



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 30th, 2012

Parish Staff

Parish Director

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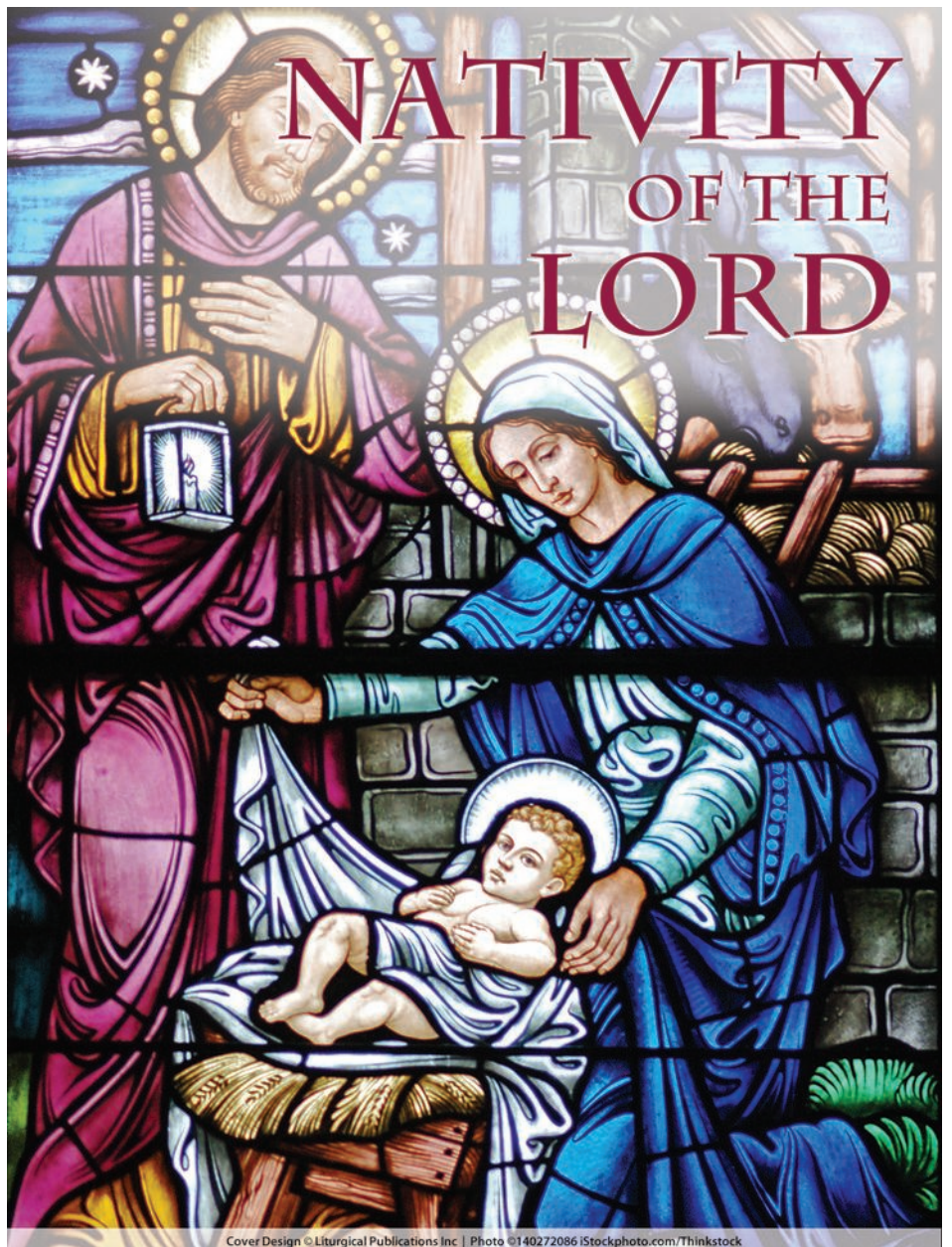
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Ministers

All the Members of the Parish

Parish Emergencies

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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

◆ A Blessed and Merry Christmas to you! The Solemnity of Christmas began with our Christmas Eve liturgy at 4:00PM on Monday, December 24th and continues through the Solemnity of the Baptism of the Lord on Sunday, January 13th. While our culture considers Christmas over on December 26th, for our Church, the feast and season of Christmas is just beginning with the Christmas liturgies. We continue our feasting with special celebrations of Feasts of the Holy Family (December 29th/30th); The Solemnity of Mary/World Day of Prayer for Peace (January 1st); Epiphany (January 5th/6th); and the Baptism of the Lord (January 12th/13th).

Welcome to all our visitors, to those home for the holidays, and newcomers to our parish! Please know that you are always welcome.

◆ We are a family. We celebrate this weekend Holy Family Sunday.

Over the years, just who is regarded as family has changed. The group of persons that has traditionally been called the “nuclear family” has evolved to include single-parent families, blended families, multi-generational families, and families of persons not genetically related to each other. Nevertheless, the principles, values, and ties that bind family members to one another remain the same.

Today we are reminded that we not only belong to one family, but to several. Although the most obvious family belonging is experienced with parents and siblings, we are first and foremost members of the family of God. We are members of a large faith family, many of whose members are memorialized in the Hebrew and Christian Scriptures. Our spiritual ancestors include Abraham and Sarah, Moses, Miriam, the prophets, the apostles, the saints throughout the centuries and the saints of our own time. We are related by faith and grace to great people!

We can be proud of our rootedness in all the great ones who have gone before us. However, that rootedness carries with it a responsibility; we, too, are called to strength and to virtue as we reach out to accept all of this world’s peoples as our sisters and brothers in the Lord. The responsibility of love and service to others is a necessary consequence of the blessedness of being part of our faith family and our human family.

Can you imagine how different our world would be if we took that responsibility seriously? Let us love and serve others in our small part of the world. We can make a difference.

Joy to the world! The Lord has come!

Christmas blessings and peace,

Dr. Alexandra Guliano

Thank You

- To Father Norm Oswald for the new Gospel Book.

End of Year Contributions

Many people like to give money the church annually or semi-annually. In order for contributions to be recorded for 2012, they have to **received or postmarked by December 31st, 2012**. Monies received in 2013 **cannot** be recorded in 2012, according to the IRS.

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.

Stewardship Progress Update

As of December 14th, a total of \$272,023 has been committed from 196 parish families/members. We have reached 73% of our goal of \$375,000. Thanks to all who faithfully financially support our parish and its many ministries.



CHURCH SUPPORT – DECEMBER 15TH/16TH

Envelopes & Offertory	\$ 7,680.25
Maintenance Donations	\$ 120.00
Air Conditioning Donations	\$ 60.00

Please remember St. Therese in your will!

Ministry to the Sick

Need Communion or a Pastoral Visit?

If you are sick or homebound and would like to receive Holy Communion or a pastoral visit, please call Heather Goeden in the Parish Office and make the request. Father Hugh has agreed to serve as Coordinator of Eucharistic Ministry to the Sick and Homebound and is also willing to anoint the sick and hear confessions. It is important that the person requesting the visit or a designated person contact us. Thank you for keeping us informed.

Liturgical Ministry Schedules

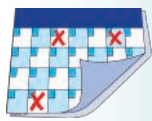
Liturgical ministry schedules for lectors, servers, Eucharistic ministers, greeters, and ushers for January through April are now available in the sacristy. Please pick up a copy as soon as possible. If you are interested in joining one of the ministries, it’s not too late. Contact Heather in the Parish Office.

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.

Holiday of Obligation – January 1st, 2013

Join us on at Mass on New Year’s Day, Tuesday, January 1st at 9:00AM for the Solemnity of Mary/World Day of Prayer for Peace.



Parish Events for the Week

Sunday, December 30th

10:30AM Children's Liturgy of the Word (CH)

Monday, December 31st

8:30AM – 10:30AM Parish Office Open

Tuesday, January 1st, 2013 – Happy New Year!

Parish Office Closed

Wednesday, January 2nd

7:00PM Music Ministry (CH)

7:30PM Saint Therese Choir (CHP)

Thursday, January 3rd

No Meetings Scheduled

Friday, January 4th

5:00PM Art & Environment (MC)

Saturday, January 5th

No Meetings Scheduled

Sunday, January 6th

8:15AM Saint Therese Choir (CH)

8:30AM Canticle Choir (CH)

9:00AM Mass (CH) – One Mass Only Today

9:00AM 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 Looked Deep in Your Heart!

We did it! Our parish raised \$32,456.82 as of November 30th for the Catholic Stewardship Appeal. Together we achieved the goal for St. Therese to contribute \$32,000. I would like to thank everyone who personally donated to help Catholic Charities. May God bless everyone, hope does continue with you! Thank You,

Norman Tym – CSA Chairperson

Thank You for Your Participation

The Office for World Mission and the people of La Sagrada Familia would like to thank you and your parish for your participation in the Special Collection to benefit the Archdiocesan Sister Parish. Thank you for your leadership and support in raising awareness of our archdiocesan relationship with La Sagrada Familia. Your parish's participation in this collection helps strengthen the bonds of faith and friendship.

Dear St. Therese Congregation,

Thank you for your donation of \$797.75 to MicroFinancing Partners in Africa's mission to eradicate extreme poverty in African communities through microfinancing. Your generosity is appreciated.

Sr. Antoinette Temporiti, CPPS

New Year Holiday Parish Office Hours

The Parish Office hours for the New Year Holiday are as follows:

- 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.

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

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.

Please Note—No Tuesday morning mass on Tuesday, January 8th

Since Father Hugh is unavailable on Tuesday, January 8th, mass will not be celebrated at 8:00AM that day. Tuesday masses will resume on Tuesday, January 15th. Thank you for noting this change.

Christmas Thanksgiving to the Good People of St. Therese

Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee extends sincere thanks to the good folks at St. Therese Parish for gathering gifts for Catholic Charities' Christmas Giving. Please know that your unwavering generosity is truly appreciated and that all the donated gifts have been distributed to our clients. On behalf of the clients, staff and Board of Trustees of Catholic Charities - we offer a heartfelt Thank You. What a tremendous outpouring of generosity you have shown! May God extend blessings to everyone at St. Therese parish!

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.

Intentions & Readings for the Week



December Sanctuary Candle

Sahar Safavi

Sunday, December 30th

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Col 3:12-21/Lk 2:41-52

Monday, December 31st

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

Tuesday, January 1st, 2013

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

9:00AM †John, Edward & Richard McShane

Wednesday, January 2nd

1 Jn 2:22-28/Jn 1:19-28

Thursday, January 3rd

Liturgy of the Word with Communion

8:00AM *1 Jn 2:29-3:6/Jn 1:29-34*

Friday, January 4th

1 Jn 3:7-10/Jn 1:35-42

Saturday Mass, January 5th

1 Jn 3:11-21/Jn 1:43-51

5:00PM St. Therese Parish Community and
A Special Intention

Sunday Mass, January 6th

Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

8:00AM †LaVerne Mucci

10:30AM For the lifelong safety, well being and
freedom of a young girl...



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

Rest in Peace – †Edward Lukomski

Former parishioner †Edward Lukomski passed away on November 27th. He has been living in St. Petersburg, FL since leaving the parish. There will be a memorial mass held locally this spring. May he rest in peace.

Liturgical Ministers Scheduled for January 5th/6th

	5:00PM	9:00AM
Lectors	Pankratz, J. Bingham, A.	Coughlin, Sr. L. Mickey, M.
Altar Servers	Reinders, N.	Safavi, P.
Eucharistic Ministers	Pavleje, M. – 1 Hubrich, K. – 2 Dietz, J. – 3 Gritzmacher, B. – 4 Vivians, W. – 5	Anderson, L. – 1 Lipinski, M. – 2 Safavi, P. – 3 Brown, A. – 4 Jensen, C. – 5
Greeters	Clark, F. Touchett, P. Gritzmacher, B.	Riester, M. Sincere, K. Andrews, K.
Ushers	Reinders, R. & D. Egan, J. Grtizmacher, D.	Chudy, D. Szablewski, N. Nowak, G. Nowak, J.

Dear Friends,

A hearty thank you for your recent gift of \$204 to St. Ben's Community Meal. Your involvement in our ministry through your generous donation allows us to continue serving the many people who come to our door, not only during the holiday season, but throughout the year.

This is a wonderful season of anticipation as we await Christmas and the end of 2012. During these busy days, we appreciate the fact that you took time to pause and remember the folks who make up St. Ben's Community Meal. Your generosity provides much needed material resources for our homeless folks, but also a supportive, hospitable environment that is so needed in the lives of many. We count ourselves privileged to be a part of this ministry and blessed to be in partnership with caring people like you.

On behalf of all of us at the Meal, may God bless you and your loved ones during this special time of the year.

Peace,

Br. Dave Schwab, Capuchin

Co-Director

PS – We appreciate this special gift, especially during the holiday season.

Helping Hands Needed

The Aurora Visiting Nurse Association of WI seeks hospice volunteers to assist hospice patients and their families in Milwaukee, Ozaukee, Washington, and Waukesha Counties. Volunteers are needed to visit hospice patients in their own homes allowing the caregiver a few hours of respite, to be Eucharistic ministers to serve patients in their home or at the hospice, and to make bereavement calls to family members grieving the death of their loved one. "Professional Volunteers" who would be willing to share their skills such as massage therapists, beauticians, social workers, attorneys, music, pet therapy, and more are also needed. The required skills to volunteer are compassion, empathy, and a willingness to listen and learn.

Hospice volunteers need no previous nursing training and you will be trained to be a hospice volunteer. To learn more, contact Megan Beine, Volunteer Coordinator at (414) 328-4453 or Erin Groshek at (414) 615-5939.

Thank You!!!!

To all who made our celebrations of Advent and Christmas so meaningful, prayerful and beautiful:

- Our liturgical ministers: Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers, Greeters, Altar Servers, Sacristans, and Lay Presiders who, with our presiders, Father Hugh and Father Norm, and our Parish Director, Dr. Guliano, assure fitting worship each celebration.
- Our ministry coordinators—Judy Dietz (Eucharistic Ministers); Ann Maher (Lectors); Audrey Wright (Greeters); Jim Balliet (Altar Servers); Gladys Sachse, Rich Sanger, and Shari Egan (Ushers) and Heather Goeden, Administrative/Pastoral Assistant, for weekly reminders regarding Not Filled ministries.
- The Prayer and Worship Committee, chaired by Pat Hall, for overseeing all the liturgical planning and ministries of the seasons.
- Deanna Sullivan, who cares for our candles, bread, and wine; and prepares the holy oils for the monthly Anointing of the Sick.
- Our talented and dedicated music ministers: Elterine Jankowski-Biggers, Pastoral Musician; Sterling Biggers, Accompanist; instrumentalists, cantors, Canticle Choir, St. Therese Choir, and Cherub Choir.
- Our Human Concerns Committee and our Advent Giving Committee, shepherded by Ann Maker and Pat Safavi and assisted by several other committee members behind the scenes and from the Sharing Sunday Committee.
- Our Sharing Sunday Committee and Sue MacGillis that brought us the Myanmar refugees as our special guests and gave us the opportunity to share our abundance this Advent.
- Those who worked on the new hymnal project in time for the 1st Sunday of Advent—Elterine Jankowski-Biggers, Denise Dostalek, Whitney Strohmeyer, Fred Hahn, Dave Drozdowicz, Dan Hubrich, and Judy Dietz.
- Courtney Falk, for making our personalized baptismal candles.
- Our baptismal blanket ministry—Sue Gritzmacher, Kathy Watters, Betty Lovinus, and Jacque Nook.
- Kathy Hubrich and Hospitality Crew for the Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service and all who baked and donated pies.

- All who donated for the cost of the new hymnals.
 - Our Shawl Ministry for providing comfort and prayer for those ill and homebound.
 - Father Hugh, for his extra visits to the sick and suffering and for offering the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick to those unable to come to church.
 - Our Art and Environment Committee—Barb Gritzmacher, Kathy Hubrich, Janet Krebs, Kaity Shields, Gladys Sachse, Denise Dostalek, and Whitney Strohmeyer for the design and decoration of the church; with extra-special thanks to Kaity Shields for the Advent and Christmas design and Gladys Sachse for the Advent and Christmas altar and table appointments (cloths).
 - Cheryl Brunner for faithfully maintaining the altar cloths in both the church and the chapel.
 - Dr. David Borst and family for the special presentation at the 4:00PM Intergenerational Family Mass.
 - All the families who participated in the Advent Wreath Lighting during the four weekends of Advent.
 - All who presented the figure of the Christ Child for the Crib Blessing at our Christmas masses: Lucy, Dave, and Lydia Adams at 4:00PM mass in memory of †Karen Paolo; John and Pat Rickert at 10:00PM mass in memory of †Sister Cecile Rickert, SSND; and Gary and Sue Kolesari at 9:00AM mass in memory of †Judy and Marilyn Kolesari.
 - Our Sound Board ministers, especially for their extra help at special liturgies and the funerals.
 - Jim Jensen for singing the “Ave Maria” per request of families at funerals.
 - Our competent and reliable Parish Staff—Heather Goeden, Administrative/Pastoral Assistant; Denise Dostalek, Building Services Coordinator; Whitney Strohmeyer, Building Services Assistant; Elterine Jankowski-Biggers, Pastoral Musician; Sterling Biggers, Musician, Accompanist, Techie, and More; Lisa Vallone, Bookkeeper, and Dr. Alexandra Guliano, Parish Director, for the uncountable number of things they do to support all the ministries of our parish community.
 - All who attended and participated in our liturgical celebrations and outreach ministries of this Holy Season.
- May we carry the spirit of Christmas in our hearts always!

Parish Council

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

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(414) 453-5750

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(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 January 6th bulletin has passed. Next available bulletin is January 13th, 2013.

All submissions
writing; email preferred.