



# Saint Theresia Parish

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We are St. Theresia Catholic Church, a community of believers, who walk together by faith in Christ Jesus, and minister in the Little Way of St. Theresia, as we strive hand-in-hand to live as God's people.

December 29th, 2013

## Parish Staff

### Parish Director

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### Assisting Priest

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Sterling Biggers, Parish Musician

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### Ministers

All the Members of the Parish

### Parish Emergencies

(414) 771-2500 – listen for instructions



## The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

When Herod had died, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, "Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child's life are dead." He rose, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. *Mt 2:19-21*

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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

• Families! There are all kinds of families, and we acknowledge them as we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family this weekend. Jesus, Mary, and Joseph were a family which was part of a much larger extended family, typical for people of Israel at the time.

We use the word “family” in many ways because it denotes a deep relationship. Some families are all related by blood; others by adoption; still others through the “blending” of parent, adults, and children, and foster families, to name only some. Further, we sometimes say that a person is “like family” to us.

We are all part of the family of God, and, in that sense, we are all sisters and brothers in the human family. We are part of our parish family of St. Therese. Many of us belong to multiple types of family.

I grew up in an extended family, with three generations under one roof, and most of my cousins and other relatives lived in the same small town (except, of course, those who remained in Italy instead of immigrating to the United States as both sets of my grandparents did).

Some of us come from large families; others, small families, and every size in-between.

On this Feast of the Holy Family, we remember all our families, however they are composed, and ask God’s blessing on them. As the Holy Family dealt with the joys and sorrows of life always seeking God’s direction and guidance in their lives, may they be an inspiration for us in our life’s journey.

• We ring in a New Year this Wednesday. Happy New Year! May 2014 be a year of peace, happiness, healing, and prosperity for all.

God has come to be with us...Emmanuel!

*Dr. Alexandra Guliano*  
Parish Director

## Funeral Rites for †Kenneth Rojahn

A memorial mass for †Kenneth Rojahn will be celebrated on Tuesday, January 7th at 11:00AM here at St. Therese, preceded by a Visitation from 10:00AM to 11:00AM. May he rest in peace!

## Office Closings for Holidays/Holydays

Please note the following changes to the Parish Office hours:

- Monday, December 30th–8:30AM to 12:00PM
  - New Year’s Eve: Tuesday, December 31st–Office Closed
  - New Year’s Day: Wednesday, January 1st, 2104–Office Closed
- Regular office hours resume at 8:30AM on Thursday, January 2nd.

## 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.

## 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.

## St. Joseph Sunday Missals Available

Prepare for the Scripture readings each week and/or review them afterward. St. Joseph Sunday Missals are available on the tables at the entrances to the church. Donation is \$2.

## Thank You!

Thank you to all of the cookie, cake, candy, and cocoa makers. What an amazing variety you made. Thank you to Rosina Sorvari, Anne Nee, Nancy Szablewski, Alice Kennedy, and Shari Egan for helping sell. Thanks to Christine Jensen and Mary Rose Sanger for co-chairing. Thanks to Diane May for finding the cookie books. Thanks to Rich Sanger for being the runner. Thanks to St. Therese staff for their help. Thanks to the sign donor, the person who turned in the dropped envelope, and Pick ‘n Save Hales Corners for containers. Thanks to Jim Balliet and Mari Pavleje for changing their schedule. Thanks to all of the cookie eaters/buyers for making this a success. We made over \$1,300! It’s the St. Therese little way coming through in a big way once again.



## 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](http://www.sainttheresemilwaukee.org)), and the Channel 12 website, [www.wisn.com](http://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.



## 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](mailto:heather@sainttheresemilwaukee.org).

## Sign Our Guest Book

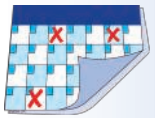
We would like to welcome all guests to St. Therese Parish. Thank you for sharing in our liturgy. Please sign our Guest Book at the Bluemound (main) entrance before you leave us today.



## CHURCH SUPPORT

Envelopes & Offertory (Dec. 14/15)	\$ 7,324.37
Maintenance Donations	\$ 90.00

Please remember St. Therese in your will!



## Parish Events for the Week

### Sunday, December 29th

9:00AM Children's Liturgy of the Word (CH)

### Monday, December 30th

8:30AM – 12:00PM Altered Office Hours

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

### Tuesday, December 31st

Parish Office Closed

### Wednesday, January 1st – Parish Office Closed

### Happy New Year!

9:00AM Holy Day Mass (CH)

### Thursday, January 2nd

7:00PM Group 100 AA (MC)

### Friday, January 3rd

5:00PM Art & Environment Committee (MC)

### Saturday, January 4th

#### Sharing Weekend and Scrip Order Weekend

3:00PM Screening of the movie *Bag It* (HH)

### Sunday, January 5th

#### Sharing Weekend and Scrip Order Weekend

8:15AM St. Therese Choir (CH)

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

### It's Scrip Time!

The holidays are over but the Scrip program continues. This is the time to order gift cards for your food purchases, gasoline, restaurants, movie theaters and much more. And don't forget those birthday and anniversary gifts. Just complete the flyer in today's bulletin and bring it to church next weekend, January 4th/5th. In order for this fundraising program to continue we need everyone's participation. Thank you for your support!

### 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.

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

- The music of my parish helps me celebrate. The use of a parish director fits with how I see the near future of the church."
- "Life giving community."

### Stewardship Update



Stewardship

We hope you were able to get together with your families and friends over the Christmas holiday to share merriment and love. We need to remind ourselves, that there are a large number of people we all need to thank and keep in our prayers. They help make this holiday season possible, and may not have been able to be with family: Those in the military and others serving away from home, health care givers, police, fire, paramedics, and many others. We also should take a moment to remember those who gave the ultimate sacrifice for us. As well, there are many who have suffered the significant loss of a loved one who need us and our prayers. Most importantly, we should all take time to reflect and thank God for all he has given us, individually and as a community; as well as His sacrifice for us. Part of that prayer should be to ask for his guidance in how to give and share in faithful stewardship.

### St. Therese 55+ Club luncheon

You are welcome to join us for our 55+ luncheon on Thursday, January 9th. We gather at 11:30AM and eat at 12:00PM. The program is sponsored by Home Instead Senior Care, a service to keep seniors in their own home and independent, with a little help. The topic is "Fall Prevention" and Life Line Auto Alert program. \$10 dues will be collected. Menu is potluck: A-H main dish, I-M dessert, N-Z salad.

### Bag It: Is Your Life Too Plastic?



Are plastic bags taking over your home? Is plastic taking over your life? Join your Green Team for a matinee showing of *Bag It: Is Your Life Too Plastic?* an award winning documentary film on the effects of plastic on land ecosystems, the marine environment and the human body. The movie will be shown in Heck Hall on Saturday, January 4th, 2014 at 3:00PM. As should be with movies, popcorn will be served. If you have any doubt

about the movie, catch the movie trailer being shown after masses on December 28th and 29th.

### 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.

### 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 29th

*Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Col 3:12-21/Mt 2:13-15, 19-23*

### Monday, December 30th

*1 Jn 2:12-17/Lk 2:36-40*

### Tuesday, December 31st

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

8:30AM †Aunt El

### Wednesday, January 1st

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

9:00AM †John, †Edward, & †Richard McShane

### Thursday, January 2nd

#### Liturgy of the Word with Communion

8:30AM *1 Jn 2:22-28/Jn 1:19-28*

### Friday, January 3rd

*1 Jn 2:29--3:6/Jn 1:29-34*

### Saturday Mass, January 4th

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

5:00PM St. Therese Parish Community and  
†Charles Szatkowski

### Sunday Mass, January 5th

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

9:00AM †Andy Islo, Sr.



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

Born to Eternal Life: †Theresa Roman, sister of Carlos Pinto and †Terry Touchett, member of the family of Pat Touchett

## Dear Friends,

On behalf of the Board of Greater Tosa Interfaith, I would like to thank you for your congregation's continuing support of our program. Thank you for the recent donation of \$175. As we strive to meet the needs of our frail older neighbors in Wauwatosa and western Milwaukee, we appreciate your willingness to partner with us. God bless all of you, and thanks again for the donation. You are such a blessing to our program and the folks we serve.

Warm Regards,

*Diane Euting* – Director, Greater Tosa Interfaith

## Dear. St. Therese Parish Community:

In the spirit of the charge to "Do Good on Earth" we extend a heartfelt note of appreciation to you and your parishioners for welcoming the Dominican Sisters of Mary Immaculate Province's appeal in your parish this year. The Mission Cooperation Plan (MCP) collection in one of the important ways we participate in the missionary outreach of the Church.

This collection provides needed support to various mission groups around the world. It also gives our parishioners a chance to meet missionaries and hear about the lives and struggles of the people they serve. We send our sincere thanks to the parish staff for their efforts to make this experience a time of mutual blessing for the missionary and the parish. Parish Amount: \$2,530.00 Mission group: Dominican Sisters of Mary Immaculate Province We welcome your comments and suggestions to improve the process for next year. Please call our office at (414) 758-2280 or email us at [wmo@archmil.org](mailto:wmo@archmil.org).

Sincerely,

*Antoinette Mensah, MSM* – Director

## Dear Sharing Committee and Friends,

We would like to tell you all just how wonderful the people of St. Therese are. We were unfamiliar to you but you made us feel very welcomed. Our family was moved by so many aspects of your mass. The music compositions, singing, and instruments were emotional and beautiful. The families who lit the advent candles were "called by name" and the RCIA blessing was so personal. We loved the holding of the hands, from everyone, for the time of the Lord's prayer as it made us feel included. We were also inspired by both of the homilies from Father Hugh and Father Norm. They were so well considered and visual ...I (Melanie) want to do a very textural painting of John the Baptist now!

Thank you for letting us share the Luz Para Educacion solar light project with your community. Thank you for sharing the beauty of your St. Therese community with our family. May you have a blessed season as we all anticipate the joy of Christ's birth.

Peace and Blessings to you all,

*Melanie, Miquel, Marbella and McKayla Mendez*

## Worldwide Marriage Encounter

In today's second reading it tells us "Over all these virtues put on love." Does your marriage reflect the virtues of a holy family? Let Worldwide Marriage Encounter help you to re-ignite the vows you made on your wedding day. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends are January 17th-19th in Crystal Lake, IL; February 14th-16th in Madison, WI and March 7th-9th in Brookfield, WI. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at [alifetimeoflove.org](http://alifetimeoflove.org) or call (888) 574-5653.



## Thank You

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



- Children's Liturgy of the Word catechists, Sunday Morning Catechesis catechists and Volunteer Coordinator, Sterling Biggers.
- All who minister as Church Helpers and keep our pew racks and hymnals in good order.
- Art and Environment Committee, chaired by Barb Gritzmacher and assisted by many volunteers who decorated the church for the seasons.
- Prayer and Worship Committee, chaired by Pat Hall, that oversees and assures all our liturgical ministries are fitting for worship, praise, and thanksgiving.
- Music Ministry, with the excellent and talented leadership of Elterine Jankowski-Biggers, Pastoral Musician, and Sterling Biggers, Musician Extraordinaire, our St. Therese Choir, Canticle Choir, and Children's Christmas Choir, cantors, and instrumentalists.
- Sound Board Ministry.
- All our Liturgical Ministers—Altar Servers, Greeters, Ushers, Eucharistic Ministers, Lay Presiders, and Lectors and their coordinators—Ann Maher, Judy Dietz, Audrey Wright, Jim Balliet, Gladys Sachse, Rich Sanger, and Sheri Egan.
- Advent Giving Tree coordinators and all who took a tag and donated a gift item.
- Building and Grounds Committee members who stored fans, hauled trees, and did the "heavy lifting."
- All who stuffed bulletins for the inserts, especially Don and Bev Castelaz.
- Mary Rose Sanger and Christine Jensen and all the bakers and volunteers for the special Christmas Cookie Sale.
- Parish Office Staff for all their quiet "behind the scenes" work and ministry.
- Father Hugh Birdsall, SDS, Father Norm Oswald, and Dr. Alexandra Guliano for their spiritual and pastoral leadership.
- All who attended and participated in our celebrations.

May God bless each and every one of us!

## 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](http://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.

## 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](mailto: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).

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Name (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Info (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

## Parish Council

1st Monday of Month at 7:00PM  
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 Interfaith**  
 (414) 453-5750

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 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](http://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.

