



# 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 24th, 2009

## Parish Staff

### Parish Director

Dr. Alexandra Guliano ext. 14  
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### Assisting Priest

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Rev. Norm Oswald

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### Coordinator of Parish Catechesis

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### Parish Emergencies

(414) 771-2500 — listen for instructions

## 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

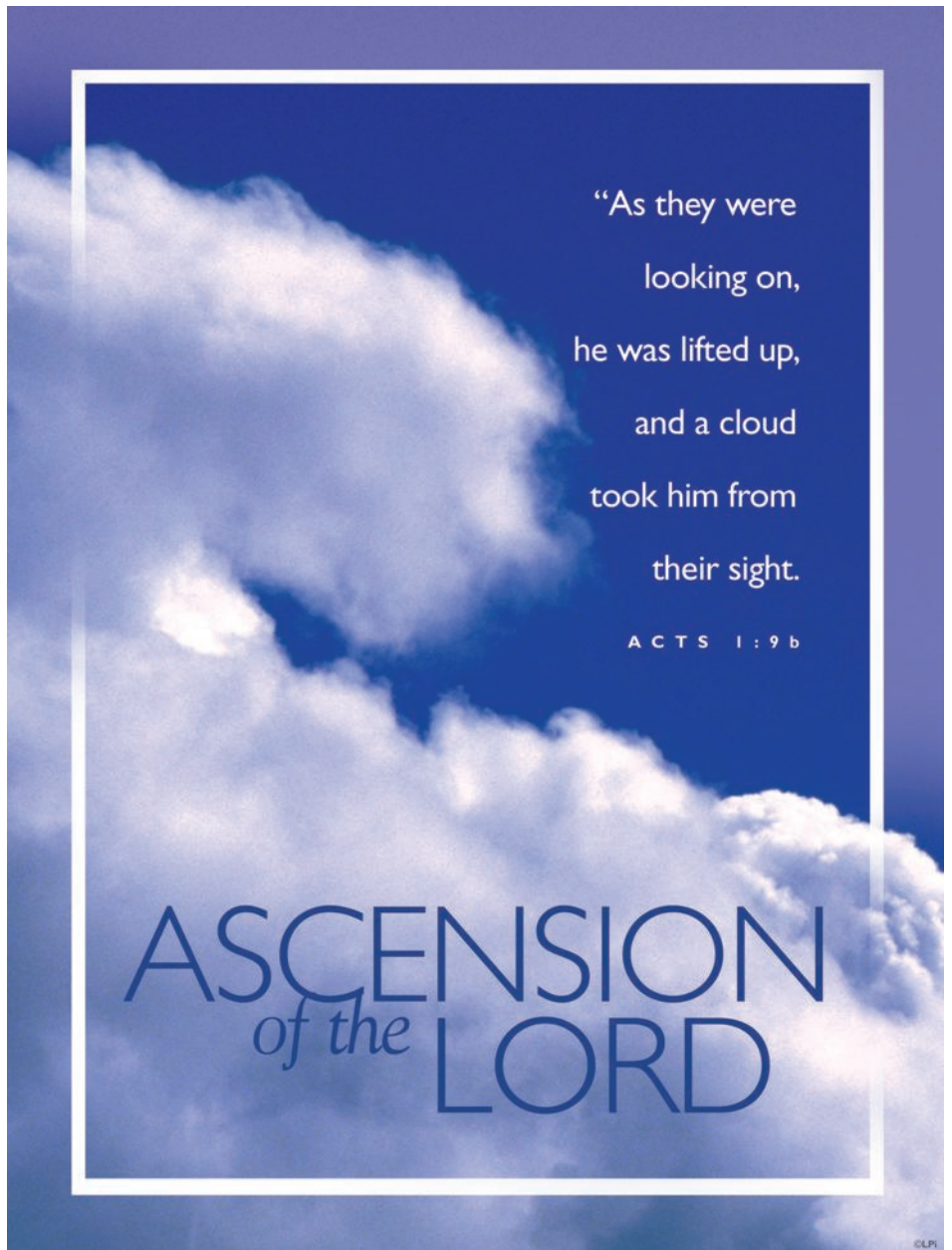
**All Other Sacraments:**  
Please call the Parish Office  
*Preparation can take six months or more*

## 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



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## From the Desk of the Parish Director

- ◆ Thanks to all who have returned their Faith In Our Future Commitment Cards. The chairpersons will be listing our progress in future bulletins and making pulpit announcements during our weekend masses. Next weekend, May 30th/31st, is our Celebration Weekend. Please plan to stay after mass and enjoy hospitality provided by our Special Events Committee.
- ◆ The “turnaround time” from the time the Faith In Our Future Trust Funds receives your contributions and we (St. Therese) receive our 60% is one month (30 days). We send in the pledge cards to the Trust in increments of 50. We should be receiving our first money transfer from the Faith In Our Future Trust by mid-June. We will publish the amount transferred after it is deposited into our account. We have set up a special account for these restricted funds.
- ◆ The title of our Capital Campaign, Faith In Our Future, has stimulated a significant amount of discussion among the parishes. Parish planning is now an integral part of most parishes. Before we began the Capital Campaign, our Strategic Planning Committee worked resolutely on a plan for our preferred future. Please take the time (it takes about 10 minutes to read it) to review the plan and reflect and pray about how you can help make it a reality.
- ◆ On this Memorial Day Weekend, let us remember those who have gone before in death. Many of these beloved dead were the ones who passed the faith on to us. The precious gift of faith can sustain us through any challenge, problem, or misfortune.
- ◆ Next weekend, we celebrate the Solemnity of Pentecost. May the Holy Spirit permeate our lives and our parish community!

Peace to you,

*Dr. Alexandra Guliano*



We spend so much time in life waiting to be called... waiting to be called for a job interview... waiting to be called by a friend to invite us out... waiting to be called from a queue... waiting to be called for our dinner... waiting to be called out of bed by an alarm clock... waiting to be called for a medical appointment... But God has already called us. There is no waiting time, just answering time. All our life is caught up in responding to this call by God. All our life is about bringing this call to fruition in the time with which we have been gifted.

*Offer praise as your sacrifice to God; fulfill your vows to the most High.  
Psalm 50:14*

Please remember the following in your prayers:

Lynn Allen \* Mark Allen \* Megan Angotti \* Gerry Bartz  
Lenore Black \* Bernice Brah \* Mary Topple \* Janice Corak  
Anna Daevil \* David Dane \* Alberta Duckhorn  
Ann Farell \* Theresa Gary \* Stephanie Gisla \* Lynn Gordon  
Shirley Gradisnik \* Pauline Gutmann \* Chuck Hillyer  
Ben Hoener \* Andy Islo \* Garnet Jankowski \* Hannah Johnson  
Marie Kneifl \* Kaishian Family \* Ken Knollenberg \* Art Bonk  
Marcella Kozuh \* William Kranstover \* Ann Lackovic \* 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 \* Deanna Zychowski



Ashley Hadaway and Paul Golomski will celebrate the Sacrament of Marriage on June 6th.

## Parish Council Selections to be Held in September

Parish Council Selections were not made at last weekend's masses (May 16th/17th) due to the need for more nominees for the selection. To date there have not been enough people willing to keep their name in for the selections process. The Parish Council will continue the nomination process throughout the summer months with the goal of conducting the Selections in September. If you would like to place your name in the selection to serve the parish as a Parish Council member, please submit your name to Kathy Hubrich, Parish Council Chairperson.

## Wear Red Next Weekend—Solemnity of Pentecost

Red is the color of the Holy Spirit. Wear red next weekend as we celebrate the completion of the Easter Season and the birthday of the Church.

## Congratulatory Note to Graduates in Our Bulletin

Please submit the names of those graduating to Courtney Falk, Parish Bulletin Editor, no later than Monday, May 25th for inclusion in our May 31st bulletin. Please send these by email or call her in the Parish Office. Please include the following information: full name of the person, name of the school/institution, degree, diploma, or certificate, and, if you wish, whether the student is graduating with honors. A special blessing for all graduates will be given at all masses on May 31th/31st.



On Saturday, May 9th, Jake Thomas Begotka was welcomed into the St. Therese Community when his parents, Andrea and Thomas Begotka presented him for Baptism. Congratulations to this happy family!

## Please Return Your 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.



## Parish Events for the Week

### Sunday, May 24th

9:15AM St. Therese Choir (CH)

### Monday, May 25th—Memorial Day

Parish Office Closed

### Tuesday, May 26th

8:00AM Bible Study Group (STR)

### Wednesday, May 27th

7:30PM St. Therese Choir (CHP)

### Thursday, May 28th

No Meetings Scheduled

### Friday, May 29th

No Meetings Scheduled

### Saturday, May 30th

No Meetings Scheduled

### Sunday, May 31st—Celebration Weekend

9:15AM St. Therese Choir (CH)

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

## 55+ Social Club

We meet in Heck Hall on Thursday, June 11th for our Pot Luck Luncheon. Plan on bringing a dish to pass (make it or purchase something from your favorite deli). The Milwaukee Accordion Ensemble will be here to play for us.

## Blood Pressure Screening Update

The Blood Pressure Ministry has worked itself out of a job! People are more aware of the need to monitor their blood pressure, and several are under a physician's care. The need for the parish blood pressure screening has diminished significantly. So, the Blood Pressure Ministry will be discontinued after the June 14th screening. Thanks to all who have participated in this ministry over the years.

## Meal Program Needs Corn Donations

Please bring canned whole kernel corn to the table near the sacristy for the St. Vincent de Paul Meal Program any weekend in May. (Please no creamed corn.) Any size can, any brand! Thank you!



## Thank You!

It is with heart felt thanks I write this acknowledgement of a special gift. In our midst is a family who comes to visit St. Therese from time to time on Sunday mornings. This family enjoys many of the gifts that we who attend mass here regularly may take for granted. These gifts include the beautiful music provided by the choir, the relevant and meaningful messages presented in the reflections and homilies given each week, not to mention the joyful welcome extended to children as they are welcomed to the front to pray the Our Father or be blessed during the reception of communion. Last, but maybe most importantly, the gift of the community of St. Therese. This family shared how they always feel welcomed from those around them as they join us for worship. As a way of thanking God, and our community, this family has donated the need \$100 for the renewal fee the website I use for Living as God's People and other special whole parish events. So, I say thank you to this very generous family, but I also say thank you to all of you who help to make St. Therese the welcoming and warm worship experience it is for all who gather in our midst.

## Sponsors Needed

Though we are still in the season of Easter, it is necessary to start thinking about Easter Vigil 2010. Those who wish to be welcomed into the Catholic Faith here at St. Therese need sponsors who will walk with them on their journey. The only special qualifications needed are a desire to share your faith and a willingness to experience conversion and transformation of those beginning their faith journey. If you are willing to spend time in this manner, please contact Cathy in the Parish Office.

## 2009 Catholic Stewardship Appeal Update

As of May 14th, 149 donors from our parish have contributed \$26,930 for the support of the 2009 Catholic Stewardship Appeal, which funds the operating ministries of our archdiocese. We are \$5,010 away from our goal of \$32,000 and are at 84%. Thanks to all who have contributed to this appeal. Contribution forms and envelopes are available on the tables at the entrances of the church. If you haven't already contributed, please consider a donation.

## Building and Grounds Committee Forming

We are forming a Building and Grounds Committee that will assist with maintenance and upkeep of our parish building and grounds. Do you have a skill that you can offer to the parish? Currently, we have a volunteer who does painting projects and another who cuts the grass at the parish house. This committee will actually be a "talent bank" of persons who will help the parish stay in good repair. It is a "hands-on" committee. If you are interested in serving, please contact Denise in the Parish Office.

## 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.

## Prayer for the Parish—Lectio Divina

Want to get more out of the Sunday Scripture readings? Try the practice of "lectio divina," a long-revered prayer practice of praying with the Scriptures to experience the Presence of Christ in the Word and insight into how to apply it to daily life. Come to the chapel at 6:15PM on Wednesday, May 27th to experience this prayer form.

## Question of the Week:

What is the evil in your world from which you need protection?

# Intentions & Readings for the Week



## Monday

Acts 19:1-8; Jn 16:29-33

## Tuesday Mass

Acts 20:17-27; Jn 17:1-11a

8:00AM †Tony Del Vecchio

## Wednesday Lectio Divina

6:15PM Acts 20:28-38; Jn 17:11b-19

## Thursday Liturgy of the Word with Communion

8:00AM Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Jn 17:20-26

## Friday Liturgy of the Word with Communion

8:00AM Acts 25:13b-21; Jn 21:15-19

## Saturday Mass

Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Jn 21:20-25

5:00PM †Anna Spitzer

## Sunday Masses

Acts 2:1-11; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13; Jn 20:19-23

8:00AM People of St. Therese Parish

10:00AM †Leona Spring

## 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 an ongoing process. You may contact us in a number of ways: drop a note in the collection basket, email [strategicplanning@sainttheresemilwaukee.org](mailto:strategicplanning@sainttheresemilwaukee.org), send a note via US mail, or leave a 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.

## 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 St. 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!



Thank you!

## CHURCH SUPPORT

Envelopes & Offertory

Last Weekend \$5119.73

## The Church in the United States Combined Collections June 13th/14th

Within the next week, all registered members of the parishes in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee will be receiving a communication regarding the Combined Collections for The Church in the United States. The five causes funded by this appeal are: Black and Indian Missions, Catholic Campaign for Human Development, Catholic Communications Campaign, The Catholic University of America, and the Fund for Religious Retirement. Contributions can be mailed directly in the reply envelope or dropped in the collection basket. Thanks very much for your generosity in outreach to these special needs.



## 2009 Pallium Lecture Series: Free Lecture

*What Does St. Paul, the Church's Finest Theologian Mean By "Church?"* Nationally renowned author and lecturer Fr. Alfred McBride, O. Praem. will explain how St. Paul presented the Church as planned by God the Creator, founded by Jesus the Christ, and sustained by the Holy Spirit in good times and in bad. Join us on Tuesday, June 2nd at 7:00PM at Alverno College Wehr Auditorium; 3400 S 43rd St, in Milwaukee. In addition, two closing masses to end the Year of St. Paul will be celebrated: Both masses will be celebrated on Sunday, June 28th at 8:00AM at the Cathedral of St. John in Milwaukee and at 10:30AM at St. Paul the Apostle Parish in Racine.



# MEMORIAL DAY

*"No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends."*

JOHN 15:13

### Faith in Our Future Update

Thank you so much to the 130 families who have returned a Faith in Our Future Campaign commitment card. Commitments through May 15th total \$137,938 which is, on average, a commitment of \$1,061 per donor (\$353.68/year; \$7.00/week). This is a very nice start. We still have a lot of work to do to reach our \$340,000 goal! We appeal to those of you who are still praying about this. There are a total of 517 families in our parish. If 130 of those families could find it in their hearts to make a \$1,560 commitment (\$520/year or \$10/week) we would reach our goal. Remember, you may make your commitment payments to the Campaign Trust Fund in any way that works for you: weekly, monthly, quarterly, or annually. As soon as any part of the money you have pledged is paid, St. Therese will begin receiving 60% of those funds and will start sharing with those in need and making much needed repairs. If you have any questions, please call one of us or email all of us at [fiofchairs@sainttheresemilwaukee.org](mailto:fiofchairs@sainttheresemilwaukee.org). We urge you to have faith in the future of St. Therese (we do!) and to make a commitment to it.

*Darian Borst, Michael Falk, Ann Maher, Jesse Stringer*

Faith in Our Future Co-Chairs

### Projects Funded by our Faith in Our Future Capital Campaign

Each parish of the archdiocese was required to submit a "case statement" detailing what projects the 60% of money collected will fund. Our total goal is \$340,000 over three years. 40% (\$136,000) will go to the Faith In Our Future Trust for education, formation, and outreach projects beyond the parish. 60% (\$204,000) will remain here at St. Therese for our parish projects. These include:

1. Replacing Bell Tower Door, repair and updating sump pump system and plumbing, as necessary, and paying for the newly-installed ramp for the south section of the church.
2. Updating the lighting and heating systems in the church and offices for maximum energy efficiency.
3. Installing a permanent baptismal font.
4. Creating a Gathering Space in church.
5. Supporting our outreach ministries, like St. Vincent de Paul Society, Greater Tosa Interfaith, our Sharing Sunday Partners, and others.
6. If financially feasible, installing a cooling system for the church for the hot summer months.

### 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.

### Flower/Candle Donations for the Easter Season

There is still one week left in this Easter season! 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. LAST DAY IS MAY 31ST

Donor Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (     ) \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please select one:  In Memory     In Honor     In Thanksgiving

Of/For \_\_\_\_\_

Please publish:  Yes     No     Anonymous, but print intention

### 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

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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 !**

**Bulletin deadline:**

**Monday, 8:30AM**

**Announcement deadline:**

**Thursday, 12:00 NOON**

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