



Saint Theresese Parish

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

January 4th, 2015

Parish Staff

Parish Director

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Ministers

All the Members of the Parish

Parish Emergencies

(414) 771-2500 – listen for instructions

Epiphany of the Lord

They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. - Mt 2:10-11



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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

Happy Feast of the Epiphany! The Christmas Season continues with this weekend's celebration. In some parts of Christendom, Epiphany is the day for gift exchanges, following the example of the wise ones who travelled to bring gifts to the Infant Jesus.

Scripture does not tell us how many travelers there were, from where exactly they came, or their names. What we do know from tradition is that these seekers were from the East and their journey was long one, guided by a star. (Because of "reading the stars," they were sometimes referred to as "astrologers.") We also refer to them as kings, but Scripture does not explain from which kingdoms they came.

What we do know is that these seekers were Gentiles, not Jews, so this feast has come to also be known as the "feast of the Gentiles." Simply put, Jesus came for all people, not only for the Jewish people.

Perhaps you've seen that bumper sticker "Wise Ones Still Seek Him." I think those words sum up this feast simply. May we modern day travelers on our faith journey seek Our Lord with open hearts!

Epiphany blessings!

Dr. Alexandra Guliano
Parish Director

Leaving Something at the Parish for Someone Else? Donating to the Library?

Often parishioners leave items at the parish for a committee, person, or ministry. **Please leave these items in the Parishioner Item Pick Up Closet in the Parish Office Hallway cabinets.** Please also make sure that you communicate with the person, committee, or ministry that you are leaving off these items. **Kindly label these items.**

Please refrain from leaving items in the sacristy unless previously arranged with a staff member. We want to respect that sacred space as a place for preparation for liturgy and sacraments. Please leave the vesting case free for necessary liturgical books and items.

If you wish to donate books to the Parish Library, please contact Diane May of the Library Committee to assure that the parish will accept these donations and to determine where to leave these items. (These items do not go in the Parishioner Item Pick Up Closet).

Thank you for your cooperation.



CHURCH SUPPORT

Envelopes & Offertory Dec. 20th/21st	\$ 8,646.93
Maintenance Donations	\$ 81.00
Air Conditioning Donations	\$ 1,625.00
Fr. Heck Organ Fund Donations	\$ 200.00

Please remember St. Therese in your will!

Link to the Report on the Apostolic Investigation of Sisters in the US

After several years of investigation and apostolic visitation on religious sisters in the United States (American nuns), the report is available. To view the report in video form, use this direct link to the video conference on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zq0N35X8ckI>.

Weekday Mass Schedule and Liturgy of the Word with Communion 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. The Thursday morning 8:30AM Liturgy of the Word with Communion will continue with no interruption.

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

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

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.

Donate a Sanctuary Candle or Schedule a Mass Intention in Memory of a Loved One

Please consider donating the sanctuary candle (that burns in front of the tabernacle) in memory or honor of a loved one or for a special intention. The cost is \$10 per month. The months of February, March, June, July, August, September, October, November, and December 2015 are still available. **Months will be assigned on a first come, first served basis.**

Or consider donating a mass intention. There are weekend and weekday masses available. To donate, please contact Heather Goeden in the Parish Office (contact information on the front of the bulletin).

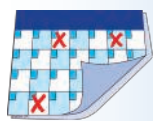
Donations Needed

- 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 22nd

- Air Conditioning Account: \$36,579.57
- Fr. Roger Heck Memorial Organ Fund: \$15,467.58



Parish Events for the Week

Sunday, January 4th

SCRIP Order Weekend

- 8:15AM Saint Therese Choir (CH)
- 9:00AM Children's Liturgy of the Word (CH)

Monday, January 5th

- 7:00PM Parish Pastoral Council (MC)

Tuesday, January 6th

No Meetings Scheduled

Wednesday, January 7th

- 11:30AM SVdP Meal Program—Cook (KIT)
- 4:30PM SVdP Meal Program—Serve (OFFSITE)
- 6:00PM High School Catechesis (STR)
- 7:00PM Music Ministry (CH)
- 7:30PM Saint Therese Choir (CHP)

Thursday, January 8th

- 7:00PM Group 100 AA (MC)

Friday, January 9th

No Meetings Scheduled

Saturday, January 10th

SCRIP Pick-Up Weekend

No Meetings Scheduled

Sunday, January 11th

SCRIP Pick-Up Weekend

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

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

Thank You from the Cookie Sale Organizers

A huge thank you to every baker (did you ever see such a variety of cookies?!?), and buyer during the cookie sale. You helped raise over \$1,100 for St. Therese. That's about 160 pounds of donated cookies and we just about sold out. Your donations mean so much.

Special thank you to Nancy Szablewski (weren't those aprons cute!), Rosina Sorvari, Anne Nee, Kathy Hubrich and Christine Jensen. And this couldn't have happened without the St. Therese staff who set up, baked, bought, and counted. Thanks to all.



The Winners!

At the Christmas/Advent library display there was a raffle for two holiday baskets. Congratulations to the two winners: Cathy Bleidorn and Sadie Goodacre. Over 60 library items were checked out after both masses. Thanks to everyone who attended! There are still many current DVD movies and books available to check out from the Parish Library so stop by after mass. Books may be checked out for three weeks and DVD's for one week.

Movie Night with *The Lorax*

Come and watch *The Lorax* with us! This computer animated version of Dr. Seuss' book, played in all the major movie theatres, will now play Friday, January 23rd, in Heck Hall. In the movie, Dr. Seuss takes a look at environmental degradation. The lesson is serious, but the movie is fun. Doors open at 6:00PM, the movie starts at 6:30PM. Run time is 86 minutes. If that closes in on your bedtime, feel free to bring blankets, pajamas, and huggables! The Green Team will provide the popcorn! For questions, call Pat Safavi at (414) 477-5616.

Sunday Morning Catechesis Program

Next Sunday, January 11th, we welcome the children and youth back to the Sunday morning Catechesis Program. During the first class, there is also a parent meeting which begins at 10:15AM. The catechists provide the formal instruction in our faith while the rest of the parish provides the community necessary to fully realize what faith means.

“Ordinary Lives, Extraordinary Mission: 5 Steps to Winning the War Within”

The faith community of St. Lucy Catholic Church (3101 Drexel Ave., Racine) invites you to “Ordinary Lives, Extraordinary Mission: 5 Steps to Winning the War Within” on Saturday, January 31st from 9:00AM to 1:30PM. Cost to attend is \$20 per person. For additional information, please visit www.DynamicCatholic.com.

Peace Prayer Service

The St. Therese Choir and Sacred Heart Croatian Choir will host a Peace Prayer Service on Thursday, February 5th at 7:00PM. It will be held here, at St. Therese Parish. Hospitality is a big part of that celebration. We are in need of a Hospitality Coordinator for this event. Could that be you? If so, would you please fill out the form below, or send an email to Elterine Jankowski-Biggers at: jankowe@sainttheresemilwaukee.org or leave a message at: (414)-771-2500 x15. Thank you very much!

Peace Prayer Service Hospitality Coordinator

Volunteer Name _____
 Phone () _____
 Email: _____

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



January Sanctuary Candle

The Nee/Paulus Family

Sunday, January 4th

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

Monday, January 5th

1 Jn 3:22-4:6/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday, January 6th

1 Jn 4:7-10/Mk 6:34-44

8:30AM †Dennis Nee

Wednesday, January 7th

1 Jn 4:11-18/Mk 6:45-52

Thursday, January 8th

Liturgy of the Word with Communion

8:30AM *1 Jn 4:19-5:4/Lk 4:14-22a*

Friday, January 9th

1 Jn 5:5-13/Lk 5:12-16

Saturday Mass, January 10th

1 Jn 5:14-21/Jn 3:22-30

5:00PM †Theresa Corak

Sunday Mass, January 11th

Is 55:1-11/1 Jn 5:1-9/Mk 1:7-11

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

Joint Meeting of Parish Pastoral Council, Finance Council, and Stewardship Committee—January 20th at 7:30PM

All members of the Parish Pastoral Council, Finance Council, and Stewardship Committee are reminded of the Joint Meeting to be held on Tuesday, January 20th at 7:30PM in Miriam's Corner. The income projections for the 2015-2016 Operating Budget will be discussed as well as any shortfalls in the 2014-2015 Operating Budget. If you are unable to attend, please contact your committee chairperson.

Dear Members of St. Therese Parish,

Oh behalf of the Clement Zablocki, Milwaukee V.A. Medical Center, we wish to thank you and all the members of your parish, for the generous donation of Holiday Gifts and personal toiletries for the Veterans.

The Veterans appreciate the gifts, especially at this time of the year. Personal items are always a welcome gift for our Veterans.

Your thoughtfulness and generosity is truly a "gift" from the heart. Thank you for thinking of our Veterans.

Voluntary Services

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 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.

Reach Out Reach In Service Opportunity July 12th-17th, 2015

Reach Out Reach In is for teens aged 15 through 18, who have completed 9th grade and who want to be involved in direct service and social action. The sites, located around the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, include homeless shelters, adult day care, community organizations, meal programs, family/organic farms, child care and more. The cost to participate is \$235 and scholarships are available. Space is limited and preference is given to registrations submitted by January 31st.

We also invite adults to consider serving on the team for the week of Reach Out Reach In. Adults serve as worksite leaders who accompany youth to their service sites, supervise during the week, and help young people reflect on their experience.

For more information or to register, visit: www.archmil.org/RORI.htm. Questions? Contact Mary Osep, Administrator at osepm@archmil.org or 414-541-9470, x15.

Retrouvaille Marriage Retreat – January 16th-18th

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, call (800-470-2230) or visit www.retrouvaille.org.



Gene & Bernice Brah, Deacon Gene Brah, Alyce Breitweiser, Christine Castelaz, Marjorie Corak, Brian Daevel, Loretta Dobert, Charles Dufek, Ethel Forster, Dorothy Gredler, Jackie Kaczynski, The Kaishian Family, Fr. Jack Kern, John Kowalski, Elizabeth Kreuter, Mary Jane Lucas, Liliana Maass, Matt Maccani, Neil Massey, Kim McGee, Susan Monyette, Andy Nitka, Jim Noel, Judy Rahn, Evelyn Shaw, Robert Shaw, Carlene Siever, Joel Simpson, Marion Stabo, Mark Stabo, Mary Beth Stabo, Jane Tindal, Patrick Trainor, Joyce Versnik, Pius Vetter, Duwayne Wing, Kathleen Zastrow, Bill Ziegler

Liturgical Ministers: Please Fill Not Filled Positions on the Ministry Schedule

All Liturgical Ministers (Lectors, Altar Servers, Greeters, Ushers, Eucharistic Ministers) are asked to kindly sign up for the Not Filled Positions on the Ministry Schedule. Please sign up on the main schedule in the sacristy or call Heather Goeden in the Parish Office to fill in your name in the schedule.

Stewardship Update



As we begin the New Year, our financial stewardship pledges stand at \$281,165.00 pledged by 173 families. We need all families support to *Continue the Journey* of a vital, vibrant St. Therese into 2015 and the future.

Questions Regarding the Air Conditioning Project?

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the Air Conditioning Project, please contact the following—for funding, a member of the Finance Council; for the bid and installation process, Denise Dostalek or Dan Goeden. Members of the Finance Council are Richard Hopefl, Chairperson; Janet Krebs, Secretary; Mari Pavleje; Jim Balliet, Trustee-Treasurer; Kathy Hubrich, Trustee-Secretary; Dave Drozdowicz, Joel Simpson, Kathy Sincere, and Lisa Vallone, Bookkeeper.

Snow**Sleet**Cold

The winter months are upon us and we begin to deal with all the unpredictable elements that the weather gives (like an early cold snap and snow in November). 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 17th and 18th 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 24th and 25th. We thank you in advance for your generosity.

A Stewardship Moment

For the weekend of January 3rd/4th – Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord

Today's Gospel reading reveals the story of the magi who come from the east to pay homage to Jesus, the newborn king. The story of the magi teaches Christian stewards three Christmas truths: God, in the person of Jesus Christ is present and active in the world, and good stewards strive daily to follow his star. Second, each of us, no matter our circumstances or station in life, has a gift to bring to the Lord. And finally, our life's journey always leads to Christ, even when at times we do not know where the road is taking us.

Search for Longest Married Couple

Worldwide Marriage Encounter is sponsoring the annual Longest Married Couple Project in the U.S as well as each of the 50 states and territories. If you know a couple with a long marriage, please nominate them for this honor. The deadline is January 9th and nominations must include: Names of the couple, Wedding Date, Current address, Name and phone number or email address of the person who is nominating the couple.

More information can be found at wwme.org. Nominations can be emailed to: getart@flash.net or by mail to: Garry & Arla Thomas, 108 Wander Way, Lake in the Hills IL 60156

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

- **Construction Communication Contact** Heather Weber (414) 704-6422 or heatherweber@gmx.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

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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.

Bulletin deadline:

Monday, 8:30AM

Announcement deadline:

Thursday, 1:00PM

All submissions must be in writing; email preferred.