



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 16th, 2012

Parish Staff

Parish Director

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All the Members of the Parish

Parish Emergencies

(414) 771-2500 – listen for instructions



Now the people were filled with expectation, and all were asking in their hearts whether John might be the Christ. John answered them all, saying, "I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming." — Lk 3:15-16a

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Mass Schedule

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

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

- Today we celebrate Gaudete Sunday to signify that Advent is half over. The Latin word “gaudete” means “to rejoice.” We rejoice because the Lord is near...the feast of Christmas is close at hand.

To be sure, vision is always better from hindsight. The wait for the Messiah was a long one, and many despaired or gave up hope that the Christ would come. Jesus, the Christ, did come in history, and He will come again in glory. But, even more importantly, he comes now and every moment of our lives if we but open our hearts to Him.

- We have completed Phase I of our Parish Stewardship Commitment Effort. We have received 194 responses from the 306 that were either picked up or mailed to parish members. (We did not send forms to those over the age of 90, those in nursing homes or assisted living centers, and others with special circumstances). We have yet to hear from 112 of our parish membership families. At the December 3rd Parish Council meeting, the Council decided to contact all 112 members again and ask them to return their commitment form. So now we begin Phase II.

The 194 responses indicated financial commitments amounting to \$271,313. We thank all who responded for whatever amount they committed. As we stated at the beginning of our effort, in order to rebuild our Christian Formation ministry, we forecasted a need for \$375,000, a difference of \$103,687. If we remove the Christian Formation position, salary and benefits (something we have done without for the past four years), we still need approximately \$60,000 to balance the 2013-2014 budget.

We estimate from past years that approximately \$30,000 is contributed to the parish from visitors and persons who do not pledge or make financial commitments to the parish. If we add that \$30,000 to the already committed \$271,313, our outstanding need is an estimated \$30,000.

The Parish Council and Finance/Administration Committee will continue our stewardship efforts to achieve a balanced budget.

Our Christian Formation needs remain, and we must provide for these for our parish community. The Parish Council and Finance/Administration Committee have realized that calling us to faithful stewardship of time, talent, and treasure is more than a once a year program. It is a way of life.

- Please mark your calendars. There will be a Parish Town Hall Meeting on Sunday, February 17th at 5:30PM in Heck Hall, beginning with a light dinner. The focus of our Parish Town Hall Meeting will be our parish planning for the future. As you may be aware, the Parish Council chose the Parish Director model as a continuing model for our parish, and in the document Parishes and Pastoral Planning 2020, our parish is forecasted to continue as a parish with the assistance of a priest for sacramental ministry. However, despite this, there have been rumors in our cluster and district that the parish is going to close. I called the Parish Town Hall Meeting so that we can discuss both our hopes and fears and chart a course for the future.

When I began ministry here as Parish Director in June 2002, the rumor of the parish closing was going around. I remember that my first weekend here, one of our parish members told me that the parish was supposed to close after Father Heck retired! All I could think of at the time was “what a welcome!” Now it’s 10 1/2 years later, and it is time that we meet and hopefully support what our Parish Council has chosen for the parish in accordance with the archdiocesan pastoral planning.

- Advent teaches us that God surprised those who had given up all hope for a Messiah. May we not lose hope!

Come, Lord Jesus! Maranatha! Come, Lord Jesus!

Dr. Alexandra Guliano

Welcome!

To new parishioner Tom Molosky. We are glad to have you with us!



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. Contact Heather in the Parish Office.



CHURCH SUPPORT

Immaculate Conception	\$ 558.25
Envelopes & Offertory	\$10,203.69
Sharing Sunday	\$ 874.53
Maintenance Donations	\$ 115.00
Air Conditioning Donations	\$ 120.00

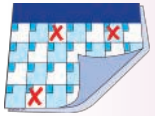
Please Note—Special Sunday Mass Schedule for December 23rd, 4th Sunday of Advent

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!

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 23rd bulletin has passed.
- 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.



Parish Events for the Week

Sunday, December 16th – Third Sunday of Advent

- 9:10AM Cherub Choir (CH)
- 9:10AM Eucharistic Minister Training (CH)
- 10:30AM Children's Liturgy of the Word (CH)
- 11:45AM Prayer & Worship Committee (MC)

Monday, December 17th

- 6:00PM Saint Vincent de Paul Society (MC)

Tuesday, December 18th

No Meetings Scheduled

Wednesday, December 19th

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

Thursday, December 20th

- 8:30AM – 6:00PM Prayer Day (CHP)

Friday, December 21st

No Meetings Scheduled

Saturday, December 22nd

No Meetings Scheduled

Sunday, December 23rd – Fourth Sunday of Advent

- 8:15AM Saint Therese Choir (CH)
- 9:00AM Mass (CH) - One Mass Only Today
- 9:00AM Children's Liturgy of the Word (CH)
- 10:10AM Cherub Choir (CH)
- 10:10AM Decorate the Church for Christmas (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

Donate the Sanctuary Candle in Memory or Honor of a Loved One

Please consider donating the sanctuary candle (that burns in front of the tabernacle). The cost is \$10 per month. The following months in 2013 are **open**: January, March, May, August, September, October and December. Months will be assigned on a first come, first served basis. To donate, please contact Heather Goeden in the Parish Office or e-mail her (e-mail address on the front of the bulletin).

Myanmar Refugee Project Donations

If you would still like to help out the Myanmar Refugees, please consider donating one of these items on their wish list: blankets, coats, boots, mattresses, microwaves and a guitar (can be new or used). Please contact Sue Mac Gillis at (414) 607-1954 for more information and where to drop off your donations.

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).

Join Us For Prayer Day

Our next prayer day will be held on Thursday, December 20th from 8:00AM until 6:00PM. Stop by to spend some quiet time reflecting and praying in the chapel.

Hymnal Project

Thank you to Building and Grounds members Fred Hahn, Dan Hubrich, Dave Drozdowicz, and Wiley Vivians for working with Denise in Building Services by contributing their time and talent to the new hymnal holder project from staining and finishing to installation. This project will be completed within five days of the arrival of the last 30 holders on order.

Denise Dostalek – Building Services Coordinator

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.



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.

The Winners!

Congratulations to Jan Eno and Eric Dushek! They are the winners of the holiday basket raffle at the library Christmas display last weekend. Thanks to all the parishioners who stopped by and checked out books and DVDs. Please remember that DVDs are due in one week and holiday books are due in 2 weeks. For more good movies on DVD and inspirational books for this season of Advent, visit the parish library in the main lobby. May you have a joyful and blessed Christmas!

Ministry to the Sick: Need Communion or a Pastoral Visit?

Need Holy Communion or a pastoral visit? Please call Heather Goeden in the Parish Office and make the request. Often we do not know that parish members desire this ministry. Father Hugh is graciously serving as our Coordinator of Eucharistic Ministry to the Sick and Homebound and is willing to anoint the sick and hear confessions for those unable to come to church. Dr. Guliano also makes pastoral visits. It is important that the person requesting the visit or a designated person contact us. Thanks for keeping us informed!

Help Decorate the Christmas Trees in Church!

We are asking 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. 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 the church the weekend of December 22nd and 23rd

Intentions & Readings for the Week



December Sanctuary Candle

Sahar Safavi

Sunday, December 16th

Zep 3:14-18a/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18

Monday, December 17th

Gn 49:2, 8-10/Mt 1:1-17

Tuesday, December 18th

Jer 23:5-8/Mt 1:18-25

8:00AM †Adam Klein

Wednesday, December 19th

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

Thursday, December 20th

Liturgy of the Word with Communion

8:00AM Is 7:10-14/Lk 1:26-38

Friday, December 21st

Sg 2:8-14/Lk 1:39-45

Saturday Mass, December 22nd

1 Sm 1:24-28/Lk 1:46-56

5:00PM St. Therese Parish Community and †Theodor Schmidt

Sunday Mass, December 23rd

Mi 5:1-4a/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45

9:00AM †Martha Haney and †Geraldine & Keith Wells

Liturgical Ministers Scheduled for December 22nd/23rd

	5:00PM	9:00AM
Lectors	Drozdowicz, D. Maher, A.	Maccani, B. Sanger, M.
Altar Servers	Drozdowicz, S.	Maccani, C.
Eucharistic Ministers	Schmidt, D. – 1 Gill, Jane – 2 Hubrich, K. – 3 Ellis, M. – 4 Nee, A. – 5	Dushek, S. – 1 Borst, Bob – 2 Borst, Barbara – 3 Wissing, T. – 4 Lipinski, M. – 5
Greeters	Drozdowicz Family Zipperer, J. Sullivan, D.	D'Amore, P. Sincere, K. Miller, G.
Ushers	Gritzmacher, D. Gill, Jim Lemke, D.	Sanger, R. Sauceda, J. & C. Sauceda, L. & J. Chudy, D.

TV and Online Mass for the Homebound

Is someone you love unable to attend Church? "My Sunday Mass" will bring spiritual comfort and joy during this holy time of Advent and Christmas. Watch Sunday Mass on WITI-TV Channel 6 at 5:30AM and WCGV-TV Channel 24 at 9:00AM. On Christmas day, tune in at 7:30AM to WCGV-TV Channel 24, or watch online at www.MySundayMass.org. Please note: For those who can get to Church, the TV/online liturgy will not meet the Sunday or Christmas Mass obligation.

Advent Mass of Healing for Separated & Divorced Catholics

During this "Advent Season", there will be an Archdiocesan Mass of Healing for all Separated and Divorced Catholics on Saturday, December 22nd at 7:00PM at St. Peter of Alcantara Parish (1800 N Wisconsin St., Port Washington). Bishop Donald Hying will be the main celebrant. Maurice Thompson, from the Archdiocesan Tribunal, will be present in the Gathering Space from 5:30PM until the start of Mass to answer questions regarding Declarations of Invalidity (commonly known as annulments). He will also have application forms and other materials. For questions or more information, please contact Lydia LoCoco, Director of The Nazareth Project, at 414 758-2214 or email her at lococol@archmil.org.

Dear St. Therese Parish Community,

I would like to thank everyone at St. Therese Congregation for your Faith in Our Future donation to Greater Tosa Interfaith. We so appreciate your continued support of our program as we help our older neighbors maintain their independence. You are a blessing to our program and to the older adults that we serve. Thank you so much.

Sincerely,

Diane Euting—Director, Greater Tosa Interfaith



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, M. Rose and 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, Barbara Schmitz, Harriet Schnarsky, Terry Shinn, Carlene Siever, Joel Simpson, Marion Sinks, Susan Sinks, Marion Stabo, Mark Stabo, Salvatore Vallone, Pius Vetter, Don Wackholz, David White

Born to Eternal Life: †Anthony Damato

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.

Holiday/Holyday Mass Schedule

- 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!

Christmas Holiday Parish Office Hours

During the week of Christmas, the Parish Office Hours will be as follows:

- Monday, December 24th - The Parish Office will be open from 8:30AM until 10:30AM
- Tuesday, December 25th - The Parish Office will be closed for the Christmas Holiday
- Wednesday, December 26th - The Parish Office will be closed
- Thursday, December 27th - The Parish Office will be open from 8:30AM until 4:00PM
- Friday, December 28th - The Parish Office will be closed
- Monday, December 31st - The Parish Office will be open from 8:30AM until 10:30AM
- Tuesday, January 1st, 2013 - The Parish Office will be closed for the New Year Holiday.

Regular Office Hours will resume on Wednesday, January 2nd, 2013 at 12:00PM (noon).

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.

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

New Hymnal Donations

Donations are still being accepted for pew versions of the hymnals. Please fill out the form below and return it with your donation to Elterine in the office or put it in the collection basket during mass.

Order Form for the GATHER Hymnals – Please Print

Pew Hymnals: \$15.50 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

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Vice-Chairperson

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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:

The deadline for the December 23rd bulletin has passed. Next available bulletin is December 30th.

All submissions by
writing; email preferred.