



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.

January 16th, 2011

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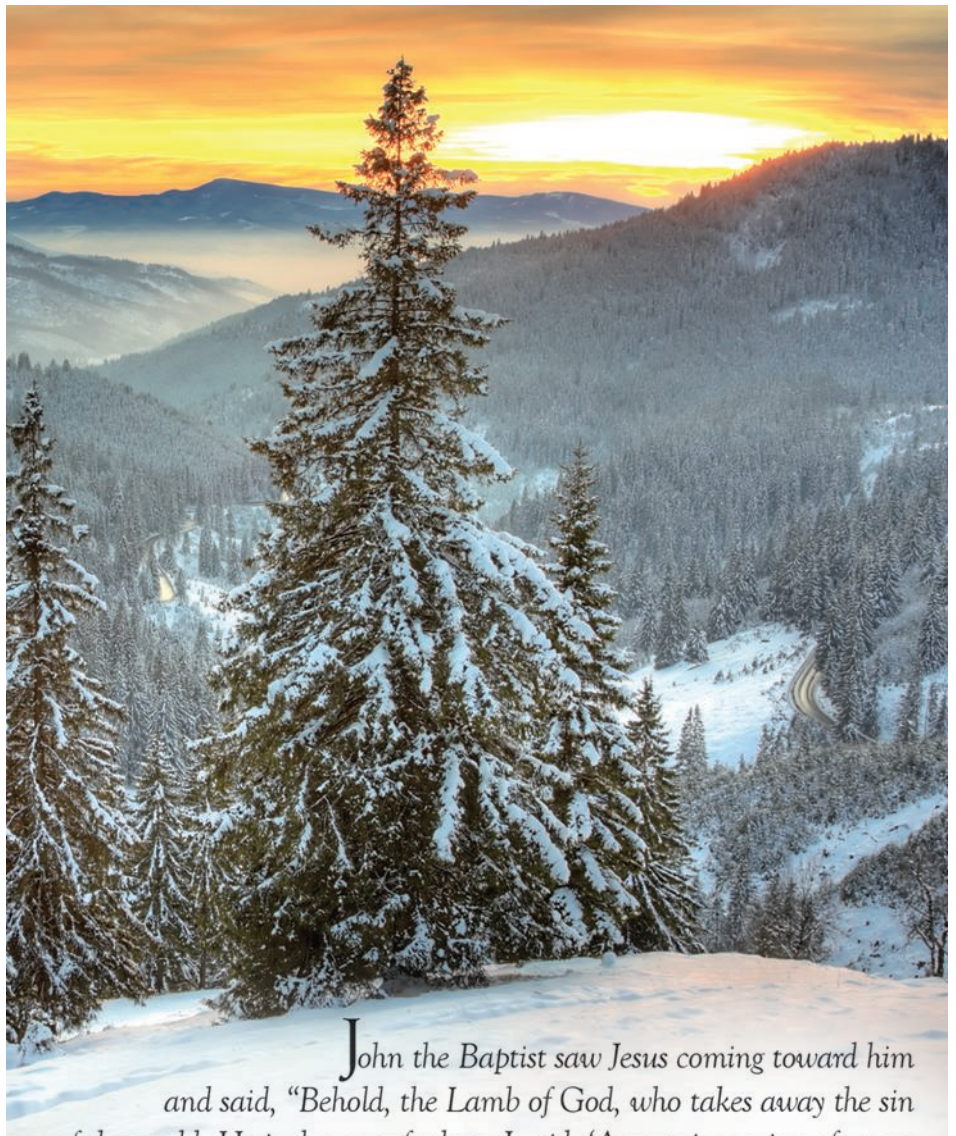
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John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. He is the one of whom I said, 'A man is coming after me who ranks ahead of me because he existed before me.'" — Jn 1:29-30

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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

January Office Hours

Monday–Thursday:
8:30AM — 4:00PM
closed 12:00PM — 12:30PM

Friday:
Closed

From the Desk of the Parish Director

January 18th–25th makes the Christian Unity Octave, or eight days of prayer for the unity of Christians. These dates were chosen because they represent the feasts of two saints significant to our understanding of Christian unity. January 18th is the feast of the chair of Peter, and January 25th is the feast of the conversion of St. Paul. Peter and Paul are understood as representing two competing experiences of Christianity which were reconciled in the gathering at Jerusalem (Acts 15). Similarly, it is understood that Christianity today experiences a multitude of differing expressions which are nevertheless ultimately reconcilable.

Vatican II brought forth a new vision of the unity of Christians. Gone are the days when Christian denominations had little to do with each other—when attending a wedding or funeral at a Protestant or church that was not Christian was forbidden; when intermarriage between Catholics and non-Catholics was forbidden.

In the past approximately fifty years since Vatican II, interfaith dialogues were encouraged, and various denominations began to learn about each other. One of the things that we have realized is that we have judged each other harshly at times. Catholics were sometimes called “papists,” since Catholics acknowledge the authority of the pope, the “Petrine Office.” Likewise, our statues and rosaries seemed strange and superstitious to some who needed to be convinced that we don’t worship statues or wear rosaries but use these as aids to prayer.

Catholics were often unaware of the richness of the Bible; while other Christian churches promoted the daily reading of Scripture and the memorization of key passages. The place and ministry of women was also contested (and still is), as many Christian denominations ordain women to pastoral leadership, while others do not.

During these eight days of prayer, we turn to the Lord to ask for wisdom, grace, and conversion of heart so that we can someday become one. We already believe in one God and many of our denominations accept each other’s baptism. We pray that the “Church’s one foundation,” which is Christ be our starting and ending point.

Our parish participates in the ecumenical efforts of Greater Tosa Interfaith, which is a grouping of churches who sponsor ministry to older adults in our community and in the yearly Thanksgiving Eve Ecumenical Service with our neighboring Evangelical Lutheran Churches. Let us continue to take every opportunity to extend our hearts and hands in solidarity and friendship to all and unity among all who believe in Christ.

God’s peace and blessings to you!

Dr. Alexandra Guliano

Come to An Open Parish Meetings Regarding the Archdiocese Chapter 11 Bankruptcy

Special open-parish meetings will be held on Saturday, January 29th at 4:00PM and Sunday, January 30th at 9:10 and 11:35AM in Heck Hall to discuss the recent filing of bankruptcy for the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, to voice any concerns, ask questions, and learn more about our own parish finances.

Website for Archdiocesan Chapter 11 Bankruptcy

To access the website and learn more about the Archdiocese of Milwaukee Chapter 11 Bankruptcy, go to www.archmil.org and click on the links for further information. You will find the Archbishop’s Letter (published in today’s bulletin), Reorganization Q & A, What the Church Has Done, Safeguarding All of God’s Family, Financial Information, Historical Overview, Media Resources, Parish and School Resources, Reorganization: Contact Us, Fact Sheet on Documents and Files; Fact Sheet on Release of Perpetrator Names, and Archbishop Listecky’s Video Message.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day—Office Closed

In observance of the national holiday, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, the Parish Office will be closed. We will reopen with normal office hours on Tuesday, January 17th at 8:30AM. For emergencies, please call the Parish Office and follow the directions to access the emergency line.

Snow Closings—Check Channel 12 and Affiliates

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) as there are St. Therese and St. Teresa Parishes in Kenosha and Eagle.

Clarification on Mission Sunday Funds

According to Sr Frances Cunningham, OSF, Archdiocesan Director of World Mission Ministries, 90% of all funds donated go directly to the charity specified. The other 10% is used for a number of things. The biggest portion is used as grant money for international missionaries that come from our archdiocese. They also provide subscriptions to the Catholic Herald for home missionaries. A very small portion out of that 10% is used for administrative costs—mostly for postage and paper handling.

Finally, these funds are not included with diocesan funds since the Mission Office is separately incorporated. Please be assured that all funds are used only for the purposes specified and are not used for legal fees connected with the priests’ sexual abuse cases.

Girl Scout Fundraiser for SVdP Meal Program

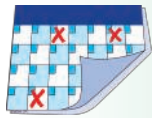
Girl Scout troop 2226 will again be selling Girl Scout cookies to benefit the St Vincent dePaul meal program. Cookies will be sold after all Masses January 29th/30th and all cookies sold will be donated directly to the meal program. It is your chance to support the scouts, feed the hungry and keep your resolution to eat healthier. Please contact Mary Hartay at (262) 784-9313 with questions.



CHURCH SUPPORT

Envelopes & Offertory \$5988.58

Please remember St. Therese in your will!



Parish Events for the Week

Sunday, January 16th—Sharing Weekend

10:30AM Children's Liturgy of the Word (CH)

Monday, January 17th

Parish Office Closed

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

6:30PM Library Committee (LIB)

Tuesday, January 18th

6:45PM Finance/Administration (MC)

7:00PM Green Team (GN)

Wednesday, January 19th

7:30PM St. Therese Choir (CHP)

7:30PM Praise Band (CH)

Thursday, January 20th

8:30AM-6:30PM Prayer Day (CHP)

Friday, January 21st

No Meetings Scheduled

Saturday, January 22nd

5:00PM Children's Liturgy of the Word (CH)

Sunday, January 23rd

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

This Weekend is Sharing Weekend

This month's recipient is The Down Syndrome Association of Wisconsin (DSAW). DSAW was organized to provide awareness, acceptance and assistance for all members of the Down syndrome community. DSAW provides support for families and individuals with Down syndrome through education, information, and the exchange of ideas and experiences. They provide this through newsletters, new parent packets, seminars and so much more. DSAW works with medical, daycare and education professionals in order to promote the understanding of the value of people with Down syndrome, and with the parents of children with Down syndrome to ensure these children get the educational and medical services that are needed, they also provide fun activities that are open to all. DSAW helps to ensure that individuals with Down syndrome are meeting and exceeding expectations every day in every way!

Variety Show Updated Update

The deadline for signing up to be a part of this year's Yet Another Pretty Good Variety Show—Going Forth is January 16th (that's today.) Calling all singers, dancers, storytellers, musicians, and performers of all ages. Also, if you prefer to "stand in the wings" you can contribute by helping to set up refreshments, running lights, moving scenery or handing out programs. The show is Sunday afternoon January 30th at 3:00PM. See Elterine "Dusty" Jankowski-Biggers or Tom Ratkowski for details.

Everyone is welcome to attend the show. Just bring a tasty treat to share and join the mid-winter fun with your friends at St. Therese—the parish with a song in its heart.

Respect Life

In January throughout the United States, time is taken for prayer that the dignity of the human person will be respected from conception to natural death. Please gather in the Chapel on January 20th at 5:00PM to join in prayer that respect and true value of life is restored.

Altar Server Training

Altar Servers are needed for all our mass times. Training sessions will be on Sundays, January 30th, February 6th, 13th, and 20th from 9:10AM-10:15AM (all four sessions are required). If you are interested, please gather in the center pews on January 30th. If you have any questions regarding this ministry, please contact Jim Balliet, at (414) 257-0339.

Intentions & Readings for the Week



January Sanctuary Candle

†Maurice Wright

Monday

Heb 5:1-10/Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday Mass

Heb 6:10-20/Mk 2:23-28

8:00AM A Special Intention

Wednesday

Heb 7:1-3, 15-17/Mk 3:1-6

Thursday Liturgy of the Word with Communion

8:00AM Heb 7:25-8:6/Mk 3:7-12

Friday Liturgy of the Word with Communion

8:00AM Heb 8:6-13/Mk 3:13-19

Saturday Mass

Heb 9:2-3, 11-14/Mk 3:20-21

5:00PM †Gustav Schmidt

Sunday Masses

Is 8:23-9:3/1 Cor 1:10-13, 17/Mt 4:12-23

8:00AM †Cynthia Butler

10:30AM St. Therese Parish Community and

†Eugene Kunda



Daniel Babl, Gretchen & Steve Bechtel, Lenore Black, Gene Brah, Christine Cosimi, Tim Dondlinger, Ben Durbkan, Gertrude Dushek, Maja Fehrenhorst, Amy Frank, Andrew & Maria Grosch, Pauline Gutmann, Andy Islo, Garnet Jankowski, Chuck Kestner, Bill Klapper, Ken Knollenberg, Sally Krueger, Ann Lackovic, Hildegard Lang, Kay Lovering, Sarah Luck, Ann & Pat Mallon, Chris Melloch, Lori Mikula, Charles Miller, Shirley Miller, Laverne Mucci, Michelle Muschelewicz, Tom Nyman, Deanna Polito, Gerry Roberts, Theresa Roman, Sylvia Schaffer, Fran Schmidt, Margaret Schmitt, Gladys Shafer, Carlene Siever, Joel Simpson, Susan Sinks, Marion Stabo, Mary Stoke, Robert John Swiderski, Jim Swiecichowski, Shirley Wiedmeyer, Frank Zareczny
Born to Eternal Life: †Ralph Dowske

January 4, 2011

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

May the peace of Christmas and all the blessings of the New Year be with you!

I want to share with you the following information which departs from the format of my normal, weekly, Love One Another e-mail.

Today is the Feast of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton and my one year anniversary of installation as Archbishop of Milwaukee. Little did I imagine that one year later I would be writing to you with the following news about the Archdiocese of Milwaukee.

After consultation with archdiocesan advisors and after my own prayerful consideration, this morning I directed attorneys for the archdiocese to file a petition for a Chapter 11 reorganization of its financial affairs under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code.

In my installation homily on January 4, 2010, I spoke of the devastation of sin and its effect on us personally and as a community. We see the result of that sin today. This action is occurring because priest-perpetrators sexually abused minors, going against everything the Church and the priesthood represents.

As a result, there are financial claims pending against the archdiocese that exceed our means. Our recent failure to reach a mediated resolution with victims/survivors involved in lawsuits against the archdiocese, along with the November court decision that insurance companies are not bound to contribute to any financial settlement, made it clear that reorganization is the best way to fairly and equitably fulfill our obligations.

In taking this action, we have two goals. First, we want to do as much as we can, as fairly as we can, to compensate victims/survivors with unresolved claims – both those with claims pending and those who will come forward because of this proceeding. Second, we want to carry on the essential ministries of the archdiocese so we can continue to meet the needs of our parishes, parishioners and others who rely upon the Church for assistance.

A Chapter 11 reorganization is the best way to achieve these goals. It enables the

archdiocese to use available funds to compensate all victims/survivors with unresolved claims in a single process overseen by a court, ensuring that all are treated equitably. In addition, by serving as a final call for legal claims against the archdiocese, the proceeding will allow the Church to move forward on stable financial ground, focused on its Gospel mission.

As I have said before, we will continue our outreach to victims/survivors as an ongoing ministry of the Church. The archdiocese is committed to making sure that, to the best of our ability, nothing like this can ever happen again. We will continue the policies and practices we have implemented to keep children safe.

As a Church, we have worked for more than two decades to meet the needs of victims/survivors without taking this drastic action. Since the late 1980s, we have directed increasing resources toward providing financial, psychological, pastoral and spiritual support to victims/survivors. Over the past 20 years, we have spent more than \$29 million to cover costs associated with this tragedy. Since 2002, we have sold property, liquidated savings and investments, eliminated ministries and services, cut archdiocesan staff by nearly 40 percent, and put all available real estate on the market in order to free up resources. As a result, we have succeeded in reaching mediated settlements with more than 190 individuals. But in the end, our available resources fell short.

This bankruptcy proceeding applies only to the archdiocese itself. Parishes, schools or other Catholic entities that are separately incorporated under state law are not affected by this filing.

Many of you may feel disheartened and frustrated by this development. I have experienced the same emotions. For those who may feel anger and resentment that we have come to this moment, STOP. We are here because of one reason: priests sexually abused minors. For that, I feel deeply ashamed. As your bishop, I apologize to victims/survivors for the harm, pain and suffering they are experiencing.

I also want to apologize to all the faithful priests, religious and laity whose good works may have been tarnished by this ongoing tragedy. This can be a

difficult time to be a Catholic.

But with humble hearts you persist. You come to Mass. You support your parishes and schools. You contribute at record levels to support the mission of the Church. You do countless good works through Catholic organizations. With you, the Church will continue to serve hundreds of thousands of people, making major contributions to our communities, even as we proceed with this reorganization. You carry on because you understand that while the human dimension of the Church mirrors all of humanity's failings, the Holy Spirit guiding her ultimately prevails.

Your faith is the rock on which we will build a renewed Church in southeastern Wisconsin. This is what gives me hope and confidence as we enter into this process. Just as the pain and suffering of those who have been harmed is beyond imagining, our financial reorganization will be painful, as it should be. This process will lay the groundwork for a new beginning. Like a damaged tree that is pruned drastically, I firmly believe our archdiocese will ultimately grow back, healthier and stronger, as long as our own faith remains rooted in Jesus Christ.

Let me acknowledge there will be many more questions to answer as we move through this legal process. Our Web site – www.archmil.org -- will serve as a repository for information. There are many questions whose answers will only come as the bankruptcy process unfolds. I promise to share information as it becomes available in an open, candid and straightforward way.

One thing I do know is that God is with us always, just as He is with each victim/survivor, each of their loved ones, and all the faithful who make up the Church. Let us, then, place our trust in God, who is our strength and our hope; and who is with us always.

With assurance of prayers and with faith in Jesus Christ who makes all things new, I am,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Jerome E. Siatecki

Archbishop of Milwaukee

Christmas Flower & Candle Donations

In Memory Of

Emilie Bartha
Barbara Heinz

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Audrey Buffington

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Intentions listed in bold

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