



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 18th, 2011

Parish Staff

Parish Director

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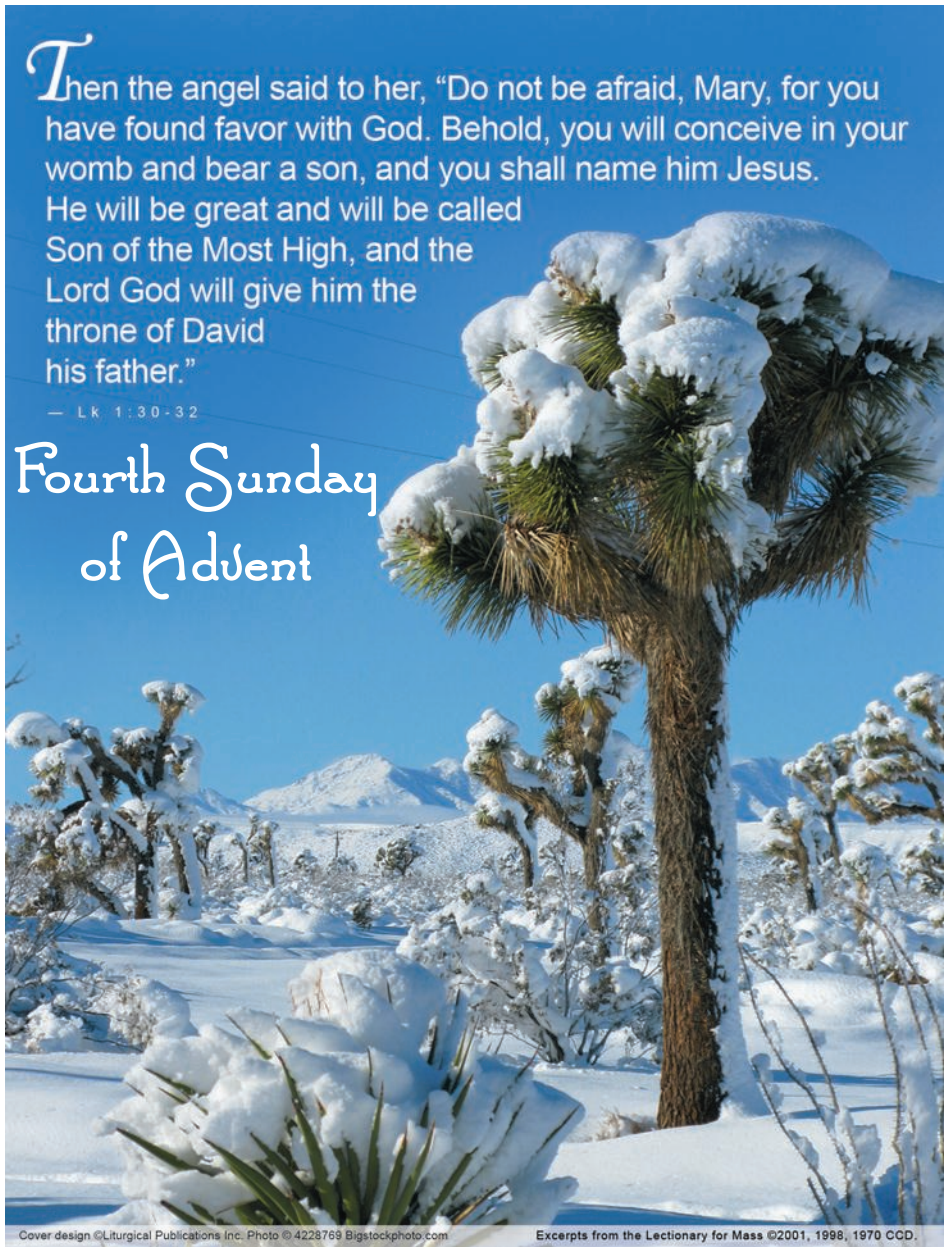
Parish Emergencies

(414) 771-2500 – listen for instructions

Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of David his father."

— Lk 1:30-32

Fourth Sunday of Advent



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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

♦ The following was published on the website of the Center for Ministry Development as part of the Generations of Faith formation program. The author is listed as “unknown,” so I am unable to give credit to whom it is due.

Christmas Version of 1 Corinthians 13

If I decorate my house perfectly with plaid bows, strands of twinkling lights, and shiny ornaments, but do not show love to my family, I'm just another decorator.

If I slave away in the kitchen, baking dozens of Christmas cookies, preparing gourmet meals and arranging a beautifully adorned table at mealtime, but do not show love to my family, I'm just another cook.

If I work at the soup kitchen, carol in the nursing home, and give all that I have to charity; but do not show love to my family, it profits me nothing.

If I trim the spruce with shimmering angels and crocheted snowflakes, attend a myriad of holiday parties and sing in the choir's catata, but do not focus on Christ, I have missed the point.

Love stops the cooking to hug a friend.

Love sets aside the decorating to listen to someone's problem.

Love is kind, though harried and tired.

Love doesn't envy another's home that has coordinated Christmas china and table linens.

Love doesn't give only to those who are able to give in return but rejoices in giving to those who can't.

Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never fails.

Video games will break, pearl necklaces will be lost, golf clubs will rust, but giving the gift of love will endure.

♦ As we observe this fourth and last week of Advent, remember to take time for quiet reflection. For a daily Advent reflection online, visit www.csjsl.org and click on the Advent reflection for the day.

♦ Let us prepare our hearts and our church home here at St. Therese for all who will join us for prayer and worship next weekend. It is our privilege to share the Presence of the Lord in Word and Sacrament.

Advent peace and blessings,

Dr. Alexandra Guliano

Christmas Bulletin Deadline Has Past!

The deadline for the Christmas weekend bulletin (December 24th/25th) has past. The next available bulletin will be for the weekend of December 31st/January 1st. Please submit articles by December 26th.

Holiday Office Hours

Please note the changes to our office hours for the week between Christmas and the New Year Holiday:

- ♦ Monday, December 26th – Office Closed
- ♦ Tuesday, December 27th – 8:30AM to Noon
- ♦ Wednesday, December 28th – 8:30AM to Noon
There will be no afternoon or evening hours!
- ♦ Thursday, December 29th – 8:30AM to Noon
- ♦ Friday, December 30th – Office Closed



Stewardship 2011

“Do not be afraid, Mary.” - Luke 1:30

It can be a little scary to do as God asks – to give Him the first fruits of our time, talent and treasure. The comforting words the angel spoke to Mary can comfort us, too, when we strive to be good Christian stewards – “Do not be afraid.”



Holiday/Holyday Mass Schedule

- ♦ **Christmas Eve**
Saturday, December 24th–4:00PM
Intergenerational Family Mass
- ♦ **Christmas Eve**
Saturday, December 24th–10:00PM Choir Concert followed by Christmas Night Mass
- ♦ **Christmas Day**
Sunday, December 25th–8:00AM and 10:30AM Masses
- ♦ **Solemnity of Mary/World Day of Prayer for Peace**
Saturday, December 31st–5:00PM and
Sunday, January 1st, 2012–8:00AM and 10:30AM



Donations Needed

- ♦ Color cover for Christmas bulletin–\$57.50
- ♦ Replacement microphone pack for Father Norm's lapel microphone–\$250

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. If you are interested in joining one of the ministries, it's not too late. Call the parish office and leave your name and phone number, and you will be contacted.

Reminder – Abuse Survivor Claims Bar Date

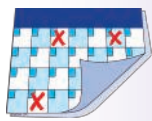
The deadline for filing Abuse Survivor Claims in the Milwaukee Archdiocese Bankruptcy is February 1st, 2012. More information is available at www.archmil.org/reorg/bardate.htm

CHURCH SUPPORT

Envelopes & Offertory	\$ 5,620.96
Sharing Sunday Collection	\$ 1,072.60
Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception	\$ 434.76
Maintenance Collection	\$ 85.00

Please remember St. Therese in your will!





Parish Events for the Week

Sunday, December 18th

Fourth Sunday of Advent

- 9:10AM Cherub Choir (CHP)
- 10:00AM Praise Band (CH)
- 10:30AM Children's Liturgy of the Word (CH)

Monday, December 19th

- 6:00PM Saint Vincent dePaul Society (MC)

Tuesday, December 20th

No Meetings Scheduled

Wednesday, December 21st

- 7:00PM Music Ministry (CH)
- 7:30PM Saint Therese Choir (CHP)

Thursday, December 22nd

No Meetings Scheduled

Friday, December 23rd

No Meetings Scheduled

Saturday, December 24th

Christmas Eve

- 3:00PM Cherub Choir (CH)
- 4:00PM Intergenerational Family Mass (CH)
- 8:45PM Saint Therese Choir (CH)
- 10:00PM Saint Therese Choir Concert
Mass Following (CH)

Sunday, December 25th

Merry Christmas!

- 8:00AM Christmas Day Mass (CH)
- 10:30AM Christmas Day Mass (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

Christmas Masses for the Homebound

Homebound Catholics unable to attend Christmas Mass at their parish this year may tune in to one of the following:

- ♦ **December 24th – 8:30PM**
Relevant Radio – WPJP, FM 100,
- ♦ **December 25th – 9:00AM**
WCGV-TV – Channel 24
- ♦ **December 25th – 5:30AM**
WITI-TV – Channel 6
- ♦ **December 25 – 8:00AM - 8:30AM**
WOKY 920 AM Radio



All of the Masses will be celebrated by Fr. John Puodziunas, OFM, from the Christ King Chapel at Saint Francis de Sales Seminary.

Congratulations Linda and Peyton!

Congratulations to the winners of the Christmas gift baskets, Linda Tym and Peyton Goeden. Thanks to all the parishioners who stopped by the Parish Library Christmas/Advent display. There were 71 books/DVDs checked out.

Remember to visit our Parish library, located in the main lobby, for more selections available for this season of Advent. You may borrow holiday books for two weeks and DVDs for one week.

Information on Snow Closings for the Parish

In the case of snow or any other reason for closing, the information will be reported on WISN Channel 12, WISN.com, and radio stations 96.5 WKHL, 102.9 "The Hog," Jammin' 98.3 and Big Buck Country 106.9. Please look for St. Therese in Milwaukee for our information. In the past there has been confusion since there are several "St. Therese" and "St. Theresa" parishes in the archdiocese. Please also note that we rarely cancel mass; if we do so, it will be stated.

Green Saves \$ Green:

Many stores offer discounts for bringing your own bags or cups. For example:



- ♦ Caribou Coffee offers a 50 cent discount for bringing your own coffee cup. If you buy coffee once per week this saves you \$26 per year! Stone Creek and Starbucks and other smaller shops also offer discounts of 10-20 cents per cup.
- ♦ Pick N Save, Sendik's, and Target offer three to five cents per cloth grocery bag when you bring them in to use instead of their paper or plastic bags. If you fill three cloth bags per week, you will save up to \$6.50 per year!

Global Youth Mission Opportunities

Applications are now available for the 2012 Global Youth Mission (GYM) summer mission trips! GYM is an international mission immersion experience for high school sophomores, juniors and seniors. For 2012, the mission sites are Ecuador, St. Lucia, Guatemala, Nicaragua, and Honduras. Each trip takes place for two weeks during the summer. Students are given the opportunity to experience life in another country and culture far different from their own. Applications are due January 20, 2012.

"Living Our Faith" Television Featuring Archbishop Listeki

"Living Our Faith" with Archbishop Listeki returns for its fifth season of Saturday shows sponsored by the Archdiocese of Milwaukee and presented by Catholic Financial Life. This 30-minute program airs on WISN TV, Channel 12. Following is a list of dates for upcoming shows:

- ♦ January, 7th, 2012 at noon
- ♦ February 4th, 2012 at noon
- ♦ March 3rd, 2012 at noon
- ♦ April 7th, 2012 TBA
- ♦ May 5th, 2012 TBA
- ♦ June 2nd, 2012 TBA

Wauwatosa Community Christmas Dinner

A Community Christmas Dinner is available on Christmas Day for anyone interested in sharing a holiday meal with others in our local community. The dinner features a full turkey dinner with all the trimmings, carol singing, and fun. The dinner will be held at Bethany-Calvary United Methodist Church, 7265 W. Center St. There is no charge, but freewill donations will be accepted. Reservations can be made by call (414) 453-6948 or (262) 347-0522. Transportation to the dinner can be requested and meals can be delivered to anyone who is unable to attend. If you would like to help or know someone who should be invited, please call one of the numbers listed.

Intentions & Readings for the Week



December Sanctuary Candle
The Krebs Family

Monday

Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Lk 1:5-25

Tuesday Mass

Is 7:10-14/Lk 1:26-38

8:00AM †Joseph & †Gertrude Kohlmann

Wednesday

Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Lk 1:39-45

Thursday Liturgy of the Word with Communion

8:00AM *1 Sm 1:24-28/Lk 1:46-56*

Friday Liturgy of the Word with Communion

8:00AM *Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Lk 1:57-66*

Saturday Mass

Is 62:1-5/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25

4:00PM †Karen Paolo

Is 9:1-6/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14

10:00PM †Theodor Schmidt

Sunday Masses

Is 52:7-10/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18

8:00AM St. Therese Parish Community and
†Ruth & †Fred Retzlaff

10:30AM †Joseph & †Gertrude Kohlmann



Lenore Black, Sheila Bourbonais, Gene Brah, Betty Breitinger, Alyce Breitweiser, Kathryn Brinn, Teri Brunner, Cheryl Cmiel, Janice Corak, Mindy Corak, Clay & Christine Cosimi, Tom Coughlin, Joyce Craft, Tim Dondlinger, Ben Durbkan, Gertrude Dushek, Leonard Dushek, Steve Geiss, Andy Grosch, Bill Hoppenjan, Andy Iso, Garnet Jankowski, Chuck Kestner, Ken Knollenberg, Shirley Leinss, Neil Massey, Lori Mikula, Karen Nycz, Susan Ody, Deanna Polito, Rachel Ragatz, Gerry Roberts, Kathy Roemer, Julie Sansone, Sylvia Schaffer, Margaret Schmitt, Barbara Schmitz, Glenn Seidl, Jack Shepherd, Terry Shinn, Carlene Siever, Joel Simpson, Marion Sinks, Susan Sinks, Marion Stabo, Mary Stoke, Robert John Swiderski, Jim Swiecichowski, Robert Tkachuk, Jeff Walters, Betty Weckwerth, Shirley Wiedmeyer, Frank Zareczny

Born to Eternal Life: †Helen Westfall



Dear St. Therese Congregation,

Thank you for your generous donation of \$930.25 to Hearts with Haiti, Inc. Your gift will be used for rebuilding expenses.

A year after Haiti was devastated by the earthquake of January 12th, 2010, the St. Joseph Family is stronger than ever before, with new projects, reconstruction, and outstanding leadership ushering in a bright future for the children of Haiti. This unique mission exemplifies what is best in Haiti and, since 2010, we are blessed that friends like you have stepped to the fore with unprecedented support.

Donors to Hearts with Haiti have enabled outstanding achievements during the past months, including groundbreaking on construction of a new Wings of Hope in Fermathe, progress on educational facilities at Trinity House, and construction on Phase I of St. Joseph's Home for Boys in Port-au-Prince, which is slated for completion in only a few months! New developments also abound in programming, with new education and therapy programs at Wings of Hope and exciting community initiatives at Trinity House, including Lekòl Sen Trinite, a clean drinking water initiative, bakery, coffee project, summer camp, and a day school for restaveks (child slaves). The Resurrection Dance Theater of Haiti is also energized for an exciting fall 2011 tour, which will rock the Midwestern United States and Canada with world-class dancing and drumming.

But, these are just a few examples of the exciting developments that take place each day at the St. Joseph Family in Haiti. To stay up-to-date, check us out at www.heartswithhaiti.org, visit the St. Joseph Family on Facebook, or the St. Joseph Family's newly redesigned website, www.sjfamilyhaiti.org. You can also continue to show your support for the St. Joseph's Family by sharing this mission with your family and friends, uploading your own St. Joseph's Family story to stories@sjfamily.org, or scheduling a visit to Haiti to see the St. Joseph Family in action.

Your continued faith in our mission is making dreams possible for children in Haiti each day and is inspiring deep resolve for the challenges that lie ahead. Thank you for sharing in this journey.

With heartfelt gratitude,

Geoffrey Hamlyn

Geoffrey S. Hamlyn
Executive Director
Hearts with Haiti, Inc.

St. Therese Parish Community,

I thank you and the parish for welcoming a mission appeal this year. The primary purpose of the Missionary Cooperation Plan is to invite parishioners to continue the mission of Jesus. The missioner is given an opportunity to tell the story of how "the blind see, the lame walk and the oppressed are liberated." Parishioners are then invited to express their solidarity with their sisters and brothers through prayer and financial support. Please extend our gratitude to your parish for their generous response.

All Peace and Good to You!

Sister Frances Cunningham, OSF

Frances Cunningham, OSF
Director
Damien House

2011 Archdiocesan Catholic Stewardship Appeal Update

As of November 30th, 169 donors from our parish have contributed \$31,235 for the support the 2011 Archdiocesan Catholic Stewardship Appeal. We have \$765 to go to reach our goal of \$32,000. To date, we have reached 98% of our goal. Thanks to all who have contributed for the support of our archdiocesan ministries. The Parish Council will be discussing the 2012 Appeal at its January 2nd, 2012 meeting. A heartfelt thanks to Tony Ziebert who has chaired the appeal for the past 10 years for several years with his spouse Rosie, and continued after her death in 2008.

Reminder to Parish Council and Finance/Administration Committee Members

Committee members are reminded to check their e-mail every day and respond as directed. Over the past month, there have been several important communications sent out regarding the ATC Project, Zoo Interchange Project, and significant items with regard to our parish

Come Decorate the Church!



The Art & Environment Committee is looking for volunteers to decorate the Church for the Christmas season after the 10:30am Mass on Sunday, December 18th. If you are interested, please join us!

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 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. The ornaments will be hung on the trees at the Christmas masses on December 24th and 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 17th and 18th (not before).

Pictures from the Wall of Remembrance

Pictures from the Wall of Remembrance are available in the sacristy. Thanks to all who placed pictures of their loved ones on our Wall of Remembrance.



Thank You from the Office of World Mission

Archdiocese of Milwaukee

Thank you for your generous response to the parishioners and staff of La Sagrada Familia/Holy Family Parish through a second collection taken recently in your parish. For thirty years the Archdiocese of Milwaukee has supported the presence of church in an economically depressed area of the Dominican Republic. Thanks to your support, 30,000 people have access to pastoral programs and sacramental ministry and to social programs that address childhood malnutrition, adult literacy, the need for potable water, and development of job skills. As an archdiocese we have established a relationship of faith and friendship with the people of La Sagrada Familia. Thank you for supporting this relationship with your prayers and resources.

Flower/Candle Memorial Donations for the Christmas Season

Please consider remembering a loved one or 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 to 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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Glenn Nowak (414) 466-8060

Greater Tosa
Interfaith
(414) 453-5750

Saint Vincent
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:
The deadline for the
December 25th bulletin is
passed. The next available
bulletin is January 1st, 2012.
All submissions
writing; email preferred.