



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.

January 3rd, 2010

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

Magi from the
east arrived in
Jerusalem, saying,
“Where is the
newborn king of
the Jews? We saw
his star at its rising
and have come to
do him homage.”

— Mt 2:1b-2

Epiphany

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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

Epiphany, “God’s manifestation,” “Visit of the Magi,” “Feast of the Three Kings,” “Little Christmas”—all these are descriptions of the great feast we celebrate this weekend.

Simply put, the liturgy we celebrate this weekend, is the feast of all peoples. Jesus came for all people, in all places, for all times. The Three Wise Ones, the visitors from faraway places in the East, searched for the child who would free Israel. Guided by the star, the light of Christ, these “foreigners” were welcomed by the family of Jesus.

Today’s feast is rich with symbolism—the light of the star; the gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh; the journey from the East, and the warnings in dreams. Our spirits are strengthened as we are reminded that God touches every area of our lives and that God is within us; God is around us; God is for us; God is Emmanuel.

May our own journeys be guided by the light of Christ!

This weekend also marks the installation of our new archbishop, Archbishop Jerome Listecki. Perhaps you have seen him on television or read about him in the press. Archbishop Listecki will celebrate Evening Prayer this Sunday evening at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist on the vigil of his installation and will be formally installed as the 11th Archbishop of Milwaukee by the papal nuncio, Rev. Pietro Sambini, at the Installation Mass on Monday, January 4th at 2:00PM.

Kathy Hubrich, Parish Council Chairperson, and I will represent St. Therese Parish by attending the installation liturgy and reception. Due to limited seating, only one representative from each parish of the archdiocese was invited. We thank Kathy for her leadership and for standing in our place at the installation mass.

The installation of Archbishop Listecki signals a new beginning for the church of southeastern Wisconsin which comprises the Archdiocese of Milwaukee.

Please remember the people, parishes, and institutions of our archdiocese in your thoughts and prayers this week. Following the example of the Magi, may we seek Christ together!

Finally, I would like to give an update on a Parish Council, parish, and personal matter. As you may know, my current term of office as Parish Director ends in June 2010. During the last three months, the Parish Council and I have engaged in a discernment process regarding the future pastoral leadership of the parish. According to current archdiocesan policy, parish directors may be appointed for a maximum of three consecutive terms of office, four years each term, for a total maximum of twelve years. Priest pastors may be appointed for a maximum of two six-year terms of office, for a total of twelve years.

Additionally, it is important to realize that all appointments for pastors and parish directors are made by the archbishop. The Personnel Board of the archdiocese makes recommendations to the archbishop, but the archbishop makes the appointments.

Both the Parish Council and I have submitted paperwork to the Personnel Board for possible reappointment for a third term of office. The Personnel Board will review our submissions and then make a recommendation to Archbishop Listecki. We will be informed when the decision on appointments is made, and we will communicate that decision to the parish community.

Thanks to the Parish Council for participating in the discernment process and for their work in submitting the paperwork to the Personnel Board. As with all parish matters, we place this process in God’s Hands.

As we continue to celebrate the Christmas Season, may we know God’s Presence in our lives.


Dr. Alexandra Guliano

Thank You

I would like to thank all of you for the kind words and good wishes as I retired as ChristCare Minister. The receptions were wonderful and I had a chance to visit with many of our parishioners. Special thanks to all who helped with the receptions. I will always treasure my years at St. Therese and those years will hold a special place in my heart.

Barb Heinz

CHURCH SUPPORT	
December 18th/19th	\$9647.50
Christmas Liturgies	\$7091.95
December 26th/27th	\$6488.50



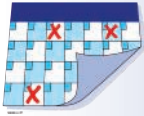
Thank You

- ♦ To all the liturgical ministers who ministered at more than one Christmas liturgy so that we could have the four masses of Christmas. We appreciate your gift of time and ministry!
- ♦ To Leona McGraw for donating the 2010 Ordo for the sacristy in memory of Eldon McGraw.



Wednesdays with the Word

“The word of God is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path,” writes the psalmist. Come to Wednesdays with the Word on Wednesday evening at 6:45PM in the St. Therese Room and experience opening the Word (the Scriptures for the coming weekend liturgy). All are welcome.



Parish Events for the Week

Sunday, January 3rd

- 7:30PM Canticle Choir (CH)
- 9:10AM St. Therese Choir (CH)
- 10:00AM Children's Liturgy of the Word (CH)

Monday, January 4th

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

Tuesday, January 5th

No Meetings Scheduled

Wednesday, January 6th

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

Thursday, January 7th

No Meetings Scheduled

Friday, January 8th

No Meetings Scheduled

Saturday, January 9th

- 7:30AM Forming the Catechetical Spirit (MC)
- 2:00PM 2nd Grade Sacrament Prep (GLP)

Sunday, January 10th

- 9:10AM St. Therese Choir (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

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.



Question of the Week:
What gifts do I bring to offer—gold, organizational skills, transportation, frankincense, time?

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.

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. 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



55+ Social Club

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

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.

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.

Variety Show

Have you thought about being a part of this year's Variety Show? If you, or someone in your family likes to sing, dance, play an instrument, tell stories or has any other talent, please consider signing up for this year's *Yet Another Pretty Good Variety Show*. The show will be Sunday, January 31st at 3:00PM. Pickup a flyer from Elterine "Dusty" Jankowski-Biggers at the church organ or call her in the Parish Office. We also need volunteers to help backstage and with refreshments. Here's your chance to be part of a fun activity with your friends and family at St. Therese. As they say, "*Yet Another Pretty Good Variety Show* must go on." Applications must be completed by January 18th.



Intentions & Readings for the Week



January Sanctuary Candle

In Memory of †Maurice Wright

Monday

1 Jn 3:22-4:6/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday Mass

1 Jn 4:7-10/Mk 6:34-44

8:00AM †Andrew D'Allessandro

Wednesday

1 Jn 4:11-18/Mk 6:45-52

Thursday Liturgy of the Word with Communion

8:00AM 1 Jn 4:19-5:4/Lk 4:14-22a

Friday Liturgy of the Word with Communion

8:00AM 1 Jn 5:5-13/Lk 5:12-16

Saturday Mass

1 Jn 5:14-21/Jn 3:22-30

5:00PM †Dennis Nee

Sunday Masses

Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Acts 10:34-38/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

8:00AM St. Therese Parish Community

10:00AM †John & †Betty Fetzer and †John Fetzer Jr



Lenore Black, Gene Brah, Anna Daevel, Tom Fera, Sr Mary Bride Grubbs, Georgina Guevara, Pauline Gutmann, Mary Ann Hesselbein, Ben Hoener, Andy Islo, Garnet Jankowski, Ken Knollenberg, Marcella Kozuh, Tom Kreuter, Ann Lackovic, 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, Lisa Tym, Natalie Tym, Harold Vanden Heuvel, Merle Weber, Bob Wilcox

Helping Hands Needed!

Aurora Visiting Nurse Association

The Aurora Visiting Nurse Association of Wisconsin seeks hospice volunteers to assist their hospice patients and their families in Milwaukee, Ozaukee, and Waukesha counties. A number of volunteer opportunities are available, including visiting, doing light household chores, providing office and clerical assistance to staff, and using your professional skills as message therapists, beauticians, social workers, attorneys, etc. Training will be provided. If you are interested, please contact Megan Beine, Volunteer Coordinator, at (414) 328-4453, email her at megan.beine@aurora.org or pick up a brochure in our Parish Lobby on the bulletin board shelf.

Opportunities to Meet the New Archbishop

Archbishop Jerome Listecki

Six regional celebrations of welcome for our new archbishop, Archbishop Jerome Listecki, will take place from Thursday, January 7th through Monday, February 1st, at parishes throughout the 10-county archdiocese. These events will provide all Catholics in southeastern Wisconsin the opportunity to meet, pray, and celebrate with the new archbishop. All of these celebrations are open to the public. Each liturgy will begin at 7:00PM followed by a reception.

- ♦ Thursday, January 7th at St. William Parish, Waukesha
- ♦ Wednesday, January 13th at Christ King Parish, Wauwatosa
- ♦ Tuesday, January 19th at Holy Family Parish, Fond du Lac
- ♦ Tuesday, January 26th at St. Alphonsus Parish, Greendale
- ♦ Thursday, January 28th at St. Frances Cabrini, West Bend
- ♦ Monday, February 1st at St. Paul Parish, Racine

Presentation by Sr. Helen Prejean, CSJ

Author of *Dead Man Walking*

On Thursday, January 14th, from 10:00-11:30AM, Sr Helen Prejean, CSJ, will deliver the keynote address for the National Cathedral Ministry Conference. Her talk is titled "Dead Man Walking—The Journey Continues." This event is open to the public for the cost of \$10 per person. It will take place at the Pfister Hotel in Milwaukee, 7th Floor, Imperial Ballroom. Reservations are required. Please contact Barbara Kowalewski (St. John Cathedral) at (414) 276-9814.

Respect Life

The Archdiocesan Respect Life Rosary and Mass will be on Friday, January 22nd 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.

Epiphany of the Lord

Stars are amazing—not the people who claim star-status because of their work in sports or entertainment, but the stars that populate the universe. Most are between one and ten billion years old, a time span impossible to comprehend. Other than the sun, the closest star to Earth is Proxima Centauri, about twenty-five trillion miles away, another calculation that is impossible to comprehend. The exponential numbers scientists use when working with stars, whether it is age, distance, weight, composition, luminosity, or any other characteristic, race beyond our everyday calculations of hundreds and thousands. Stars are just too big for us humans.

No wonder Matthew's infancy narrative included a star as the sign for the newborn king. Everything about this child's birth seemed unimportant: born in Bethlehem instead of the big city, Jerusalem; unknown to the important people of the day; the pregnant woman taken into Joseph's home quietly so as not to cause scandal; a quiet, unremarkable birth in an unimportant country in the empire.

But then there's that star! Big, shining, revealing that there is more to this event than meets the eye. Visitors come from afar, and upset the balance of power as they seek the child who would be king. Epiphany is the manifestation of Christ to the world. And the star shows him to be who he really is—king of the universe and Lord of all. So it shouldn't seem so strange to us that Matthew would point out one of those incomprehensible entities in the night sky as the signifier of the One who is beyond all human understanding. What is remarkable is that that One came to be one of us so that we could understand him.

7th Transfer from the Faith In Our Future Trust Fund

On December 23rd, our parish received a transfer in the amount of \$4,137 from the Faith In Our Future Trust Fund. The next projects to be funded with our Faith In Our Future money are the updating and repairing of our heating system and the purchase of a new water heater. The estimate for these projects is approximately \$15,000, so we will save the money from the next several transfers in order to pay for these projects. Thanks to all who have contributed and pledged to our Faith In our Future Capital Campaign. If you have not done so already, there are pledge cards and envelopes in the pews and on the tables at the entrances of the church. Please note that all pledge cards are to be returned to St. Therese Parish, but all checks and payments are to be made out and mailed to "Faith In Our Future." After you submit a pledge card, the Faith In Our Future Trust Fund will send you a statement and reply envelope for your pledge.

A Season of New Hope

The season of Advent ushered in a new liturgical year. As the light of the Advent Wreath grew each week there was a new opportunity for us to look with hope to the future. We now look to the new calendar year with the same sense of anticipation. What will this New Year bring? This time of year also brings out a feeling of nostalgia. Where have we come from and with whom did we share our lives? I would like to take this time to thank each of you at St. Therese for making me and my family feel like we are home. I look forward with great hope and anticipation for the promise of new adventures, new beginnings, and peace in this New Year.

Wishing all of you a healthy and happy New Year!

Cathy

Many Thank You's!

A special "Thank You" to all of you who shared your light as you lit the Advent Wreath this year. Many of those who participated are preparing for our Easter Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation. Please continue to pray for these individuals as their time for commitment comes closer.

Thank you to all helped to decorate the church last week for the Christmas Season! Without your time and talent we would not have this beautiful display. A special "Thank You" to Sandi Skrobis for the beautiful "Peace on Earth" banner now hanging by the book of prayers!

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.

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

Secretary

Heather Goeden (414) 313-6397

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Mari Pavleje (414) 545-2733

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Jesse Stringer (262) 442-3710

**Greater Tosa
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.