



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.

October 11th, 2009

Parish Staff

Parish Director

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Ministers

All the Members of the Parish

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(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:

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



*Indeed the WORD of God
is LIVING and effective,
sharper than any two-edged SWORD,
PENETRATING even between
soul and spirit, joints and marrow,
and able to DISCERN reflections
and thoughts of the HEART.*

HEBREWS 4:12

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From the Desk of the Parish Director

The Parish Council is in the process of reorganizing and revitalizing our Prayer and Worship Committee, one of the four standing committees of the Parish Council. Along with Finance/Administration, Social Concerns, and Christian Formation, the Prayer & Worship Committee assures that our parish community engages in the essential ministries for Catholic communities in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee.

Over the past years, our parish committees have become ministry committees; that is, working committees. There is a tendency in parishes for committees to be satisfied with being “discussion groups or advisory groups.” Not so at St. Therese. While there is a place for discussion and advice-giving, our committees need to be ministry-focused.

A current challenge that both the Parish Council and Prayer & Worship Committee are (and will be) working on is recruitment of liturgical ministers so that we can continue to offer our three mass times on a weekend. At the recent September 28th Lector and Eucharistic Minister meeting, the following was proposed to expand and bolster our liturgical ministries: ministers offered to volunteer for serving at other masses in addition to their “preferred time;” ministers offered to recruit other parish members for training as Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers; and ministers committed to checking in the sacristy before mass to offer to serve as needed. As with any plans and proposals, the proof is in the follow-through. We all know that it is one thing to talk about something, but it’s quite another to do what was talked about. We also need Altar Servers, Lectors, and Ushers, particularly at the 5:00PM and 8:00AM masses.

Our parish is blessed with two priests who want to minister with us—Father Hugh Birdsall, SDS, our Assisting Priest, and Father Norm Oswald, our Help-Out Priest. But, as the sign in church reminds, it takes more than a priest to have a celebration of the Eucharist. I have mentioned several times that, in a time when there is a dire shortage of ordained priests available for the sacraments, we have a unique opportunity to do something different here at St. Therese. We have the chance to continue to reach out to not only our parish members but also the many visitors who grace our parish each weekend due to the excellent and convenient location and accessibility of our church by offering three options for weekend worship.

Will we respond to the opportunity before us? Or, for lack of response to the call to ministry, will we



God’s handiwork we thrill to see in bright October’s pageantry, as hills and trees spell out His name in burning gold and scarlet flame. What signature could be more grand than that of our Creator’s hand?

Give thanks always and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to God the Father. Ephesians 5:20

Please remember the following in your prayers:

Megan Angotti, Lenore Black, Art Bonk, Bernice Brah, Gina Carter, Doris Collins, Janice Corak, Anna Daevel, David Dane, Alberta Duckhorn, Len Dushek, Ann Farell, Tom Fera, Theresa Gary, Lynn Gordon, Pauline Gutmann, Chuck Hillyer, Ben Hoener, Andy Islo, Garnet Jankowski, Hannah Johnson, Marie Kneifl, Ken Knollenberg, Marcella Kozuh, William Kranstover, Tom Kreuter, Ann Lackovic, Frank & Raquel Lemanski, Sarah Luck, John Lyste, Tanya Maglio, Karen McAleese, Imogene McShane, Charlotte Meeks, Chris Melloch, Andy Moehr, Laverne Mucci, Michelle Muschelewicz, Ed Panelli, Ralph Petrie, Nicholas Poehlman, Kathryn Quinn, Gerry Roberts, Benjamin Salgy, Gloria Sarandos, Sylvia Schaffer, Fran Schmidt, Linda Schmidt, Ted Schmidt, John Schmitt, Barbara Schmitz, Carlene Siever, Susan Sinks, Marion Stabo, Mary Stoke, Robert John Swiderski, Harold Vanden Heuvel, Merle Weber, Bob Wilcox, Jim Wollenhaupt, Deanna Zychowski

Donations Needed

- ◆ One adult Altar Server Albs—\$74.95
- ◆ Balance for the purchase of the large industrial lawnmower for the parish grounds—\$2700



If you are interested in donating toward the cost of any of the above, please contact Dr. Guliano in the Parish Office.

Parking Restricted in St. Therese Parking Lot

Parking is restricted (per the signage) on St. Therese parking lot. If you have a need to leave your car in the parking lot for an extended period of time, please make sure you report the make, model, and license plate number of your car to Courtney in the Parish Office.

Hey! Where’s my FIOF reminder?

If you signed up to have the Faith in Our Future trust send you monthly pledge reminders, you should receive them between the 15th and 25th of every month. If you have not received your pledge reminder by the 26th, please call Sandy Kurka at (414)-769-3457.



have to rearrange our mass schedule? To respond to the call to liturgical ministry, please check the bulletin for ministry training sessions and come to the first training session for the specific ministry. We will begin with Eucharistic Minister and Lector Training and continue with the other ministries in the next several months.

Thank you for your consideration. Please pray about your response and support others who do respond.

God be with you!

Dr. Alexandra Guliano



Parish Events for the Week

Sunday, October 11th

After Masses Entertainment Book Sales (CH)

8:45AM Sunday School

9:10AM St. Therese Choir (CH)

5:30PM Teen Session (MC)

Monday, October 12th

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

Tuesday, October 13th

8:30AM Bible Study Group (STR)

3:30PM Canticle Choir (MC)

Wednesday, October 14th

7:30PM St. Therese Choir (CHP)

7:30PM Praise Band (CH)

Thursday, October 15th

8:30AM — 6:30PM Prayer Day (CHP)

5:30PM Living as God's People (HH)

Friday, October 16th

No Meetings Scheduled

Saturday, October 17th—Sharing Weekend

4:15PM Canticle Choir (CH)

Sunday, October 18th—Sharing Weekend

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

Confirmation News

Our four Confirmation candidates will be going on retreat October 23rd-25th with the youth of St. Catherine. We are looking for donations of bottled water, can soda, 3 lbs spaghetti noodles, 3 loaves of sliced Italian bread, granola bars, 1 bag of apples, and 1 bag of oranges. If you can help with any of these items please contact Cathy in the Parish Office.

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 October. (Please, no creamed corn.) Any size can, any brand! Thank you!



Question of the Week:

How difficult would it be for you to give something you treasure to someone who needed it more than you do?

Next Weekend is Sharing Weekend

The sharing recipient for the month of October will be the Congregation of the Great Spirit. This is a Catholic Native American parish within the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. They incorporate their Native American ways into their Catholic service. They were established in 1989, held Mass service in various borrowed locations. Until July of 1997, they settled into the old St. Gabriel's parish building on 10th and Lapham. They also operate the Siggenauk Center which houses a food and clothing bank. This December they are celebrating their 20th anniversary along with the winter solstice celebration.

The Congregation of the Great Spirit participates in and sponsors many cultural events. They provide a well-balanced blend of Catholic Religious Doctrine and traditional Native American Spirituality to urban Native American children, adult, and elder communities.

They teach others as the Native American culture teaches them that we are all related and as a result, we must live in harmony as co-inhabitants of the world, living in cooperation with nature.

They hope to stay afloat as a parish continually looking for funding. If the Congregation of the Great Spirit loses its Native American identity, then these spiritual and educational opportunities might disappear. Though operating the Center with only three paid employees and twelve volunteers, they average 400 clients a month, and 15-20 new clients to the food pantry. Last fiscal year we had 4568 clients. The clothing bank services 500 clients a year. Please be generous with this parish as their financial problems greatly exceed ours.

Donation Requests for Craft Fair Concession Stand

In order to maximize the profits for the parish, we are asking for donations of condiments and other items for the concession stand at the craft fair. We expect that concessions will bring in a decent profit, but it will be better if our overhead is low. Please contact Cathy in the Parish Office if you would like to donate any of the following items, or to find out what else you could do to help.

Items Needed: 2 bottles of yellow mustard, 3 large bottles of ketchup, hot dog buns, 3 large cans of nacho cheese, boxes of variety pack chips, brownies/bars/cookies.

We will, of course, need plenty of volunteers to make this event successful. Please sign up after all masses this weekend, or call Courtney or Cathy in the Parish Office for available jobs and time slots.

Lector Preparation Books Available in the Sacristy

Lector Preparation Books for the new liturgical year, beginning with Advent and through 2010 are available in the sacristy. Please note that they are labelled according to lector's names. If you wish to help defray the cost of the books, please place \$10 in an envelope and mark it "Lector Book" or use the envelope provided in the Lector Preparation Book. Please place the envelope in the collection basket.

Attention Former Knitters

Do you have knitting needles (sizes 5-9) that you no longer want or use? Please consider putting them to good use by donating them to the St. Therese soon-to-be-formed knitting group. Several parishioners have expressed an interest in learning how to knit as a result of the Prayer Shawl/Baptismal Blanket booth at the ministry fair and we are in the process of organizing a beginning knitting class. Any donations of needles will be appreciated. Any questions, or to arrange a donation, please call Sue at (414) 453-5265. Thank you.

Intentions & Readings for the Week



Monday

Rom 1:1-7/Lk 11:29-32

Tuesday Mass

Rom 1:16-25/Lk 11:37-41

8:00AM †Henny Arnold

Wednesday

Rom 2:1-11/Lk 11:42-46

Thursday Liturgy of the Word with Communion

8:00AM Rom 3:21-30/Lk 11:47-54

Friday Liturgy of the Word with Communion

8:00AM Rom 4:1-8/Lk 12:1-7

Saturday Mass

Rom 4:13, 16-18/Lk 12:8-12

5:00PM †Tony Sincere

Sunday Masses

Is 53:10-11/Heb 4:14-16/Mk 10:35-45

8:00AM †Anna Spitzer

10:00AM People of St. Therese Parish and †Dorothy Rosek

Thank
you!

CHURCH SUPPORT

Envelopes &
Offertory

Last Weekend
\$7143.56

Thank You!

The Peace Prayer Service was awesome. Thank you to all who helped it be so special. A big thank you to the members of the St. Therese Choir and Praise Band for their hard work in preparation and participation. The members of the parish who baked, served, set up and cleaned up afterward truly outdid themselves. You all proved what good and kind people the members of St. Therese Parish are. God's blessings on all of you.



55+ Social Club

Our November 12th meeting will be hosted by the folks from the Montessori School. Lunch will be provided and the students from the school will entertain with musical selections. Reservations are required by Thursday, November 5th for this event and you may make a reservation by calling Barb in the Parish Office.

Southwest Door of Parish Building Funded by Faith In Our Future Funds

The southwest security door of the parish offices building was replaced. The cost was \$3828.79 and was fully funded by our parish Faith in Our Future Funds. Thanks to all who have contributed to our Faith in Our Future Capital Campaign.

Do You Have Questions?

Faith in Our Future Capital Campaign

We are blessed with three energetic, committed, and enthusiastic Chairpersons for our Faith In Our Future Capital Campaign. If you have any questions or would like to speak with (or email) any of the chairs, their contact information is listed below, or email all of them by sending a single message to fiofchairs@sainttheresemilwaukee.org

Ann Maher	(414) 453-4437	amaher@whdlaw.com
Dr. Jesse Stringer	(262) 442-3710	JStringer@mcw.edu
Michael Falk	(414) 254-5619	mjf@e-falk.com

Fourth Faith in Our Future Transfer

On Monday, September 28th, we received our fourth transfer from our Faith In Our Future Capital Campaign for \$3363.20. We shared ten percent, or \$336.32, in a tithe to the St. Vincent de Paul Society at the 8:00AM mass on October 4th.

Thank you to all who have pledged and contributed to the campaign. If you have not yet pledged and would like to do so, pledge cards are available in the pews. If you do not wish to make a monthly, quarterly, or yearly contribution, you may also make a one-time donation to benefit our parish as well as those in need in our community.

Christian Formation News

It has been a couple of weeks since the Christian Formation program had its kick-off. By now, you may have noticed something a little unusual. Our young St. Therese parishioners are asking for signatures following mass. "What is this all about," you ask? Attending mass, participating in Liturgy of the Word and receiving Eucharist is the "source and summit" of Catholic Christian life. Receiving the "Body of Christ" and being the "Body of Christ" in community is very important to forming and catechizing all of us. Asking for a signature from one of the ministers is a wonderful way for these students to more actively participate in the entire mass experience as well as make a personal connection with someone in the parish they may not know. On Catechetical Sunday we were told we are all catechists. The personal interaction you have with a young person at mass is an opportunity for you to do so. So, if you are ministering at mass and asked to sign a child or youth book, here is your chance to make a difference in the life of the young person standing next to you.

Confirmation Update

In an effort to have our four Confirmation Candidates learn more about their own parish and the many ministry opportunities available to them during this year of preparation and beyond, these young people are required to attend one committee meeting of their choice. During this meeting they should learn the purpose and function of the ministry/committee they have chosen. The candidates were told to contact the committee prior to attending so this would not be a surprise to the committee. They will then be putting together a paper to share with their fellow candidates. Please welcome the candidates to any meetings you may have in the future. Who knows, due to the experience the candidate has, you could have a future committee member. Be sure to look for commitments the candidates have made on the Catechesis Table by the Bell Tower doors.



Volunteers Needed for Small But Important Ministries

Ways to Minister in the "Little Way"

- ♦ Check and Refill Candle Lighters—The two candle lighters that we use for our liturgical services need to be checked each week before our weekend masses and cleaned and refilled as necessary. This ministry can be done after the 10:00AM mass on Sunday, before the 5:00PM mass on Saturday, or anytime the Parish Office is open. (Training will be given.) If you are interested in this ministry, please call or email Dr Guliano.
- ♦ Take and Pick Up Vestments from the Drycleaners—Every month there are vestments that need to be brought to the drycleaners (where we have an account). If you are interested in helping the parish by taking the vestments to be dry cleaned and picking them up once per month, please call or email Dr. Guliano.

Attention: Eucharistic Ministers & Lectors

Did you miss the September 28th Ministry Meeting?

Notes from the September 28th Eucharistic Minister and Lector Meeting are available in the Eucharistic Minister and Lector mailboxes in the sacristy. Please read these carefully. If you have any questions, please contact a minister who attended the meeting. Also, updated copies of the rosters are in the mailboxes. Thank you for your commitment to these ministries.

Eucharistic Minister Training Sessions

Eucharistic Minister Training Sessions will be held on Sundays October 18th, 25th, and November 1st after the 8:00AM mass until 9:45AM in the Church. If you are interested in answering the call to serve as a Eucharistic Minister, please come to the first training session. All three sessions are required. Eucharistic Ministers are needed for all our masses, but especially for the 5:00PM and 8:00AM masses.

Altar Server Training Sessions

Altar Servers are needed for all our parish masses, especially the 5:00PM and 8:00AM masses. Training sessions will be held on Wednesdays, November 4th, 11th, and 18th from 6:00PM to 7:00PM in the Church. Anyone who has received First Communion may be trained as an Altar Server—children, youth, and adults, male and female, are encouraged to answer the call to this ministry. All three sessions are required. If you are interested, please come to the first session.

Lector Training Sessions

Sister Sara Jean Donegan will be training Lectors soon. If you are interested in serving as Lector, please contact Sr. Sara Jean at (414) 774-9983 as soon as possible. Lectors are needed for all masses, but especially for the 5:00PM and 8:00AM masses.

Liturgical Ministers Needed for the November 1st 4:00PM Mass

As a part of the "Afternoon to Remember," we will have a special 4:00PM mass on November 1st. Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Altar Server, and Greeters are needed for this mass. Please sign up in the sacristy.

Reminder: Ushers & All Who Sit on the South (Organ) Side of Church

In ushering the communion procession on the south (organ) side of the church, please make sure that those who receive communion return to their pews by walking behind the last row of chairs on the south side and then forward to their pews. While the tendency is simply to "make a u-turn" back to their pews/seats, this action actually creates confusion and congestion in the communion distribution area. Thank you for your cooperation.

Church & Chapel Plant Care

Are there any green thumbs available? We need plant care volunteers to water and care for plants in the church and chapel once a week. It could be a job shared by one, two or more people on a rotating basis, I had one offer to work with someone. I would like to pass this job on to someone else. It's important that plant care is consistent. Any questions, or offers to help, please call Gladys Sachse (414) 476-1356.

Parish Council

1st Monday of Month at 7:00PM

Chairperson

Kathy Hubrich (414) 259-1961

Vice-Chairperson

Rich Sanger (414) 425-2028

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(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.