



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.

December 5th, 2010

Parish Staff

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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

May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to think in harmony with one another, in keeping with Christ Jesus, that with one accord you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

~Romans 15:5-6

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.



Advent

Second Sunday of

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 begin the liturgies of Advent with the lighting of the Advent wreath. This simple symbol contains several images for us to ponder as we light the candles each week at church and light the candles each day in our homes.

- ◆ The circle of the wreath reminds us that God's love for us is constant. It has no beginning and no end. It is always present; it surrounds us; it envelops us.
- ◆ The evergreens, that bloom through all seasons ("ever green") teach us that, through Jesus, we have eternal life.
- ◆ The four candles help us mark the time of the four weeks of Advent. The three purple candles call us to repent, to turn our lives toward Christ, and to prepare for the coming of Christ by turning away from sin and making the necessary choices and changes. The purple candles also remind us that we need Christ in our life as our Savior. The pink/rose candle is a sign of joy and rejoicing, even as we await the coming of the Lord.
- ◆ Four is also the number of completeness. In Christ we have complete salvation and complete freedom. (think of other "fours"—four seasons, four corners, four Gospels, etc.)
- ◆ As we light one more candle each week, we literally can see how the light overcomes the darkness. Christ our Light and the Light of Christ overcomes the darkness of sin and the desolation of death.
- ◆ As we approach the darkest day of the year and the beginning of the season of winter, we experience the lights of the Advent candles that bid us see something new is emerging from the darkness. The new light of life appears. And, after that shortest and darkest day, the amount of light in nature increases a little day by day until we come to the longest day of the year as we begin the season of summer.
- ◆ The songs we sing, particularly, "O Come O Come Emmanuel" and "Light These Lights" recall prayers and readings that date to the Wisdom literature of the Hebrew Scriptures.

It's not too late to get an Advent wreath and light the candles in your home each night.

Advent peace and blessings to you and yours,

Dr. Alexandra Guliano

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.

Holiday and Holiday Office Hours

Please note that the Parish Office will be closed on Monday, December 27th and Friday, December 31st. Office hours during the week of Christmas will be as follows: Tuesday, December 28th, Wednesday, Dec. 29th, and Thursday, December 30th from 8:30AM–12:00PM and no afternoon or evening office hours. In case of emergencies, please call the Parish Office and follow the instructions for the emergency line.

Looking Ahead to January—Adjusted Hours

Please note that, during the month of January, the Parish Office hours will be adjusted to the following: Mondays through Thursdays, 8:30AM–4:00PM, closed from 12:00–12:30PM; and closed on Fridays (and no evening hours on Wednesdays). Normal office hours will resume in February. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.



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.

Donations Needed

- ◆ \$28 for the 2011 Mass Intention Record Book
- ◆ \$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.

Parish Support Stewardship Progress

As of November 23rd, 206 Parish Support Stewardship responses were returned for a total of \$236,879 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.

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.

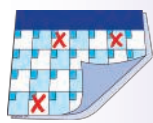
Stewardship Thought for the Week

"How can I make a return to the Lord for all the good God has done for me?" *Psalms 116:12*

CHURCH SUPPORT	
November 20th/21st	\$4967.14
November 24th for St. Ben's	\$246.00
Thanksgiving Day for SVdP	\$93.00
November 27th/28th	\$3902.23

Please remember St. Therese in your will!





Parish Events for the Week

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)

Monday, December 6th

- 3:45PM Catechesis – age 3-K (GLP)
6:00PM St. Vincent dePaul Society (HH)
7:00PM Parish Council (MC)

Tuesday, December 7th

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

Wednesday, December 8th

- Parish Office Closed
8:00AM Holyday Mass (CH)
7:00PM Holyday Mass (CH)

Thursday, December 9th

- 3:45PM Catechesis – grades 4-8 (GLP)
7:30PM RCIA (MC)

Friday, December 10th

No Meetings Scheduled

Saturday, December 11th

- 4:10PM CLOW Catechists Meeting (STR)
5:00PM Children's Liturgy of the Word (CH)

Sunday, December 12th

- 9:10AM CLOW Catechists Meeting (STR)
9:10AM Cherub Choir (CHP)
9:45AM St. Therese Choir (CH)
10:30AM Children's Liturgy of the Word (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

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. 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: Open
Greeters: Audrey Wright (414) 771-2140
Lectors: Open
Scheduler: Mari Pavleje (414) 545-2733
Ushers: Dan Goeden (414) 430-7322

Thank You

A great big thank you to Fr. Hugh Birdsall, SDS, Kathy Hubrich, Judy Dietz, Deb Van Eyck, Marge Lipinski and all the music and liturgical ministers who helped make our Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service a success. Our Lutheran guests were very gracious in their appreciation that we hosted this service this year. Once again, many thanks.

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.



Stock Donations

For those parishioners who would like to donate stock to St. Therese, our current broker is Stifel Nicolaus. Please contact Lisa Vallone, Bookkeeper, in the Parish Office for trading information. Please note that this is for stock donated to the parish not to Faith in our Future.

CLOW Catechist Meetings

All CLOW (Children's Liturgy of the Word) Catechists are asked to attend one of the following meetings to prepare the next segment of CLOW and schedule for the next quarter: Saturday, December 11th at 4:10PM or Sunday, December 12th at 9:10AM. Meetings will be held in the St. Therese Room.

Craft Fair Totals and Thank You's

The final numbers are in. Our Harvest Craft Fair, on November 6th/7th made a profit of \$3119! We also collected 150 pounds of food for Hunger Task Force and will be donating \$100 (~20% of raffle profit) to them. We could not have done this without the help of all of our volunteers.

Thank you to those who helped for a few hours, and those who stayed the whole weekend. We are still getting compliments on our friendly and helpful volunteers! A special thanks to everyone who donated food, money, or craft items, to Mari Pavleje and Kathy Hubrich for their extra help all weekend, and to the Roemer, Nowak, and Dushek families for running the kitchen! Thank you all!



St. Therese 55+ Club Christmas Party

Our annual 55+ Christmas party is Wednesday, December 15 at Alioto's Restaurant. We will gather at 11:30AM, eat at 12:00PM. Reservations and money were due by December 1st. Any questions, call Judy at (414) 475-6809, Pat at (414) 771-4194 or Gladys at (414) 476-1356.

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.

Variety Show

It's time to start thinking about 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—Going Forth." (This is our 4th year!) The show will be Sunday, January 30th, 2011 at 3:00PM. Pick up 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: "Be there or be a rectangle with 4 equal sides." Think about it.

Intentions & Readings for the Week



December Sanctuary Candle

Anna Dietz & †Albert Dietz Sr

Monday

Is 35:1-10/Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday Mass

Is 40:1-11/Mt 18:12-14

8:00AM †Helen Warren Corcoran

Wednesday

Gn 3:9-15, 20/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38

8:00AM †Art Bonk

7:00PM For all expectant Mothers and Fathers

Thursday Liturgy of the Word with Communion

8:00AM *Is 41:13-20/Mt 11:11-15*

Friday Liturgy of the Word with Communion

8:00AM *Is 48:17-19/Mt 11:16-19*

Saturday Mass

Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Mt 17:9a, 10-13

5:00PM †James McGee

Sunday Masses

Is 35:1-6a, 10/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11

8:00AM St. Therese Parish Community and

†Kathleen Lane

10:30AM †Jack Kopischke



Daniel Babl, Gretchen & Steve Bechtel, Lenore Black, Gene Brah, Tim Dondlinger, Ben Durbkan, Gertrude Dushek, Amy Frank, 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, 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, Frank Zareczny

Tree Project Update

Look for St. Therese in the December 9th "Catholic Herald!" The article will feature coverage of the memorial tree plantings. Also, Jack Keating's name was inadvertently omitted from the list of tree donors. Thanks Jack!

Living "The Little Way"

- ♦ Thanks to Pat Hall and Wiley Vivians for assisting our Building Services Team, Denise Dostalek and Whitney Strohmeyer, in hauling the large and small fans from the church to storage for the winter.
- ♦ Thanks to Deanna Sullivan for faithfully ordering the hosts and wine for mass, the candles for the altar and St. Therese Shrine, and maintaining our supply of tapers and holders.
- ♦ Thanks to Sister Margit Loeffler for her superb job in laundering and ironing the purificators and corporals for our church and chapel altars.

Advent Giving

Advent Giving Tree tags are available on the Christmas Tree at the Bluemound entrance of the church. If you would like to participate, please take a tag, purchase the gift and return it to church with the gift tag taped to the top, by Sunday, December 19th. The recipients this year are: Hope House, Inc. (serving homeless families), La Causa, Inc. (serving needy children and families), V.A. Medical Center (serving veterans) and Milwaukee Center for Independence (serving the disabled).



"Entertaining Angels": The Dorothy Day Story

You are invited to join members of our RCIA group on Thursday, December 9th at 7:00PM, when we will watch the movie, "Entertaining Angels," the story of the life of Dorothy Day. Dorothy Day, who died in 1980, was an American journalist, Catholic convert, and founder of the Catholic Worker.

All are invited to join our RCIA members for the movie, snacks, and discussion. Due to some adult themes, the movie is rated PG-13. Older children are welcome but must be accompanied by their parents. The movie will be shown in the gym from 7:00–9:00PM, with discussion afterwards until 9:30PM. Please join us!

Parish Library Advent/Christmas Display

Come next weekend after all masses to check out full-length DVDs for the season of Advent and Christmas, and lots of Christmas storybooks and DVDs for children. Enter a free raffle for a beautiful raffle basket for adults, or a big Christmas basket for children. You will also be welcome to take from our library collection free VHS tapes of your choice (donation appreciated). There will also be complimentary coffee and homemade treats. Don't miss it!

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.

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

December 8th Holyday of Obligation

Wednesday, December 8th is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, a holyday of obligation. Please note that the Parish Office will be closed in observance. 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.

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 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).

Snow Closing Notification—Check Channel 12 and Affiliates

Now that winter is upon us, we are prepared for the possibility of snow closings! Please note that information regarding our parish office closing will be reported to Channel 12 WISN-TV and will also be posted on their website, www.wisn.com, as well as broadcasted on these radio stations: 96.5 WKLH, 102.9 “The Hog,” Jammin’ 98.3, and Big Buck Country 106.9. Please note that, if the Parish Office is closed, all evening activities/meetings will be cancelled. However, it is not our policy or practice to cancel masses/liturgies on the weekend or holydays of obligation. Also, please remember to look for St. Therese Parish in **Milwaukee** (Milwaukee County). There are St. Therese and St. Teresa Parishes in Kenosha and Eagle, and sometimes our members have confused the closing notification with one of these parishes. Thanks for your understanding.

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.

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.

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.

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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John Gritzmacher (414) 453-5265

Jim Holmes (414) 258-9195

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Pat Touchett (414) 257-0221

Greater Tosa

Interfaith

(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.