



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.

May 23rd, 2010

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Mass Schedule

Saturday: 5:00PM
Sunday: 8:00AM & 10:00AM
Tuesday: 8:00AM

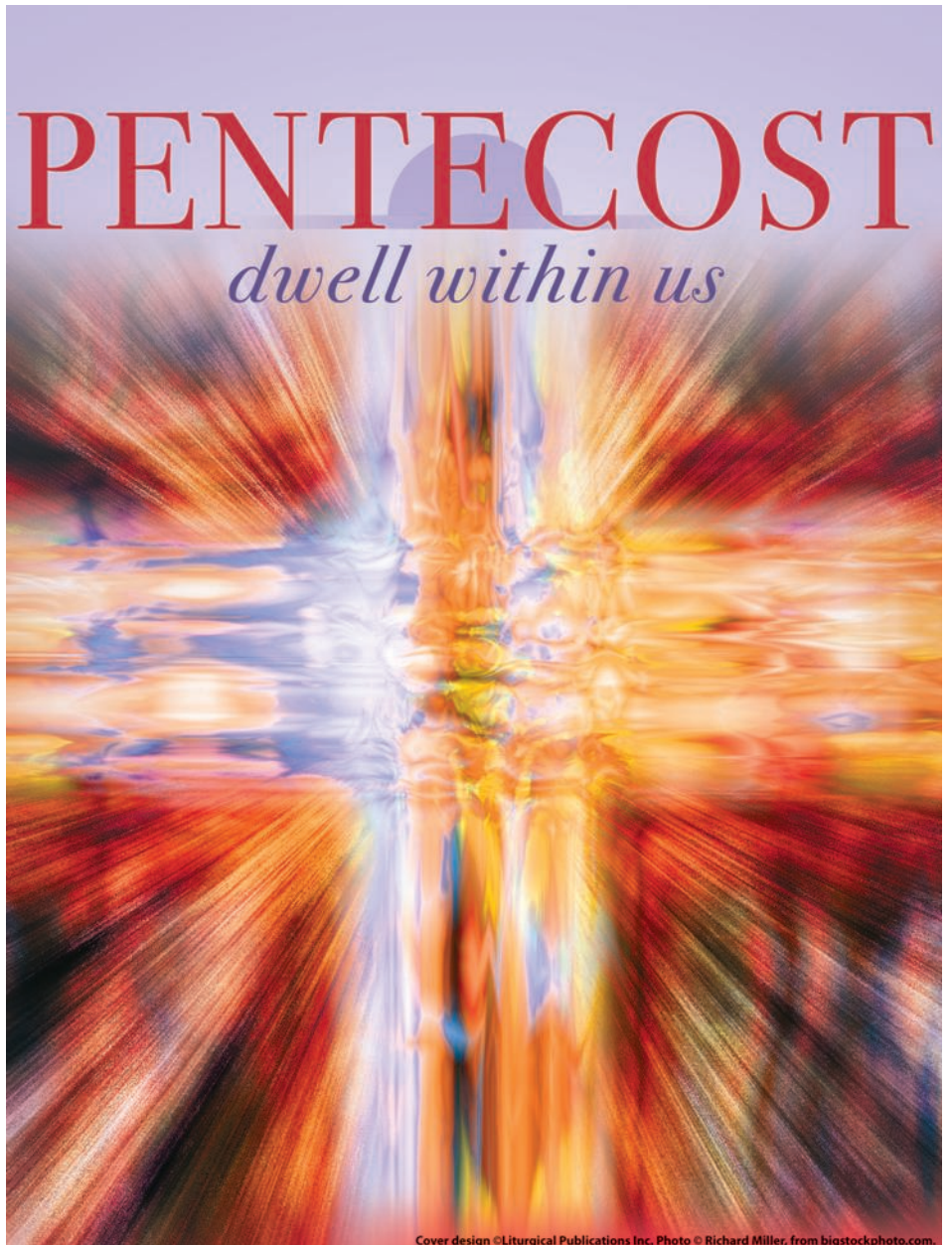
Liturgy of the Word with Communion:

Thursday, Friday: 8:00AM

See inside for Holy Day Schedules

PENTECOST

dwell within us



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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

◆ Happy Pentecost to you! Today we conclude the Easter Season, our 50-day celebration. May the Holy Spirit permeate your life with the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit.

◆ As we celebrate this great feast, we pray for the guidance of the Spirit on our upcoming Parish Council selections and on the decision-making process we are engaged in regarding our mass schedule. Please know that the Parish Council members are open to receive your comments and suggestions. **A decision has not been made, and will not be made until the end of June to give us, as a parish, time to engage in the discernment process.**

Thanks to all who have submitted comments and suggestions. Our policy is to review and consider written feedback that is signed and verbal feedback from parish members who identify themselves.

Anonymous letters and phone calls will not be considered.

Please bear the following in mind as you pray about our parish community and our celebration of the Eucharist.

1. While there was a **suggestion** of possible mass times at the Annual Meeting, there has been no decision made.
2. We would like to retain the ministries of both our priests, and not adopt a mass schedule that would result in one or both of them unable to continue at St. Therese.
3. What we are considering are our parish needs for whole community catechesis. While families with children are part of our parish, our catechetical needs are for the entire community.
4. One group of parish members is not more important in value than another.
5. The Eucharist is meant to unite us as a community of faith.

6. The Parish Council will review the suggestions made regarding mass times before making the final recommendation.

◆ A few weeks ago, our First Reading was from Acts 15; the portion relating the difficult decision the first Christian community had to make regarding whether or not to require circumcision for the Gentile converts. One group wanted it to be a requirement; another did not. Perhaps there were other opinions as well, but the Scripture reading delineates these two diametrically opposed positions. They deliberated, prayed, and depended on the Holy Spirit to guide them. While the Gentiles were required to adopt some of the ritual practices of the Jewish Christians, the Jewish Christians had to accept the decision that circumcision would not be required for the Gentiles.

Some may view this as a “done deal” in favor of the Gentiles, or that the Gentiles won and the Jewish Christians lost. Maybe some could even say that Peter and Paul had the deal worked out before the decision-making process started and that they just went through the motions of consulting the leadership and the community to give an appearance of a process

But that it is not how the community remained united. Rather than see the situation as winners and losers, they came to a decision that they viewed as the Spirit working through their community. The Jewish Christians conceded their sacred and time-honored religious ritual of circumcision, sign of their covenant with God. **This was a huge concession!** The Church not only survived but thrived after this decision was made.

◆ Thank you for your continued prayer and consideration. God be with you!

Dr. Alexandra Guliano


Thank You

- ◆ To Audrey Wright for the memorial donation in honor of her brother George for purchase of communion breads.
- ◆ To all who gave memorial donations in memory of Lucille Bakos to our parish.

2010-2011 Parish Operating Budget Summary

Copies of the 2010-2011 Parish Operating Budget Summary are on the tables at the entrances of the church. Please take one, and if you have any questions, please contact a member of the Finance/Administration Committee or Parish Council.

CHURCH SUPPORT	
Envelopes & Offertory	\$5484.23
Sharing Collection	\$1005.00



Thank You

Thank you to Jesse Stringer, MD for serving on our Parish Council and serving as one of the chairpersons for our Faith In Our Future Capital Campaign. Due to an increased evening and night work schedule and family concerns, Jesse has found it necessary to resign from both positions. We thank Jesse for all he has given for the parish and give thanks for his continued membership in our parish community.

Congratulations, Father Norm!

Father Norm celebrated his 38th Year of Ordination on May 19th! We give thanks for his answering God's call to serve as an ordained priest and wish him many blessings and many more years in God's service. Please congratulate and thank Father Norm when you see him or send a note/card addressed to our parish address.





Parish Events for the Week

Sunday, May 23rd

9:10AM St. Therese Choir (CH)
10:00AM Mass & Living as God's People (CH/HH)

Monday, May 24th

No Meetings Scheduled

Tuesday, May 25th

8:30AM Bible Study Group (STR)

Wednesday, May 26th

No Meetings Scheduled

Thursday, May 27th

No Meetings Scheduled

Friday, May 28th

No Meetings Scheduled

Saturday, May 29th

No Meetings Scheduled

Sunday, May 30th

No Meetings Scheduled

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

A Huge Thank You!

A gigantic thank you goes out to everyone who donated to make my mission trip to Nicaragua possible. During the weekend of April 24th/25th, a total of \$2111.00 was donated, which exceeds the total amount I need for my trip by \$11.00!

The extra money will go towards the donation to the mission site. I will be in Nicaragua July 10th–July 24th. After my return, I will invite you all to a presentation about the trip with many photographs and stories! Until then, keep me in your prayers!

Sahar Safawi

Summer Office Hours

The Parish Office will be closed on Memorial Day, May 31st. Please also note that summer hours begin that week as well. The Parish Office will be open four half days a week—mornings on Monday, and Wednesday, and afternoons on Tuesday and Thursday.



Question of the Week:

Do you live in the house of the Lord so that He will live with you, teaching you and reminding you of His love?

Does Your Committee Hold Regular Meetings?

Then please submit your schedule to Courtney Falk as soon as possible. Dates for next year are filling up fast, so the sooner you get your requests in, the more likely you will get your first choice. Please remember that even if you have a key to let your meeting in, if it is not scheduled through Courtney in the Parish Office, due to our liability and insurance, **you may not hold a meeting.** Also, if meetings are not scheduled at least a week in advance, they will not be published in this weekly bulletin. Please submit all requests for the 2010-2011 year in writing via email, or the "To Staff" mailbox in the sacristy by June 8th. Please include specific dates (not "third Thursday of every other month" etc), start time, and room preference. If you do not have a preferred room, please include the approximate number of people that attend your meeting so that an appropriate space can be assigned. Thank you for your cooperation and attention to this important matter.

Suggestions for Mass Times Submitted by Parish Members

The following suggestions for mass times have been submitted (signed or verified) by parish members:

- ♦ 4:30PM Saturday; 7:15AM Sunday; 9:45AM Sunday
- ♦ 5:00PM Saturday; 8:00AM Sunday; 10:30AM Sunday
- ♦ 5:00PM Saturday; 7:30AM Sunday; 10:00AM Sunday
- ♦ 5:00PM Saturday; 7:45AM Sunday; 10:15AM Sunday
- ♦ 4:00PM Saturday; 8:00AM Sunday; 11:00AM Sunday
- ♦ 5:00PM Saturday; 9:00AM Sunday
- ♦ 5:00PM Saturday; 5:00PM Sunday
- ♦ Have only one parish mass at 10:30AM Sunday
- ♦ Have only one parish mass at 9:00AM Sunday
- ♦ 5:00PM Saturday; 7:00AM Sunday; 4:00 or 5:00PM Sunday so that the entire Sunday can be devoted faith formation



Living as God's People for 2010/2011 Catechetical Year

In the next Living as God's People cycle we will spend the year looking at Matthew 25:31-46 and the challenge given to use to live out this Gospel passage. These 15 verses of the Bible will lead us to look at our own lives. How are we being the hands and feet of Jesus today? Because we are St. Therese, living our lives ministering in the "Little Way", we will acknowledge and celebrate the wonderful things we are already currently doing but we will also be invited to new opportunities to serve others. Registration forms will be available on the Catechesis Table in the back of church beginning May 16th. If you have any questions, please contact Cathy in the Parish Office.

FIOF Online Resources & Celebration Weekend Video

Learn more about the Faith In Our Future Capital Campaign by accessing the website for parish resources at <http://www.archmil.org/ArchMil/FIOFcelebration.htm>. Also, the Faith In Our Future Campaign Celebration Weekend DVD is available in the Parish Office. This is Archbishop Jerome Listecki's message to parishioners sent to all parishes of the archdiocese.

Coordinator(s) Needed for Evening to Remember Service

Each November, the month of all souls, our parish remembers the persons who have died from our parish during the year. In the past, we have had a prayer service or a celebration of the Eucharist, followed by a reception. Families of those who have died are invited to gather again at St. Therese. During the prayer service, we have a special presentation and show a picture of each of our loved ones who have died. If you are interested in helping this ministry, please contact Kathy Doyne, Personnel Committee Chairperson, at (414) 771-7555.

Intentions & Readings for the Week



May Sanctuary Candle

Janet Bjork and Gabe Ehrmann

Monday

1 Pt 1:3-9/Mk 10:17-27

Tuesday Mass

1 Pt 1:10-16/Mk 10:28-31

8:00AM †Charles Scalish

Wednesday

1 Pt 1:18-25/Mk 10:32-45

Thursday Liturgy of the Word with Communion

8:00AM 1 Pt 2:2-5, 9-12/Mk 10:46-52

Friday Liturgy of the Word with Communion

8:00AM 1 Pt 4:7-13/Mk 11:11-26

Saturday Mass

Jude 17, 20b-25/Mk 11:27-33

5:00PM †Valentine Kofler

Sunday Masses

Prv 8:22-31/Rom 5:1-5/Jn 16:12-15

8:00AM St. Therese Parish Community and

†Kathryn & George Schultz

10:00AM †Ted Schmidt

Funeral Lunch Ministry Coordinator(s) Needed

For many years, our parish has offered the Funeral Lunch Ministry to grieving families. Parish members make desserts; others help serve a lunch after the funeral liturgy. While we have several volunteers who bake and are willing to serve, we are still in need of a coordinator or coordinators in order to continue this ministry. Until we have a coordinator or coordinators, we will be unable to offer this ministry to our families that have lost loved ones. If you are interested in serving as a coordinator, or learning more about what this ministry entails, please contact Kathy Doyne at (414) 771-7555.

Thank You

The children, youth, and adults who participate in Faith Formation programs would like to thank a number of people who have done so much to help this program this year. Thank you to David Chesney, Dennis Gritzmacher, Elle Islo, Theresa Islo, Heather Ratkowski, and Mary Rose Sanger who were catechists for the Sunday school program. Thank you to Barb Holmes, who came to every Teen Session and to Shari Egan and Jesse Stringer who helped out when they could. The Confirmation program is grateful to Barb Holmes and Lisa Stringer. Thank you to Alyce Breitweiser, Chip & Mary Larson and Anne Nee who were catechists for Children's Liturgy of the Word. Living as God's People is very grateful to Alice Kennedy and Grace Stetter for preparing, serving, and cleaning up after all of our sessions.



Ed Baganz, Bela Bartha, Gerry Bartz, Lenore Black, William Bohnaker, Gene Brah, Anna Daevel, Tim Dondlinger, Alberta Duckhorn, Tom Fera, Andrew & Maria Grosch, Pauline Gutmann, Andy Islo, Garnet Jankowski, Ken Knollenberg, Ann Lackovic, Sarah Luck, Charlotte Meeks, Chris Melloch, Lori Mikula, Laverne Mucci, Michelle Muschelewicz, Tom Nyman, Sherry Regan, Gerry Roberts, Sylvia Schaffer, Gladys Shafer, Carlene Siever, Joel Simpson, Susan Sinks, Marion Stabo, Mary Stoke, Bill Stueckroth, Robert John Swiderski, Jim Swiecichowski, Topel Family, Dan Van Eyck, Harold Vanden Heuvel, Merle Weber
Born to Eternal Life: †Tom Kreuter

Read! Read! Read!

Literacy Service of Wisconsin (LSW) is in need of volunteers to join forces that provide Adult Basic Education (reading and spelling), English as a Second Language (ESL), and GED preparation. Milwaukee is the 11th poorest metropolitan area in the country. We can help by volunteering to tutor (training will be provided) or making donations for teaching materials. Contact Literacy Services by calling (414) 344-5878 or online at www.literacyservices.org. Questions? Call Alice Kennedy (414) 771-8147.

Do You Have Finish Carpentry Skills?

We are currently looking for someone with Finish Carpentry Skills to help build shelves/storage for the Art and Environment Room. If you have the skills and are willing to donate your time, please contact Denise in the Parish Office.

Combined Collections: Church in the United States

In the next few weeks, all registered members of parishes in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee will receive information in your mail about the Combined Collections: Church in the United States. This collection supports five ministries that provide meaningful assistance to the people of our nation. These five are:

- ♦ **Black and Indian Missions** reach out to those who seek Christ in what is often a hostile environment. Approximately half of the funds collected are returned to our archdiocese for grants to assist local projects and initiatives.
- ♦ **Catholic Campaign for Human Development** confronts the causes of poverty, rather than merely treating its symptoms. Grants are made each year to create jobs, improve education, and strengthen neighborhoods.
- ♦ **Catholic Communication Campaign** develops media programming, projects, and resources that promote Gospel values. Within the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, thousands of homebound Catholics have access to the Sunday Radio and Television Masses and a Missalette service, as a result of this ministry.
- ♦ **Catholic University of America** is the national university of the Catholic Church.
- ♦ **Retirement Fund for Religious** distributes grants to religious institutes for the retirement needs of senior and retired religious sisters, brothers, and priests.

Thank you for your generosity!

Parish Council Selections

The selection process will be held at each of the liturgies on June 12th/13th. There will be one name selected at each liturgy to fill the three at-large positions that will be open. The Parish Council would like to thank Kay Batta, John Gritzmacher, Jim Holmes, Kathy Sincere, and Pat Touchett for showing an interest in becoming a member of the Parish Council. We would also like to thank Barb Gritzmacher, Kathy Hubrich and Chuck Jagemann for faithfully serving on the Parish Council these last three years.

Lawn Care Enthusiasts Wanted!

We are looking for volunteers to mow the grass on the St. Therese property and the lawn at the Parish house. We'd like to get enough people so that the commitment would be about once a month. Duties include using the riding lawn mower, the push mower and weed trimmer. Volunteers must be 21 years old. Training will be provided. If you are interested in helping, please contact Dan Goeden at (414) 430-7322 or danielgoeden@att.net.

Bats in the Belfry

Spring is upon us and with that comes the occasional bat in the Church. Here are some guidelines to follow if you come upon a bat:

- ♦ **If you see a bat, leave it where it is.** If it is in an office or a meeting room, it is better to move the meeting than the bat. They use sonar, so they do not respond to an open door because their eyesight is too poor to recognize it as a way out. Lock it in the room if you can, hang a sign on the door to alert others not to enter, and contact the maintenance department immediately. If no one from maintenance is in the building, please have any staff member contact them immediately. Do not simply leave a note, as swift removal is essential for both us and them.
- ♦ **Do not attempt to catch or kill.** Bats are not aggressive, but will bite if handled.
- ♦ **Do not panic**—it will make them more excited. Most collisions happen because we move into their path as they are trying to avoid us.
- ♦ If you see one on the ground, it is most likely ill. **Do not go near it.**

So, again, if you see a bat in the building, call the maintenance department immediately. We have the proper equipment and procedures to deal with them. The goal is to catch and release quickly and safely.

Catechetics for 2010/2011

Planning is nearly completed for the 2010/2011 catechetical year. We will continue with the same text book series for grades 1-5, which we used this past year, called "Call to Faith." This series offers an online component which is useful for the catechists but can also be used by the entire community for ongoing faith formation. The classes for grades 1-5, as well as the middle school and high school program, will run from September through April. Registration forms will be given out to those students already in formation on May 16th during their last class for this year. The registration forms will also be available on the Catechesis Table in the back of church that same weekend. Please remember these classes are meant to supplement our Whole Parish Catechetical program; they do not replace them. Registration forms for grades 1-5 and the middle school/high school program are due June 1st. If you have any questions please contact Cathy in the Parish Office.

Catechists & Small Group Leaders Needed

The Sunday school program for children in grades 1-5 is in need of catechists and other helpers. Catechists can work individually or with a partner. In addition to the catechists, we are looking for people who are willing to work with the children individually on their prayers. There will be 18 classes next year running from September through April.

The middle school and high school youth meet on Sunday evenings in community. We are in need of people who are willing to help lead discussion and share their faith with our youth. The sessions begin with dinner at 5:30PM and last until 8:00PM. There will be 10 Teen sessions next year running from September through April. If you are interested in helping pass on our faith please contact Cathy in the Parish Office.

Parish Council

1st Monday of Month at 7:00PM
council@sainttheresemilwaukee.org

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 List

It is our privilege to pray for members of our community that are suffering in any way. If you would like to add a name to the list, please submit the form at sainttheresemilwaukee.org/prayerlist or call Courtney 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.