



# 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.

December 6th, 2009

## Parish Staff

### Parish Director

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

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### Administrative Assistant

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### Coordinator of Parish Catechesis

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### Ministers

All the Members of the Parish

### 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:

Thursday, Friday: 8:00AM

See inside for Holy Day Schedules



Second  
Sunday  
Advent

John went throughout the whole region of the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

— Lk 3:3

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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

Thanks to all who attended the November 16th liturgical minister's meeting. We are already seeing some improvements as a result of that meeting—more ministers are filling in the “open” spaces in the schedule; the preparation time required for check-in is being followed more closely; and generally, there is greater care given to our liturgical celebrations. We are still in need of Altar Servers, Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, and Ushers. Please note that there will be training sessions offered after the holidays.

Speaking of training for liturgical ministries, it is important that we understand the necessity of not only knowing the “functionary aspects” of ministry, but also why we do these. Beginning with the new year in January, every current liturgical minister will be asked to update their training so that the theology and spirituality of the ministry is understood. At the November 16th meeting, we emphasized the need for ongoing formation and updating for all our liturgical ministers.

Advent blessings to you,

*Dr. Alexandra Guliano*

## New Communion Procedure for 8:00AM Mass

For the past several weeks, we have been experimenting with a new



**Stop, Look,  
and Listen to this!**

Communion Procession procedure for 8:00AM mass. Communion is distributed in the middle section only, except when there is a choir ministering at the mass. Persons in the pews are to be ushered to the middle section. When the choir ministers, Communion will be brought to them in the southwest corner of the church. Anyone unable to walk in the Communion Procession is asked to indicate this to the Ushers who will assure that Communion is brought to the pews. Thanks for your cooperation, patience, and understanding as we implement this new process.

## 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.

## 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](mailto:jhballiet@aol.com) or (414) 257-0339.



*You are the glory of Jerusalem, the surpassing joy of Israel; you are the splendid boast of our people... May you be blest by the Lord Almighty forever and ever. (Jdt 15:9-10)*

Holy Mary, Mother of God, You have given the world its true light. Jesus, your Son – the Son of God. You abandoned yourself completely to God's call and thus became a wellspring of the goodness which flows forth from Him. Show us Jesus. Lead us to Him. Teach us to know and love Him, so that we too can become capable of true love and be fountains of living water in the midst of a thirsting world.

*The mother of our Lord deserves our adoration for saying “yes” to God in the face of great uncertainty. Pray that you too can say “yes” when God calls you to face life's challenges.*

Please remember the following in your prayers:

Lenore Black, Gene Brah, Anna Daevel, 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, Charlotte Meeks, Chris Melloch, Laverne Mucci, Michelle Muschelewicz, Gerry Roberts, Sylvia Schaffer, Gladys Shafer, Carlene Siever, Susan Sinks, Marion Stabo, Mary Stoke, Robert John Swiderski, Harold Vanden Heuvel, Merle Weber, Bob Wilcox, Brian Wissing

Born to Eternal Life: †Ted Schmidt, †Jim Shafer



Our Sympathy to the family of Jim Shafer on his recent death. Jim was the brother of Bonnie Drabowicz and Lana Anderson of our parish.

## 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

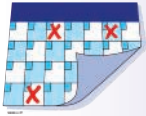
- ◆ 9:00AM World Day of Prayer for Peace/Solemnity of Mary Holyday Mass

## 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 for your ministry!

## Thank You

Ginny Kopischke donated the cost of nine pyxes (for communion to the sick and homebound) in memory of Jack Kopischke.



## Parish Events for the Week

### 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)

### Monday, December 7th

- 6:00PM St. Vincent dePaul (STR)
- 7:00PM Parish Council (MC)

### Tuesday, December 8th

- Parish Office Closed
- 8:00AM Mass
- 3:30PM Canticle Choir (MC)
- 7:00PM Mass

### Wednesday, December 9th

- 6:45PM Wednesdays with the Word (STR)
- 7:30PM St. Therese Choir (CHP)
- 7:30PM Praise Band (CH)

### Thursday, December 10th

No Meetings Scheduled

### Friday, December 11th

No Meetings Scheduled

### Saturday, December 12th—Sharing Weekend

- 7:30AM Forming the Catechetical Spirit (MC)
- After Mass Christmas/Advent Library Display (LIB)

### Sunday, December 13th—Sharing Weekend

- After Masses Christmas/Advent Library Display (LIB)
- 8:45AM Sunday School (ALL)
- 9:10AM St. Therese Choir (CH)
- 10:00AM Children's Liturgy of the Word (CH)
- 5:30PM Teen Session (MC)

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

### 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.



### Question of the Week:

Do your prayers include prisoners, enemies, and those who have wronged you?

### Next Weekend is Sharing Weekend

The December Recipient of our Sharing Weekend collection will be Delphi House. Delphi house is celebrating their 20th Anniversary. Our mission statement has stayed the same: Delphi House seeks to create a nurturing environment for abused children who have been placed in foster care and to break the cycle of violence. They give children—regardless of race, religion, gender or national origin—the opportunity to learn alternatives to violence, to gain trust and self-esteem and to realize their full potential as human beings.

Delphi House currently provides a home for larger sibling groups to live together under one roof with a kinship care provider. At this time, Delphi House provides 2 kinship caregivers and 10 children with a large comfortable home and support services. These include an after school tutoring program, counseling and therapy, role modeling, trips within the community, as well as offering the kinship care providers guidance and support required to succeed in that role. Delphi House has also acquired another large house that is in need of major repairs. With the help of grants and Eaton Corporation, they are doing extensive remodeling to meet the code necessary to provide another foster care family and sibling group with the shelter and services that they have extended to the present family. The plan is to have this home available for operation on Delphi House's anniversary, April 13th, 2010.

Please be generous during this Christmas Season. Thank you for your past wonderful response to our recipients.

### 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

### You're Invited to the Christmas/Advent Library Display

Next weekend, stop by the Parish Library after mass and browse through our wonderful selection of books and DVDs for this season of Advent and Christmas. There's something for everyone...snuggle up with a good inspirational book or gather the family to enjoy a heartwarming movie. If you check out an item you'll be eligible for our free raffle...one for adults and one for children. Enjoy a hot cup of coffee and some homemade treats! Don't miss this special event!

### 55+ Social Club

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

### Wednesdays with the Word

Wednesdays with the Word take place from 6:45PM—7:30PM in the St. Therese Room on December 2nd, 9th, 16th, and 23rd, not the 30th. All are welcome to join in breaking open the Word of God for the upcoming Sunday.

### Thank You, but No Thanks

Thanks to your generosity, only new Christmas and all occasion cards can be used. Please no used cards. Thanks again. Sr Ann Christine, SSND

# Intentions & Readings for the Week



## December Sanctuary Candle

In Memory of †Peter Ferguson,  
son of Ann Ferguson, grandson of Ann Lemanski

### Monday

*Is 35:1-10/Lk 5:17-26*

### Tuesday Mass

*Gn 3:9-15, 20/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38*

8:00AM †Bernard McShane

7:00PM A Special Intention

### Wednesday

*Is 40:25-31/Mt 11:28-30*

### Thursday Liturgy of the Word with Communion

8:00AM *Is 41:13-20/Mt 11:11-15*

### Friday Liturgy of the Word with Communion

8:00AM *Is 48:17-19/Mt 11:16-19*

### Saturday Mass

*Zec 2:14-17/Lk 1:26-38*

5:00PM †Barbara Pelkey and †Alan Pelkey

### Sunday Masses

*Zep 3:14-18a/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18*

8:00AM †Abby Bunzel

10:00AM St. Therese Parish Community and  
†Tony Sincere

## Faith in Our Future Update

Thank you for your generosity to the Faith In Our Future Campaign! Our parishioners have pledged \$221,653 to the campaign, bringing us to 65% of our goal of \$340,000. So far, parish families have actually donated over \$52,000 to the trust. 40% of donations stay with the trust to support Catholic education and faith formation, and 60% are sent to St. Therese. We have used this \$31,247 to replace the bell tower door, pay for building, electrical, and heating repairs, and upgrade lighting in church. We have also tithed \$3,125 to the St. Vincent de Paul Society to help the needy.

If you would like to make or change a pledge, pledge cards on the tables at the entrances of church. If you have any questions, please contact the campaign chairs:

Michael Falk (414) 254-5619 [mjf@e-falk.com](mailto:mjf@e-falk.com)  
Ann Maher (414) 453-4437 [amaher@whdlaw.com](mailto:amaher@whdlaw.com)  
Dr. Jesse Stringer (262) 442-3710 [JStringe@mcw.edu](mailto:JStringe@mcw.edu)  
or email all three chairs at [fiofchairs@sainttheresemilwaukee.org](mailto:fiofchairs@sainttheresemilwaukee.org)

## 6th Transfer from the Faith In Our Future Trust Fund

On November 25th, our parish received its sixth transfer from the Faith In Our Future Trust Fund—\$4,613.60. We will tithe \$461.36 to our parish St. Vincent de Paul Society, and with this transfer we will be able to reimburse the parish reserves for the remainder of the start-up expenses for the Capital Campaign. More information to follow in next week's bulletin.

## Pictures from the Wall of Remembrance

November, the month of All Souls, ended last Monday. 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.

## CROP Walk

Twenty-five members of St. Therese community walked in the CROP Walk and raised \$960 to help alleviate hunger in the Milwaukee area. Barb Gritzmacher and Donna Maccani, who co-chaired the event, thank the people who walked, those who sponsored the walkers, and all of the people who so generously brought food. It was a great outreach to those in need.

## Thank You

The MICA Board of Trustees extends our heartfelt thanks from our membership for your generous offering of \$900.00 on the Sharing Sunday for November. It is a living tribute that befits your St Therese Parish Mission Statement.

*Dr. Martha Tempesta*

Executive Director

*Dave McGinnis*

Parishioner

## Tote Bags from Baños, Equador Ready for Pick Up

If you purchased a tote bag from the missionary who was with us in September, Sr Mary McGlone, CSJ of FUVIRESE, these are available for pick up in the sacristy. Thanks to all who purchased the bags and for taking the time to pick them up.

## Prayer Day - December 7th

Prayer Day is a real Christmas get ready bargain. No long lines. No midnight hours. Daytime hours 8:30AM—6:30PM. No discounts with full benefits - free! Come one, come all.

Thank  
you!

## CHURCH SUPPORT

November 21st/22nd:	\$5103.50
Thanksgiving Day:	\$123.00
November 28th/29th:	\$4819.81

## Volunteer Tutors Needed

Milwaukee Achiever Literacy Services, an adult literacy program founded in 1983 by the president of Alverno College, Cardinal Stritch University, and Mt Mary College, needs volunteer tutors to work one-on-one with adult learners for a minimum commitment of two hours per week for six months. There is a special need for late afternoon and evening hours. Free training is provided. Tax-deductible donations are also appreciated. For further information, please contact:

**Pierce Center:** 1512 W Pierce St, (414) 643-0176  
x105 or [pcoord@milwaukeeachiever.org](mailto:pcoord@milwaukeeachiever.org)

**Silver Spring Center:** 5566 N 69th St, (414) 463-7389 or [jpuls@milwaukeeachiever.org](mailto:jpuls@milwaukeeachiever.org)



December 6th

### 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

### These Important Ministries Need Your Help

#### Art & Environment Committee Needed

Thanks to Abby and Elly Smith for coordinating our Art and Environment Committee. Committee members are needed. To volunteer for this ministry, please call the Parish Office and leave a voicemail at extension 18 for the Art & Environment Committee.

#### 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. If you are interested in joining this ministry, please submit your name and contact information to any member of the Parish Council (see contact information at right).

### Please Help Us Keep Our Prayer List Current

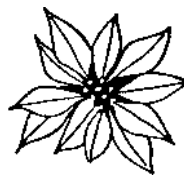
It is our privilege to pray for others at our parish liturgies. The General Intercessions are offered at our celebrations of the Eucharist to extend our prayer beyond our parish and assembly. Please help us keep our prayer list current. While we receive many requests for prayer, we are uncertain how 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](http://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.

### 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

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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 !**

**Deadline:**  
Please see body of bulletin for altered deadlines for the holidays.  
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