



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.

January 11th, 2015

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Baptism of the Lord

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All the Members of the Parish

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(414) 771-2500 – listen for instructions

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

We conclude the Christmas Season with this weekend's feast—the Solemnity of the Baptism of the Lord. Ordinary time resumes at sundown on Sunday, January 11th and continues until Ash Wednesday.

Through Baptism we are ritually immersed into Christ—his life, death, and resurrection. We are marked and claimed for Christ by the Sign of the Cross. We are initiated into the life of His Body, the Church.

This year we are blessed with an adult candidate for the Easter Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. John Paz has expressed his desire to be baptized and fully initiated into our faith and our community. John has been participating in our high school Christian Formation program and this weekend is celebrating the Rite of Welcoming into the RCIA process with his younger siblings, Bianca and Jared (who will receive their First Holy Communion at the Easter Vigil). Our Adapted RCIA process includes catechists, sponsors, and interpreters. Serving as sponsors are Sterling Biggers for Jared Paz; Pat Safavi for Bianca Paz; and John Rickert for John Paz. Serving as catechists are Mary Rose Sanger, Linda Okruhlica, Catherine Pinto, and Christine Reinders. Serving as interpreters are Mary Perez, Susan Moynette, Iris Pinto, and Carmen Pinto. Pat Rickert serves as the Scheduling Coordinator.

Thanks also to Mrs. San Juana Paz for presenting her children for these Easter sacraments.

At our 9:00AM mass this weekend, we sign John, Bianca, and Jared with the Sign of the Cross, the sign of our baptism. As we journey with them to Easter, may we come to cherish and appreciate our baptism even more. Most importantly may we live in such a way that there is no doubt that we belong to Christ our Savior.

Finally, on this Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, let us remember our parents and godparents, whether living or deceased, who presented us for baptism.

God's peace and blessings to you!

Dr. Alexandra Guliano

Parish Director

Thank you

To Barb Heinz for the donation for the Handbooks for Visiting the Sick and Homebound in Thanksgiving to those who minister to the sick and homebound.

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.

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, 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

- 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.

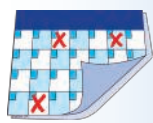
Account Totals – As of January 5th

- Air Conditioning Account: \$36,754.57
- Fr. Roger Heck Memorial Organ Fund: \$16,217.58

CHURCH SUPPORT

Envelopes & Offertory : Christmas	\$ 5,969.10
Envelopes & Offertory : December 27th/28th	\$ 6,905.97
Envelopes & Offertory: January 1st	\$ 1,063.00
Envelopes & Offertory: January 3rd/4th	\$ 5,383.82
Maintenance Donations	\$ 365.00
Air Conditioning Donations	\$ 175.00
Fr. Heck Organ Fund Donations	\$ 750.00

Please remember St. Therese in your will!



Parish Events for the Week

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)

Monday, January 12th

- 7:00PM CLOW Catechist Meeting (STR)

Tuesday, January 13th

- 2:00PM Canticle Choir (CHP)

Wednesday, January 14th

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

Thursday, January 15th

- 6:30PM Human Concerns (STR)
- 7:00PM Group 100 AA (MC)

Friday, January 16th

No Meetings Scheduled

Saturday, January 17th – Sharing Weekend

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Sunday, January 18th – Sharing Weekend

- 8:15AM Canticle Choir (CH)
- 9:00AM Children's Liturgy of the Word (CH)
- 10:10AM High School Catechesis (STR)
- 10:15AM Preschool-8th Grade Catechesis (UPSTAIRS)
- 10:15AM 1st Communion Preparation (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

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.

“Night Music on the Boulevard” Concert

Friday, January 16th – 7:00PM

Warm up your winter evening with classical, jazz, and pop favorites at St. Joseph Hall (1501 S. Layton Blvd, Milwaukee). Tickets are just \$10. Details at www.sssf.org.

Sharing Weekend – January 17th/18th

The Recipient of this month's Sharing is Doctors without Borders in the fight against EBOLA. They have been a leader in the battle against this deadly virus. We encourage you to again be generous in your contribution. They have extensive activities throughout many countries helping people with many other illnesses as well. Their funding is vital to those people.

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.

Another Opening of Another Show



Here's your chance to share your TIME, TALENT and TREASURE: Be a part of the St. Therese variety show extravaganza: “THE BIG SHOW.” March 1st is the day. Now is the time to think about how you can contribute. Details will be coming soon.

Sunday Morning Catechesis



What a joy to see the students in the Sunday morning Catechesis Program gathering again for the recessional after the 9:00AM mass! They return this weekend to begin the second semester of formal lessons in our faith. Remember the informal role you play as a community of faith in welcoming and loving, teaching and sharing.

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 11th

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

Monday, January 12th

Heb 1:1-6/Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday, January 13th

Heb 2:5-12/Mk 1:21-28

8:30AM †Lois Preston

Wednesday, January 14th

Heb 2:14-18/Mk 1:29-39

Thursday, January 15th

Liturgy of the Word with Communion

8:30AM Heb 3:7-14/Mk 1:40-45

Friday, January 16th

Heb 4:1-5, 11/Mk 2:1-12

Saturday Mass, January 17th

Heb 4:12-16/Mk 2:13-17

5:00PM St. Therese Parish Community and
†Steven Nook

Sunday Mass, January 18th

1Sm 3:3b-10, 19/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42

9:00AM †Rich Cutak



Gene & Bernice Brah, Deacon Gene Brah, Alyce Breitweiser, Christine Castelaz, Marjorie Corak, Brian Daevel, Jean Dalnodar, 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



“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.

Presented by Catholic author and speaker John Wood and featuring musical guest Simply RC, this faith-filled event helps to answer the question, “How can you bring purpose into your everyday life?” Cost to attend is \$20 per person. For additional information, please visit www.DynamicCatholic.com, or call (262) 554-1801.

Dear Members of St. Therese,

On behalf of the homeless and at-risk veterans we serve, thank you for your support of our work for your recent \$1,152 contribution, and for giving our executive director the opportunity to tell you about our work. Please be assured we will put it to immediate and effective use.

We continue to more formerly homeless veterans and their families into new living spaces, making sure they have everything they need to set up housekeeping and begin life anew, setting them on the path to a more independent existence. In November we did 34 move-ins, including nine families, bringing the year's total to 289. That's more than one for every day we're open.

We served more than 700 veterans and their families last year, providing services that no other organization offers. We were able to do it because of your generosity and that of hundreds of others who donated their volunteer time, furniture, clothing, toiletries and household goods, or a financial contribution to support our work. Thank you for your support and generosity, which make it all possible.

With warm regards,

Bill Christofferson

President, Board of Directors – Milwaukee Homeless Veterans Initiative

First Annual AA and Al-Anon Retreat for Women

January 23rd–25th

The first annual AA and Al-Anon retreat for Women will be held at Redemptorist Retreat Center (1800 N Timber Trail Lane Oconomowoc, WI). The theme for the retreat is “Be the Light.” It begins with registration on Friday, January 23rd from 4:00PM to 6:00PM and concludes on Sunday, January 25th at noon. The cost is \$200 and includes a private room (with bath), board, and materials. Partial scholarships are available. Massage will be available on Saturday (one hour for \$60) and you can sign-up for this option on Friday at registration. Payment is due at sign-up. For more information or to register, please contact: Shelia at crookedretreat@att.net or Marge N. at (414) 763-2843.

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.

Stewardship Update



As of January 5th, our financial stewardship commitments total \$283,365.00 pledged by 175 families. We need all families support to *Continue the Journey* of a vital, vibrant St. Therese into 2015 and the future. If you haven't done so, please return your form as soon as possible.

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.

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

Feast of the Baptism of the Lord – January 10th/11th

Have you ever wondered why Jesus, who was without sin, was baptized? The baptism of Jesus symbolized and anticipated his death. After Christ's ascension into heaven, baptism was required for all those who became Christians. St. Paul makes the connection between baptism and death for Christians when he maintained that we are buried with Christ in baptism, so that we may rise with him to a new life. In what way will we be good stewards of our new life in Christ in the coming year?

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

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(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.