at Parish House

As good stewards of the financial resources donated to the parish, we are identifying ways in which we can save the parish money. Cutting the grass at the Parish House rather than paying the lawn care service is one way we can save approximately \$500. We are looking for two or three volunteers who would be willing to cut the grass at the Parish House. Lawnmower and gas provided. Would you be willing to share some of your time to do this much-needed service? Please call Denise in the Parish Office.

Whole Kernel Corn

The St. Vincent dePaul Meal Program is in need of donations of whole kernel corn. Any size or brand is welcome. Please bring to church during May and leave on the table near the sacristy. Thank you!



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She opens her mouth
in wisdom,
and on her tongue is
kindly counsel.

PROVERBS 31:26

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

Hospital Visits

The Federal Privacy Regulation (HIPAA—Health Insurance Portability & Accountability Act) prohibits 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 contact Dr. Guliano in the Parish Office.

Prayer Network/Home Visits

Members of the Prayer Network pray daily for those that have asked for prayers. The intentions are kept confidential. To request prayers or a home visit, please contact Barb in the Parish Office.

**Please remember
Saint Therese Parish
in your will !**

Happy Mother's Day

Bulletin deadline:

Monday, 8:30AM

Announcement deadline:

Thursday, 12:00 NOON

*All submissions must be in
writing; email preferred.*