



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.

August 1st, 2010

Parish Staff

Parish Director

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All the Members of the Parish

Parish Emergencies

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“But God said to him, ‘You fool, this night your life will be demanded of you; and the things you have prepared, to whom will they belong?’ Thus will it be for all who store up treasure for themselves but are not rich in what matters to God.” — Lk 12:20-21

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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

Summer Office Hours

Monday, Wednesday:
8:30AM — 12:00PM

Tuesday, Thursday:
12:30PM — 4:00PM

Friday: Closed

From the Desk of the Parish Director

While I do not know if this is the hottest summer we have experienced in our area, it sure *feels* like it in church these past several weekends! We are trying our best to cool down the church by keeping the lights lower than usual (our lighting emanates heat), running our fans, and dehumidifying wherever we can.

Several members of the parish have given suggestions regarding how to cool the church. One of the projects that promises to contribute to alleviating the heat absorption to our brick structure is the Green Team's Tree Planting Project for the property bordering the west side of the church. As I referred to a few weeks ago in my column, the planting of nine trees, in clusters of three, has been proposed.

Others have suggested ways to position the fans, when to open and close windows, techniques for circulating the hot air outward, and, of course, the big one, air-conditioning the church. I have passed all suggestions on to Denise Dostalek, our Building Services Coordinator, who is dealing with the issue of cooling the church with the Building and Grounds Committee. Specifically, I have asked her to procure three bids on the cost of air-conditioning the church. At this point, we do not have a current estimate on how much that project would cost. We do know that, at the time the church was remodeled, the decision was made not to

air-condition the church due to the cost. If we do consider the possibility of air-conditioning, we need to know the cost. Further, we need to realize that the use of air-conditioning will increase our utility bill.

A related issue we are dealing with is the Zoo Interchange Project. We have been notified that 25 feet of our green space will be taken for the project. Our parish will be submitting an appraisal and retaining the services of an attorney to help us negotiate a fair and favorable compensation for our land sale. Since we have common interests and concerns, it makes sense for us to partner with our neighbor, Milwaukee Montessori School, with these negotiations. The Building and Grounds Committee, Finance/Administration Committee, and Parish Council will be reviewing any proposals. In addition, we welcome members of our parish who have expertise in engineering, construction, and negotiations to join us in this effort. To volunteer to help, please call Denise Dostalek in the Parish Office. We particularly need people who are experienced in negotiations and real estate appraisal to help us with this project.

Thank you for your care, concern, and support for our parish. As our patron, St. Therese of Lisieux reminds us, "let us do all things with love."

Peace and blessings,

Dr. Alexandra Guliano

Newly Baptized

Congratulations to Braden James Sharkey, son of Francesca Delorey and Brad Sharkey, who was baptized on July 25th. We give thanks for our newest little Christian!

Donations Needed

- ◆ \$150 for a light-weight green priest vestment for these hot summer days!
- ◆ We need to update and replace the security system for the parish. The cost is \$4,000. Please consider making a special donation to help cover the cost of this needed and extraordinary expense.

Prayer List for Mass

How to Add a Name/How to Remove a Name
Need to remove a name from or add a name to the Prayer List? Please kindly send an email or call Courtney Falk, Administrative Assistant in the Parish Office. You can always leave a message after office hours, too. Also, you can add a name to the Prayer List online through our website: sainttheresemilwaukee.org/prayerlist

Please kindly follow this process so that we can ensure that your requests are honored and prayer is offered.

Thank You, Father Norm and Father Hugh!

Father Norm Oswald is presiding and preaching at our 8:00AM and 10:00AM masses this Sunday, August 1st. Due to the spiritual and sacramental needs at the VA, Father Norm is unable to minister with us on a regular basis until a second priest is hired for the VA. We thank Father Norm for his ministry with us; we pray that a priest be hired soon; we look forward to any time Father Norm can join us for the celebration of the sacraments; and we look forward to when he can return to ministry at St. Therese on a regular basis. Our heartfelt thanks to Father Hugh Birdsall for agreeing to preside at all our weekend masses and cover our sacramental needs during this time.

Coordinator for Communion to the Sick and Shut-In Needed

We would like to offer Communion to the Sick and Homebound who do not have family members or friends to bring them the Presence of Christ in Communion. The Coordinator would respond by pairing the person desiring Communion with a Eucharistic Minister willing to bring Communion to the homebound or sick person. If you are interested in this ministry, please contact Kathy Doyne at (414) 771-7555.

Reminder to Altar Servers

Ring Those Bells!

Altar Servers are reminded to ring the church bells 5-10 minutes before mass begins. If you need help in ringing the bells, please ask a Lector or Usher to assist you.

CHURCH SUPPORT

Envelopes & Offertory	\$4465.00
Sharing Collection	\$1102.25





Parish Events for the Week

Sunday, August 1st

No Meetings Scheduled

Monday, August 2nd

6:00PM St. Vincent dePaul Society (HH)

7:00PM Parish Council (MC)

Tuesday, August 3rd

No Meetings Scheduled

Wednesday, August 4th

11:30AM SVdP Meal Program—Cook (KIT)

4:30PM SVdP Meal Program—Serve (OFFSITE)

Thursday, August 5th

No Meetings Scheduled

Friday, August 6th

No Meetings Scheduled

Saturday, August 7th

No Meetings Scheduled

Sunday, August 8th

11:00AM Prayer & Worship Reorganizational Meeting (MC)

CH=Church, CHP=Chapel, GLP=God's Little 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 Sign-Up

Sign-up sheets for servers, lectors, Eucharistic ministers, greeters, and ushers for September through December are now in the sacristy. Please indicate your mass preference and special requests in the spaces provided. With the change to 10:30AM Sunday mass, please be sure to update your preferences on the sign-up sheets. If you previously ministered at the 10:00AM liturgy, we will assume that you can minister at the 10:30AM liturgy, **unless you indicate otherwise.** The sign-up sheets will be available through Sunday, August 8th. Schedules will be ready the following weekend. If you are interested in joining one of the ministries, please contact the appropriate coordinator below.

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
Scheduler:	Mari Pavleje	(414) 545-2733
Ushers:	Dan Goeden	(414) 430-7322

Parish Catechesis and Lifelong Faith Formation News

Our Christian Formation ministries for lifelong catechesis and faith formation are being reorganized. If you ever wanted a voice in these programs, if you are willing to step forward to make sure St. Therese is a viable and active community, concerned with its future and the needs of our children, young people, and adults as they walk the journey of faith, now is the time to step forward and become active in this critically important and exciting ministry.

The Christian Formation Ministry is in need of committee members as we reorganize the Christian Formation Committee, according to archdiocesan guidelines. Although the meeting schedule has been the third Monday of the month from 6:30PM to 8:00PM, this time can be changed, depending on the availability and preference of the members. Currently, we have a working group of three—Alyce Breitweiser, Pat Safavi, and Alice Kennedy—who are willing to assist in reorganizing our catechetical ministries.

For more information, questions, or to volunteer to serve on the Christian Formation Committee, please contact Alyce Breitweiser at (262) 786-8086 or Alice Kennedy at (414) 771-8147 or lal_kennedy@sbcglobal.net. Remember our baptismal commitment to live our faith, to share it, and to pass it on to others. We have a very real opportunity to do that now.

Parking Lot—What's With Those Signs?

Have you noticed the numbered parking spaces that for the spaces that border Bluemound and most of 95th St? We rent out 35 spaces Monday through Friday to Milwaukee Montessori School for their staff. The signs posted along 95th and Bluemound indicate that. However, there have been several occasions in which people have ignored the signage and parked in spaces reserved for teachers and staff of MMS. The rental of our parking lot spaces and our gym net the parish approximately \$24,000 per year. These rentals help us balance our budget.



What about the “no skateboarding” sign? Unfortunately, we also had to post these signs because of damage done to our St. Therese Shrine statue (over \$1500 in damage) and damage to our railing alongside the ramp (another \$1000). As you know, the ramp is very important, as it gives access to those with handicaps who are unable to navigate the steps to the church. The ramp is essential for our celebration of funerals, as the casket containing the body of the deceased loved one is carefully rolled up and down the ramp by the pallbearers.

Why “No Zoo Parking?” We had to restrict our parking because people visiting the zoo were taking spaces needed for funerals and weddings, particularly the handicap reserved spaces. We have more than a few occasions in which our own parish members, families, and guests were unable to park in our spaces because zoo patrons parked there. The Milwaukee Police Department instructed us to post a sign specifically addressing no zoo parking because the signage we had simply did not deter zoo patrons.

What about “no soliciting and literature?” Cars on our lot were leafleted several times during our celebration of mass. The leaflets ranged from political material to advertisements for businesses. Some of the literature was inflammatory and partisan. Again, we were advised to post signage restricting this activity.

Question of the Week:

How do I stay focused on God, while attending to the necessities of life?

Intentions & Readings for the Week



August Sanctuary Candle

Intentions of Judy Dietz

Monday

Jer 28:1-17/Mt 14:13-21

Tuesday Mass

Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22/Mt 14:22-36

8:00AM †Donna McShane

Wednesday

Jer 31:1-7/Mt 15:21-28

Thursday Liturgy of the Word with Communion

8:00AM Jer 31:31-34/Mt 16:13-23

Friday Liturgy of the Word with Communion

8:00AM Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/2 Pt 1:16-19/Lk 9:28b-36

Saturday Mass

Hb 1:12-2:4/Mt 17:14-20

5:00PM †Frank Eskra

Sunday Masses

Wis 18:6-9/Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; Lk 12:32-48

8:00AM St. Therese Parish Community and

†Dick Carmody

10:00AM †Rosa Perez

All New Art & Environment Committee

A&E is now a committee under Building Services. Denise and Whitney would like to invite you to join a **new A&E Committee**. This committee will be involved in the liturgical environment changes for each season. Bring your helping hands, artistic eyes and idea-filled minds and join us for a little work mixed with a lot of fun. The new A&E committee will have a monthly meeting (except June & July) to *discuss* and *organize* the details of any upcoming liturgical environmental changes. Members will have a clear idea in advance of what will be expected of them so these changes can be done quickly and efficiently. We would like to have a working, well-staffed committee, formed by late September (the more people the better). All interested parishioners (men, women, and young adults) please contact Denise or Whitney (by phone or email) in the Parish Office. We look forward to working with the great volunteers in our St. Therese Community.

Booths are Filling Up!

As of this writing, we officially have nine booths already reserved for our Harvest Craft Fair on November 6th/7th. This is way ahead of schedule compared to last year! Thank you for those that have invited family and friends to exhibit at this event, and please continue to do so. We also have some other needs:

- ♦ Do you make some great craft, but don't want to run your own booth? Please consider donating some items to the St. Therese Booth or the raffle. These two booths brought in almost \$1100, and it was great to see all the beautiful things you had made.
- ♦ Please keep your schedule open for that weekend as we will need plenty of volunteers. The comment we heard most from the exhibitors last year was how helpful our volunteers were, so a huge thanks to everyone who helped out. We're counting on you again this year!
- ♦ Almost all of our food last year was donated, which made our profit margin very healthy. We will again be asking for specific items in the next few weeks. Please keep an eye on the bulletin to find out what we need, and for other ways you can help.

For more information about volunteering, renting a booth, or donating items, please call Courtney in the Parish Office, or visit www.sainttheresemilwaukee/craftfair

Prayer & Worship Committee Reorganization

The Prayer & Worship Committee is reorganizing. All the liturgical ministry coordinators and interested persons are asked to attend the reorganizational meeting next Sunday, August 8th after the 10:00AM mass in Miriam's Corner.

14th Transfer of Funds from FIOF Trust

On July 21st, we received a transfer of \$5,559.20 from the Faith In Our Future Trust Fund for our parish projects. A title of \$555.92 will be given to our parish St. Vincent de Paul Society to support its outreach and ministry to those in need. Our next projects to be funded are procuring the services of a lighting consultant for the updating and replacement of our lighting system in church and the creation/remodel of the "kitchenette" area of the Wedding Room so we can continue to offer hospitality in the Bluemound area (gathering space) of church. Thanks to all who have contributed to and supported our Faith In Our Future Capital Campaign. If you have not yet contributed and would like to do so, with a one-time gift or a pledge, please pick up a contribution card and envelope on the tables at the entrances of the church. We give thanks!



Ed Baganz, Bela Bartha, Lenore Black, William Bohnaker, Gene Brah, Anna Daevel, Tim Dondlinger, Alberta Duckhorn, Ben Durbka, Amy Frank, Andrew & Maria Grosch, Pauline Gutmann, Wally Hesselbein, Andy Islo, Garnet Jankowski, Ken Knollenberg, Ann Lackovic, Sarah Luck, Chris Melloch, Lori Mikula, Laverne Mucci, Michelle Muschelewicz, Tom Nyman, Deanna Pollito, Gerry Roberts, Tom Scardina, Sylvia Schaffer, Gladys Shafer, Carlene Siever, Susan Sinks, Marion Stabo, Mary Stoke, Robert John Swiderski, Jim Swiecichowski, Dan Van Eyck, Harold Vanden Heuvel, Merle Weber, Shirley Wiedmeyer

Donate Sanctuary Candle for a Month

The sanctuary candle in the chapel signals and indicates the presence of Christ in the tabernacle. The cost of the candles per month is \$10. Please consider donating for the cost of the sanctuary light in memory of a loved one or for a special intention. The following months are available: December, 2010 and most months for 2011. Requests will be honored in the order received. Thank you for your understanding.



Dear St. Therese Parishioners,

As you know, over the past two months the Parish Council has been praying about, reflecting, and discussing the wide range of suggestions parish members have submitted for our weekend mass times. We have decided, for the good of the parish, the following weekend mass schedule: 5:00PM Saturday mass of anticipation; Sunday 8:00AM and 10:30AM, effective September 5th, 2010. We feel it is important for you to understand all the factors that led to this decision.



First of all, thank you for the ideas you submitted to the council for consideration. Over the past couple of months, we examined each option for its merits and seriously deliberated the respective impacts on our faith community. Just to recap, we had reviewed suggestions to adjust the Saturday mass time as early as 4:00PM and as late as 6:00PM; and to begin our Sunday morning masses as early as 6:00AM and as late as 9:00AM and to celebrate the second mass as early as 9:00AM and as late as 12:00PM. We also had suggestions to eliminate the Saturday mass, to have only one mass on Sunday for the entire parish community, to have no Sunday morning mass, and to have a Sunday evening mass at 5:00PM.

We considered each option by asking ourselves these questions, which reflect our values and the limitations we have to make some of the suggestions possible:

- ♦ How will changes affect the current arrangements with our priests?
- ♦ How can we best accommodate the needs of parishioners who want to deepen their faith life through organized programs we either offer today, or hope to offer in the future?
- ♦ How can we allow enough time for Dr. Guliano, Fr. Hugh, and Fr. Norm to participate in these programs?
- ♦ Is there an opportunity to improve the quality of ministry training, usually done between Sunday masses, by allowing more personal training time?
- ♦ How can we accomplish the above with the minimum amount of disruption to the schedule to which our parishioners are accustomed?

It is your Parish Council's responsibility to find and recommend ways to enrich the spiritual lives of all the parishioners we represent, and to continue implementing our strategic plan. In making this decision, we feel we are creating an environment for the whole parish to take advantage of the lifelong catechesis programs offered at St. Therese.

The recent resignation of the Coordinator of Parish Catechesis does not alter the need for expanded formation time between masses. While her departure may cause some delays, whoever serves in that ministry will also need adequate time to present parish-wide catechetical programs.

Over the summer, you will hear more about the vision for whole parish catechesis, the programs currently offered, and what you can expect to gain by participating.

In the mean time, should you have any questions regarding this decision, whole parish catechesis, or anything else, please feel free to contact any one of us on parish council.

St. Therese Parish Council

Reminder to Liturgical Ministers

Ushers, Altar Servers, Lectors, Greeters, and Eucharistic Ministers Please remember to check in the sacristy before mass begins and to cross of your name on the Liturgical Ministries Schedule. That way, we will know that you are present for ministry and won't think we need to call for a substitute for your assigned ministry. Thanks very much!

Open Positions on the Liturgical Ministry Schedule

Thanks to all who are checking the Liturgical Ministry Schedule each week and helping out when they can. So far we have had a full complement of ministers at all our summer masses. A huge thanks to all who care for our parish worship in this way—another way of “living the Little Way of St. Therese.”

Parish Council

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

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(414) 453-5750

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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 a pastoral visit, please contact Dr. Guliano in the Parish Office.

Prayer List for Mass

It is our privilege to pray at our weekend masses for those in need. If you would like to add a name to the list, please complete the form at sainttheresemilwaukee.org/prayerlist or call Courtney in the Parish Office.

Need Prayer?

Call the Prayer Network at
(414) 607-0681.

Bulletin deadline:

Monday, 8:30AM

Announcement deadline:

Thursday, 12:00 NOON

All submissions must be in writing; email preferred.