



# 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 21st, 2014

## Parish Staff

### Parish Director

Dr. Alexandra Guliano ext. 14  
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### Assisting Priest

Rev. Hugh Birdsall, SDS

### Help-out Priest

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### Administrative/Pastoral Assistant

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### Bookkeeper

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### Ministers

All the Members of the Parish

### Parish Emergencies

(414) 771-2500 – listen for instructions



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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 fourth week of Advent is a short one, only a few days, since this Wednesday is Christmas Eve with our two celebrations (Intergenerational Family Mass of Christmas at 4:00PM and the Night Mass beginning with the choir concert at 10:00PM). We have from Saturday evening, the 20th through Wednesday afternoon the 24th for our last days of Advent.

Because the Solemnity of Christmas comes in the middle of the week this year, we are using the "Christmas" cover for this bulletin. Thanks to Marion Stabo for donating the cost of a full color bulletin in memory of †Michael Stabo.

The Gospel for the 4th Sunday of Advent, Cycle B is taken from the Gospel of Luke, since the Gospel of Mark (which we read this year) does not have an infancy narrative or annunciation story. This weekend we hear Mary's story and Mary's response to the angel, "Be it done unto me according to your word."

Mary's response is a beautiful prayer for all of us this short 4th week of Advent. Try praying it several times during this week: **"Be it done unto me according to your word."**

- Christmas blessings to all! May our liturgies of Christmas Eve and Christmas Day fill you with peace, hope, and joy!

Welcome to all our visitors! Welcome back to family members and friends who have come home for the holidays. Welcome home to college students, military personnel, and those who are visiting their loved ones at nearby hospitals and health care facilities. Please know that you are always welcome at St. Therese!

A long list of "thank you's" for those who helped prepare our church and our liturgies will be published in next week's bulletin. A listing of donors of flowers and candles for the Christmas Season will be published at the end of the Christmas Season (which ends with the feast of the Baptism of the Lord on Jan. 11th). See the January 18th bulletin for the listing.

God is with us...Emmanuel!

*Dr. Alexandra Guliano*

Parish Director

Please note: I will be out of town from December 26th through January 2nd visiting my family in Ohio. During that time, our trustees, Jim Balliet and Kathy Hubrich will be carrying the emergency phone for the parish. To access the emergency line, please call the Parish Office (414) 771-2500 and follow the instructions to access the emergency line.

## Weekday Mass Schedule Update

Per Father Hugh's request, the Wednesday evening 6:30PM mass and the Friday morning 8:30AM mass will be suspended from December 26th through February 19th. The Friday morning mass will resume on Friday, February 20th, and the Wednesday evening 6:30PM mass will resume on Wednesday, February 25th. The Tuesday morning 8:30AM mass will continue as usual.

## Advent and Christmas Resources for Children and Adults "Grow In Your Faith" Table



Excellent Advent and Christmas resources are available for children and adults, and they are free! Visit the table near the ambry (holy oils container).

## Altered Bulletin Deadlines for the Holidays

Please note the following changes to the bulletin deadlines. These deadlines are **firm** due to publishing deadlines:

- **January 4th Bulletin** – Monday, December 22nd at 8:30AM

## Christmas and Year End Giving

If you plan to donate stock to St. Therese by December 31st, please contact our Bookkeeper, Lisa Vallone for our brokerage information. Her contact information is on the front of the bulletin. Please note the altered office hours to ensure adequate time to get the brokerage information and to complete the donation by December 31st.

## 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.

## Parking Lot Helpers

So far we have only one parking lot helper, and we need a few more! It's a much-appreciated ministry for those who need help getting into our church and who are unable to use the ramp. The parking lot helper would come to mass twenty minutes early to assist people and stay after mass to help anyone who needs assistance getting to their car. Please help build up this ministry! With enough people willing to assist, the commitment would be once or twice per month.

## Donations Needed

- For 10 copies of Catholic Handbook for Visiting the Sick and Homebound 2015 – \$63 (Cost for each book is \$6.30. Please consider donating one or more books in memory of a loved one or in honor of a special occasion.)
- Two sets of Advent candles for CLOW (Children's Liturgy of the Word) – \$50 (\$25 per set)

Contact Heather Goeden in the Parish Office if you wish to donate one or more items.

## Account Totals – As of December 14th

- Air Conditioning Account: \$34,434.57
  - Fr. Roger Heck Memorial Organ Fund: \$14,857.58
- Updated totals will be published in the next bulletin.



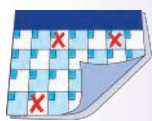
Thank you for your generosity!

## CHURCH SUPPORT

Totals Will Be Published in Next Bulletin.

Please remember St. Therese in your will!





# Parish Events for the Week

## Sunday, December 21st – 4th Sunday of Advent

### Library Christmas Display

- 8:15AM Saint Therese Choir & Cantide Choir (CH)
- 9:00AM Children's Liturgy of the Word (CH)
- 10:15AM Preschool–8th Grade Catechesis (UPSTAIRS)
- 10:15AM Preschool–8th Grade Catechesis Parent Meeting (LOBBY)
- 11:05AM Cherub Choir Rehearsal (CH)
- 11:15AM Catechist Meeting (STR)

## Monday, December 22nd

No Meetings Scheduled

## Tuesday, December 23rd

- 8:30AM – 12:00PM Altered Office Hours
- 7:00PM Music Ministry/St. Therese Choir (CH)

## Wednesday, December 24th – Parish Office Closed

- 3:15PM Cherub Choir (CH)
- 4:00PM Intergenerational Christmas Mass (CH)
- 8:45PM St. Therese Choir (CH)
- 10:00PM Choir Concert and Night Mass (CH)

## Thursday, December 25th – Parish Office Closed

No Meetings Scheduled

## Friday, December 26th – Parish Office Closed

No Meetings Scheduled

## Saturday, December 27th

No Meetings Scheduled

## Sunday, December 28th

- 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

## Archdiocesan Respect Life Mass

The Archdiocesan Respect Life Mass will be on January 22nd, 2015 at St Leonard Parish (W173 S7743 Westwood Dr, Muskego). Bishop Sklba will celebrate the Mass at 7:00PM, with a Rosary beforehand at 6:30PM, led by St. Leonard's Christian Women group. For more information, please contact shelledyr@archmil.org.

## Retrouvaille Marriage Retreat

January 16th-18th, 2015

Need Marriage Help? – Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue ... or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. For confidential information and/or to register for the upcoming weekend at the Redemptorist Retreat Center in Oconomowoc January 16th-18th, 2015, call (800) 470-2230 or visit www.retrouvaille.org.

## Dear St. Therese Parish Ministry:

I am grateful for your support and care for my health...every day is a gift, and I try to make TODAY count. The prayer shawl is beautiful and warm. It's in my prayer corner ready to embrace me with healing love. Blessings to you this season of waiting,

*John*

## A Note From the Prayer Shawl Ministry

Thanks to all who have so generously given of time and talent to make the lovely prayer shawls that are so appreciated! However, due to a change in policy, we are no longer able to accept fleece shawls. Knit or crocheted shawls will continue to be accepted. If you have any questions, please contact Christine Jensen at (262) 391-1851.

## Communion Ministers Needed at Froedtert Hospital

The Spiritual Services Department of Froedtert Hospital is seeking additional volunteer Communion Ministers who would like to be involved in the sacred and meaningful work of bringing Communion to Catholic patients. Being a regular Communion Minister requires approximately one to two hours per week. We are also seeking substitute Communion Ministers who would fill in for those who are away. If you would like to become a part of this fulfilling ministry, please contact Sister Helen Harry at (414) 805-4663. Thank you.

## A Stewardship Moment

### Fourth Sunday of Advent – December 20th/21st

In today's Gospel reading we hear proclaimed the story of the Annunciation, when the angel of the Lord announced to Mary that she would give birth to Christ through the intercession of the Holy Spirit. Mary allowed God's messenger to speak to her. She was attentive, not afraid to enter into a dialogue, then unconditionally obedient. Mary's acceptance of this mystery is a stewardship model for us. Good stewards remain open to the incursions of divine life into the normal course of their daily lives. How open are we to the promptings of the Holy Spirit in our own lives? What might we do this last week of Advent to be more attentive to the Lord?

## The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas Day) – December 25th

In today's Christmas Mass at dawn we hear from the Gospel reading that God has entered quietly into the world. Not into the great city of Jerusalem, but into a small village about five miles south. Not into a noble family, but to an outcast couple keeping the newborn in a manger. Not announced by royal edicts, but to common shepherds, the first human heralds of Christ's birth. As Christian stewards we simply allow Christ to live in us no matter what our circumstances happen to be. We allow Christ to share his love with us and reflect that love out to others. We now are the heralds of Christ's Incarnation. What an unimaginable gift from a generous Lord. Good stewards rejoice in this gift and give glory to God.

## 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

†Dan Hubrich

## Sunday, December 21st

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38

## Monday, December 22nd

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

## Tuesday, December 23rd

Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Lk 1:57-66c

8:30AM †Lois Preston

## Wednesday, December 24th

Is 62:1-5/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25

4:00PM †James McGee

10:00PM †Theodore Schmidt

## Thursday, December 25th

Is 52:7-10/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18

9:00AM †Salvatore & †Frances Vallone

## Friday, December 26th

Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Mt 10:17-22

## Saturday Mass, December 27th

1 Jn 1:1-4/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

5:00PM †Gregory Enderson

## Sunday Mass, December 28th

Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3/Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19/Lk 2:22-40

9:00AM St. Therese Parish Community and †John and †Elizabeth Fetzer

## ARISE Updates

ARISE (Association for Religious Instruction, Special Education) offers classes geared to meet the special learning needs of children, teens and adults who are cognitively disabled, learning disabled or emotional disabled. Classes are held on Monday evenings, starting up again on January 12th for the youths and adults at St. Gregory the Great Parish (60th and Oklahoma Avenue, Milwaukee). Parent orientation for new child/teen and adults will be held on the first night of classes. This is a specialized one-on-one program. Small group classes as well as RCIA preparation will be offered for adult with disabilities.

As of now we have 18 students with two on a waiting list. ARISE needs volunteer catechists to be substitutes to work 1:1 with students. Catechist orientation and materials are provided. The 14 week spring session runs from January 12th – May 4th with a two week spring break. This is a wonderful opportunity for someone who wants to make a difference in a child's life! If you are interested in enrolling your child in ARISE or becoming a volunteer catechist, please leave your name and phone number at (414) 810-3702 or e-mail at [ariseprogram@gmail.com](mailto:ariseprogram@gmail.com).



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## Information on Snow and Weather Closings for the Parish



In case of snow or inclement weather closing for the parish, 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 several "St. Therese" and "St. Theresa" parishes in the archdiocese.

## Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, and Holyday Mass Schedule

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



## Christmas Mass for Homebound Catholics

Archbishop Listecki will be the main celebrant and homilist for Christmas Day Mass on local radio and TV stations, for homebound Catholics unable to attend Mass at their respective parishes. They will be able to watch or listen on the following stations:

- Relevant Radio – 100.1 FM/1640 AM at 6:30AM, 1:30PM, and 8:30PM
- WCGV-TV, Channel 24 at 7:00AM
- WISN, Channel 12 at 12:00AM  
(Midnight Mass at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist, Milwaukee, with closed captioning)
- The Big 920 AM at 8:00AM
- Fox6 TV, Channel 6 at 7:00AM.

## Altered Office Hours During the Holidays



Please note the following changes to the Parish Office hours during the month of December:

- Tuesday, December 23rd – 8:30AM to 12:00PM (no afternoon hours)
- Wednesday, December 24th – Closed (Christmas Eve)
- Thursday, December 25th – Closed (Christmas Day)
- Friday, December 26th – Closed
- Tuesday, December 30th – 8:30AM to 12:00PM (no afternoon hours)
- Wednesday, December 31st – Closed (New Years Eve)
- Thursday, January 1st – Closed  
(New Year's Day/Solemnity of Mary/World Day of Prayer for Peace)
- Friday, January 2nd – Closed

## For Info, Questions, and Concerns on the Zoo Interchange Project

- **Construction Communication Contact** Heather Weber (414) 704-6422 or heatherweber@gmoxie.com
- **Facebook** – /wizoointerchange
- **twitter** – @WIZooIC

## Father Roger Heck Memorial Organ Fund Easy Form

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_ May we publish this donation? Yes/No

## Parish Council

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

### Chairperson

Jim Holmes (414) 258-9195

### Vice-Chairperson

Pat Touchett (414) 257-0221

### Secretary

Mary Rose Sanger (414) 425-2028

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**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.

## Need Holy Communion?

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



**Deadline:**  
The deadline for the December 28th bulletin has passed. Next available bulletin is January 4th.  
All submissions by writing; email preferred.