



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 10th, 2010

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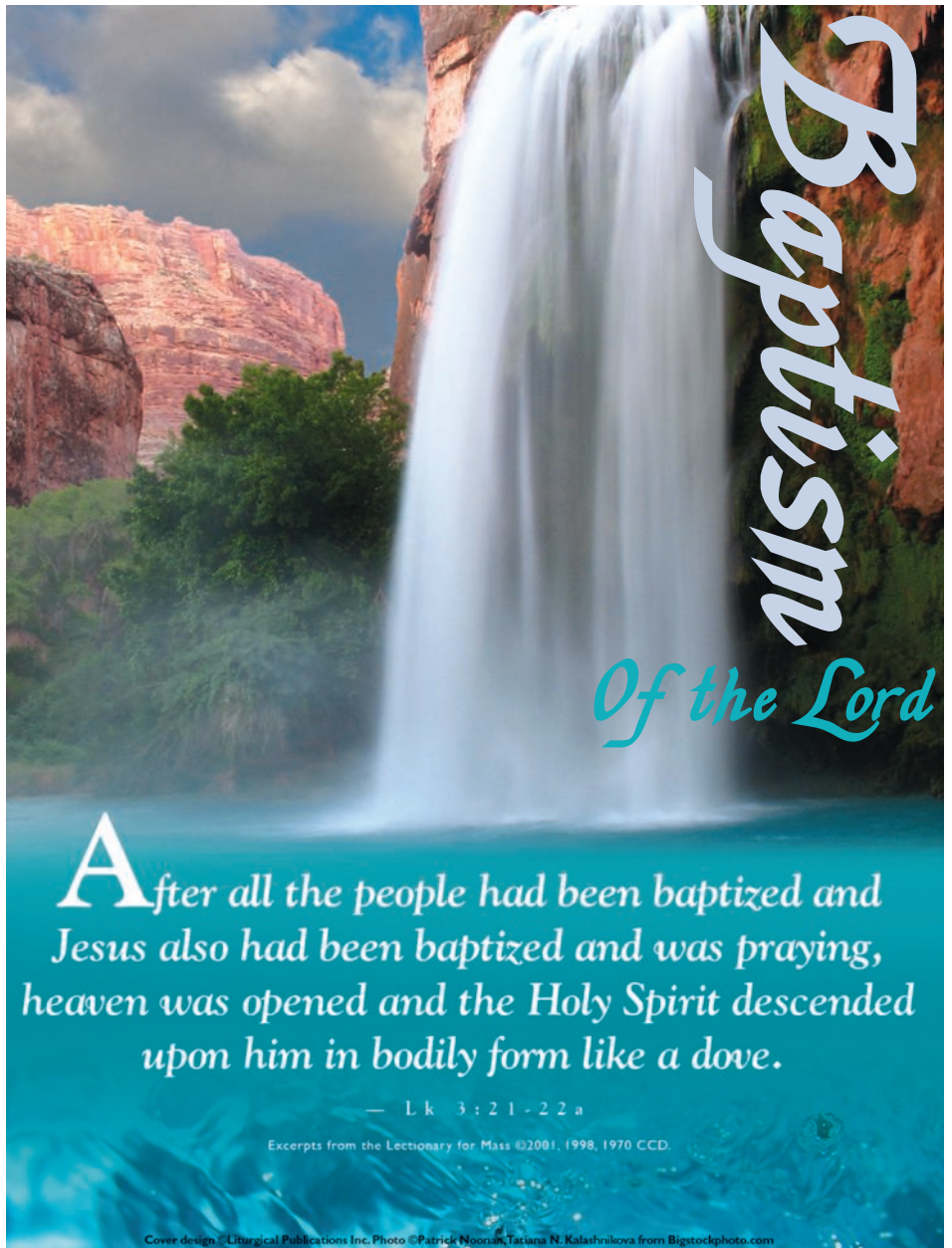
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All the Members of the Parish

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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

We end the Christmas Season with the Solemnity of the Baptism of the Lord and hear once again the story of Jesus' baptism in the Jordan River by John the Baptist.

In its beginning, the church baptized in the same way that John the Baptist did—in a stream of running, “living” water outdoors. The person was immersed in water three times. In the early first and second centuries, Christians met in private homes or the catacombs because of the persecutions and used large bathing facilities for baptisms.

Then, when Christianity became the official religion of the Roman Empire, in the early fourth century, the baptistery was often in a room or chamber adjacent to the sanctuary. Sometimes it was in a separate building. This was because the candidates were often naked when they were baptized. After baptism, the newly baptized were dressed in white robes and led back into the church to join their fellow parishioners for the celebration of the Eucharist. For over 1000 years, those to be baptized were immersed in large fonts!

Eventually, because the infant death rate was so high, coupled with the fear that unbaptized babies would not go to heaven, the church began baptizing infants. The norm for baptism of adults remained, but gradually the fonts became smaller and smaller.

Vatican II recovered the richness of the early tradition of the Rite of Christian Initiation. A return to initiation at the Easter Vigil was reestablished. The font became again a significant part of our continuing tradition and heritage and a prominent part of church buildings. Catechumens (those to be baptized) stepped into the font to be plunged into the waters, dying to their old life and rising to their new life. In some places the font is shaped like a womb since the font has been referred to as the “womb of the church.” In fact, the font at Old St. Joseph's Church at St. Norbert College in DePere, WI is in the shape of a mother's womb at the top!

Here at St. Therese, we baptize at the Easter Vigil. Ideally, the font needs to be visible, near the entrance of the church to remind us of our baptism. The problem here at St. Therese is that we have three entrances, so it is a challenge for us to decide where to put the font.

As we gather to celebrate the Eucharist, the font reminds us again and again of our baptismal promises and our duties and responsibilities as stewards of God's creation. This weekend we renew our baptism by repeating our baptismal promises and coming to the font to sign ourselves with its water. May you experience the grace of your baptism!

God be with you!

Dr. Alexandra Guliano

Thank You

- ◆ To Donna and Bob Maccani for the special donation for the purchase of the palms for Palm Sunday in honor of Carol Rutkowski's birthday.
- ◆ To Carlene and N. E. Heidemann for the memorial bequest of \$400 in memory of Mary Breitbach.

Please Help Us Keep Prayer List Current

It is our privilege for 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:

- ◆ 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.

Congratulations!

Gladys Sachse on the birth of her fourth grandchild, Meghan Carolyn Young. Meghan is the daughter of Ann (Sachse) and John Young.



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.

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.

CHURCH SUPPORT

January 1st	\$6051.33
January 2nd/3rd	\$478.00





Parish Events for the Week

Sunday, January 10th

- 9:10AM St. Therese Choir (CH)
- 11:00AM Confirmation Prep (GN)

Monday, January 11th

No Meetings Scheduled

Tuesday, January 12th

- 3:30PM Canticle Choir (MC)
- 7:00PM Usher Society (MC)

Wednesday, January 13th

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

Thursday, January 14th

No Meetings Scheduled

Friday, January 15th

No Meetings Scheduled

Saturday, January 16th

- 4:15PM Canticle Choir (CH)
- 5:00PM Children's Liturgy of the Word (CH)

Sunday, January 17th

- 8:45PM Sunday School (ALL)
- 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

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.

Question of the Week:
If we fill in every valley and make every hill low, where shall we find the high mountains for announcing glad tidings?

Next Weekend is Sharing Weekend

The January recipient of our Sharing Sunday collection is Rosalie Manor. In 1908, two Canadian Misericordia Sisters were sent to Milwaukee to open a home for unwed Mothers. Today this home called Rosalie Manor—named after the foundress of Misericordia Sisters—is more deeply involved in Milwaukee and committed to preventing child abuse, child neglect and teen pregnancy. It is a non-profit service agency under the sponsorship of the Milwaukee Archdiocese and is, in fact, recognized nationally as a leader in addressing critical family issues. Rosalie Manor's mission is strengthening Milwaukee families by empowering parents to be nurturing and by guiding youth toward positive futures. Thank you for your generosity this month and in the past to our sharing recipients.



Spring Sacraments of Initiation

We have four students who will be receiving Confirmation on Thursday, April 29th at St. Jude Parish. These students have been attending parish committee meetings, have gone on retreat, and are ministering here at St. Therese in a variety of ministries. Please continue to pray for Justin Gaworski, Erik Islo, Sahar Safavi, and Abigail Smith.

St. Therese also has five students preparing for First Holy Communion. They have been coming to mass regularly, attending classes to gain greater understanding of the mass, and will be having a retreat day on Saturday, March 13th. They will receive their First Holy Communion on Sunday, May 2nd. Please continue to pray for Samantha Carloni, Rayna Eno-Barnes, Jack Hollander, Noah Pinto, and Derek Waters. These children will also be receiving their First Reconciliation during Lent.



Yeimmy and Camilo Saucedo will be baptized and receive their First Holy Communion at the Easter Vigil. These children have been part of the St. Therese Community since coming to the United States roughly two years ago. Please continue to pray for these children and their parents, Jim and Lori as they continue in their process and grow together as a family.

Scott Polebetski will be Confirmed at the Easter Vigil in preparation for his marriage in July. Please pray for him as he continues his process to be welcomed into the Catholic Church and as he contemplates his call to the vocation of Marriage.

Lastly, Jordan Pinto will receive his First Holy Communion at the Easter Vigil and receive First Reconciliation during Lent.

Children's Liturgy of the Word News

Children's Liturgy of the Word will now be offered at each 5:00PM and 10:00AM Mass from now through the end of May. We are still looking for people to assist with this program. Training will be provided for all interested in helping. Anyone in middle school or older is welcome to work with the children who participate. Please note: parents are welcome at all sessions with their children.



St. Joseph 2010 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.

Intentions & Readings for the Week



January Sanctuary Candle

In Memory of †Steven Nook

Monday

1 Sm 1:1-8/Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday Mass

1 Sm 1:9-20/Mk 1:21-28

8:00AM †Tony DelVecchio

Wednesday

1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Mk 1:29-39

Thursday Liturgy of the Word with Communion

8:00AM 1 Sm 4:1-11/Mk 1:40-45

Friday Liturgy of the Word with Communion

8:00AM 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Mk 2:1-12

Saturday Mass

1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Mk 2:13-17

5:00PM †Fred Sachse

Sunday Masses

Is 62:1-5/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11

8:00AM †Abby Bunzel

10:00AM St. Therese Parish Community and
†Steven Nook

Sanctuary Candle Correction

The Bulletin Editor flipped the calendar a little too far. Last week, it was published that the January Sanctuary Candle was in memory of †Maurice Wright. However, that is the intention for January 2011. Sincerest apologies to the Nook family for the mistake.

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.

An additional pro-life activity: There is a baby shower through St. Luke's Hospital, West Allis Memorial Hospital, and all Sentry Food Stores. Bring your items on January 15th to one of these locations.

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.

- ♦ 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

Dear St. Therese Parish Community:

I thank you and the parish for welcoming mission appeal this year. The primary purpose of the Missionary Cooperation Plan is to invite parishioners to continue the mission of Jesus. The missioner is given an opportunity to tell the story of how "the blind see, the lame walk, and the oppressed are liberated." Parishioners are then invited to express their solidarity with their sisters and brothers through prayer and financial support. Please extend our gratitude to the parish for their generous response.

Parish Amount: \$2455.00 to Fuvirese in Ecuador, South America

All Peace and Good to You!

Sister Frances Cunningham, OSA

Dear Parishioners:

On behalf of the Milwaukee-CJ Zablocki VAMC patients and staff, we would like to express our appreciation to you for your generous donation of Christmas gifts for the Hospitalized Veterans. Your thoughtfulness reflects the concern that you feel for our veterans and for the service they provided to all of us while in service to our country.

Without your support, we could not provide for the smaller niceties that make hospitalization more bearable. Your thoughtfulness also reflects the care and compassion that our community feels for our veterans.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Denise Jashinsky
Chief, Voluntary Service



Lenore Black, Gene Brah, Anna Daevel, Tom Fera, Sr Mary Bride Grubbs, Georgina Guevara, Pauline Gutmann, 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, Topel Family, Lisa Tym, Natalie Tym, Harold Vanden Heuvel, Merle Weber, Bob Wilcox

Green Fair

Check out the first ever "Green Fair" at the Milwaukee Art Museum. The Chipstone Foundation is hosting a "Green Fair" at the Milwaukee Art Museum on January 30th.

Admission is free with museum admission. The Fair will compliment the Milwaukee Art Museum's exhibit, "Green Furniture: Sustainable Design in the 21st Century." Attend these events to discover sustainable practices which we can adopt and to find out how easy it is to become more "earth friendly."



Christmas Flower & Candle Donations

In Memory Of

Dave & Judi

Ron & Mary Labott

My Family

Donna Schmidt

My Family

Betty Weckwerth

Our Parents

Jack Keating & Alice Kennedy

Fred Bleidorn

Cathleen Bleidorn

Billy Buffington

Audrey Buffington

Carrie Ann Castelaz

Castelaz Family

Robert Clark

Fran Clark

Stanley Czarnecki

Anonymous

Nick D'Amato

Jo Landry

Frank & Catherine Daas

Teri Wissing

Albert Dietz Sr

Judith Dietz

Fran & Art Ehrmann

Anonymous

Frank & Gertrude Eskra

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Anna Gill

Anne Lemanski

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Jerry Heinz

Barbara Heinz

Carol Hoppenjan

Patty

Jack Kopischke

Ginny Kopischke

Marietta Lateana

Dale Weiss

Eldon L McGraw

Leona McGraw

Intentions listed in bold

Bernard & Mark McShane

Imogene McShane

Mary E Mooney

John Mooney

**Grandpa Privatt &
Grandpa Skrobis**

Michael & Courtney Falk

**Deceased Members of the
Weber Family**

Merle Weber

Paul Weidmeyer

Anonymous

Paul Wiedmeyer

Shirley Wiedmeyer

Walter & Emily Zastrow

Barbara Heinz

In Honor Of

Ceil Maccani

Anonymous

In Thanksgiving For **Our Healthy Grandchildren**

Steve & Sharon Marquardt

*Thanks to all whose
donations helped to
beautify our Church*

