



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 12th, 2010

Third Sunday of

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Be patient, brothers and sisters, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You too must be patient. Make your hearts firm, because the coming of the Lord is at hand.

~James 5:7-8

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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

From the Desk of the Parish Director

◆ Advent presents us with several faithful people whose response to God was complete commitment. In last week's and this week's Gospel, we encounter John the Baptist whose uncompromising message was to "clear the way" in our hearts and lives for the Lord. The Gospel of Matthew, which we hear this year in the Cycle A readings, describes John as "more than a prophet." Yet, the writer makes an even bolder assertion that "the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he."

What does it mean for us to live in "the kingdom of heaven?" Or, another way of asking this, "What does it mean for us to live in "the reign of God?" What does it mean for us who are believers, who are baptized?

One way to live in the reign of God during this Advent Season is to give generously. In this season of giving, the most important gift we give is that which we give to the Lord. Have you put the Lord on the top of your giving list?

- ◆ Advent also has brought us the gift of new life, with the baptism of three babies this month—Jayden Thomas Cofta, Sophia Adele Ratkowski, and Sarah Aksorn Sophia Eisenberger. As the feast of the birth of Christ nears, we are reminded that our Savior came to us through a human family and shared our humanity.
- ◆ Thanks to all who have returned their Parish Support Stewardship Response Forms. Stewardship is the concrete and visible way we live the reign of God in our lives by acknowledging God as first in our lives.

Let us continue to pray, "Come Lord Jesus!"

Peace and blessings,

Dr. Alexandra Guliano

Thank You

- ◆ To Judy Dietz for donating the adult presider albs.
- ◆ To Elizabeth Kreuter for donating the Mass Intention Book and Usher pins in memory of her son, Tom Kreuter.

Congratulations!

Jayden Thomas Cofta, son of Angelique and Thomas Cofta, and little brother of Ayana and Nataun, was baptized last Sunday.



Baptism Weekend

Beginning with the month of February, the first full weekend of the month will be designated as Infant/Child Baptism Weekend, and baptisms can be scheduled at any of our three weekend liturgies. Please keep this in mind when planning for baptism. Remember that baptismal preparation sessions are required to prepare for this beautiful sacrament of initiation.

Present the Figure of the Christ Child at the Christmas Masses

We will continue our tradition of carrying the figure of the Christ Child for the opening procession of our Christmas masses and placing the figure of the Christ Child in the manger. In the past years we have dedicated this prayerful action in memory of someone who has died, in honor of a special event (anniversary, birthday), or for a special intention. Families, couples, singles, children, youth, and adults are welcome to do this. Interested? Please contact Dr. Guliano by phone or e-mail.

Christmas Mass Schedule

- ◆ Christmas Eve—Intergenerational Family 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, December 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.

Clarification on January 1st, Solemnity of Mary

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.

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.

Altar Server Training Rescheduled

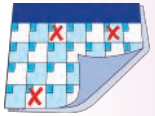
Interested in becoming an Altar Server? Altar Servers are needed for all our mass times. Training sessions have been rescheduled to Sundays, January 30th, February 6th, 13th, and 20th from 9:10AM to 10:15AM (all four sessions are required). If you are interested, please come to the first session and gather in the center pews. If you have any questions regarding this ministry, please contact Jim Balliet, Altar Server Coordinator at (414) 257-0339.



CHURCH SUPPORT

Envelopes & Offertory \$8221.87

Please remember St. Therese in your will!



Parish Events for the Week

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)

Monday, December 13th

- 3:45PM Catechesis – age 3-K (GLP)

Tuesday, December 14th

- 8:30AM Bible Study Group (STR)
- 3:30PM Canticle Choir (MC)
- 3:45PM Catechesis – grades 1-3 (GLP)
- 6:30PM Personnel (STR)

Wednesday, December 15th

- 11:30AM 55+ Christmas Party (ALIOTO's)
- 6:30PM Human Concerns (MC)
- 7:30PM St. Therese Choir (CHP)
- 7:30PM Praise Band (CH)

Thursday, December 16th

- 3:00-7:00PM Blood Drive (HH)
- 7:00PM RCIA (MC)
- 3:45PM Catechesis – grades 4-8 (GLP)

Friday, December 17th

No Meetings Scheduled

Saturday, December 18th—Sharing Weekend

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

Sunday, December 19th—Sharing Weekend

- 9:15AM 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

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.

Liturgical Ministry Schedules

Liturgical ministry schedules for lectors, servers, Eucharistic ministers, greeters, and ushers for January through April are now available in the sacristy. Please pick up a copy as soon as possible.



Next Weekend is Sharing Weekend

The December Sharing Weekend recipient is Notre Dame Middle School, a Catholic school for young women sponsored by the School Sisters of Notre Dame. Following in the Christian tradition, Notre Dame fosters respect, responsibility, and sharing of personal talents while preparing students for admittance to a college preparatory high school. In a bi-literate (English and Spanish) setting, with emphasis on leadership skills, critical thinking, and social justice young women are empowered to make positive contributions to society. With the purpose of providing an exceptional experience to underserved girls in the rapidly growing heart of Milwaukee's Hispanic community, NDMS is based on a model of intense academic preparation with small classes, individual and group tutoring, and an extended day with mandatory after-school programming of study and enrichment activities.

Prayer Day—Thursday, December 16th

The question has been asked, "What is Prayer Day, and who can participate?"

On the third Thursday of every month, a consecrated host is placed in a special display, called a monstrance, and placed on the altar of the Chapel for anyone to give reverence and prayer. This time extends from 8:30AM–6:00PM. Various individuals "sign up" to be sure there is always at least one person present. Some individuals make a regular commitment, others sign on a monthly basis, while still others just stop in.

May this Prayer Day could be an opportunity to spend time in prayer for someone special as a Christmas gift. If you have any questions, please call Sr Ann Christine at (414) 453-5049.

Stewardship Thought for the Week

"We are preparing with expectation for the birth of Jesus on December 25th. We are told by the world around us to buy, buy, buy to show our love for our loved ones. We are told by the world to use the money we do not have, to buy things we do not need, to impress people we do not even like. Our gifts given at church each week show our appreciation for God's love for us. It is our gift, given to God weekly. Thank you for your stewardship that enables us to proclaim the Son of God, Jesus!"
One Minute Stewardship Sermons by The Rev. Charles Cloughen, Jr.

Parish Support Stewardship Progress

As of December 3rd, 215 Parish Support Stewardship responses have been returned for a total of \$247,679 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.

18th Transfer of Funds from the FIOF Trust Fund

On November 30th, our parish received \$3,673.26 from the Faith in Our Future Trust Fund. To date, our parish has received a total of \$73,259.17 to fund our capital projects. Thanks to all who pledged and continue to fulfill their pledges to this capital campaign. If you have not pledged or would like to make a one-time donation, please note that envelopes and pledge cards are available on the tables at the entrances of the church.

Stock Donations

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

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.

Intentions & Readings for the Week



December Sanctuary Candle

Anna Dietz & †Albert Dietz Sr

Monday

Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Mt 21:23-27

Tuesday Mass

Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Mt 21:28-32

8:00AM †Fred Sachse

Wednesday

Is 45:6c-8, 18, 21b-25/Lk 7:18b-23

Thursday Liturgy of the Word with Communion

8:00AM *Is 54:1-10/Lk 7:24-30*

Friday Liturgy of the Word with Communion

8:00AM *Gn 49:2, 8-10/Mt 1:1-17*

Saturday Mass

Jer 23:5-8/Mt 1:18-25

5:00PM †Dennis Nee

Sunday Masses

Is 7:10-14/Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24

8:00AM St. Therese Parish Community and

†Jeanette Jennings

10:30AM †Jim Wilmering

Bulletin Deadlines for the Holidays

Due to publication deadlines, bulletin submission deadlines are moved up for the next couple of weeks. Please note that these deadlines are firm, so please plan ahead! Thanks for your cooperation.



Bulletin

December 19th

December 26th

January 2nd

Submission Deadline

Monday, December 13th, 8:30AM (normal)

Wednesday, December 15th, 12:00 NOON

Wednesday, December 22nd, 12:00 NOON

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.

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.

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).



Please 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.



Daniel Babl, Gretchen & Steve Bechtel, Lenore Black, Gene Brah, Tim Dondlinger, Ben Durbkan, Gertrude Dushek, Amy Frank, Andrew & Maria Grosch, Pauline Gutmann, Andy Iso, 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 Swieczowski, Shirley Wiedmeyer, Frank Zareczny

Wauwatosa Community Christmas Dinner

A Community Christmas Dinner will be available on Christmas day for anyone interested in sharing a holiday meal and festivities with others at Bethany-Calvary United Methodist Church, 7265 W Center St. The dinner features a full turkey dinner with all the trimmings, carol singing, and fun. **There is no charge for the dinner** which is sponsored by area churches and local businesses. Donations will be accepted, but are not necessary. Reservations can be made by calling (414) 453-6948 or (262) 347-0544. **Transportation to the dinner can be request and meals can be delivered to anyone who is unable to attend.**

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.

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.

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).

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
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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.