



Saint Theresia Parish

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We are St. Theresia Catholic Church, a community of believers, who walk together by faith in Christ Jesus, and minister in the Little Way of St. Theresia, as we strive hand-in-hand to live as God's people.

May 22nd, 2011

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*I Am
the Way*

• "In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am, you also may be." *Jn 14:2-3*

Fifth Sunday of Easter

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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

There are some statistics regarding priests, parishes, and Parish Directors that were reviewed and discussed during the Midwest Pastoral Administrators Conference which I attended earlier this month. The Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate (CARA) and The Official Catholic Directory are the main sources for these statistics.

As of 2010 in the United States, there are 3,342 parishes without a resident priest; 39,993 active, retired, diocesan, and religious priests; and 17,958 parishes. There are an average of 1,640 people per priest, with 65,600,000 people throughout the country. 467 parishes nationwide are pastorally led by someone other than a priest, appointed by the bishop under the provision of canon 517.2. Of these 467, 116 are located in the West; 92 are in the South; 192 are in the Midwest; and 67 are in the Northeast.

Statistics can be interpreted in a variety of ways. One way of interpreting these is in comparison with previous years. In 2004, the number of priests in the United States was 43,304; the number of Catholics was 64,282,309; the number of parishes was 17,958; and the ratio of priests per Catholics was 1,484. From these statistics, it is apparent that the number of priests and parishes is declining, while the number of Catholics is increasing. Also, the number of Catholics per priest is likewise increasing.

Along with these statistics are trends which were articulated by the keynote speaker, John Allen, Jr., author of *The Future Church: How Ten Trends Are Revolutionizing the Catholic Church*. These ten trends are 1) A World Church, 2) Evangelical Catholicism, 3) Islam, 4) The New Demography, 5) Expanding Lay Roles, 6) Biotech Revolution, 7) Globalization, 8) Ecology, 9) Multipolarism, and 10) Pentecostalism. I highly recommend the book for a more in depth understanding of these trends.

As Easter people, we face the future with hope. The Giver of New Life promises to be with us throughout all the changes of our lives. As we approach the Solemnity of Pentecost and give thanks for the gifts of the Holy Spirit among us, let us ask the Holy Spirit to unleash these gifts within our parish, our archdiocese, and the universal Church.

Easter blessings to you,

Dr. Alexandra Guliano

A Belated Thank You

To the St. Therese Ushers for the proceeds from their March Pancake Breakfast (\$347), for a good time and a delicious breakfast!

Congratulations

To both of our priests, who celebrate the anniversaries of their ordinations this month. Fr Norm celebrates his 39th, and Fr Hugh, his 49th! Thank you for your dedication to your faith and especially to St. Therese!



Requests for Item and Money Collections

To simplify our approval process for item collections and money collections, all completed "Special Event With or Without Fundraising" forms should be submitted to the Human Concerns mailbox in the sacristy. The Human Concerns Ad Hoc Committee will immediately review the request and send it on to the Finance/Administration Committee and Dr. Guliano for approval. Please note that any collection of money or goods, or the sale of any goods is considered a fundraiser and requires the approval of Finance/Administration Committee per archdiocesan and parish policy. Also, since we receive many requests to collect items for groups, we want to ensure that these are reviewed appropriately.

Prayer List for the General Intercessions

Every few months we review our prayer list to make sure that it is current. If you have submitted a name for the prayer list which is read at mass during the General Intercessions (Prayers of the Faithful), please let us know if and when you would like the name removed. We ask that the person submitting a name also be responsible for communicating to our Administrative Assistant, Courtney Falk, when to remove the name.

Eucharistic Minister Training Sessions

We are in need of Eucharistic Ministers for all our masses, but especially for our 10:30AM mass. Eucharistic Minister Training Sessions will be held on three Sundays—June 5th, 12th, and 20th from 9:10–10:15AM in the Church. All three sessions are required. If you would like to answer the call to Eucharistic Ministry, please come to the first session.

Children's Mass Books Available

Children's mass books are available on the tables at the entrances of the church. They are free, and all children are welcome to take one. In the future we will also have children's mass books available for use in church, as well.

Having trouble hearing mass?

Personal assisted listening devices are available for anyone who wants to hear the mass more clearly. Units are easy to use, and come with a clip-on earphone. They also work with your own earphones. Please see an usher for more details.

Children's Liturgy of the Word Update

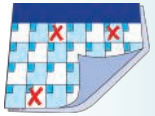
At our Children's Liturgy of the Word sessions, not only do we find ways to break open God's word to the children, we also like to focus on helping them learn the prayers of our faith. During May and June, children who join us for a session of Children's Liturgy of the Word will be learning the Hail Mary. They will be sent home with prayer cards that they can use to practice at home. Please use them to help our littlest Christians grow in their faith.



CHURCH SUPPORT

Envelopes & Offertory \$4560.33

Please remember St. Therese in your will!



Parish Events for the Week

Sunday, May 22nd

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

Monday, May 23rd

- 6:00PM St. Vincent dePaul Society (MC)
- 7:00PM RCIA (HH)

Tuesday, May 24th

- 8:30AM Bible Study Group (STR)
- 6:30PM Parish Council Orientation (MC)

Wednesday, May 25th

- 7:30PM St. Therese Choir (CHP)

Thursday, May 26th

No Meetings Scheduled

Friday, May 27th

No Meetings Scheduled

Saturday, May 28th

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

Sunday, May 29th

- 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

You Are Invited!

The Green Team invites all parishioners to join them in blessing of the trees that were planted last fall. The Blessing Ceremony will take place on June 5th after the 10:30AM mass in the newly planted Memorial Grove on the west side of our church building. Hospitality will follow.

SvDP Meal Program Needs Corn

The St. Vincent dePaul Meal Program is in need of more canned corn. Please bring cans of whole kernel corn to mass and put them on the labeled table near the sacristy for the St. Vincent de Paul Meal Program **until May 29th**. Please do not bring the donations to the Parish Office, and please check the expiration dates. Any size can, any brand, but please no creamed corn.

Parish Forms

Need a form for special events and fundraising, maintenance request, set-up, prayer list, etc? All parish forms are available for your convenience in the sacristy on the bulletin board next to the Eucharistic cabinet. Extra forms are also in the binder next to the committee mailboxes on the bookshelf in the sacristy. Most forms are also available on our website, many of which you can fill out right online. The rest are available for download and printing.

Church In the United States: Combined Collections June 11th/12th

All registered members of parishes in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee will be receiving information in the US mail about this upcoming collection. *The Church in the United States: Combined Collections* supports five causes important to Catholics throughout the country:

- ♦ **Black and Indian Missions** fund projects which help communities here in southeastern Wisconsin and across the United States.
- ♦ **Catholic Campaign for Human Development** assists low-income people build better lives for themselves and their families.
- ♦ **Catholic Communication Campaign** provides for local and national communication needs, including the weekly radio broadcast of the Sunday Mass from the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist.
- ♦ **Catholic University of America** educates students in a spirit of faith.
- ♦ **Retirement Fund for Religious** helps ensure adequate retirement funding for more than 50,000 elderly religious throughout the country.

This collection offers a wonderful opportunity to support hands-on efforts to help people in need. Please give generously. Your gift does make a difference!

For the Kids!

Find and circle these words from today's Gospel:

HEARTS	PLACE	BELIEVE
TRUST	GOING	LIVING
PREPARE	FATHER	MIRACLES

A	T	N	A	Y	H	O	F	N	T	W
H	M	O	P	R	E	P	A	R	E	H
A	I	S	A	E	A	S	T	N	I	M
T	R	U	S	T	R	F	H	A	E	T
H	A	E	F	H	T	O	E	W	L	C
N	C	Y	A	O	S	U	R	S	I	A
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O	E	W	L	U	T	S	H	T	I	H
F	S	T	A	H	A	E	D	R	N	D
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Intentions & Readings for the Week



May Sanctuary Candle
†Robert Clark

Monday

Acts 14:5-18/Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday Mass

Acts 14:19-28/Jn 14:27-31a

8:00AM †Norman Hintz

Wednesday

Acts 15:1-6/Jn 15:1-8

Thursday Liturgy of the Word with Communion

8:00AM *Acts 15:7-21/Jn 15:9-11*

Friday Liturgy of the Word with Communion

8:00AM *Acts 15:22-31/Jn 15:12-17*

Saturday Mass

Acts 16:1-10/Jn 15:18-21

5:00PM †Ted Schmidt

Sunday Masses

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/1 Pt 3:15-18/Jn 14:15-21

8:00AM †Maria Grosch

10:30AM St. Therese Parish Community and
†John Sherock

5th Sunday of Easter

Robert Frost's famous poem "The Road Not Taken" is studied in many English classes. Countless school children have memorized and recited back the four stanzas that constitute the work. The 1920 composition is remembered most for its final three lines: "Two roads diverged in a wood, and I- / I took the one less traveled by, / And that has made all the difference."

Taking the road less traveled has become synonymous with making bold choices in life that are in some ways counter-cultural. More than thirty years ago, M. Scott Peck even turned that image into an attempt to merge psychoanalysis and spirituality (along with a host of other things)

into what would become a best-selling book. So successful was Peck's book, that the actual title of the Frost poem is now confused in Internet searches and web pages with the bestseller.



Thomas and Philip were also a bit confused in today's Gospel. Jesus had to make plain to them that he is the way and the truth and the life that leads to the Father. Jesus clarified his interaction with the Father when he said to Philip, "Whoever has seen me has seen the Father" (Jn 14:9). But the ultimate promise that Jesus makes in today's Gospel is about the power that resides in the Christian. Jesus says that whoever believes in him will do greater works that because Jesus is returning to the Father.

When John wrote his Gospel he was not shy about the gift of the Holy Spirit that Jesus handed over to believers. That Spirit of God dwells in each of the baptized and empowers us to do the works of Christ. Those who were baptized at the Easter vigil just a few weeks ago, now share in that same out-pouring of the Holy Spirit that is within all of us who renewed our baptismal promises. God is there ready to work within us. Let's take that road!

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Catholic Summer Camp for Ages 4-12

Mary Queen of Saints Catholic Academy will offer a summer day camp from June 13th–August 19th. The goal is to provide children with a spiritually enriched, educationally based, safe and fun summer program—an environment that fosters fun and learning, focusing on new skill and team building activities. Field trips, themed weeks, sports, water play, art, music, reading, enjoyable math and science activities featured. Children ages 4-12 welcome. Registration fee is \$25 and tuition is \$100 per week. Registration packets are available by request in the St. Therese Parish Office or contact Laura Ashley, Program Coordinator, at (414) 531-4760. Admittance on a first come, first serve basis until space is filled.



Lenore Black, Sheila Bourbonais, Gene Brah, Clay & Christine Cosimi, Joyce Craft, Tim Dondlinger, Ben Durbkan, Gertrude Dushek, Leonard Dushek, Amy Frank, Steve Geiss, Dorothy Gredler, Andy Grosch, Pauline Gutmann, John Guyette, Andy Islo, Garnet Jankowski, Chuck Kestner, Bill Klapper, Ken Knollenberg, Sally Krueger, Sarah Luck, Ann & Pat Mallon, Chris Melloch, Lori Mikula, Charles Miller, Shirley Miller, Moran Twins, Tom Nyman, Deanna Polito, Brayden Ramus, Gerry Roberts, Theresa Roman, Sylvia Schaffer, Margaret Schmitt, Gladys Shafer, Carlene Siever, Joel Simpson, Susan Sinks, Pat Slade, Marion Stabo, Mary Stoke, Karen Streigl, Robert John Swiderski, Jim Swiecichowski, Shirley Wiedmeyer, Nick Weiss, Frank Zareczny



Jesus said to him, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, then you will also know my Father. From now on you do know him and have seen him."
-Jn 14:6-7

Do you know someone who has experienced this?

Have you heard about Benign Paroxysmal Positional Vertigo (BPPV)? Symptoms of dizziness occur when the head is tipped back, or the head is moved. Vertigo is caused by debris which collects in the semicircular canal of the inner ear. It is treatable! If you or someone you know has experienced the room spinning around, especially after tipping the head back, check with a doctor. It may be something in the inner ear.



We congratulate our
GRADUATES

Dr. Alexandra Guliano

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Pius XI High School

Kyle Wiedmeyer

New Berlin Eisenhower High School

Daniel Wiedmeyer

Bachelor of Business Administration
UW-Milwaukee

Flower/Candle Donations for the Easter Season

Easter began with the celebration of the Easter Vigil on April 23rd and continues through the Solemnity of Pentecost on June 12th. Help us keep fresh flowers and plants for the church environment during this time as well as defray the cost of the extra candles used to remind us that the Light of Christ is with us always. Please consider a donation of any amount in memory of a loved one or for a special occasion.

Candle and Flower Donations—PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Donor (as it will be published) _____

Phone () _____ Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Please 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.