



# 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 25th, 2011

## Parish Staff

### Parish Director

Dr. Alexandra Guliano ext. 14  
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### Assisting Priest

Rev. Hugh Birdsall, SDS

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### Administrative/Pastoral Assistant

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Sterling Biggers, Parish Musician

### Building Services Coordinator

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### Ministers

All the Members of the Parish

### Parish Emergencies

(414) 771-2500 – listen for instructions

"For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger." - Lk 2:11-12



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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

Merry Christmas! In the midst of all your family traditions, exchanging presents, and gatherings, take some time to reflect on the true meaning of Christmas.

God's love is so great, so abundant, and so consuming that God breaks into our world, into our history, into our human existence. God has become one *with us* by becoming one *of us*. Jesus Christ, the very essence of God, takes on our human form, not just over 2000 years ago in a cave in Bethlehem, but *today!*

Jesus is present in the poor and the forgotten and in everyone we meet. Jesus lives in the life that we live, faces the struggles that we face, and experiences the joys we experience.

Christ takes on all of this to die the death we die; and, through it, to live again and eternally, and to offer us the same eternal life. The feast of Christmas is much more than a baby being born. Christmas makes present the past event of Christ's coming into the world so that we might live fully in this life and beyond. We have so much to celebrate!

Embrace Christ's Presence this day!

And a warm welcome to all our visitors, those home for the holidays, and to all who are celebrating with our parish families. If you are a visitor and do not have a parish to call your parish home, please know that you are always welcome at St. Therese. Please visit our website to learn more about our faith community. (A registration form is available online or by request.)

May Christ be born in all of us!

Peace and blessings,

*Dr. Alexandra Guliano*

## 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

## 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.



### CHURCH SUPPORT

Totals will be published in the next bulletin.

Please remember St. Therese in your will!

## Thank You

To the family and friends of Bob Wilcox for the memorial donations for our parish.

## Stewardship 2011

*"She wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn."*

Luke 2:7 Stewardship



Where is Jesus in your life? Have you made room for Him or is He still in the manger wrapped in rags? If we are living our lives like all the rest of the modern and commercial world, we may be leaving Jesus out. It might be time to pick up this Infant Child and make Him a priority in our lives.

## Donations Needed

- ◆ Color cover for Christmas bulletin—\$57.50
- ◆ Replacement microphone pack for Father Norm's lapel microphone—\$250
- ◆ For two air purifiers for Miriam's Corner at \$400 each.

## 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.

## 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

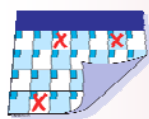
Committee members are reminded to check their e-mail every day and respond as directed. Over the past month, there have been several important communications sent out regarding the ATC Project, Zoo Interchange Project, and significant items with regard to our parish finances. Please take the time, and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

## 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](http://www.archmil.org/reorg/bardate.htm)



## Parish Events for the Week

### Sunday, December 25th

Merry Christmas!

8:00AM Christmas Day Mass (CH)

10:30AM Christmas Day Mass (CH)

### Monday, December 26th

Office Closed

No Meetings Scheduled

### Tuesday, December 27th

Office Hours – 8:30AM to Noon

8:30AM Bible Study (STR)

### Wednesday, December 28th

Office Hours – 8:30AM to Noon

No Meetings Scheduled

### Thursday, December 29th

Office Hours – 8:30AM to Noon

No Meetings Scheduled

### Friday, December 30th

Office Closed

No Meetings Scheduled

### Saturday, December 31st

No Meetings Scheduled

### Sunday, January 1st, 2012

Happy New Year!

7:30AM Canticle Choir (CH)

10:00AM Praise Band (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

### Save the Date!

“THE BIG SHOW” returns to St. Therese on January 29th, 2012! It's time to start thinking about sharing your talent, be it singing, dancing, playing an instrument or telling a story at “THE BIG SHOW.” Details will be available in the coming weeks on how to sign up to perform or volunteer to help in another way.

### Congratulations

♦ To Mary Elizabeth and Matthew Thompson on the birth of their fourth child, William Julius Thompson, 8 lb., 11 oz, and 21 inches long, born on December 14th. William Julius is the little brother of Haleena, Joseph, and Mae. We give thanks and rejoice for this gift of new life!

*Congratulations!*

♦ To Dr. Dean and Lee Goblirsch as they celebrate their 55th Wedding Anniversary on December 29th!

### 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 request 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.

### A Christmas Video Message from Archbishop Listecki

As we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, Archbishop Jerome E. Listecki would like to share a special Christmas video message for the faithful of southeastern Wisconsin. For his thoughts on the true meaning of Christmas, and his wish for a blessed new year, please visit [www.tinyurl.com/ListeckiChristmas](http://www.tinyurl.com/ListeckiChristmas).

### “Living Our Faith” Television Featuring Archbishop Listecki

“Living Our Faith” with Archbishop Listecki 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

### 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 20th, 2012.

For more information, visit: <http://www.archmil.org/offices/world-mission/GlobalYouthMissionTripsGYM.htm>

### From St. Therese of Lisieux's writing on Her “Little Way”

*I have always desired to become a saint, but in comparing myself with the saints I have ever felt that I am as far removed from them as a grain of sand, trampled underfoot by the passerby, is from the mountain whose summit is lost in the clouds. Instead of feeling discouraged by such reflections, I have concluded that God would not inspire a wish which could not be realized, and that in spite of my littleness, I might aim at being a saint. “It is impossible,” I said, “for me to become great, so I must bear with myself and my many imperfections. I will seek out a means of reaching heaven by a little way—very short, very straight, and entirely new.” We live in an age of inventions; there are now lifts which save us the trouble of climbing stairs, I will try to find a lift by which I may be raised unto God. For I am too small to climb the steep stairway of perfection. In scripture I came across these words uttered by eternal Wisdom itself: “Whosoever is a little one, let him come to me.” (Proverbs 9:4)*



### Holiday/Holyday Mass Schedule

- ♦ Solemnity of Mary/World Day of Prayer for Peace  
Saturday, December 31st–5:00PM
- Sunday, January 1st, 2012–8:00AM and 10:30AM

## Intentions & Readings for the Week



**December Sanctuary Candle**  
The Krebs Family

**Monday**

*Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Mt 10:17-22*

**Tuesday Mass**

*1 Jn 1:1-4/Jn 20:1a, 2-8*

8:00AM †Gregory Enderson

**Wednesday**

*1 Jn 1:5--2:2/Mt 2:13-18*

**Thursday Liturgy of the Word with Communion**

8:00AM *1 Jn 2:3-11/Lk 2:22-35*

**Friday Liturgy of the Word with Communion**

8:00AM *Sir 3:2-6, 12-14*

**Saturday Mass**

*1 Jn 2:18-21/Jn 1:1-18*

5:00PM †Merle Weber

**Sunday Masses**

*Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21*

8:00AM Edward, John, & Richard McShane

10:30AM St. Therese Parish Community and  
†Lucille Bakos



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 Islo, 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



### Presentation by John Allen

On Tuesday, February 28th, 2012, John L. Allen, Jr. will be presenting, "Are You Up for the Challenge of the Roman Catholic Church in the 21st Century?" at Mount Mary College. The presentation will be from 7:00PM to 8:30PM with a reception to follow. The cost to attend the presentation is \$10 and pre-registration is requested by February 23rd, 2012.

More information and online registration can be found at [www.johnpaul2center.org/JohnPaulIICenter/UpfortheChallenge.htm](http://www.johnpaul2center.org/JohnPaulIICenter/UpfortheChallenge.htm) or contact Randy Nohl, Coordinator of John Paul II Center at 414-758-2216 or [nohlr@archmil.org](mailto:nohlr@archmil.org)

### Dear Members of St. Therese Parish,

Thank you for inviting St. Ann Center for Intergenerational Care to participate at St. Therese's Sharing Sunday.

We appreciate your asking us to share the mission of St. Ann's; caring for the young, frail elderly and persons with disabilities.

Thank you for your generosity as well as your support. You are welcome to visit the center at any time.

Gratefully,

*Sister Edna Loneragan, OSA*

### St. Therese Parish Members:

Once again, thank you to everyone at St. Therese Congregation for your Faith in Our Future and your Thanksgiving Day donations to Greater Tosa Interfaith. Your continued support is very much appreciated as we strive to meet the needs of our frail older neighbors. You are such a blessing to our program and to the older adults that we serve.

Sincerely,

*Diane*

Diane Euting, Director  
Greater Tosa Interfaith

### Helping Hands Needed!

The Aurora Visiting Nurse Association of Wisconsin seeks hospice volunteers, ages 16 to 106, to assist our hospice patients and their families. The following opportunities include:

- Visiting hospice patients at Zilber Family Hospice, Wauwatosa, or in their homes.
- "Night owl" volunteers at Zilber Family Hospice so that we may expand our services to 24 hours a day, seven days a week.
- Making bereavement calls to family members dealing with the death of a loved one.
- Volunteers who knit, crochet, and sew to make prayer shawls and lap quilts.
- Calling home hospice patients for "Tuck-in" service to check on medications and supplies before the weekend.
- Eucharistic ministers to serve patients at our facility.

Hospice volunteers need no previous nursing training. We will train you to become a hospice volunteer. Join us on the path to service and self-discovery. If you would like to learn more, please call Megan Beine, ATR or Erin Groshek, Volunteer Coordinators at (414) 328-4453 or (414)615-5939 or email [megan.beine@aurora.org](mailto:megan.beine@aurora.org) or [erin.groshek@aurora.org](mailto:erin.groshek@aurora.org)

### Bury the Power Lines!

Due to the need for increased power for the county grounds, hospitals, and institutions, there is a need for the installation of power lines in our area. The most recent proposals from the American Transmission Company are two alternatives—buried power lines along 95th St (the higher cost alternative) or above ground poles (lower cost alternative) on our green space 200 feet west of our church building. (Another pole would be to the south 250 feet from our neighbors, the Milwaukee Montessori School, on their current playground area. At third pole would border the property of the Parkside Pool Apartments.)

The ATC will send these proposals to the Public Service Commission, who will decide which of these routes to choose for construction and implementation. The Public Service Commission will be soliciting input and feedback regarding this project in early 2012.

It is the position of our Parish Council to stand with our neighbors, Milwaukee Montessori School and the Parkside Pool Apartments to advocate for the buried power lines. There is significant concern regarding above ground power lines so close to our church building, in the playground area of the elementary school, and close to the apartments.

More information on the Public Service Commission decision-making process will be in future bulletins. Thanks to all who took the time to send in written comments, concerns, and feedback to the ATC. A huge thanks to Jeff Roemer, who continues to advise us and “translates” the engineering for us!

Handouts from the various meetings and sketches of the proposed lines are available in the Parish Office. Kindly request these during office hours. For information on the deliberations of the Parish Council thus far, please contact a member of the Parish Council (phone numbers are in the bulletin).

### When Do The Standing Committees Meet?

The Parish Council has four standing committees—Prayer and Worship, Finance/Administration, Christian Formation, and Human Concerns. All meetings are open to all parish members unless there is a closed session. (If the committee meets in closed session, any parishioner who would like to address the committee is given an opportunity to do so before the session is closed.) All meeting dates and times are listed in the “Parish Events for the Week.” Generally, the groups meet with this frequency: Prayer and Worship—monthly, the 4th Sunday of the month from 11:45PM to 1:00PM; Finance/Administration—monthly, the 3rd Tuesday of the month from 6:30PM to 8:00PM; Christian Formation—monthly, the 3rd Sunday of the month from 9:10AM to 10:15AM; and Human Concerns, quarterly, usually on a Thursday evening, TBA at prior meeting.

Most standing committees do not meet during the month of July; some also do not meet during December.

### Parish Council Meeting

Monday, January 2nd

The Parish Council will meet on Monday, January 2nd at 7:00PM in Miriam’s Corner.

### 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

#### Chairperson

Jim Holmes (414) 258-9195

#### Vice-Chairperson

Pat Hall (414) 607-9396

#### Secretary

Pat Touchett (414) 257-0221

#### Trustees

Jim Balliet (414) 257-0339

Kathy Hubrich (414) 259-1961

#### Members-At-Large

Andrew Bath (212) 312-4185

Kay Batta (414) 453-9232

John Gritzmacher (414) 453-5265

Christine Jensen (262) 391-1851

Betty Lovinus (414) 259-0889

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](http://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.