



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.

November 29th, 2009

Parish Staff

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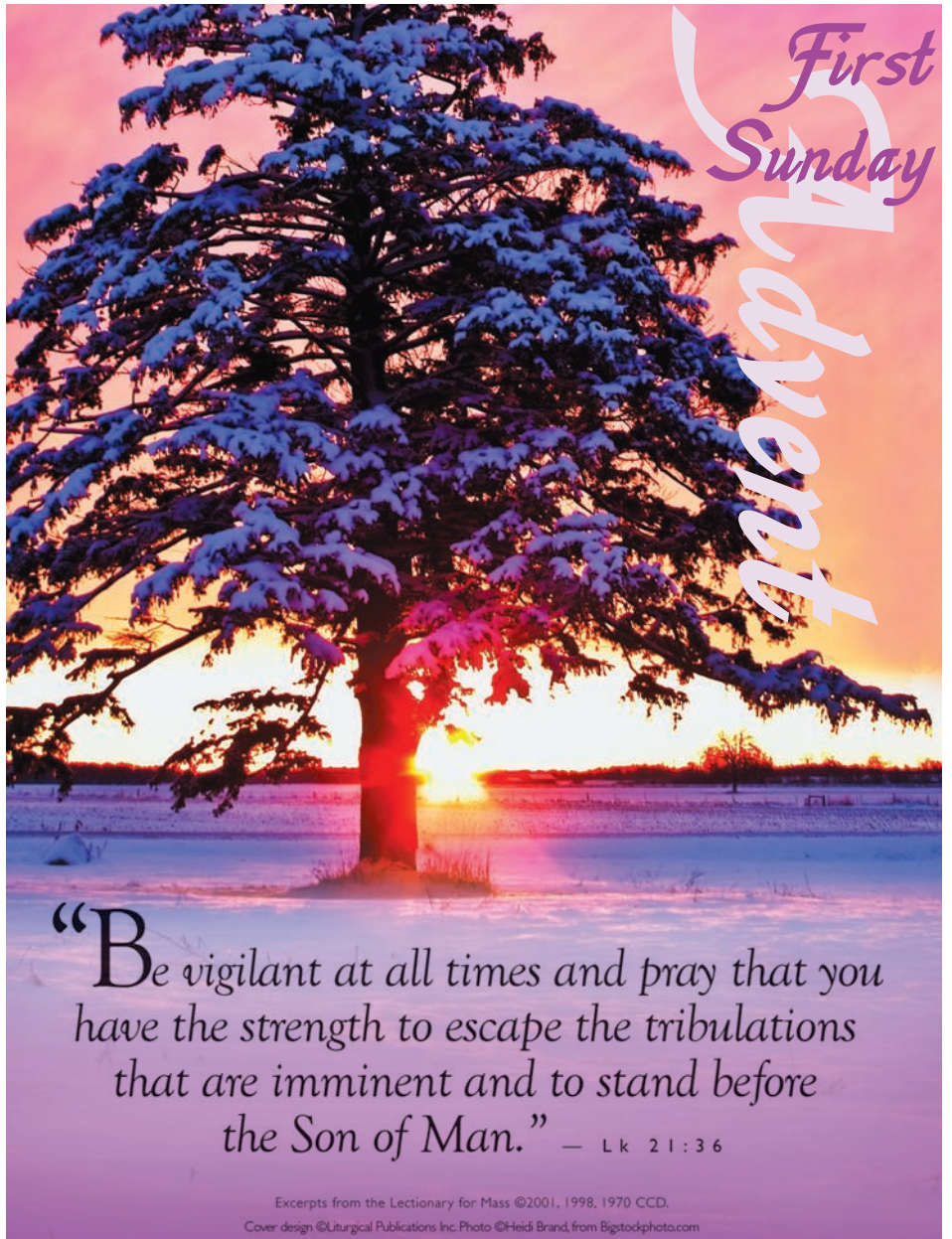
Mass Schedule

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

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

- ◆ Advent begins today. Happy New Liturgical Year! Each Advent we begin a new cycle of the Lectionary (the book of the Scripture readings for mass), and today we begin Cycle C. Most of the Gospels of Cycle C are from the Gospel of Luke, who places special emphasis on the poor, the vulnerable, women, outcasts, and foreigners.
- ◆ We have begun our Advent Giving effort. Thanks to the coordinators, Ann Maher and Pat Safavi, for organizing this outreach ministry. Advent and Lenten Giving are functions that are part of our Human Concerns Committee. As mentioned earlier, the recipients of our Advent Giving are Sojourner Truth House, Mt. Carmel Nursing Home, Safe House, Clement A. Zablocki Veterans Administration Hospital, and the St. Vincent dePaul Society. Thanks to all who respond to this annual appeal for sharing with others to help them experience Christ's love through the caring of others.
- ◆ Advent also brings about the frenzied holiday shopping season. Let us not forget the "reason for the season," and keep our shopping and preparing in perspective. Remember, for believers, Advent is a time of preparation for the feast of Christmas, as well as a time to remember that Christ will come again in glory. It is a time for us to remember to always be prepared to meet Christ, for He comes to us in many ways at various times.

May Advent bring you moments of peace and serenity. Come to us, Emmanuel!

Peace to you,

Dr. Alexandra Guliano

Thank You

To Kaitlyn Shields for donating 10 new containers for pyxes for Communion to the Sick and Homebound.

Altar Server Coordinator

Jim Balliet has responded to the call for a Coordinator for Altar Servers for our Parish. If you are interested in becoming an Altar Server, please contact Jim at jhballiet@aol.com or (414) 257-0339.

Liturgical Ministry Sign Up for Christmas and Holyday Liturgies

Due to the lack of space on the bulletin board, the Sign Up Sheets for Liturgical Ministers for Christmas and the Holyday are posted on the Adult Alb Closet Door. Please sign up there. Thank you!



Come, long-expected Jesus. Excite in us a wonder at the wisdom and power of Your Father and ours. Receive our prayer as part of our service to the Lord who enlists us in God's own work for justice. Excite in us a hunger for peace: peace in the world, peace in our homes, peace within us. Excite in us a joy responsive to the Father's joy. Excite in us the joy and love and peace it is right to bring to the manger of our Lord. Raise in us sober reverence for the God who acted there, hearty gratitude for the life begun there, and spirited resolution to serve the Father and Son. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ whose advent we hail. Amen.

On this first Sunday of Advent, welcome the coming of our Savior with open arms an open heart.

Please remember the following in your prayers:

Lenore Black, Gene Brah, Anna Daavel, Tom Fera, Georgina Guevara, Pauline Gutmann, Mary Ann Hesselbein, Ben Hoener, Andy Islo, Garnet Jankowski, Ken Knollenberg, Marcella Kozuh, Tom Kreuter, Ann Lackovic, Frank & Raquel Lemanski, Sarah Luck, Karen McAleese, Charlotte Meeks, Chris Melloch, Laverne Mucci, Michelle Muschelewicz, Gerry Roberts, Sylvia Schaffer, Jim Shafer, Carlene Siever, Susan Sinks, Marion Stabo, Mary Stoke, Robert John Swiderski, Harold Vanden Heuvel, Merle Weber, Bob Wilcox

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

December 8th Holyday of Obligation

We will celebrate two masses on Tuesday, December 8th in celebration of the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception—8:00AM and 7:00PM. Both masses will be celebrated in the Church.



Christmas and Holyday Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve, December 24th

- ◆ 3:45PM: Intergenerational Family Mass beginning with a special presentation entitled "Christmas Around the World"
- ◆ 10:00PM: Night Mass beginning with a Choir Concert

Christmas Day, December 25th

- ◆ 8:00AM Mass
- ◆ 10:00AM Mass

New Year's Day, January 1st, 2010

- ◆ 9:00AM World Day of Prayer for Peace/Solemnity of Mary Holyday Mass

Advent Wreath Lighting

We still have a few spaces open for persons to light our Advent Wreath at the beginning of our Advent masses. Please sign up in the sacristy.



Congratulations to Newly Trained Altar Servers

Thanks to the following parish members who answered the call to ministry as an Altar Server and completed their training: Sr Sara Jean Donegan, SSND, Rachel Drozdowicz, Sara Drozdowicz, Joyce Gibour, and Wayne Goodacre.

Donations Needed

Pyxes for Communion to the Homebound—\$60 (9 pyxes @ \$6 plus shipping). Please consider donating one or more as a memorial or dedication.



Parish Events for the Week

Sunday, November 29th

9:10AM St. Therese Choir (CH)

Monday, November 30th

No Meetings Scheduled

Tuesday, December 1st

No Meetings Scheduled

Wednesday, December 2nd

11:30AM SVdP Meal Program—Cook (KIT)

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

6:45PM Wednesdays with the Word (STR)

7:30PM St. Therese Choir (CHP)

7:30PM Praise Band (CH)

Thursday, December 3rd

No Meetings Scheduled

Friday, December 4th

No Meetings Scheduled

Saturday, December 5th

5:00PM Children's Liturgy of the Word (CH)

After Mass Entertainment Books for Sale (CH)

Sunday, December 6th

7:30AM Canticle Choir (CH)

8:45AM Sunday School (ALL ROOMS)

After Masses Entertainment Books for Sale (CH)

9:10AM St. Therese Choir (CH)

10:00AM Children's Liturgy of the Word (CH)

11:00AM Confirmation Prep (GN)

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

55+ Social Club

The Christmas Luncheon is on December 16th at Alioto's Restaurant at 11:30AM. Our next meeting in Heck Hall is Thursday, January 14th, 2010.

Advent Giving Program

Get into the Christmas Spirit by shopping for someone in need! Advent giving tags will be available in church beginning this weekend. Recipients this year include: Sojourner Truth House, Mt. Carmel Nursing Home, Casa Maria, St. Vincent de Paul, VA Hospital. Each tag will identify the name of the recipient, the gift requested and the return date. Your generosity is always greatly appreciated.

Question of the Week:

As we enter a new liturgical year, what will you do to remain ready and watchful for the coming of Christ?

Sanctuary Candle for the Tabernacle in the Chapel

Did you know that we always have vigil light burning next to the tabernacle in the Chapel to signify the Presence of Christ in the reserved Sacrament? In the course of a month, we use five vigil candles. The total cost for these candles is \$10/month. We would like to encourage donations for these vigil lights. Please consider dedicating a month of vigil lights for the tabernacle in memory of a loved one, in honor of a special event, or for a special intention. We began accepting donations with the month of November. To request a month, please place your donation for the vigil lights in an envelope with the month noted. Please also list your name and telephone number in case we need to contact you. If more than one person requests a specific month, we will accept the first request and assign the others to a different month. Thanks for your understanding and for your generosity.

Updated Liturgical Ministry Rosters Available in Sacristy

Updated rosters for Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Altar Servers, and Greeters are available in the ministry mailboxes in the sacristy. Each liturgical minister is asked to kindly take the time and pick these up.

Wednesdays with the Word

During the month of December, Wednesdays with the Word will meet on December 2nd, 9th, 16th, and 23rd. There will be no session on December 30th and no morning sessions until further notice.

Altered Bulletin Deadlines

Due to publication deadlines for the holidays, please refer to the chart below to determine when articles are due. Please remember that these deadlines are firm. Thank you for planning ahead.

Bulletin Date	Due Date and Time
December 20th	December 9th, 12:00PM
December 27th	December 15th, 8:30AM
January 3rd	December 23rd, 12:00PM

Pictures from the Wall of Remembrance

November, the month of All Souls, ends on Tuesday, December 1st. Pictures from the Wall of Remembrance can be picked up in the sacristy on the table next to the sound cabinet marked accordingly. Thank you for sharing these pictures with our parish community. It was our privilege to pray for your loved ones.

Respect Life

Human life is our first gift from God - a gift we are called to care for and protect. We see how fragile the gift is when we see acts of terrorism, war and starvation. We see it in the suffering of the very old or very sick who are alone and lonely. Can we rise to the challenge to give of ourselves to help in some small way? Please continue to contact your Senators regarding the Health Care bill and express your concerns for the unborn, the sick, disabled and frail elderly. Mary, Intercessor and Advocate, help us to bear witness to a culture of life and never to falter in our support of the lives of all people.

Decorate for Christmas

On December 20th, following 10:00AM mass, everyone is welcome to help decorate the church for Christmas. There will be food, music, and a good time for all. If you have questions, please leave a voicemail for the Art & Environment Committee in the Parish Office at extension 18.

Intentions & Readings for the Week



November Sanctuary Candle

In Memory of †Eldon McGraw

December Sanctuary Candle

In Memory of †Peter Ferguson

Monday

Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday Mass

Dn 2:31-45/Lk 21:5-11

8:00AM †Bernard & †Mark McShane

Wednesday

Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/Lk 21:12-19

Thursday Liturgy of the Word with Communion

8:00AM *Dn 6:12-28/Lk 21:20-28*

Friday Liturgy of the Word with Communion

8:00AM *Dn 7:2-14/Lk 21:29-33*

Saturday Mass

Dn 7:15-27/Lk 21:34-36

5:00PM †Abby Bunzel

Sunday Masses

Jer 33:14-16/1 Thes 3:12—4:2/Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

8:00AM People of St. Therese Parish and a Special Intention

10:00AM †Norbert Guindon

The Sacrament of Reconciliation Part Two

The Sacrament of Reconciliation can be celebrated in three different ways. One Saturday a month either Fr. Hugh or Fr. Norm are available to hear individual confessions. This is called Rite for Reconciliation of Individual Penitents, also known as Rite 1. Sometimes parishes offer Reconciliation Services or Rite for Reconciliation of Several Penitents with Individual Confession and Absolution. During these Services there will be a sharing of the Word, an Examination of Conscience and an opportunity for Individual Confession and Individual Absolution. This is sometimes called Rite 2. The last way to celebrate Reconciliation is Rite 3 which is called Rite for Reconciliation of Several Penitents with General Confession and Absolution. This last form of celebration rarely occurs for it is far better to receive the gift and grace of Reconciliation in the private conversation and ritual between penitent and priest. This way each penitent is able to receive his or her own Penance and Absolution. One way of thinking about Rite 3 is to ask yourself, "When would it be necessary for a priest to give General Absolution to a large group of people?" It is only appropriate and necessary in catastrophic circumstances. An example would be if we were all on the Titanic and wanted to make peace with God before the ship went down. The idea of having a communal celebration welcoming each other back to the flock is beautiful and wonderful but is best done when the celebration includes the individual Absolution.

For further information on the Sacrament of Reconciliation look at the Catholic Update called, "Ten Tips for Better Confessions—The Gift of Reconciliation," by Thomas Richstatter, OFM, STD it can be found at www.americancatholic.org.

Thank
you!

CHURCH SUPPORT

Envelopes &
Offertory

Total will be published
next weekend

World AIDS Day Service

An interfaith Service of Remembrance will be celebrated on World AIDS Day, December 1st at 7:00PM. Please join us at Holy Rosary Church, located at 2011 N Oakland Ave in Milwaukee. Fr Mike Hammer MC will be the presider, and the choral groups of Keshona Armon and Grace United Church of Christ will also perform.



Living Our Faith Television Series

Catholic Knights is sponsoring the third season of Living Our Faith, a television program that spotlights Catholic faith in action. Watch "Catholic Knights presents Living Our Faith," beginning Saturday, November 28th at 11:00AM on WISN TV 12 or Time Warner Cable's Wisconsin on Demand Channel 411 and continuing through the Saturdays of Advent and Christmas with *one exception*—the second show of the season will air on Sunday, December 6th at 12:30PM. If you miss a show, every segment is available at livingourfaith.net

Parish Financial Update July 1st—October 31st

	Actual	Budget	Variance
Envelopes & Offertory	\$ 91,377	\$ 116,233	\$ (24,856)
Other Income	62,423	57,483	4,940
Total	\$ 153,800	\$ 173,716	\$ (19,916)
Expenses	\$ 156,072	\$ 160,250	\$ (4,178)
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$ (2,272)	\$ 13,466	\$ (15,738)

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These Important Ministries Need Your Help

If you are interested in serving in any of these ministries, please submit your name and contact information to any member of the Parish Council (see contact information at right).

Church Helpers

Church helpers clean up the pews after all the weekend masses, assuring that the books, envelopes, and pencils are neatly arranged. Currently we have only two weekends per month covered. We would like to create a schedule with a 5-6 week rotation. A Coordinator is also needed for this ministry. The Coordinator has two responsibilities—making out the schedule and training the ministers. Church helpers would minister approximately once per month. The ministry can be done during the week or on the weekend (before the 5:00PM mass or after the 10:00AM mass). This is an easy thing a family can do for the parish.

Art & Environment Committee Needed

Currently we are in need of a functioning Art and Environment Committee—a Coordinator and committee to decorate the church for the liturgical seasons. Advent is fast approaching and begins this weekend. The “church environment” enhances our prayer and worship.

Please Help Us Keep Our Prayer List Current

It is our privilege to pray for others at our parish liturgies. The General Intercessions are offered at our celebrations of the Eucharist to extend our prayer beyond our parish and assembly. Please help us keep our prayer list current. While we receive many requests for prayer, we are uncertain how long to keep names on our list. If you would like a name to remain on our prayer list, you may submit the name at www.sainttheresemilwaukee.org/prayerlist or contact Courtney Falk in writing, by phone, or by email and submit the following:

- ♦ the name of the person to be prayed for, with pronunciation if needed
- ♦ your name and contact information (phone or email)
- ♦ an agreement to communicate to Courtney Falk in writing, by phone, or email when the person's name should be removed from the list.

Thank you for understanding.

Ministry Sign Up

Sign-up sheets for servers, lectors, Eucharistic ministers, and greeters for January through April are now available in the sacristy. Please indicate your mass preference and special requests in the spaces provided. The sheets will be available through December 6th. Schedules will be ready the following weekend. If you are interested in joining one of the ministries, please add your name and phone number to the bottom of the appropriate sheet, and you will be contacted. Questions? Contact:

Altar Servers: Jim Balliet (414) 257-0339 Greeters: Audrey Wright (414) 771-2140
EMs: Lisa Stringer (262) 442-3856 Scheduler: Mari Pavleje (414) 545-2733
Lectors: Lisa Hollander (414) 443-9656

Flower & Candle Memorial Donations

In this season of giving, you can remember a loved one or a special intention by donating toward the cost of flowers and candles for our church environment. Please complete the form below, include your donation of any amount, and return both in the collection basket at any mass. Thank you for your generosity!

Candle and Flower Donations—PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Donor Name _____

Phone () _____ Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Select one: In Memory In Honor In Thanksgiving

Intention _____

Publish in bulletin? Yes No Print intention, not donor

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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Heather Goeden (414) 313-6397

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Jesse Stringer (262) 442-3710

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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.