



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 6th, 2015

Parish Staff

Parish Director

Dr. Alexandra Guliano ext. 14
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Rev. Norm Oswald

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Liturgy of the Word

Ministers

All the Members of the Parish

Parish Emergencies

(414) 771-2500 – listen for instructions

Mass Schedule

Saturday: 5:00PM Sunday: 9:00AM

Tuesday: 8:30AM

Wednesday: 6:30PM

Friday: 8:30AM

Liturgy of the Word with Communion:

Thursday: 8:30AM

See inside for Holy Day Schedules

2nd Sunday of Advent



A voice of one crying out in the desert:

*“Prepare the way of the Lord,
make straight his paths.”*

- Lk 3:4

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

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 – 12:00PM

From the Desk of the Parish Director

- Every year priest statistics for the Archdiocese of Milwaukee are reported. These statistics are critical to parish and pastoral planning. As we continue to meet with our Bluemound Group of Parishes (St. Jude the Apostle, St. Vincent Pallotti, and St. Therese) to plan for the future of our communities, we need to take these statistics and their implications into consideration.

As of October 31st, there are 310 archdiocesan priests. Of these, 169 are active and 141 are retired. Of the 169 active priests, 128 are in parishes; 20 are in special work; 7 are not in an archdiocesan assignment; and 1.5 are on advanced study leave. Of the remaining 12.5 priests, 2 are not assigned; 4.5 are on sick/medical leave; 4 are on personal leave; and 2 are on administrative leave.

Thanks to many of the retired priests who serve parishes in their retirement as help-out priests for parishes, substitutes, and assisting priests for parish directors.

As the number of priests declines, parishes have been asked to share the ministry of priests. Some priests have been assigned to two or more parishes. While this sharing of priests may be new to some parishes, it is not new for us here at St. Therese. We have been sharing the ministry of Father Hugh Birdsall, SDS and Father Norm Oswald for the past fourteen years. Before his retirement from Sacred Heart Seminary faculty, Father Hugh served as a seminary professor as well as our Assisting Priest. Before his

retirement from the VA Medical Center, Father Norm served as Chief of Chaplains for the VA as well as our Help-Out Priest.

- On another note, the Year of Mercy begins this week on December 8th, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. Pope Francis has called the Universal Church to focus on God's mercy through Christ beginning this holy season of Advent. We are asked to be "merciful like the Father."

Archbishop ListECKI has asked that each month of this Year of Mercy be marked by one of the spiritual and corporal works of mercy. This month the chosen work of mercy is "to instruct the ignorant." How can we do that this Advent Season? I think we have a marvelous opportunity to instruct each other what this season is all about—preparing for the coming of Christ, both the coming of Christ at Christmas and the coming of Christ at the end of time. Focusing on Christ this Christmas will instruct by example. Does what we say and do this Advent Season show that Jesus is the reason for the season?

- Finally, let us continue to pray and work for peace and cherish the gift of life.

Advent peace and blessings to you and yours,

Dr. Alexandra Guliano
Parish Director

Thank You

To the anonymous donor of the Echo Backpack Leaf Blower for Building and Grounds use.



2016 St. Joseph Sunday Missals Available

A new liturgical year has begun! The 2016 St. Joseph Sunday missals are available on the tables at the entrances of the church. Donation is \$2. Reading the Scriptures before celebrating the Eucharist can be a fruitful way to appropriate the message of the Word of God proclaimed each week.

Snow and Weather Closings for the Parish

In the event of snow or weather closings for the parish, please check Channel 12 WISN-TV or WISN.com (WISN website) for closures. Please also note to look for "St. Therese-Milwaukee" in Milwaukee County. (Sometimes there is confusion with "St. Theresa" and "St. Therese" other cities and counties of the archdiocese.)

Visit the Parish Library During Advent!

The December library display is featuring Advent and Christmas books and DVD's for adults and children. Stop by and check out an item or two.



Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

Join us for mass at 8:00AM in the Church on Tuesday, December 8th to celebrate the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. We will **not** have mass at 8:30AM in the Chapel this day.



December Bulletin Deadlines

- December 20th Bulletin – Wednesday, December 9th at 8:30AM
- December 27th Bulletin – Tuesday, December 15th at 8:30AM
- January 3rd Bulletin – Monday, December 21st at 8:30AM

Liturgical Ministers Needed for Christmas/Holyday Liturgies

Liturgical Ministers are needed for all our Christmas and holyday liturgies. Please sign up in the sacristy.

Pictures from the Wall of Remembrance

Please take your pictures from the Wall of Remembrance. The pictures will be available in the sacristy in a special container labelled accordingly. Thank you for sharing your loved ones with our parish community.

Donations Needed

- For the cost of the Daily Mass Record Book, which contains the mass intentions for all our masses—\$43.

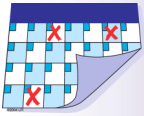
If you wish to donate this item in memory of a loved one or in honor of a special occasion, please contact Heather Goeden in the Parish Office.

Fr. Roger Heck Memorial Organ Fund Account Total – As of Nov. 30th

Donations of \$22,825.00 + Interest of \$11.05 = Total of \$22,836.05

CHURCH SUPPORT

Envelopes & Offertory – Nov. 21st/22nd	\$ 4,031.88
Envelopes & Offertory – Nov. 28th/29th	\$ 4,361.36
Thanksgiving Day Mass	\$ 77.00
Maintenance Donations	\$ 305.00
Organ Fund Donations	\$ 33.00



Parish Events for the Week

Sunday, December 6th – 2nd Sunday of Advent

Maintenance Collection/SCRIP Order Weekend

- 8:15AM Saint Therese Choir (CH)
- 9:00AM Children's Liturgy of the Word (CH)
- 10:15AM High School Catechesis (STR)
- 10:15AM Preschool-8th Grade Catechesis (UPSTAIRS)
- 11:15AM Children's Choir Rehearsal (CH)

Monday, December 7th

- 6:00PM Saint Vincent de Paul Society (HH)
- 7:00PM Parish Pastoral Council (MC)

Tuesday, December 8th – Parish Office Closed

- 8:00AM Mass for Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception (CH)
- 7:00PM Christian Formation Committee (STR)

Wednesday, December 9th

- 3:30PM Art & Environment Committee (CH)
- 7:00PM Music Ministry (CH)
- 7:30PM St. Therese Choir (CHP)

Thursday, December 10th

- 7:00PM Group 100 AA (MC)

Friday, December 11th

- 11:30AM 55+ Social Club Christmas Party (ALIOTOS)

Saturday, December 12th

Sharing Weekend/Christmas Cookie Sale/SCRIP Pick-Up
No Meetings Scheduled

Sunday, December 13th – 3rd Sunday of Advent

Sharing Weekend/Christmas Cookie Sale/SCRIP Pick-Up

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

Love to Sing? Join the Choir!

On Wednesday evenings, I have the honor of working with a talented and committed group of individuals who love to sing and donate their time and talents in order to prepare for Sunday mass. On Sunday mornings, I have the pleasure of sharing their hard work with the parish. We are looking to add to this group of hard working, dedicated individuals-of all talent levels-to help our choir grow.

If you have any questions about our choir before you join, please contact Paul Corrao at pcorrao@sainttheresemilwaukee.org, or come talk to me after mass on Sunday. I would love to discuss with you what the choir has to offer!

Sharing Weekend Is Next Weekend - December 12th/13th

The December sharing Recipient is the Casa Romero Renewal Center. Established in 2001, it is an urban, multicultural, and bilingual spirituality center serving the greater Milwaukee area. The organization is committed to fortifying the family structure and forming youth and adult lay leaders of high moral and personal character, motivated to contribute their unrestricted potential through participation in their Catholic community.

As a nonprofit spiritual renewal center situated in the heart of Milwaukee's Latino community, Casa Romero serves primarily low-income, first and second-generation Catholic immigrant individuals and families through four programming areas: youth leadership development, spiritual formation, family enrichment, and social justice awareness based in Catholic Social Teaching. The Center's programs are informed by a vision of a just and sustainable society where every person can participate in the building of a positive, faith-filled community as they achieve their divinely inspired potential. Thank you in advance for being generous during this Christmas Season.

It's Advent Giving Time

It is Advent Giving time! Trees are located at the entrances to the church. If you would like to purchase a gift for someone in need, please take a tag from the tree, buy the gift and return it to church with the tag securely attached to it **on or before Sunday, December 13th!** Gifts this year will benefit the following charities: VA Hospital, New Beginnings are Possible, St. Vincent de Paul Myanmar Refugees, Catholic Charities and the Christ Child Society.



Lector Training Sessions

We also are in need of Lectors for both of our weekend masses-5:00PM and 9:00AM. Proclaiming the Word of God, leading the intercessions for the community, and reading the announcements at mass are essential to the liturgy. Training sessions will be held on Sundays, December 13th and 20th from 10:10AM to 11:00AM. Both sessions are required. If you are interested in answering the call to serve the Lord and the parish in this ministry, please contact Heather Goeden in the Parish Office

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.



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

Catechesis Corner

- Classes for Pre-School to Grade 8 meet this weekend as scheduled on December 6th with the 9:00AM; Mass followed by classes at 10:15AM.
- A Parent Meeting will also be held during the December 6th class period.
- Our children are learning prayers and how to pray. In this holy season of Advent, let us continue to begin each day and end each day with the Sign of our Faith. *In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.* Morning and evening prayer reminds us that the entire day is in God's loving care. Add the words: *Come, Lord Jesus, come!*



Intentions & Readings for the Week



December Sanctuary Candle

†Dr. Carrie Ann Castelaz

Sunday, December 6th

Bar 5:1-9/Ps 126:1-6/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6

Monday, December 7th

Is 35:1-10/ Ps 85:9-14/Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday, December 8th

Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1-4/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38

8:00AM †Mary Kern

Wednesday, December 9th

Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10/Mt 11:28-30

6:30PM †Kathleen Wild

Thursday, December 10th

Liturgy of the Word with Communion

8:30AM Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1, 9-13/Mt 11:11-15

Friday, December 11th

Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-4, 6/Mt 11:16-19

8:30AM For the Health of Sophie and Eleanor

Saturday Mass, December 12th

Zec 2:14-17/Jdt 13:18-19/Lk 1:26-38

5:00PM St. Therese Parish Community and †Harold Jordan

Sunday Mass, December 13th

Zep 3:14-18a/Is 12:2-6/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18

9:00AM †John Corak

Join Us At the 55+ Plus Christmas Party

The 55+ Christmas Party will be Friday, December 11th at Alioto's. Your dinner choices are: Steak, Cod or Chicken. We'll meet at 11:30AM. Lunch will be served at 12:00PM. Please call Pat (414) 771-4194, Judy (414) 475-6809, or Rosina (262) 782-1966 with your choice. All reservations are to be finalized by Monday, December 7th with a check to a committee person.

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 following months in 2016 are currently open: January, March, April, May, June, July, September, October, and December. *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).

Year of Mercy Opening Mass

Please join us in prayer at the Year of Mercy Opening Mass on Tuesday, December 8th, 5:15PM, at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist (812 N. Jackson St., Milwaukee). Archbishop Jerome ListECKI will formally open the Year of Mercy with a proclamation and a blessing of the Cathedral "Holy Door." The Mass will begin with a beautiful new song commissioned specifically for the Year of Mercy.

Maintenance report from Building Services

- The air-phone substations (door bell) in Miriam's Corner and by the second floor offices are back up and running.
- The annual Heck Hall floor maintenance was completed Thanksgiving weekend by Building Services.
- Roofing maintenance repairs were completed and the gutters were cleaned out.
- The Bluemound entry exterior sconces were sent out for repair and rehung.
- New private parking signs will be installed at each driveway approach.
- The bell tower wind break was rebuilt and installed. Materials and labor were donated by Dave Drozdowicz. Installation was performed by Dave Drozdowicz and Fred Hahn of the Building and Grounds Committee. Thank you Dave and Fred.
- The large tree on west end of the property was cleaned up and professionally pruned at no cost to the parish through an arrangement acquired by Dan Goeden of the Building and Grounds Committee. Thank you Dan.

If you have any questions please contact Denise Dostalek. Her contact information can be found on the front of the bulletin.

Questions or Concerns Regarding the DOT Project and Our Building & Grounds Maintenance Projects?

Please kindly fill out the form below and return it to the parish by dropping it in the collection basket or returning it to the Parish Office.

Question/Concern: _____

Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____



Bernice Brah, Deacon Gene Brah, Alyce Breitweiser, Michael Corak, Ethel Forster, Marcey Gocel, Verna Jeske, Ronnie Kerchowski, Mary Jane Lucas, Matt Maccani, Dan Marinello, Donald Massie, Kim McGee, Susan Monyette, Andy Nitka, Christian Pela-Elder, Audrey Schmitt, Jane Tindal, Pius Vetter, John Weinfurter, Brandon Wing, Duwayne Wing, Kathleen Zastrow, Bill Ziegler

ARISE

A Religious Program for People with Disabilities

Do you have experience in working with people with disabilities? Looking for something fulfilling to do on Monday evenings for an hour? Need service hours for Confirmation? We are looking for volunteer catechists to work 1:1 with students from January 4th-May 2nd. Catechist orientation and materials will be provided. We have just received 6 new students from ages 6-19 in need of 1:1 volunteer catechists. Join the 14 catechists that have continued to make a difference! Contact ARISE Coordinators Tom and Sue Klawien at 414-810-3702 or e-mail at ariseprogram@gmail.com.

Stewardship Update

On behalf of our parish, the stewardship committee wishes to thank all of our parishioners for their support. The response this year has been outstanding! Stewardship knows no limits, so if you have not had time to turn in your form or wish to update your giving in Time, Talent and Treasure you may do so at any point throughout the year.

Our totals as of the first week of Advent are: 73% of the forms returned and \$312,353 committed. We will publish a final number in January, as well as the numbers for time and talent. Take some time during this Advent season to explore your faith as we prepare to celebrate the birth of our Lord. Again, thank you and God's blessings to all.

Help Us Meet the "Building Reserve Challenge!"

As of November 18th, our total donations to the special maintenance Building Reserve Account is \$3,905.60. We need to collect \$1,904.60 in order to reach our goal of \$5,000 and to receive an additional \$5,000 from our anonymous challenge donor. Donations will be accepted through December 30th. Please use the Maintenance Needs envelope in your envelope packet, the special Building Reserve envelope available at the entrances of the church, or any envelope and write "Building Reserve" on the front. Thank you for helping us meet our challenge goal!

Christmas and Holyday Liturgy Schedule

- Christmas Eve, December 24th: 4:00PM – Intergenerational Family Mass
- Christmas Eve Night Mass, December 24th: 10:00PM – Choir Concert followed by Mass
- Christmas Day, December 25th: 9:00AM – Mass During the Day
- New Year's Day, January 1st, 2016: 9:00AM – Solemnity of Mary, World Day of Prayer for Peace

Christmas & Holyday Office Hours

Please note the following changes to the Office Hours in December:



- Tuesday, December 8th – Office Closed
- Wednesday, December 23rd – 8:30AM to Noon
- Christmas Eve and Christmas Day – Parish Office Closed
- Monday, December 28th – Parish Office Closed
- Tuesday, December 29th and Wednesday, December 30th – 8:30AM to 4:00PM
- Thursday, December 31st and Friday, January 1st – Parish Office Closed

Liturgical Ministry Sign-Up

Sign-up sheets for Liturgical Ministers for January through April are now available in the sacristy. Please indicate your Mass preferences and special requests in the spaces provided. Sign up sheets will be available through Sunday, December 6th. Schedules will be ready the following weekend. If you are interested in joining one of the ministries, please contact Heather in the Parish Office. Questions? Contact: Server Coordinator, Kathy Hubrich at (414) 259-1961; Lector Coordinator Ann Maher at (414) 453-4437; Greeter Coordinator, Audrey Wright (414) 771-2140; or Scheduler Mari Pavleje (414) 545-2733.

Practicing Mercy during December 2015

Pope Francis has declared a Jubilee Year of Mercy to begin on December 8th and continue through November 20th, 2016. Catholics throughout the archdiocese are invited to practice a different Work of Mercy each month. For December the Work of Mercy is "Instruct the Ignorant." Take this Mercy Action: Reflect on who around you is misinformed or confused about the faith and lovingly share with them your zeal for Jesus and his Church.

Father Roger Heck Memorial Organ Fund Easy Form

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) 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.