



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 2nd, 2012

Parish Staff

Parish Director

Dr. Alexandra Guliano ext. 14
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All the Members of the Parish

Parish Emergencies

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“Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength to escape the tribulations that are imminent and to stand before the Son of Man.” — Lk 21:36

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Mass Schedule

Saturday: 5:00PM
Sunday: 8:00AM
Sunday: 10:30AM
Tuesday: 8:00AM

New Weekday Mass Schedule!

Liturgy of the Word with Communion:
Thursday: 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

- ◆ In this season of thanks, I hope you join me in giving thanks for our parish community. There are so many signs of God's goodness and grace among us. Perhaps you can add to my list, but when I think of our faith community, I give thanks for
 - ◆ the "pioneers" who were the mission parish—Little Flower Parish on 94th and Adler, that grew into and became "St. Therese Parish"
 - ◆ the School Sisters of St. Francis (Layton Blvd), who staffed the parish school, along with the lay teachers who later joined them
 - ◆ the Pallotine Priests and Brothers, who first staffed the parish, followed by the archdiocesan priests and seminarians who served the parish
 - ◆ Rev. Roger Heck, the long-term and beloved pastor
 - ◆ our "charter members" who have been members and supporters of the parish since "Day 1"
 - ◆ our many ministries of outreach and justice; particularly, our active St. Vincent de Paul Society, our Sharing Sunday Committee, Human Concerns Committee, Meal Program, Advent and Lenten Giving, and the various responses we make to needs and appeals that touch not only the lives of our members but those in our community, nation, and world
 - ◆ our children and youth, whom we welcome with open hearts and arms to all the ministries we can share with them
 - ◆ our growing number of catechists and our newly reconstituted Christian Formation Committee, who are charged with shepherding lifelong faith formation in our parish
 - ◆ our competent and caring Parish Staff, Assisting Priest (Rev. Hugh Birdsall, SDS), and Help-Out Priest (Rev.

Norm Oswald)

- ◆ our liturgical ministers and Prayer and Worship Committee, who assure that our prayer and worship gives fitting "thanks and praise"
- ◆ our outstanding music ministry
- ◆ our Parish Council and Finance/Administration Committee, who are committed to keeping our parish vibrant and solvent
- ◆ our new initiatives—air conditioning project, hymnal updates
- ◆ our outreach to the sick and homebound
- ◆ our support for the Archdiocesan Catholic Stewardship Appeal and the completion of our Faith In Our Future Capital Campaign
- ◆ our openness to lay leadership
- ◆ our mission to be open and inclusive of all people
- ◆ each and every parish member, family, and visitor
- ◆ our green space
- ◆ our prayer life

As we begin the Season of Advent, how about making your own list and, if you wish to share it with the parish community, please send it to Heather Goeden, in the Parish Office. During Advent, we will have an "Advent Thanksgiving Section" in the bulletin.

- ◆ We celebrate the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception on Saturday, December 8th with the holyday mass at 8:00AM in the Church. Our Blessed Mother, under the title of The Immaculate Conception, is the patroness of the United States. We ask for her intercession as continue to work for peace and justice for all.

Come, Lord Jesus!

Dr. Alexandra Guliano

Newly-Trained Ushers!

Congratulations and thanks to our newly-trained Ushers—Mary Bunzel, Shari Egan, and Rick and Dashiell Reinders. Thanks also to John Egan for helping with the training.

Church Support



- November 17th/18th Collection— \$4,601
- Sharing Weekend Collection – \$2,150
- Ecumenical Prayer Service – \$194
- Thanksgiving Day – \$107
- November 24th/25th Collection— \$4,046.24
- Maintenance Donations – \$175
- Air Conditioning Donations – \$325

Congratulations

- To Jody and Andy Bath on the birth of their second child, Austin Andrew Bath, born on November 16th, 8 lb. 13 oz. Austin is also the little brother of big sister, Riley!
- To Amy Fangmann on her 16th birthday, November 18th!

Thank You

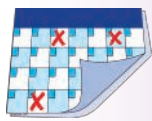
To Leona McGraw for donating the 2013 Ordo for Mass in memory of †Eldon McGraw.

Pictures from the Wall of Remembrance

Pictures from the Wall of Remembrance are available in the sacristy in a box labeled accordingly (near the sound system tower).

Donations Needed

- Two new fans for church – \$120 (\$60 each)
- Two new stands for the fans – \$98 (\$49 each)



Parish Events for the Week

Sunday, December 2nd– First Sunday of Advent

Entertainment Book Sale/Advent Giving Begins

- 7:30AM Canticle Choir (CH)
- 9:10AM Cherub Choir (CH)
- 9:10AM Eucharistic Minister Training (CH)
- 9:45AM Saint Therese Choir (CH)
- 10:30AM Children's Liturgy of the Word (CH)

Monday, December 3rd

- 6:00PM Saint Vincent de Paul Society (HH)
- 7:00PM Parish Council (MC)

Tuesday, December 4th

- 3:45PM Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
Ages 3-K5 (GLP)

Wednesday, December 5th

- 11:30AM SVdP Meal Program–Cook (KIT)
- 3:45PM Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
Ages 3-K5 (GLP)
- 4:30PM SVdP Meal Program–Serve (OFFSITE)
- 7:00PM Music Ministry (CH)
- 7:30PM Saint Therese Choir (CHP)

Thursday, December 6th

- 3:45PM Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
Grades 1-3 & Grades 4-6 (GLP)

Friday, December 7th

- 5:00PM Art & Environment (MC)

Saturday, December 8th – Sharing Weekend

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Advent/Christmas Library Display

- 8:00AM Holy Day Mass (CH)

Sunday, December 9th – Second Sunday of Advent

Sharing Weekend

Advent/Christmas Library Display

- 9:10AM Cherub Choir (CH)
- 9:10AM Eucharistic Minister Training (CH)
- 9:10AM Parish Council Agenda Meeting (STR)
- 9:45AM Saint 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

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

I would like to thank everyone who donated a dessert for the Ecumenical Service. What a wonderful assortment of delicious desserts!! Also thank you to those who helped set-up, serve and clean up. Couldn't have done it without you! You're the best!!

Kathy Hubrich

Next Weekend is Sharing Weekend

Our December sharing collection is for our sister community in the Dominican Republic – La Sagrada Familia. In 1981, a relationship of ministry between the Archdiocese of Milwaukee and the Diocese of San Juan de la Maguana in the Dominican Republic began and has developed into a relationship of sharing faith and friendship, solidarity and on-going ministry. There is no industry or manufacturing in the area and the people face the challenge of earning their “daily bread” through agriculture in a semi-arid area of the island. In spite of the hardship, they manage to produce bananas, plantains, tomatoes and tobacco. Generally, this does not provide sufficient income for even a low cost of living. Many live in wood or cement block housing without plumbing, drinkable water or consistent electricity. Hurricane Sandy was quite devastating to the area and they are still in the process of evaluating the damages. Right now, they are collecting mattresses, clothes, food and mosquito nets. Please be as generous as you can to these special people who have lost so much.

Holiday/Holyday Mass Schedule

- Feast of the Immaculate Conception-Saturday, December 8th at 8:00AM in the church
- Christmas Eve Intergenerational Family Mass-Monday, December 24th at 4:00PM
- Christmas Eve Night Mass-Monday, December 24th with a 10:00PM Choir Concert followed by Mass
- Christmas Day Mass-Tuesday, December 25th at 9:00AM
- New Year's Day (Solemnity of Mary/World Day of Prayer for Peace)-Tuesday, January 1st at 9:00AM

Sign-up sheets for liturgical ministers are in the sacristy. Thank you for taking the time to sign up to minister during these high holydays!

Please Note: Altered Bulletin Deadlines

Due to the Christmas and New Year Holidays, please note the following changes to the bulletin deadlines:

- The deadline for the December 16th bulletin is Friday, December 7th at 8:30AM.
- The deadline for the December 23rd bulletin is Thursday, December 13th at 8:30AM.
- The deadline for the December 30th Bulletin is Thursday, December 20th at 8:30AM.
- The deadline for the January 6th, 2013 bulletin is Thursday, December 27th at 8:30AM.

Please plan accordingly to ensure your announcement is included.

It's Next Weekend!

Treats at the Advent/Christmas Library Display

A treat for you and it's all free! Next weekend at the Bluemound exit, choose from a large display of excellent movies on DVD, CD's, Christmas storybooks for children and good inspirational reading for adults. If you check out an item you'll be eligible to enter a free raffle for a gift basket. Enjoy a hot cup of coffee and a homemade treat! Don't miss this special Yuletide event!

'Tween Program Update

On December 1st, St. Therese 'twens (4th, 5th and 6th graders) will join with the teens to decorate Christmas cookies for the St. Vincent de Paul meal program and then attend the 5:00PM Mass. On December 23rd, the 'twens will help decorate the Church for Christmas after the 9:00AM Mass. If you are interested in attending either of these events, contact Jan Eno at home (414) 258-3477 or by email: jan.eno@att.net.

Intentions & Readings for the Week



December Sanctuary Candle
Sahar Safavi

Sunday, December 2nd
Jer 33:14-16/1 Thes 3:12-4:2/Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

Monday, December 3rd
Is 2:1-5/Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday, December 4th
Is 11:1-10/Lk 10:21-24
8:00AM †Pauline Gutmann

Wednesday, December 5th
Is 25:6-10a/Mt 15:29-37

Thursday, December 6th
Liturgy of the Word with Communion
8:00AM *Is 26:1-6/Mt 7:21, 24-27*

Friday, December 7th
Is 29:17-24/Mt 9:27-31

Saturday Mass, December 8th
Gn 3:9-15, 20/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38
8:00AM Sr. Sara Jean Donegan, SSND
5:00PM St. Therese Parish Community and †Irene Enderson

Sunday Mass, December 9th
Bar 5:1-9/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6
8:00AM †Bernard McShane
10:30AM †Melvin Schermann



Baby Grady, Mimi Albano, Lenore Black, Judith Bolton, Gene Brah, Alyce Breitweiser, Kathryn Brinn, Dolores Brunner, Terri Brunner, Helen & Larry Bugni, Joan Butler, Tim Dondlinger, Gertrude Dushek, Kaylin Dushek, Leonard Dushek, Mary Ehrmann, Barbara Fischer, Mary Fischer, Ethel Forster, Doris Griger, Andy Grosch, Wally Hesselbein, Andy Islo, Michael Jules, Chuck Kestner, Ken Knollenberg, Joe Landry, Shirley Leinss, Ann Leys, Pete Lovinus, Mary Jane Lucas, Neil Massey, Lori Mikula, Karen Nycz, Rachel Ragatz, Judy Rahn, Barb Redzich, M. Rose, Barbara Schmitz, Harriet Schnarsky, Terry Shinn, Carlene Siever, Joel Simpson, Marion Sinks, Susan Sinks, Marion Stabo, Mark Stabo, Ruth Stueckroth, Salvatore Vallone, Pius Vetter, Don Wackholz, David White

Born to Eternal Life: †Theodore Weis and †Hilda Lang

Liturgical Ministers Scheduled for December 8th/9th

	5:00PM	8:00AM	10:30AM
Lectors	Mickey, M. Drozdowicz, D.	Coughlin, Sr. L. Tym, N.	Maccani, B. Maher, A.
Altar Servers	Fangmann, A.	Goodacre, W.	Hartay, A.
Eucharistic Ministers	Gritzmacher, B.. – 1 Nee, A. – 2 Fangmann, J. – 3 Schmidt, D. – 4 Fangmann, M. – 5	Valdovinos, D. – 1 Bunzel, C. – 2 Hauck, J. – 3 Kennedy, A. – 4	Borst, Barbara. – 1 Jensen, C. – 2 Borst, B. – 3 Dushek, S. – 4 Wissing, T. – 5
Greeters	Schmidt, D. Clark, F. Sullivan, D.	Goeden Family Tym, L. Krebs, J.	Kolesari, S. Hartay, Mary Miller, G.
Ushers	Lemke, D. Gritzmacher, D. NOT FILLED	Valdovinos, T. Sachse, G. Goodacre, S. & S.	Dushek, R. Hartay, Matt Moehr, D. Kolesari, G.

Liturgical Ministry Sign-Up

Sign-up sheets for servers, lectors, Eucharistic ministers, greeters, and ushers for January through April are now available in the sacristy. Please indicate your Mass preferences and special requests in the spaces provided. The sign-up sheets will be available through Sunday, December 9th. Schedules will be ready the following weekend. If you are interested in joining one of the ministries, please contact Heather in the Parish Office. Questions? Contact: Jim Balliet (Server Coordinator) 257-0339, Ann Maher (Lector Coordinator) 453-4437, Judy Dietz (Eucharistic Minister Coordinator) 607-0681, Audrey Wright (Greeter Coordinator) 771-2140, 466-8060, or Mari Pavleje (Scheduler) 545-2733.

Family Reconciliation Service

District 12 has scheduled a Family Reconciliation Service during Advent. It will be held at St. Catherine Parish at 51st and Center Streets at 10:00AM on Saturday, December 15th. Fr. Hugh will be hearing confessions. All members of St. Therese Parish are invited to attend.

Please Note—One Mass Only on Sunday, January 6th

We will celebrate only one mass on Sunday, January 6th at 9:00AM due to our priests' availability. Rev. Tom Witliff will be our help-out presider on Saturday, January 5th at 5:00PM and Sunday, January 6th at 9:00AM. Our regular Sunday mass schedule of 8:00AM and 10:30AM masses will resume on Sunday, January 13th.

Honor Flight – The Movie

Honor Flight is a documentary about four living World War II veterans and a Midwest community coming together to give them the trip of a lifetime. Volunteers fly thousands of WWII veterans to Washington, DC to see the memorial constructed for them in 2005, nearly 60 years after their epic struggle. The trips are called "Honor Flights." *Honor Flight* will be shown locally at the Marcus Cinemas in Delafield, Menomonee Falls, and New Berlin on December 5th, 6th, and 7th. For more information or to purchase tickets, go to www.honorflightthemovie.com.

Committee/Group Secretaries, Please Note!

Lately we have had a lapse in communications, and the correct times and dates of meetings and events has not been communicated to Heather Goeden, our Administrative/Pastoral Assistant. In order to assure that there is reserved meeting space and accurate information in the bulletin calendar, please communicate all meeting times and room requests as well as changes of these times and dates.

Wednesday 6:30PM Mass Suspended—December 5th, 2012 through February 6, 2013

Resuming on Wednesday, February 13th, 2013, Ash Wednesday

The 6:30PM Wednesday mass will be suspended beginning Wednesday, December 5th through Wednesday, February 6th, 2013. The Wednesday, 6:30PM mass will resume with the Ash Wednesday mass at 6:30PM on Wednesday, February 13th. All mass intentions that had been scheduled for the Wednesday masses during the suspended time have been rescheduled. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Heather Goeden in the Parish Office. Thank you for your consideration.

Please Note—Special Sunday Mass Schedule for December 23rd, 4th Sunday of Advent

On Sunday, December 23rd, the 4th Sunday of Advent, we will celebrate mass at 9:00AM **only** instead of at 8:00AM and 10:30AM. Mass intentions will be combined for that mass. The Art and Environment Committee will be decorating the church for Christmas after the 9:00AM mass. Help is welcome!

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

December 8th, Holyday of Obligation

Saturday, December 8th is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, a holyday of obligation. Mass will be celebrated at 8:00AM in the Church. All are welcome!

Advent Giving Tree

The Sharing Sunday Committee is collecting Advent Giving Tree gifts again this year! Giving Trees are located at each exit to the church. If you are interested in buying a Christmas gift for someone in need, please take a tag from the tree, buy the gift and return it to church with the GIFT TAG ATTACHED on or before the date indicated on the tag. Our 2012 Advent Giving gifts will be shared with the men, women and children being served by the following organizations: Allis Care Center, Catholic Charities, St. Vincent de Paul Society (Myanmar Refugee Families); Penfield Children's Center and Veteran's Administration Hospital. Thank you for your generosity.

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

Order Form for the GATHER Hymnals – Please Print

Pew Hymnals: \$15.50 Quantity _____ Choir Hymnals: \$26.50 Quantity _____
Total amount: \$ _____
A Gift from: _____
In Memory of: _____
AND/OR
A Gift form: _____
In Honor of: _____
If you are ordering more than one hymnal please use a separate form for each.

Parish Council

1st Monday of Month at 7:00PM
council@sainttheresemilwaukee.org

Chairperson

Jim Holmes (414) 258-9195

Vice-Chairperson

John Gritzmacher (414) 453-5265

Secretary

Pat Touchett (414) 257-0221

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Mary Rose Sanger (414) 425-2028

**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 Heather Goeden 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 Heather 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.