



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 27th, 2009

Parish Staff

Parish Director

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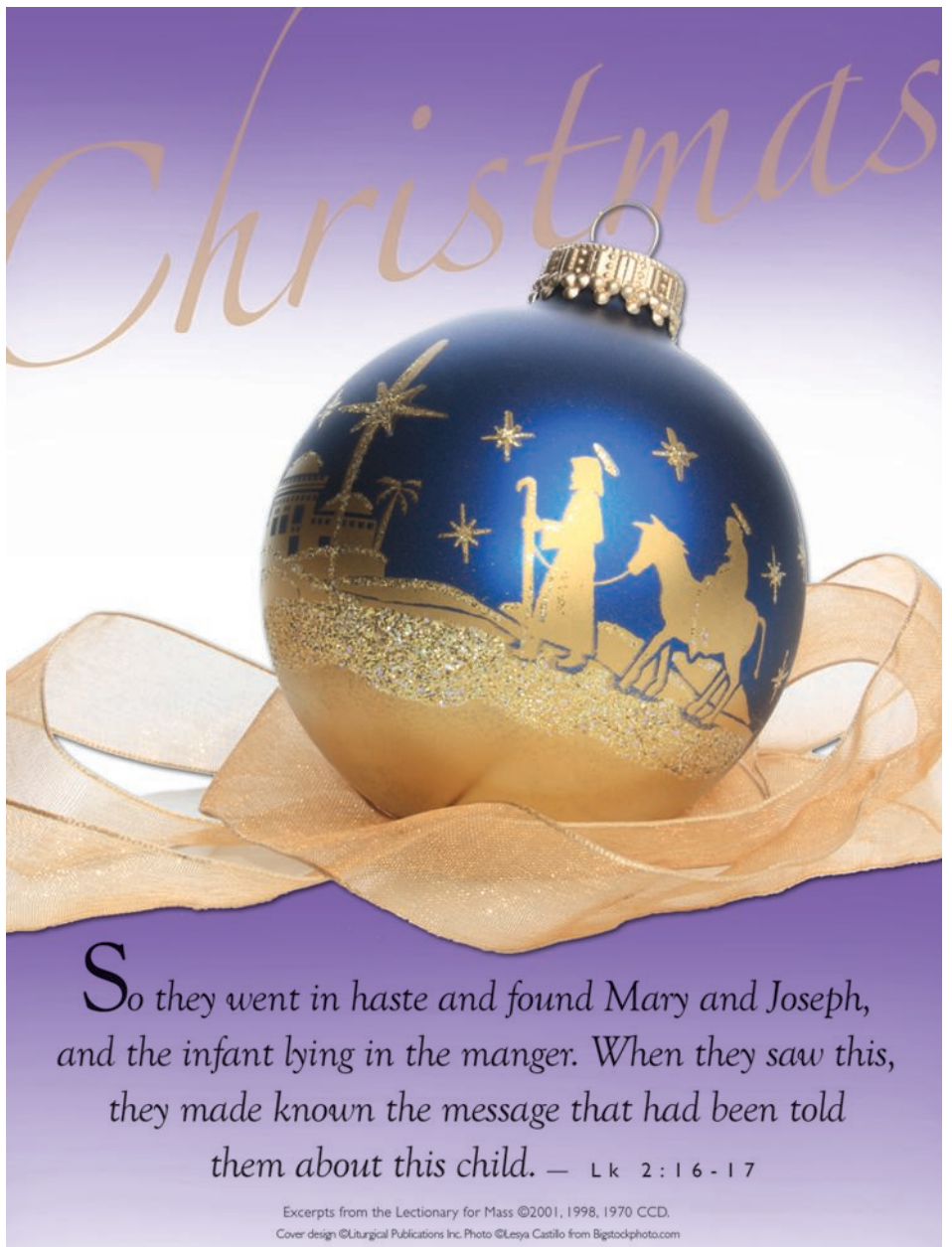
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Ministers

All the Members of the Parish

Parish Emergencies

(414) 771-2500 — listen for instructions



So they went in haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the infant lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known the message that had been told them about this child. — Lk 2:16-17

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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

◆ Christmas is here! A Blessed and Merry Christmas Season to all. May Emmanuel, who is God With Us, fill you with love and peace this Holy Season! The Christmas Season began on Thursday night, December 24th and continues through January 10th, the Solemnity of the Baptism of the Lord.

Let us not forget those who are having a difficult time this Christmas Season. Our culture paints the picture that a **real** Christmas is filled with many decorations, many presents, and many people gathered around the table having a wonderful time and enjoying lots of good food. When any of these elements are missing, people may feel lonely, discouraged, or depressed.

As a church, we have different criteria for a **real** Christmas. A real Christmas means opening our hearts to receive God's presence, trusting that Christ is with us no matter what are circumstances are, acknowledging God's love as the most powerful force in our lives, in the lives of others, and in our world.

◆ A warm welcome to all our visitors this Holy Season! Thank you for joining us for the celebrations of Savior's Birth, and the Feast of the Holy Family this weekend. We consider your presence and joining us for worship one of the greatest blessings of our parish community.

◆ May all of us know Christ's love in deeper ways this Christmas Season, and may that love fill you with joy and peace!

God be with you!

Dr. Alexandra Guliano

Christmas

◆ It is Christmas in the heart that puts Christmas in the air.
W. T. Ellis

◆ Christmas may be a day of feasting, or of prayer, but always it will be a day of remembrance—a day in which we think of everything we have ever loved.
Augusta E. Rundel

◆ Christmas, my child, is love in action. Every time we love, every time we give, it's Christmas.
Dale Evans Rogers

◆ Bless us Lord, this Christmas, with quietness of mind; Teach us to be patient and always to be kind. Amen.
Helen Steiner Rice

CHURCH SUPPORT

December 8th Holyday	\$238.00
December 12th/13th	\$7235.61
Sharing Collection	\$1180.40



Thank You to all who made our celebration of Advent and Christmas so beautiful!

- ✱ Ann Maher and Pat Safavi and all who helped with our Advent Giving Tree and deliveries
- ✱ Denise Dostalek, Whitney Strohmeier, and all the volunteers who did the "behind the scenes" work for church decorating
- ✱ Abby and Elly Smith, for coordinating the Art & Environment for Advent/Christmas and to all the volunteers who decorated on Sunday, December 20th
- ✱ Steve Ottman for the donation of trees and wreaths
- ✱ The Canticle Choir, St. Therese (10:00PM) Choir, Cantors, Praise Band, and Instrumentalists, directed by our talented and gifted Pastoral Musicians, Elterine Jankowski-Biggers and Sterling Biggers
- ✱ Our liturgical ministers—Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers, Greeters, Ushers, Lay Presiders, and our priests, Father Hugh Birdsall, SDS, and Father Norm Oswald, and our Parish Director, Dr. Alexandra Guliano.
- ✱ The Parish Staff for their continued leadership and guidance
- ✱ All who donated for the flowers and candles for the season
- ✱ Deanna Sullivan, who faithfully maintains the candles for St. Therese Shrine and the altars
- ✱ To all the Church Helpers, who straighten up the books and cards in the pews
- ✱ To all who joined us in thanks and praise at our celebrations of prayer and Eucharist this Holy Season!



God bless us everyone!

January 1st Holyday Mass Schedule

Friday, January 1st is the Solemnity of Mary and the World Day of Prayer for Peace, a holyday of obligation. We will celebrate mass at 9:00AM in the Church.

Please note that the Parish Office will be closed on December 31st and January 1st in observance of the holyday.



55+ Social Club

The next meeting originally scheduled for January 14th has been cancelled. Thank you for your understanding.

Thank You

◆ To all who helped with the "thank you receptions" after masses last weekend in honoring Barb Heinz on the occasion of her retirement.



Happy Anniversary!

Don and Mary Washburn celebrate their 51st Wedding Anniversary on December 27th.



Parish Events for the Week

Sunday, December 27th

No Meetings Scheduled

Monday, December 28th

No Meetings Scheduled

Tuesday, December 29th

No Meetings Scheduled

Wednesday, December 30th

No Meetings Scheduled

Thursday, December 31st

Parish Office Closed

Friday, January 1st, 2010—Happy New Year!

Parish Office Closed

Saturday, January 2nd, 2010

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

Sunday, January 3rd, 2010

7:30PM Canticle Choir (CH)

9:10AM St. Therese Choir (CH)

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

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

Liturgical Ministry Schedules

Liturgical ministry schedules for lectors, servers, greeters, and Eucharistic ministers for January through April are now available in the sacristy. Please pick up a copy as soon as possible. This is the last weekend to sign up on the Greeters schedule. Those schedules will be available next week. If you are interested in joining one of the ministries, please call the coordinator of the ministry you would like to join.

Altar Servers: Jim Balliet (414) 257-0339

EMs: Lisa Stringer (262) 442-3856

Greeters: Audrey Wright (414) 771-2140

Lectors: Lisa Hollander (414) 443-9656

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.

Question of the Week:

Since the love of God has been revealed to you, will others learn of that love by the way you live?

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. If you would like a name 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.

Wednesdays with the Word

Learn more about the weekly Scripture readings by participating in Wednesdays with the Word at 6:45PM on Wednesdays in the St. Therese Room. We will not be meeting on Wednesday, December 30th but will resume on Wednesday, January 6th.

Unused Surplus Christmas Cards

Have you finished writing out all of your Christmas cards and found you have a few leftover? Have you had extra unused cards from previous years sitting in a box thinking sometime you would use up your old ones? If you would like to get rid of these extras, please let me know. An event is in the works for Christmas 2010 and that would require up to 200 Christmas cards. Please contact Cathy in the Parish Office if you would like to donate these cards.

Library Raffle Winners

Congratulations to Helen Kupferle and Elle Islo! Helen won the beautiful crystal cross and Elle won the Christmas basket filled with goodies. There were 70 items checked out at our annual Advent/Christmas library display... more than ever! Thanks to everyone who supported this event. There are many more wonderful DVD/VHS movies and Christmas & Advent book selections available for you to check out in the parish library located in the main lobby. Take advantage of this wonderful resource available to you!

Greeting Card Outreach Ministry

Birthday cards are sent from the parish to all members age 70 and older. Get well cards are sent to parish members who are suffering from an illness. Would you like to be a part of this ministry? If so, please contact Kathy Doyne of the Personnel Committee at (414) 771-7555.

The Art & Environment Committee Needs Help

Help plan and decorate our Church environment for all the liturgical seasons. To volunteer, please call the Parish Office and leave a message at extension #21.

Coordinator and Committee Members for 55+ Social Club Needed

The 55+ Social Club needs a Coordinator and Committee Members. The Club usually meets monthly for a lunch, program, and time for socializing. In addition, the Club sponsors bus trips for cultural and other enjoyable events. If you are interested in serving as a Coordinator or Co-Coordinator with another person, or if you are interested in serving as a Committee Member, please contact Kathy Doyne, Personnel Committee Chairperson at (414) 771-7555.

Intentions & Readings for the Week



December Sanctuary Candle

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

Monday

1 Jn 1:5-2:2/Mt 2:13-18

Tuesday Mass

1 Jn 2:3-11/Lk 2:22-35

8:00AM †Kathryn Quinn

Wednesday

1 Jn 2:12-17/Lk 2:36-40

Thursday Liturgy of the Word with Communion

8:00AM 1 Jn 2:18-21/Jn 1:1-18

Friday Holyday Mass

Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

9:00AM Edward John and Richard McShane

Saturday Mass

1 Jn 2:22-28/Jn 1:19-28

5:00PM †Abby Bunzel

Sunday Masses

Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

8:00AM St. Therese Parish Community

10:00AM †Irene VanEyck

Two Multi-Colored Tote Bags from Ecuador Mission Left for Sale

We have two multi-colored bags left for sale at \$25 each. These were handmade by people with disabilities in Baños, Ecuador and make beautiful gifts. To purchase, please contact Dr. Guliano by phone or email. 100% of the proceeds go to the ministry of FUVIRESE, our 2009 missionary partner to help people with disabilities help themselves.

The Holy Family

Adolescents are often characterized in American culture as moody, rebellious, unresponsive to adults, secretive, addicted to text messaging, and generally disconnected from their families. The caricature carries over into films, television shows, and comic strips like "Zits." Television sitcoms often garner great laughs by pitting younger, wittier children against adolescents to the delight of onlooking parents. Such views only serve to separate the members of a family rather than unite them as one household.

While we may laugh at the humor, letting culture define family life is not the direction offered by Christian experience. For starters, Christians begin with baptism, recognizing that each member of the family shares in the gift of the Holy Spirit that dwells in our hearts. As the writer of the First Letter of John says, "We are God's children now." In the family, each member is a precious gift with talents given by God.

The adolescent Jesus slipped away from Mary and Joseph in Sunday's Gospel. (Has it ever happened to you where one of your older kids slipped away because they wanted to stay out a little longer?) In the end, his actions were seen as part of God's larger plan. It remains a delicate balance in helping children to discern their gifts as they grow older, while at the same time providing the discipline and structure that will protect and guide them. This feast that we celebrate today reminds us that the balance comes from seeing ourselves as a family with God in our midst. With that as the starting point, rather than the culture of the day, we can all learn how to be about our heavenly Father's business.

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Respect Life

The Archdiocesan Respect Life Rosary and Mass will be on Friday, January 22nd, 2010 at St. John Vianney Church located at 1755 N Calhoun Rd in Brookfield. This is the anniversary of the Supreme Court decision legalizing abortion. All are welcome to attend.

2010 St. Joseph Sunday Missals Available

A limited number of 2010 St. Joseph Sunday Missals are available in the containers on the tables on the entrances of the church for \$2.00 each. Please place the payment for the missals in the envelope provided and place it in the collection basket.

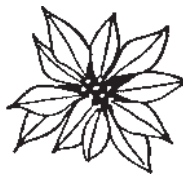


Feast of the Holy Family



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

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(414) 453-5750

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(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:

Deadline for January 3rd
bulletin is passed.
Next available bulletin is
January 10th.

All submissions
writing; email preferred.