



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 20th, 2015

Parish Staff

Parish Director

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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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



“And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy. Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled.”

- Lk 1:43-45

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

- The parish received an early Christmas present. From you.

We have reached and exceeded our challenge goal for replenishing our Building Reserve Fund and our Parish Reserve Fund. Our challenge was to raise \$5,000 through the special monthly collections by December 30th so that we could receive a matching donation of \$5,000. We reached that goal early, so now our reserve funds replenishment will top \$10,000.

With the January 3rd/4th collection, we can begin taking on the next challenge, which is to raise \$10,000 through the special Building Reserve and Parish Reserve collection by June 30th. We have six months, six collections, to achieve our goal—that's an average of \$1,666 per month. If \$10,000 is donated to the Building Reserve Fund/Parish Reserve Fund between January 1st and June 30th, our parish anonymous challenge donor will match the donation by \$10,000. We have the opportunity to further replenish the fund by \$20,000!

Perhaps you've heard the phrase, "this is brought to you by you." Simply, that also applies to the church. The tithes and offerings you give to the church enable and support us to be church. The improvements funded by our Maintenance Reserve and Parish Reserve are for the good of our community and all who come to our parish for prayer, worship, catechesis, and outreach.

Thanks for that early Christmas gift!

- We begin the fourth and last week of Advent today. Usually this fourth week gets short shrift when Christmas is on a weekday. With Christmas Eve on Thursday of this week, we have only three and a half days of our preparation left. The temptation is to rush to Christmas and not give Advent its full due.

So when you are baking, decorating, shopping, picking up children and young people from events, attending school concerts, and hosting family, please remember to offer these daily actions to Our Lord in preparation for the feast of HIS Birth. Try to carve out 10 minutes of your day for quiet and prayer. The simple prayer, "Come, Lord Jesus" can be a mantra to pray during these days.

- We are looking forward to opening our doors to many visitors, family, friends, and former parish members for the Christmas liturgies. Please make sure to welcome all who come to our parish this Holy Season. The Christmas Season can be difficult for those who are hurting. Pope Francis has opened the Jubilee Door for a Year of Mercy this year. Let us not only open our church doors to all but also our hearts especially to those in any need.
- I look forward to celebrating the Christmas liturgies with you!

Advent blessings and peace,

Dr. Alexandra Guliano

Please Check the Lost and Found!

Please check the lost and found closet located in the lobby hall by Friday, January 15th. Items in our lost and found include a pedometer, glasses, jewelry, a ladies beige coat, a mans blue hoodie, an umbrella, and various items from children. All items not claimed will be donated or discarded on January 16th.

January Bulletin Deadline

- January 3rd Bulletin – Monday, December 21st at 8:30AM

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.)

Liturgical Ministers Needed

For Christmas/Holyday Liturgies

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

Schedule a Mass Intention in Memory or Honor of a Loved One

Please 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).

Altar Servers Needed

We are in need of new altar servers. There will be altar server training every Wednesday in January from 5:30PM to 6:15PM. If you are interested, please join us! All are welcome! If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Hubrich at (414) 259-1961.

Donations Needed

- For the cost of the Daily Mass Record Book, which contains the mass intentions for all our masses – \$43
- Priest Vestment (chasuble and stole) for Marian Feasts (holydays and feasts of Mary, Our Blessed Mother) – \$375

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 December 7th

Donations of \$22,835.00 + Interest of \$12.05 = Total of \$22,847.05

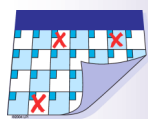


CHURCH SUPPORT

Totals will be published in a future bulletin.

Please remember St. Therese in your will!

Thank you for your generosity



Parish Events for the Week

Sunday, December 20th – 4th Sunday of Advent

Library Christmas Display

- 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 21st

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

Tuesday, December 22nd

No Meetings Scheduled

Wednesday, December 23rd

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

Thursday, 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)

Friday, December 25th – Parish Office Closed

- 9:00AM Christmas Morning Mass (CH)

Saturday, December 26th

No Meetings Scheduled

Sunday, December 27th

- 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

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. Every week, I see the smiles from the parish coming up to me and telling me how wonderful the choir sounds. I am giving you that opportunity to be part of something special. We accept all talent and age levels. Have a problem reading music? Not to worry! We can help with that.

So, 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!

Pick Up Your Liturgical Ministry Schedule

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.

Update on Bluemound Group of Parishes Meetings

On December 2nd, the parish representatives from St. Jude the Apostle Parish –Father Charlie Conley, Tom Mullooly, Steve Gorzek, and Lisa Blair; St. Vincent Pallotti Parish–Father Thomas Kuttiyanickal, SAC, Lenny Schaefer, Chris Gauthier, and Dave Vande Leest; and the St. Therese Parish–Dr. Alexandra Guliano, Jim Holmes, Jim Balliet, Kathy Hubrich, and Jean Marie Weber met for our third meeting on creating a plan for our parishes. We decided to use the name “Bluemound Group of Parishes” rather than “Cluster,” as that word was confusing to many. Despite any gossip and misinformation, our three parishes are not forecasted to merge or consolidate. We are in the process of exploring ways to collaborate with each other. We are learning about each other. We are working on a summary document of our deliberations which will be sent to the archdiocese sometime in 2016 after it is reviewed by all our parish pastoral councils. Our next meeting is January 20th, 2016. If you have any concerns, questions, or want to “share what you heard” to check it out, please contact Jim Holmes, Kathy Hubrich, or Jim Balliet.

Christ Alive in Our Marriage Retreat

Join us on Saturday, January 30th, 2016 10:00AM at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist – Downtown Milwaukee for this day long retreat, for young adult couples in their first five years of marriage. The day offers an opportunity to reflect on how you are being invited to live out your faith. Information and Registration can be found by following this link: <http://tinyurl.com/ChristAliveinOurMarriage2016>

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, December 20th for their final classes before the Christmas Recess.
- Classes resume on January 10th, 2016 with the 9:00AM Mass followed by classes at 10:15AM.
- Parents will also meet during the January 10th, 2016 Class period. Mark your calendars.
- Our children are learning prayers and how to pray. Pray around your Christmas Tree, our symbol of hope and giving. 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.
- As Advent comes to a close and Christmas dawns let us prepare our lives and hearts to enter into the true spirit of this time when we celebrate Emmanuel, God with us.



Intentions & Readings for the Week



December Sanctuary Candle

†Dr. Carrie Ann Castelaz

Sunday, December 20th

Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45

Monday, December 21st

Sg 2:8-14/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21/Lk 1:39-45

Tuesday, December 22nd

1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-8/Lk 1:46-56

8:30AM For Our Parish Catechesis Ministry

Wednesday, December 23rd

Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5, 8-10, 14/Lk 1:57-66

6:30PM †Christine and †Carrie Castelaz

Thursday, December 24th

Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-3, 11-13/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14

4:00PM †James McGee

10:00PM †Theodore Schmidt

Friday, December 25th

Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1-6/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18

9:00AM †Sam & †Fran Vallone

Saturday Mass, December 26th

Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3-4, 6, 8, 16-17/Mt 10:17-22

5:00PM St. Therese Parish Community and

†Gregory Enderson

Sunday Mass, December 27th

1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10/Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52

9:00AM †Stanley & †Jay Gocel



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

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

As we continue to prepare our hearts for the coming of the Christ-child at Christmas let us live in his love in all we do, especially in our marriage relationship. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends are January 22nd-24th, 2016 in Brookfield, WI; February 12th-14th, 2016 in Crystal Lake, IL and March 4th-6th in Madison, WI.

Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at: alifetimeoflove.org or call (888) 574-5653.

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.

Retreat for People who have Lost a Spouse

Join us for this special one-day retreat for men and women of all ages who have lost a spouse through death on Wednesday, January 27th from 9:00AM until 3:00PM at St. James Parish (7219 S. 27th Street, Franklin). It doesn't matter how much time has passed since the spouse died; all widows and widowers are welcome regardless of the length of their grieving or how long they were married.

This day was created to help you deal with the grief, pain and isolation that accompanies the loss of a spouse. Participants will listen to presentations, and have personal time for other activities. The cost of the daylong retreat is \$25, and includes materials, lunch, beverages and snacks. Financial aid is available. You must register in advance; a flyer for this retreat can be found at tinyurl.com/2016LossofaSpouseRetreat.

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: _____

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:



- 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

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.

Christmas and Sunday TV Mass for the Homebound

Are you or someone you love unable to join us at church during this holy time of Advent and Christmas? For the faithful at home or in healthcare settings, the Heart of the Nation TV Mass brings spiritual comfort and the blessings of joyful hope in the coming of our newborn Savior.

Christmas Mass will be shown on WCGV channel 24 and WITI Fox6 at 7:00AM on Friday, December 25th. Sunday Mass is shown weekly on WCGV channel 24 at 9:00AM and WITI Fox6 at 5:30AM.

Mass is also online at <http://www.HeartoftheNation.org>. For those who can get to church, the TV or online liturgy does not fulfill the Sunday or Christmas Mass obligation.

A Stewardship Moment

Fourth Sunday of Advent – December 19th/20th

As we draw close to the Feast of the Nativity, we hear the great stewardship proclamation twice in today's second reading from the Letter to the Hebrews: "Behold, I come to do your will, O God!" Who is this Jesus? Who are we that we should follow him? Many want him as a friend, a guide, a king, an advocate. Jesus reveals the nature of God, the servant sent to give us new life in God's house. Take time to ponder these questions: Do we have the courage to follow Jesus? Do we reflect God's nature in our daily life? Are we able to say with confidence: "Behold, I come to do your will?"

Festival of Advent Lessons & Carols

Encounter the stillness and awe of the Advent season in a Festival of Advent Lessons & Carols on Sunday, December 20th at 7:00PM at St. Jude the Apostle Parish (734 Glenview Ave, Wauwatosa). A free-will offering is accepted.

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

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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:

The deadline for the December 27th bulletin has passed. The next available bulletin is January 3rd.

All submissions by
writing; email preferred.