



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 8th, 2013

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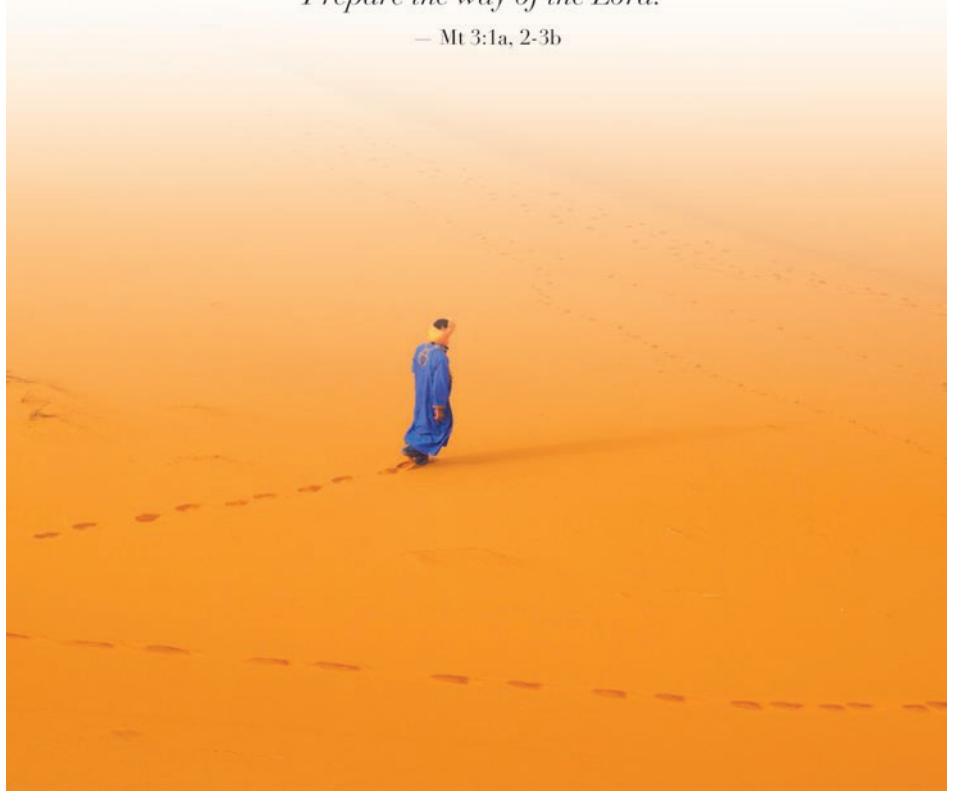
(414) 771-2500 – listen for instructions

Second Sunday of Advent

John the Baptist appeared...saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" It was of him that the prophet Isaiah had spoken when he said:

*A voice of one crying out in the desert,
Prepare the way of the Lord.*

— Mt 3:1a, 2-3b



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Mass Schedule

Saturday: 5:00PM

Sunday: 9:00AM

Tuesday: 8:30AM

Liturgy of the Word with Communion:

Thursday: 8:30AM

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

- Several groups through the Catholic world have web links to the survey in preparation for the Extraordinary Synod on the Family to be held October 15th–19th, 2014. The Vatican has asked national bishops' conferences around the world to seek the opinions of Catholics on a number of church teachings, including contraception, same-sex marriage, and divorce. Archbishop Lorenzo Baldisseri, Secretary General of the Vatican's Synod of Bishops, asked the bishops' conferences to survey "immediately as widely as possible to deaneries and parishes so that input from local sources can be received."

Below, in bold, is a link to the survey:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/ExtraordinarySynod-LaitySurvey>

The survey is due by December 15th.

Here is an important opportunity for you to voice your opinions and concerns for the Church we love.

- Just reminder that, since the 2nd Sunday of Advent falls on Sunday, December 8th this year, the holyday mass will for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception will be celebrated on Monday, December 9th at 8:30AM in the Chapel. While the obligation has been removed, the day remains a holyday. Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception is the patron of our country.
- During the Season of Advent, we will be welcoming our candidate for full initiation into the Catholic Church, Paula Zelm. Steven Lynch is her sponsor. We will sign her with the cross over all her senses and ask that she enter more deeply into Christ. Paula has already been baptized in the Presbyterian Orthodox Church and will make her profession of faith, receive First Communion and Confirmation at the Easter Vigil. Please remember Paula and Steve in your prayers.

Advent blessings to you!

Dr. Alexandra Guliano

Altered Bulletin Deadlines–Holiday Season

Please note the following changes to the bulletin deadlines:

- December 22nd Deadline: Thursday, December 12th at 8:30AM
- December 29th Deadline: Thursday, December 19th at 8:30AM
- January 5th Deadline: Thursday, December 26th at 8:30AM



CHURCH SUPPORT

Envelopes & Offertory	\$ 9,509.96
Maintenance Donations	\$ 99.00
Air Conditioning Donations	\$ 20.00

Please remember St. Therese in your will!

Thank You

- To Crystal and Bill Webb for the donation of the Guest Book for our parish in memory of Bill's mother, †Lorraine Therese Webb.
- To Pat and John Rickert for donating the cost of the Advent materials for our catechesis ministry.

Thank You to Some Special People

A special thank you to Nancy Radomski, Jim Balliet, Cathy Bleidorn, Mari Pavleje and Christine Jensen for donating the hard rolls and donuts for the Christian Formation reception. You helped to make it a special event. You are the best!! – *Kathy Hubrich*

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception Mass

Because December 8th falls on a Sunday this year, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception will be celebrated on Monday, December 9th, and we will observe the feast by celebrating mass in the Chapel at 8:30AM. All are welcome.

District 12 Advent Penance Service

The parishes of District 12 are offering an Advent Penance Service on Saturday, December 14th at 10:00AM at Our Lady of Good Hope Parish (7152 N 42st St., Milwaukee). Father Hugh will represent our parish as one of the Confessors.

Advent Materials Available

- "Little Blue Books" for daily prayer and meditation are available on the tables at the entrances to the church
- Advent flyers (that were in last week's bulletin) are available on the card table near the holy oils
- Children and youth Advent materials are available on the card table near the holy oils

St. Joseph Sunday Missals for Liturgical Year A

St. Joseph Sunday Missals for Liturgical Year A, which began the 1st Sunday of Advent, are available on the tables at the entrances of the church. Cost/donation is \$2. Envelopes for donation are provided in the bin with the books.

Advent Poster Activity and Drawing

Just a reminder to all children and families...completed Advent posters are due by Sunday, January 5th. Please return these to Dr. Guliano. An Advent gift will be given each child/youth who completes a poster. All completed posters will be entered into a drawing at the 9:00AM mass on the Epiphany for three winners of a Christmas prize.

Christmas and Holyday Mass Schedule

- Christmas Eve, December 24th–Intergenerational Family Mass at 4:00PM
- Christmas Eve, December 24th–Choir Concert and Night Mass at 10:00PM
- Christmas Day, December 25–9:00AM Mass During the Day
- Solemnity of Mary/World Day of Prayer for Peace, January 1st, 2014 at 9:00AM

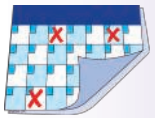
Liturgical Ministers Needed–Christmas and Holyday Masses

Altar Servers, Greeters, Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, and Ushers are needed for our Christmas and Holyday masses. Please sign up in the Sacristy.

Donations Needed

- New Advent Wreath candles–\$76.75

To donate, please contact Heather Goeden in the Parish Office.



Parish Events for the Week

Sunday, December 8th – Second Sunday of Advent

Sharing Weekend/Scrip Order Pick-up After Mass

- 8:15AM St. Therese Choir (CH)
- 9:00AM Children's Liturgy of the Word (CH)
- 10:15AM Children's Christmas Choir (CHP)

Monday, December 9th

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

- 8:30AM Holyday Mass (CHP)

Tuesday, December 10th

- 2:00PM Canticle Choir (CHP)
- 6:30PM Finance Council (MC)
- 7:00PM Christian Formation Committee (STR)

Wednesday, December 11th

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

Thursday, December 12th

- 6:30PM Stewardship Committee (STR)
- 7:00PM Group 100 AA (MC)

Friday, December 13th

No Meetings Scheduled

Saturday, December 14th

- 9:00AM–11:00AM Christmas Cookie Drop-off (LIB)
- 12:00PM–6:30PM Christmas Cookie Sale (LIB)

Sunday, December 15th – Third Sunday of Advent

- 9:00AM Children's Liturgy of the Word (CH)
- 10:00AM Altar Server Meeting (MC)
- 10:00AM–12:00PM Christmas Cookie Sale (LIB)
- 10:15AM Children's Christmas Choir (CHP)

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 Cookie Fundraiser

Come prepared to stock up on your favorite Christmas Confections next weekend. Christmas cookies will be sold in the library area from 12:00PM–6:30PM Saturday December 14th and from 10:00AM–Noon on Sunday December 15th. Help make our sale a success.

Calling all Ushers!

There will be an ushers meeting on Monday, December 16 at 7:00PM in the church. We will go through procedures and duties of the ushers, review the holiday schedule, pick a date for the pancake breakfast and more. Also, we will do training for any new ushers. We invite anyone who may be interested in becoming an usher to join us—especially for the 5:00PM Mass.

Sharing Sunday is This Weekend

This month's Sharing Sunday recipient is the Luz para Educacion project. Sharing the love of Christ...through love and solar energy! The Luz para Educacion project was started in January of 2011 by Melanie Mendez of Milwaukee as an answer to the prayers of her brother-in-law, a Dominican Catholic Priest, Padre Jose Feliciano Mendez, of LasYayas, Dominican Republic. The project provides indoor solar lights to students and their families who do not have electricity or it is sporadic and unreliable. The main goals of the project are: to eliminate child mortality by home fires, to help alleviate the affects of upper respiratory conditions, headaches, and eye strain from the use of propane and candle light and to provide a healthy home space for educational study.

All solar light funding is sent directly to purchase lights for the students and families of the the La Sagrada Familia Parish (the Milwaukee sister Parish) in Sabana Yegua, DR. Since the inception of the LPE project over 1000 solar lights have been donated to students. Please be as generous as you can to support this cause.

It is Advent Giving Time!

Trees are located at the entrances to the church. If you would like to purchase a gift for someone in need, please take a tag from the tree, buy the gift and return it to church with the tag securely attached to it on or before Sunday, December 15th! Gifts will benefit the following charities: VA Hospital, Penfield's Children's Center, St. Vincent de Paul Myanmar Refugees and House of Peace.

Donations for Typhoon Relief

If you would like to donate to the relief effort for the people of the Philippines and Vietnam who were devastated by the super typhoon, please send your monetary donations directly to Catholic Relief Services, with the notation "typhoon relief." The address is P.O. Box 17090, Baltimore, MD 21297-0303 or donate online at www.crs.org. Please join with those around the globe in praying for those who have died, been injured, or are in need of relief.

Change to Tuesday Morning Mass Schedule

Because Christmas Eve falls on Tuesday this year, there will be no 8:30AM Tuesday morning mass on Tuesday, December 24th. Tuesday morning Mass will resume on Tuesday, December 31st at 8:30AM.

Snow/Weather Closings for the Parish

Snow and/or inclement weather closings for the parish will be listed on WISN Channel 12, parish website (www.sainttheresemilwaukee.org), and the Channel 12 website, www.wisn.com. Please remember that our parish is listed as St. Therese-Milwaukee in Milwaukee County. There are other St. Therese or St. Theresa Parishes in the Archdiocese, so please look for St. Therese-Milwaukee.

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

Intentions & Readings for the Week



December Sanctuary Candle

†Robert Clark

Sunday, December 8th

Is 11:1-10/Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12

Monday, December 9th

Gn 3:9-15, 20/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38

8:30AM †Warren Brazeau

Tuesday, December 10th

Is 40:1-11/Mt 18:12-14

8:30AM †Rev. Quintin Heck

Wednesday, December 11th

Is 40:25-31/Mt 11:28-30

Thursday, December 12th

Liturgy of the Word with Communion

8:30AM *Zec 2:14-17/Lk 1:26-38*

Friday, December 13th

Is 48:17-19/Mt 11:16-19

Saturday Mass, December 14th

Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Mt 17:9a, 10-13

5:00PM †Fred Sachse

Sunday Mass, December 15th

Is 35:1-6a, 10/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11

9:00AM St. Therese Parish Community and
†LaVerne Mucci



Mimi Albano, Lenore Black, Judith Bolton, Alyce Breitweiser, Marjorie Corak, Jean and Karl Deutscher, Loretta Dobert, Tim Dondlinger, Leonard Dushek, Ethel Forster, Doris Griger, Chuck Kestner, Cheryl Klass, Joe Landry, Shirley Leinss, Travis Lerchen, Mary Jane Lucas, Neil Massey, Mary McHugh, Susan Monyette, Bill Murray, Andy Nitka, Karen Nycz, Lois Preston, Gerald Rademacher, Rachel Ragatz, Judy Rahn, Barb Redzich, Barbara Schmitz, Jim Selke, Terry Shinn, Carlene Siever, Joel Simpson, Marion Sinks, Susan Sinks, Stanton Smith, Marion Stabo, Gina Stone, Andrew Sullivan, Pius Vetter, Don Wackholz, B.J. Walters, Mary Zanger, Bill Ziegler

Dear St. Therese Parish Community:

Thank you very much for the prayers and the blanket/shawl. The color and delicate crochet pattern are stunning. I am beginning to feel better. You will never know how important your prayers are and what they mean to me and my family. Thank you!

Donna M.

Help Decorate the Church for Christmas!

The Art and Environment Committee would like to extend an invitation to all parishioners who would like to help with our Christmas Decorating. We will begin at 10:15AM on Sunday, December 22nd. If you are interested in helping, it is important to *please* contact Denise Dostalek (her contact information is on the front of the bulletin) by Wednesday, December 18th so proper planning can be done in advance. We would like to be as organized as possible to ensure it remains a fun event. The Art and Environment Committee will provide snacks and beverages for those participating. See you in December!

Christmas Ornaments

Yes, it's that time again to start planning a fun family afternoon with your children or grandchildren to make an ornament for our Christmas trees. These ornaments will be hung at the trees Christmas Eve and Christmas Day masses. If you are unable to attend one of these masses but would like to participate you may drop off your ornaments the 3rd and 4th weekends of Advent for the Art and Environment Committee to hang for you. Drop-off basket locations will be at the Bluemound gathering space and at the Chapel entrance. We are looking forward to seeing your creations!

Liturgical Ministry Schedule

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. 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: Server Coordinator—Jim Balliet at (414) 257-0339, Lector Coordinator—Ann Maher at (414) 453-4437, Eucharistic Minister Coordinator—Judy Dietz at (414) 607-0681, Greeter Coordinator—Audrey Wright at (414) 771-2140, or Scheduler—Mari Pavleje at (414) 545-2733.

RCIA Catechists Needed

We have been blessed with an adult candidate who has inquired about becoming a fully initiated Catholic and who will receive the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil. We are in need of catechists and group discussion members. If you are interested in helping with the RCIA Process, please contact Heather Goeden in the Parish Office.

Please Help Us Keep Our Prayer List Current

It is our privilege to pray for those who ask our prayers, especially those who are sick or have a special need. While we get many requests for adding names to our list, we also need to know when to remove a name from our list. If you have submitted a name and wish to keep it on our list, please contact Heather Goeden in the parish office or send an e-mail to her at heather@sainttheresemilwaukee.org.

Attention: All Groups/Committees

If your group/committee has an event, fundraiser, hospitality, or display after mass, please kindly make sure that all lights are turned off before you leave the Church.

Pictures from the Wall of Remembrance

Pictures from the Wall of Remembrance can be picked up in the sacristy—on the table near the sound system cabinet.

What is the #1 reason you celebrate Mass at St. Therese?

- "I love the people and the Spirit of this church and its outreach programs."
- "To worship with my faith community."

Vatican's Extraordinary Synod on Marriage and Family: October 2014

You may have read or heard about the Extraordinary Synod called by Pope Francis for October 2014. The focus of the Synod is Marriage and Family. Archbishop Lorenzo Baldisseri, General Secretary of the Synod, distributed to the bishops of the world, a preparatory document which concludes with a series of questions. Bishops were encouraged to seek consultation on these questions. You are encouraged to read the **preparatory document** for the context of the questions. It can be accessed at this link: <http://bit.ly/1b3CtST>.

It is important for you to note that this document, in addition to providing summaries of the Church's teaching on marriage and family, also acknowledges the pastoral challenges which the current culture and social milieu impose on the presentation of these teachings. The questions in the preparatory document have been set up in a "user friendly" **survey form**. You may access the survey at this link: <http://svy.mk/1aqESJ0>. This survey link is also available on the archdiocesan website at www.archmil.org.

A short response time has been given to us. In order for the Archdiocese to gather the information and forward it to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, the deadline for responding to the survey is December 15th.

Stewardship Update

Once again we saw our parish coming to life during our introductory song led by Sterling. The church was singing. Parishioners were moving to the music. It was so lively and at the same time spiritual that Dr. Guliano jokingly reminded us that, "Yes we are a Catholic parish." The previous week, Chris Ody gave a powerful witness statement.

We are in the season of preparation for the birth of our Lord. It is a time to give and show thanks. We hope to see everyone in church during this beautiful season of Christmas. Celebrate your faith, give thanks, and as Chris's mother said, 'don't forget to pay your dues.' To date our stewardship numbers as of the end of November are: \$287,503.50 (73%) from 189 households (62%). We still have a long ways to go but we are getting there. It is never too late to commit to the parish or to review your previous commitments. Thank you to all of our parishioners for making Saint Therese a truly unique and vital parish to celebrate our faith.

Office Closings for Holidays/Holydays

Please note the following changes to the Parish Office hours:

- Christmas Eve: Tuesday, December 24th—Office Closed
- Christmas Day: Wednesday, December 25th—Office Closed
- Thursday, December 26th—Office Closed
- Friday, December 27th—Office Closed
- New Year's Eve: Tuesday, December 31st—Office Closed
- New Year's Day: Wednesday, January 1st, 2104—Office Closed

Your Thoughts for the Synod

As we work toward the Archdiocesan Synod next year, we will continue to gather your input. If you have any thoughts or comments that you believe the synod should consider, please fill out the response form below and drop it in the collection basket, email Jim Holmes at jimbarb68@gmail.com, or call Jim at (414) 258-9195. Your input is needed as we will attend district synod meetings in February, and move on to the Synod in June.

Response Form – Archdiocesan Synod

Please list issues, concerns, suggestions, and questions for the upcoming Archdiocesan Synod on June 7th/8th, 2014. If you would like a Council member to contact you, please list your name and contact information (e-mail or phone).

Name (optional) _____

Contact Info (optional) _____

Parish Council

1st Monday of Month at 7:00PM
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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.

Need Holy Communion?

Call Heather in the Parish Office at
(414) 771-2500.

Bulletin deadline:
Monday, 8:30AM

Announcement deadline:
Thursday, 1:00PM

All submissions must be in writing; email preferred.