



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.

November 28th, 2010

Parish Staff

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All the Members of the Parish

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Mass Schedule

Saturday: 5:00PM
Sunday: 8:00AM & 10:30AM
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

First Sunday of

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Advent

You know the time; it is the hour now
for you to awake from sleep.
For our salvation is nearer now
than when we first believed; the night
is advanced, the day is at hand.
Let us then throw off the works of
darkness and put on the armor of light.
~Romans 13:11-12

Excerpts
from the
Lectionary
for Mass
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From the Desk of the Parish Director

It's Advent! The colors, shades of purple and blue, the presence of the Advent wreath, and the sounds of Advent hymns tell us we are in a new season. We begin the liturgical year celebrating the mysteries of Christ's life again.

Advent is a challenging season to celebrate. It is a season of waiting, of taking time for quiet, for preparation. But our culture actually "ramps it up" during this time. A few weeks ago I saw a bumper sticker that speaks to me of the challenge of Advent: "Honk if you love peace and quiet." In other words, do the one thing that works against peace and quiet—make noise!

In our society, Christmas celebrations precede the feast. For us as Christians, *Advent* prepares us for the feast of Christmas.

Advent proclaims Christ is coming! Christ is going to come again at the end of the world. Christ is coming today into our lives through prayer, scripture, the sacraments, other people, and the events of each day. And, at our Christmas liturgies, we will commemorate the historical fact that Christ came as a human over two thousand years ago. Advent celebrates all three of these comings of Christ.

Keep Advent this year! Have an Advent wreath in your home. Use the free Advent booklet "Five Minutes with the Word." Prepare your heart for the coming of Christ.

Finally, it's a new year, liturgically speaking, so Happy New Year!

Peace and blessings,

Dr. Alexandra Guliano

Parish Financial Update

July—October 2010

	Actual	Budget	Variance
Envelopes & Offertory	\$ 93,493	\$ 114,000	\$ (20,507)
Other Income	\$ 34,275	\$ 49,350	\$ (15,075)
Total	\$ 127,768	\$ 163,350	\$ (35,582)
Expenses	\$ 134,121	\$ 163,322	\$ (29,202)
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$ (6,353)	\$ 28	\$ (6,381)



CHURCH SUPPORT

Total will be published next week.

Please remember St. Therese in your will!

St. Therese 24-hour Emergency Line

Please note that we have a 24-hour Emergency Line that can be accessed by calling the Parish Office and following the instructions for the Emergency Line. While Dr. Guliano is out of town this week, Dr. Mary Foley will be carrying the phone and handling any emergencies, including deaths and funerals.

Thank You

To Donna Schmidt for donating the Advent candles in memory of her family members.

Donations Needed

- ◆ \$198 for two priest albs at \$99 each
- ◆ \$60 for 10 Usher pins at \$6.00 each

Please consider donating in honor of or in memory of a loved one or a special event.

Christmas Mass Schedule

- ◆ Christmas Eve—Intergenerational Mass at 4:00PM
- ◆ Christmas Eve—Concert followed by Night Mass at 10:00PM
- ◆ Christmas Day Masses—8:00AM and 10:30AM

Please note that because Christmas Day falls on a Saturday, there will be no Saturday evening 5:00PM mass on December 25th.

Clarification on January 1st, Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Because January 1st falls on a Saturday, there is no obligation to attend mass for the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God.

Therefore, we will not have a morning mass on Saturday, January 1st. We will celebrate mass at 5:00PM on January 1st for the Feast of the Epiphany.

Sign Up to Light the Advent Wreath

We begin our Advent liturgies with the lighting of the Advent wreath candles. Singles, couples, families, friends, all are invited to participate in this ritual. A sign-up sheet is in the sacristy. Please consider participating in this ritual.

Parish Support Stewardship Progress

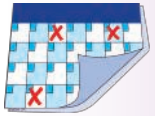
As of November 17th, 201 Parish Support Stewardship responses were returned for a total of \$227,819 committed for our operating budget. Thanks to all who have responded. If you have not already done so, please return your Parish Support Stewardship Response Form as soon as possible.

Stewardship Thought for the Week

"Each must do as already determined, without sadness or compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. Moreover, God is able to make every grace abundant for you, so that in all things, always having all you need, you may have an abundance for every good work. You are being enriched in every way for all generosity, which through us produces thanksgiving to God." *2 Corinthians 9: 7-8, 11*

Advent Booklets Available on the Tables at the Entrances of the Church

Free Advent booklets, entitled "Five Minutes with the Word," are available for your Advent prayer. Please take one and spend those five minutes each Advent day preparing for the great feast of Christmas.



Parish Events for the Week

Sunday, November 28th

- 9:10AM Cherub Choir (CHP)
- 9:45AM St. Therese Choir (CH)
- 10:30AM Children's Liturgy of the Word (CH)
- 11:30AM Prayer & Worship (MC)

Monday, November 29th

- 3:45PM Catechesis – age 3-K (GLP)

Tuesday, November 30th

- 3:45PM Catechesis – grades 1-3 (GLP)

Wednesday, December 1st

- 11:30AM SVdP Meal Program – Cook (KIT)
- 4:30PM SVdP Meal Program – Serve (OFFSITE)
- 7:30PM St. Therese Choir (CHP)
- 7:30PM Praise Band (CH)

Thursday, December 2nd

- 3:45PM Catechesis – grades 4-8 (GLP)

Friday, December 3rd

No Meetings Scheduled

Saturday, December 4th

- 5:00PM Children's Liturgy of the Word (CH)
- After Mass Entertainment Book Sales (CH)

Sunday, December 5th

- 9:10AM Cherub Choir (CHP)
- 9:45AM St. Therese Choir (CH)
- 10:30AM Children's Liturgy of the Word (CH)
- After Masses Entertainment Book Sales (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

Lector Preparation Books Available in the Sacristy

Lector Preparations Books are available in the sacristy. All Lectors are asked to kindly pick these up before Advent begins (November 27th/28th). We begin the Cycle A scripture readings the First Sunday of Advent.

55+ Social Club Christmas Party

Please join us on Wednesday, December 15 for our annual Christmas party at Alioto's Restaurant. We will gather at 11:30AM, eat at 12:00PM. Menu choices: baked chicken, veal parmesan and orange roughly fish, at a cost of \$16. Reservations and money due by December 1st. Make checks payable to St. Therese Parish, put in an envelope marked "55+ Christmas Party," and also indicate your menu choice. Place in the collection basket or bring to the Parish Office. Any questions, call Gladys at (414) 476-1356, Judy at (414) 475-6809 or Pat at (414) 771-4194.

Create a Christmas Ornament for the Church

This year we are asking the St. Therese Community to help decorate the church for the Christmas Season by creating a Christmas Ornament to hang on the trees that will be around the church. Make (or buy) something that you, yourself, will enjoy looking at. Just remember these will be hanging on the trees throughout the Christmas season. At the end of the season we will give them back to you. We hope to make this an annual event. The ornaments will be hung on the trees at the Christmas masses on December 24th/25th. If you are not able to attend these masses you can leave your ornament at the spot labeled in church the weekend of December 18th/19th (not before).

Infant/Child Baptism Preparation Team Forming

The first sacrament of initiation is Baptism. Catechists are needed to help prepare parents for the celebrating this Sacrament. Do you enjoy sharing your faith, welcoming our tiniest members into our parish community, and celebrating the new life of infant birth and the formation of young children? Please consider ministering on the Baptism Preparation Team. Please contact Dr. Guliano if you are interested in this ministry.

Blood Drive at St. Therese

A blood drive will be held on Thursday, December 16th from 3:00–7:00PM here at St. Therese in Heck Hall. This is a great opportunity to give a gift of life to someone in need. Anyone 17 years or older may donate, or 16 years with parental consent. You can schedule an appointment by calling Carol Rutkowski at (414) 510-8888 or Heather Goeden at (414) 313-6397.

Parking Passes Available for Parish Volunteers

If you need to park your car in our parish lot at times other than mass, meeting, or ministry times, please obtain a parking pass for your dashboard from the Parish Office. Thanks for your cooperation.

Altar Server Training

Are you interested in becoming an Altar Server? Altar Servers are needed for all our mass times and for our special liturgies. Training sessions will be held on Sundays, December 5th, 12th, and 19th from 9:10AM–10:20AM, and Monday, December 20th at 6:00PM. All four sessions are required. If you are interested, please come to the first session and gather in the center pews. If you have any questions regarding this ministry, please contact Jim Balliet, Altar Server Coordinator at (414) 257-0339.

Liturgical Ministry Sign-Up for Christmas Masses

Sign up sheets for Altar Servers, Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Greeters, and Ushers for the Christmas masses are in the sacristy posted on the adult alb closet. Please sign up for these masses.

Entertainment Book Sales

Next weekend is the last weekend we will be selling Entertainment Books after all the masses. Please help us in this fundraiser by purchasing a few copies as Christmas gifts. For every \$35 book we sell, we get to keep \$17.50—that's a 50% profit! They really are "the gift that keeps on giving," as they are good until next November! Thanks to those who have already bought books, and keep us in mind for next year!

Thanks, Miller Park Concessions Fundraiser Volunteers!

Thanks to Mari Pavleje, who organized a contingent of volunteers who worked at a concession at Miller Park during the baseball season and made a total of \$874.94 for the parish!

Intentions & Readings for the Week



November Sanctuary Candle

†Eldon McGraw

Monday

Is 4:2-6/Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday Mass

Rom 10:9-18/Mt 4:18-22

8:00AM Bob Krebs

Wednesday

Is 25:6-10a/Mt 15:29-37

Thursday Liturgy of the Word with Communion

8:00AM *Is 26:1-6/Mt 7:21, 24-27*

Friday Liturgy of the Word with Communion

8:00AM *Is 29:17-24/Mt 9:27-31*

Saturday Mass

Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

5:00PM †Virginia Weber

Sunday Masses

Is 11:1-10/Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12

8:00AM †Bernard McShane

10:30AM St. Therese Parish Community and
†Milton Falk



Daniel Bahl, Gretchen & Steve Bechtel, Lenore Black, Gene Brah, Tim Dondlinger, Ben Durbkan, Gertrude Dushek, Amy Frank, Legia Gomez, Andrew & Maria Grosch, Pauline Gutmann, Andy Islo, Garnet Jankowski, Chuck Kestner, Sue Kirsch, Bill Klapper, Ken Knollenberg, Sally Krueger, Ann Lackovic, Hildegard Lang, Kay Lovering, Sarah Luck, Ann & Pat Mallon, Chris Melloch, Lori Mikula, Roger Morrow, Laverne Mucci, Michelle Muschelewicz, Tom Nyman, Gerry Roberts, Theresa Roman, Sylvia Schaffer, Fran Schmidt, Margaret Schmitt, Gladys Shafer, Carlene Siever, Susan Sinks, Marion Stabo, Mary Stoke, Robert John Swiderski, Jim Swiecichowski, Shirley Wiedmeyer

Post-Abortion Healing Retreat

Rev. Larry Sanders, CSSR, will be conducting a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat for Post-Abortive Healing on December 10th-12th at the Redemptorist Retreat Center, 1800 Timber Trail Ln, in Oconomowoc. For reservations, call Rev. Sanders at (262) 567-6900. Confidentiality assured.

Who Are Our Lay Presiders?

Lay Presiders are laypersons who are trained to preside at liturgical services and other prayer services. Our Lay Presiders went through an extensive training process and currently preside at the following services here at St. Therese: morning Liturgy of the Word with Communion, Morning Prayer, Funeral Vigils, Funeral Committals, and Stations of the Cross. Our trained Lay Presiders include Jim Balliet, Sister Ingrid Hamm, SSND, Sister Sara Jean Donegan, SSND, Sister Ann Christine Pendleton, SSND, and Dr. Guliano.

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

December 8th Holyday of Obligation

Wednesday, December 8th is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, a holyday of obligation. We will celebrate masses at 8:00AM and 7:00PM in the church. Since Wednesday is St. Therese Choir rehearsal night, our music will be led by our choir. Mary, under the title of the Immaculate Conception, is the patroness of the United States. The National Shrine of Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception is located in Washington D.C. on the campus of The Catholic University of America. Plan to celebrate mass and give thanks for the blessings and intercede for the many needs of our country.



With Christmas fast approaching, can you give me some practical tips to prepare myself and my family that will help us "stay grounded" in what this holiday is really about? With all the commercialism, it's easy to stray...

Happy times and events bring fond memories and a renewed sense of love and kinship with others. The anticipation is half the joy of the event itself. The coming of the Lord is that kind of event that people have been looking forward to for generations with fervent hope and desire. It gave them strength and courage as they waited for the coming of the Lord.



We know that Christmas is rushed. Sales begin in August and carols blare long before the season begins. Everyone laments the commercial aspects of the season, but as Advent begins, do something to help you be more mindful of the Lord's coming. Use an Advent wreath, or enthrone the Bible prominently, or read the readings from the Bible assigned to each day. Postpone the tree and decorations until closer to Christmas. Establish new family rituals, customs and prayers that help remind everyone that we are preparing to celebrate the birth of Jesus. Fasting, daily Mass, a special celebration of reconciliation, reaching out to those alienated from family or society, and visiting the homebound manifest the love of the Christ Child and the Holy Family. Resist the temptation to rush the season. In his own time and in his own way, God will come. Our task is simply to be watchful and ready.

Remember to Fill Out a Form When Planning a Special Event

Often, we have several events happening at the same time! In order to make sure that every group/committee's needs are met, each group is asked to fill out a form which indicates what is needed for the event/happening—tables, chairs, signage, materials, etc. A form has been designed to make it clear what is needed for any special event sponsored by a parish group/committee. This form is different from the rental form that we use for outside groups (Archdiocese of Milwaukee, Milwaukee Montessori School, or other groups). It is required before approval and scheduling of any special event that would require use of facilities beyond regular committee meetings. Examples are hospitality, dinners, workshops, special food collection, video presentations, etc.

Please note that an "orientation" may be required so that groups know how to use the newer appliances in Heck Hall (dishwasher, stoves), to locate supplies (from our two pantries), and to review procedures. The orientation usually takes 15-20 minutes and is needed, in most instances, only once.

In the past few years, there have been changes in our insurance requirements, changes in the operation of new equipment, and changes in safety regulations, particularly with use of the kitchen. Like many organizations, we need to focus on prevention, protection, and safety. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Liturgical Ministry Sign Up For January through April

Sign-up sheets for servers, lectors, Eucharistic ministers, greeters, and ushers for January through April are now available in the sacristy. Please indicate your mass preference and special requests in the spaces provided. The sign-up sheets will be available through Sunday, December 5th. Schedules will be ready the following weekend. If you are interested in joining one of the ministries, please add your name and phone number to the bottom of the appropriate sheet, and you will be contacted.

Questions? Contact:

- Altar Servers: Jim Balliet (414) 257-0339
- EMs: Lisa Stringer (262) 442-3856
- Greeters: Audrey Wright (414) 771-2140
- Lectors: *Open*
- Scheduler: Mari Pavleje (414) 545-2733
- Ushers: Dan Goeden (414) 430-7322



Shawl Ministry Coordinator Needed

The Shawl Ministry is an outreach effort to provide prayer shawls for the sick and homebound. Homemade shawls are given as a tangible sign of the support and prayer of the parish community. Coordinating this ministry involves recruiting volunteers to make the shawls and arranging for the shawls to be delivered to the recipients. Interested? Please contact Dr. Guliano.

Flower/Candle Memorial Donations for the Christmas Season

Please consider remembering a loved one or a special intention by donating a memorial during the Christmas Season. Please fill out the form below with your donation of any amount and return it in the collection basket or send it to the Parish Office. Thank you!



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
council@sainttheresemilwaukee.org

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Pat Hall (414) 607-9396

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Pat Touchett (414) 257-0221

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(414) 453-5750

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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 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.