



Saint Theresese Parish

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We are St. Theresese Catholic Church, a community of believers, who walk together by faith in Christ Jesus, and minister in the Little Way of St. Theresese, as we strive hand-in-hand to live as God's people.

June 7th, 2009

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Mass Schedule

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

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

Summer Office Hours

Monday, Wednesday:
8:30AM — 12:00PM

Tuesday, Thursday:
12:30PM — 4:00PM

From the Desk of the Parish Director

Last week, on May 28th, the Strategic Planning Committee met to develop an Implementation Plan for our St. Therese Parish Strategic Plan and to do the final revisions on the document. When these are complete, we will send the plan and its implementation document to Mark Kemmeter, who serves as the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, Coordinator of Parish Mission (encompassing services for parish councils and parish planning.)

During our meeting, it became obvious to the Strategic Planning Committee that implementation of the plan depends on the commitment of our parish members. Our willingness to commit to the parish by investing our time, talent, and financial resources is critical to the accomplishment of the goals and objectives.

Among the issues that we discussed were: 1) the need for four strong standing committees of the Parish Council—Prayer and Worship (we need to re-form this committee), Christian Formation, Finance/Administration, and Social (Human) Concerns; 2) the need for creation of a Welcoming Committee, Building and Grounds Committee, Communications Committee, and Stewardship Committee; 3) the importance of inviting and recruiting all our membership to be involved in at least one ministry of the parish; and 4) addressing the comments of some of our membership regarding an issue that has arisen due to our Faith In Our Future Capital Campaign.

That issue is the continuing viability of our parish. Or, simply put, “Is there a future for St. Therese Parish?” has been addressed several times in our parish history. I am told that when the pastoral care of the parish was taken over by the archdiocese from the Pallottine religious order, the issue of viability was addressed. The Archdiocese of Milwaukee then took responsibility for the parish; and since then, pastoral leadership has been provided by the appointment of the Archbishop of Milwaukee (pastors and now, parish director). I was also reminded that when St. Therese Parish School closed, a number of people questioned

whether the parish would remain viable. The school closed, and the parish continued. Additionally, when the parish underwent significant turmoil with the change of pastors, several families did leave the parish, and the question of parish viability was raised again. Some have told me that when the news hit that a Parish Director would be appointed to St. Therese as pastoral leader, some felt that the parish would not remain viable. A few years ago, when the Archdiocese of Milwaukee engaged in its last round of parish planning, some feared that St. Therese would not be ascertained as a viable parish and would be counted in the list of mergers and closures. It did not. Most recently, as we engaged in the Faith In Our Future Capital Campaign, the issue of viability has been raised again. It seems that every time we are faced with a transition of sorts, the issue looms.

The Faith In Our Future Capital Campaign has elicited both strong and hopeful support and also a share of negativity. The leadership groups in our parish—Campaign Chairs, Parish Council, Finance/Administration Committee, Strategic Planning Committee, Parish Staff, and others—have committed to creating a future for the parish and to making the needed improvements. Will we be successful? That depends on the commitment of our membership. But we are not alone in this. Every parish depends on the commitment of its membership. Vibrant parishes depend on several essential factors—strong worship, outreach, financial stability, and on-going lifelong catechesis. If one or more of these factors are not adequate, the viability of the parish is questioned. As most things in life, there are no guarantees, but we are called to live in faith and to translate that faith into action.

So, as we move forward, please take a few moments to think and pray about your commitment to Christ and your commitment to St. Therese Parish. May the Holy Spirit guide you in the decisions you make.

Peace to you,

Dr. Alexandra Guliano

Donation Needed

Recently we had to replace the “over-the-ear microphone” that Father Hugh uses. The cost is \$346.81. A donation for all or part of the cost of this necessity would be much appreciated. To donate, please contact Dr. Guliano in the Parish Office.

Wedding Banns

Sara Jensen and Joshua Mayarek will celebrate the Sacrament of Marriage on June 27th at 2:00PM here at St. Therese.



Summer Office Hours

The Parish Office switched over to its summer office hours last week. The current hours are always listed on the cover of the bulletin, on the Parish Office glass lobby doors, on our website, and can be accessed through the phone system. (Simply call the Parish Office and then press 2.) Please note that you are welcome to call the Parish Office at any time to leave a message for any staff member. If you use her extension (also listed on the cover of every bulletin), your message will get to her sooner than if you leave a message in the general mailbox.



Parish Events for the Week

Sunday, June 7th

No Meetings Scheduled

Monday, June 8th

6:00PM St. Vincent DePaul Society (LIB)

7:00PM Parish Council (MC)

Tuesday, June 9th

No Meetings Scheduled

Wednesday, June 10th

11:30AM SVdP Meal Program: Cook (KIT)

4:30PM SVdP Meal Program: Serve (OFFSITE)

Thursday, June 11th

No Meetings Scheduled

Friday, June 12th

5:00PM Hadaway/Golomski Rehearsal (CH)

Saturday, June 13th

2:00PM Hadaway/Golomski Wedding (CH)

Sunday, June 14th

8:00AM Blood Pressure Screening

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.

Vacation Bible School Needs Your Help

Vacation Bible School is running June 15th through June 19th. Aside from many fun activities we also provide a snack to all those who attend. We are looking for 200 pudding cups and 200 unfrosted cupcakes. If you can help, please contact Cathy in the Parish Office to get exact days these items are needed.

We Need You at the Crop Walk

The St. Therese community is invited to join together again for the Crop Walk on Sunday, October 12th. Please mark your calendars and start training for a 10k (6-mile) or 2-mile walk. Our goal is a group of at least 50 walkers.



While freely we receive Your gifts, we strive to freely give to friends and strangers, far and near, in the vast world where we live. Heart gifts, wisdom, joy and love, fruitful seasons which we share, all good gifts are graced by You and remind us that You care. You giveth power for us to give, Your grace will see us through. The gifts we give to others, Lord, all serve to honor You.

Great and wonderful are your works, Lord God Almighty.

Please remember the following in your prayers:

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

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.

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.

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.

Question of the Week:
How are you making disciples in your world?

Intentions & Readings for the Week



Monday

2 Cor 1:1-7; Mt 5:1-12

Tuesday Mass

2 Cor 1:18-22; Mt 5:13-16

8:00AM †Maurice Wright

Wednesday

2 Cor 3:4-11; Mt 5:17-19

Thursday Liturgy of the Word with Communion

8:00AM Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3; Mt 5:20-26

Friday Liturgy of the Word with Communion

8:00AM 2 Cor 4:7-15; Mt 5:27-32

Saturday Mass

2 Cor 5:14-21; Mt 5:33-37

5:00PM Therese Hodgins

Sunday Masses

Ex 24:3-8; Heb 9:11-15; Mk 14:12-16, 22-26

8:00AM People of St. Therese Parish and

†Mark McShane

10:00AM †Henny Arnold

Next Sunday is Sharing Sunday

Connecting Caring Adults to a Caring Community

Greater Tosa Interfaith is a grass roots, neighborhood-based outreach ministry providing informal services to our neighbors who are aged 60 and older living in Wauwatosa and western Milwaukee. Volunteers are the heart and soul of our program. Some of our volunteers drive our older friends to medical appointments, the bank, or grocery store. Some help with minor chores and home repairs. Others are friendly visitors. All of them believe strongly in our mission and want their older friends to know that they are still valued and cherished members of our community. Twenty churches in the area, including St Therese, sponsor our program. Thank you for your continued support.

Parish Council Selections to be Held in September

Parish Council Selections were not made this spring (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.

Catechists and Small Group Leaders Needed

While school is winding down, the planning for September is in full-swing. I am in need of two more adult catechists and several adult small group leaders for next year. The requirements to be a catechist or small group leader is to be a practicing, mass-attending Catholic, who is willing to share his or her faith with the young people of St. Therese Parish. Materials and training are provided. If you are interested, please contact Cathy in the Parish Office.

St. Therese is Hosting a Craft Fair

St. Therese is trying some new fundraisers this year, and one that we decided on is a Craft Fair, to be held on November 7th/8th. More details will follow in future bulletins, but in the meanwhile, get crafting! To any quilters out there—would you be interested in reviving the Little Flower Quilters to create a beautiful item for the Craft Fair's raffle?

We will need quite a few volunteers to make this event successful. If you would like to help out on the weekend of the Craft Fair in any way, or would like to coordinate a project for the Little Flower Quilters, please email craftfair@sainttheresemilwaukee.org or call Cathy or Courtney in the Parish Office.

55+ Social Club

It's here—our June Pot Luck Luncheon on Thursday, June 11th at 11:30AM in Heck Hall. Plan on bringing a dish to pass. If you don't cook, bring a dish from your favorite deli! The Ensemble of the Milwaukee Accordion Club will be here to entertain. This is our last monthly meeting until September, so be sure to attend!

Prayer Shawls

Last fall, the ministry of Prayer Shawls was added here at St. Therese. The idea is to give a handmade afghan or quilt to any member of our parish who will be entering into a nursing home or hospice care. To date, three afghans have been made. If you are interested in sharing your time and talent in this ministry, simply create a lap-sized throw and bring it to Cathy in the Parish Office. If you have unwanted yarn, please contact Cathy so she can pass along to this ministry.

<i>Thank you!</i>	CHURCH SUPPORT	
	Envelopes & Offertory	<u>Last Weekend</u> \$5058.82

Little Ways to Help the Parish Ministries

The parish ministries are in need of the following items:

- ♦ manilla folders
- ♦ donation for new electric stapler—\$30
- ♦ pocket folders with three-hole "brackets"

Thank You

- ♦ To Kim, Glenn, and Jacob Nowak for the donation of 40+ boxes of Kleenex for our parish ministries!
- ♦ To Dr. Pat Safavi for installing our replacement hand sanitizer in the sacristy.
- ♦ To an anonymous donor for a \$500 special donation.

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.

Baptism Afghans

Thank you to Sue Gritzmacher, Sandi Skrobis, and Carol Rutkowski for making the baby afghans we give to each baby baptized at St. Therese. If you enjoy crocheting or knitting or would like to donate some white yarn, please contact Cathy in the Parish Office.

Easter Flower & Candle Donations

Intentions - Donors

Marietta Lateana
Anonymous

Ceil Maccani
Bob & Donna Maccani

Millie Metz
St Marilyn Metz

Eldon McGraw
Leona McGraw

*Bernard & Mark
McShane*
Imogene Mcshane

Mary E Mooney
John Mooney

Our Mothers
Dave & Linda Okruhlica

Rita Kohls
Rosemary Preschler

Anthony Preschler
Rosemary Preschler

Grandpas Privatt & Skrobis
Michael & Courtney Falk

Donald Roemer
Barb, Jeff, & Andrew Roemer

My Family
Donna Schmidt

*Deceased Members of the
Sherock Family*
Mr & Mrs John Sherock

Michael Stabo
Stabo Family

Eugene Weckwerth
Betty Weckwerth

Thomas E Wissing
Teri Wissing

Walter & Emily Zastrow
Barbara Heinz

Clement Zipperer
Jean & John Zipperer

In Honor

The Monville Family
Norm & MaryAnn Monville

In Thanksgiving

Our Healthy Grandchildren
Steve & Sharon Marquardt

In Memory

Marilyn Bodeau
Anonymous

Billy Buffington
Audrey Buffington

Carrie Ann Castelaz
Don & Beverly Castelaz

Robert Clark
Fran Clark

Katherine & Frank J Daas
Anonymous

Daisy
Rosemary Bradish

Nick D'Amato
Anonymous

Albert Dietz Sr
Judith Deitz

Richard Duckhorn
Barb, Jeff, & Andrew Roemer

Art & Fran Ehrmann
Anonymous

Juliette Gamache
Anonymous

Anna Gill
Anne Lemanski

*Deceased Members of the
Guliano Family*
Mr & Mrs John Sherock

Jerry Heinz
Barbara Heinz

Alex Jankowski
Elterine Jankowski-Biggers

*Many thanks to all whose
donations helped to
beautify our Church this
Easter Season*