



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 15th, 2013

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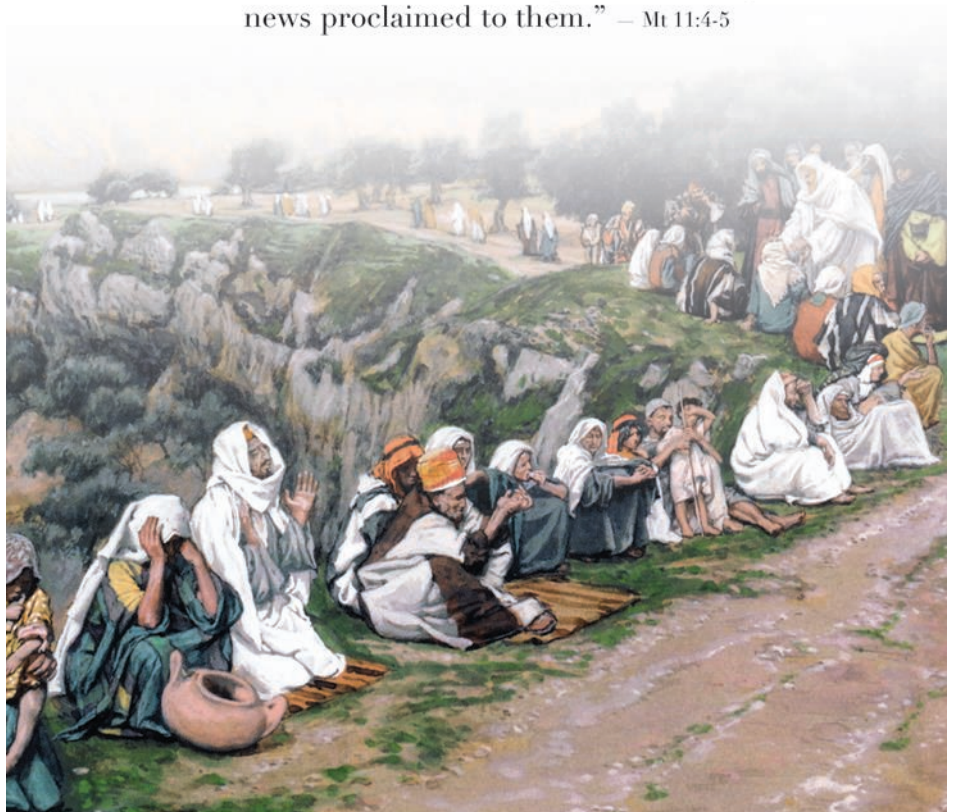
All the Members of the Parish

Parish Emergencies

(414) 771-2500 – listen for instructions

Third Sunday of Advent

Jesus said to them in reply, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them." – Mt 11:4-5



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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

• The Wisconsin Council of Churches is a voluntary ecumenical organization of churches throughout the state of Wisconsin. As part of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, parishes in the archdiocese are considered members. In the recent e-news, all the churches of all denominations were asked to observe the one-year anniversary of the heartbreaking anniversary of the Sandy Hook Elementary shootings and all who lost their lives that horrific day. Churches, universities, and community buildings in every corner of our state were asked to ring bells in solidarity.

We joined this effort and rang our bells on Saturday, December 14th at 1:30PM. Thanks to the Wisconsin Anti-Violence Effort (WAVE) for organizing this effort.

- Advent is a time to pray more intensely for peace and an end to violence of all kinds, especially gun violence. Let us turn to Jesus, the Prince of Peace, for inspiration and guidance as we work toward a more just and peaceful society. As Pope Paul VI aptly stated, "If you want peace, work for justice."
- Thank you to all our parish members and groups who are engaging in the works of service and mercy this Advent Season—our monthly St. Vincent de Paul Meal Program, St. Vincent de Paul Society; Advent Giving Trees; Sharing Sunday; and all who bring Communion to the sick and shut-in unable to join us around the Table of the Word and Eucharist.
- Today is Gaudete Sunday. "Gaudete" is Latin for "rejoice." Let us rejoice that the Lord is near.

Come, Lord Jesus, guide us in the way of peace!

God be with you!

Dr. Alexandra Guliano

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.

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.



CHURCH SUPPORT

Envelopes & Offertory	\$ 6,588.12
Sharing Collection	\$ 1,497.58
Maintenance Donations	\$ 52.00

Please remember St. Therese in your will!

Welcome!

Welcome to our newest members, Kenneth and Jeanne Young!

Thank You

- To the anonymous donor of the Advent candles in memory of †Marietta Lateana.

Sign Our Guest Book

We would like to welcome all guests to St. Therese Parish. Thank you for sharing in our liturgy. Please sign our Guest Book at the Bluemound (main) entrance before you leave us today.

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.

Altered Bulletin Deadlines—Holiday Season

Please note the following changes to the bulletin deadlines:

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

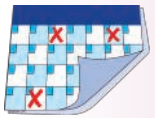
Change to Tuesday Morning Mass Schedule

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.

Parish Financial Update

July 1st, 2013—September 30th, 2013

	Actual	Budget	Variance
Envelopes & Offertory	\$ 80,765.84	\$ 90,570.00	\$ (9,804.16)
Other Income	\$ 26,881.01	\$ 23,050.00	\$ 3,831.01
Total	\$ 107,646.85	\$ 113,620.00	\$ (5,973.15)
Expenses	\$ 101,198.03	\$ 113,619.75	\$ (12,421.72)
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$ 6,448.82	\$ 0.25	\$ 6,448.57
Less Air Conditioning Donations—Restricted	\$ 1,155.00		\$ 0
Adjusted Surplus	\$ 5,293.82		\$ 6,448.57



Parish Events for the Week

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)

Monday, December 16th

- 5:30PM Parish Pastoral Council Agenda Mtg (STR)
- 6:00PM Building & Grounds Meeting (HH)
- 6:00PM Saint Vincent de Paul Society (MC)
- 7:00PM Ushers Meeting (CH)

Tuesday, December 17th

No Meetings Scheduled

Wednesday, December 18th

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

Thursday, December 19th

- 7:00PM Prayer & Worship (HH)
- 7:00PM Group 100 AA (MC)

Friday, December 20th

No Meetings Scheduled

Saturday, December 21st

Library Advent/Christmas Display

- 4:00PM Canticle Choir (CH)

Sunday, December 22nd–Fourth Sunday of Advent

Library Advent/Christmas Display

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

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.

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

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."

Prayer Books for Those Who Bring Communion to the Sick and Shut-In

Prayer books for those who bring Holy Communion to the Sick and Shut-In are available in the sacristy. The books include the Gospel reading for the day and the prayers for Communion to the Sick. These were donated by a parish member. Please take one for you and another for the person you visit.

Prayer Day - December 19th

Our next prayer day will be on Thursday, December 19th following the 8:30AM Liturgy of the Word with Communion until 6:00PM. Stop by and spend some quiet time reflecting and praying in the chapel.

Calling all Ushers!

There will be an ushers meeting on Monday, December 16th 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, especially for the 5:00PM Mass, to join 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.

It's Next Weekend!

Treats, raffle baskets, new DVD's and books and it's all free!

Next weekend at the Bluemound entrance come to the annual Christmas/Advent display of Parish library books and DVDs. 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 event!

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.

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 15th

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

Monday, December 16th

Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Mt 21:23-27

Tuesday, December 17th

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

8:30AM †Mike Zimmer

Wednesday, December 18th

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

Thursday, December 19th

Liturgy of the Word with Communion

8:30AM Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Lk 1:5-25

Friday, December 20th

Is 7:10-14/Lk 1:26-38

Saturday Mass, December 21st

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

5:00PM St. Therese Parish Community and
†Joan Butler

Sunday Mass, December 22nd

Is 7:10-14/Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24

9:00AM †Abby Bunzel



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, 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,

I want to thank you for the wonderful service you had for my mother. The songs were perfect. Also thank you for the flower that was sent for her birthday. Thank you again.

Gloria Erkander and the Brinn and Erkander Family

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.

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. Thank you!

Archdiocesan Synod Online Survey

You are invited to take a very brief survey that includes watching a three minute video and giving input for the future planning of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. The archdiocese is holding a "Synod" in June 2014. Your feedback will help in this renewal and planning process.

The Synod Survey can found on the archdiocesan website at: <http://goo.gl/0cy9kQ> or www.archmil.org/synod-survey.htm and will not take long to complete. The survey *must* be completed by January 1st, 2014. Thank you for being willing to be part of the important process.

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.

COLD ❄️ SNOW ❄️ SLEET

The winter months are upon us and we begin to deal with all the unpredictable elements that the weather gives. We try to plan for these things in our budget but as we all know the best laid plans can go awry. So for us to be prepared, the Finance Council has decided to again have a special collection to help defray some of these expenses. In the January 18th and 19th bulletin, there will be a special maintenance collection envelope that will be used for snow plowing of the parking lot, clearing of the sidewalks and salting these areas. Your contributions can be returned and placed in the collection basket the weekend of January 25th and 26th. We thank you in advance for your generosity.

Scrip – Talk it Up!

The good news is that, in November and December, our parish benefited by \$895 from Scrip gift card orders. Thank you to all who participated. The not-so-good news is that only 64 parishioners (or less than 15% of our adult parish membership) ordered gift cards from the Scrip program. For this fundraiser to become permanent, we need more participants. Even if you order one or two gift cards for your everyday purchases it will make a difference. Orders will be taken the first weekend of every month at the Bluemound entrance. The next order will be January 4th/5th. Any questions? Call Diane May at (262) 439-9161.

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

We often talk of the three elements of stewardship; time, talent, and treasure – but hear most about treasure. This week's update is more of an expression of gratitude about those other two elements of stewardship. At Saint Therese we are blessed with many who give of their time and talent often in more than one area. Every area of our church life is increased by our volunteers, from those who work at the ballpark; baking for our funerals and socials; assisting at funerals by serving, singing, or as sacristans; greeting us all as we enter the church for Mass; working in our catechesis program; our choirs; the counters who tally our contributions. The list goes on as do the ministries. Our volunteers give of their time and talent joyfully, with Christ in their hearts. We want to publicly thank you all of our volunteers: Thank you! Thank you! We also would encourage all of other parishioners to find it in their lives to give a part of themselves to Christ through stewardship of your time and talent. It is a truly rewarding experience.

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

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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.

