February 16th, 2020

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.

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Parish Emergencies
(414) 771-2500 – Push 0

Mass Schedule
Saturday: 5:00PM  Sunday: 9:00AM
Tuesday: 8:30AM  Wednesday: 6:30PM
See inside for Holy Day Schedules

Weekday Masses at Cluster Parishes

St. Jude the Apostle Parish
(734 Glenview Ave)
Monday–Friday 6:45AM and 8:15AM

St. Vincent Pallotti East
(5424 W. Bluemound Rd)
Monday–Friday 6:25AM

St. Vincent Pallotti West
(201 N. 76th St)
Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 8:00AM
Thursday 12:00PM (Noon)

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, Wednesday, and Thursday:
8:30AM – 4:30PM
Friday & Saturday: Closed
Sunday: 10:00AM – 11:30AM
People are not property. We cannot exchange them at will or simply use them for our own designs and purposes. What does the word “commitment” mean to you? We can begin to understand its meaning by looking at some synonyms: dedication, devotion, allegiance, loyalty, faithfulness, fidelity, and bond. Commitment is primarily about relationship, and Jesus is all about relationships. How our lives affect others, how we treat our brothers and sisters, how we resolve conflict, and how we view the vows of marriage. Jesus’ teachings on obeying the commandments, murder, reconciliation, marriage, divorce, and adultery all stem from the sacredness of commitment. All of this has a God connection.

We can easily see one another as interchangeable and dispensable. We treat so much of our lives this way. What works today may not be what I want tomorrow. We search and search for the right thing only to find our hearts still restless in the end. Is real happiness achievable this side of the grave? Sometimes we expect too much out of others and want our relationships to fill a hole that we must figure out how to fill ourselves. Any seasoned married couple will tell you that their love for one another changes as time passes. Even though the understanding of romance changes as life changes, the dedication, devotion, allegiance, loyalty, faithfulness, and fidelity all remain and even deepen.

Some relationships can be hurtful, and God does not want us to live with abuse or pain. Also, how a relationship develops is sometimes out of our control, and we become the victim of someone else’s decision. But we can’t be self-focused in our relationships and see them exclusively as self-fulfilling ends. We are companions on life’s journey with varying depths of relationships being enjoyed by all who are with us along the way. We have the freedom to choose. God asks us to do so wisely, with right judgment and thinking. ©LPi

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**Liturgical Ministers Needed for Ash Wednesday**

Liturical Ministry sign up sheets for Ash Wednesday are posted in the sacristy. Please take a moment to sign up.

**Music Ministers Needed**

Christmas is now over and we begin the 2nd half of the choir season. All the choirs are open to new members:
- Training Choir for 1st and 2nd grade
- Children’s Choir for grades 3-8
- Adult Choir for high school and older

Plus, you may have noticed the instrumentalists at Christmas: WE NEED MORE! All kinds, but especially wind, brass and strings. For details call Drew Rutz or e-mail him (see the front of the bulletin).

**Wednesday Evening Mass Has Resumed**

The Wednesday Evening 6:30PM Mass resumed on February 5th. All are welcome.

**Changes to Parish Office Hours**

Please note the following changes to the Parish Office hours:
- Thursday, February 27th: 12:30PM to 4:30PM
- Monday, March 2nd: 8:30AM to 2:30PM
- Wednesday, March 18th: 12:30PM to 4:30PM
- Tuesday, March 24th: 12:30PM to 4:30PM
- Wednesday, March 25th: 12:30PM to 4:30PM
- Thursday, March 26th: 12:30PM to 4:30PM

**Altar Server Meeting**

There will be a meeting of the altar servers after the 9:00AM Mass on February 16th. If you cannot make the meeting, please let Kathy Hubrich know at (414) 839-2669.

**Save the Date: Friday, March 27th from 6:00PM–8:00PM**

Please save this date on your calendars for a special Parish event hosted by the Christian Formation Committee to celebrate Lent. More “souper” details to come.

**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.)

**Schedule a Mass Intention**

Please consider scheduling a mass intention in memory of a loved one, or in honor of a special occasion. We have a number of weekday masses open in 2020. To donate, please contact Heather Goeden in the Parish Office.

**Donation Opportunities**

- Lenten and Easter Booklets for the GYFT table – $135
- Palm Sunday – $130

If you would like to donate the cost of one of these items, please contact Heather Goeden in the Parish Office. Please let her know if your donation is in honor or memory of someone and whether or not we may acknowledge your donation in the bulletin.
St. Vincent de Paul - Sharing Sunday Thank You
Thank you for your generous contributions for our St. Vincent de Paul Conference. $1,354.20 was collected and enables us to continue providing beds, clothing, and other necessities to needy families. The families are so grateful and relieved that we are able to assist them. May God bless you for helping the poor in our area.

Earth Stewardship Ministry
Sometimes a good way to steward our resources well is to give them away. The Lions Club collects eyeglasses at the library in Wauwatosa and Elm Grove, at most of the optical shops in Wauwatosa, and at San Camillo. Please put the glasses in some sort of protection against scratches and put them in the Lions’ drop box. Lions Clubs also collect hearing aids. As the hearing aids are expensive items, they may be able to give you a tax receipt. Go online at lionsdistrict27a2.org for more information, or send an e-mail to info@A2golf.com, or call (262) 922-8008.

Save the Date!
Annual Usher Pancake Breakfast – Sunday, March 1st
Please save the date and plan to enjoy some time with your fellow parish members while raising funds to support our church mission.

Sacristans Needed for Funerals
One of the ministries of mercy and compassion that we are privileged to offer is our outreach to grieving families at the time of death and through the liturgical services we celebrate. Sacristans assist for our Masses of Christian Burial (funerals) by preparing the Bread and Wine, incense and thurible, pall, and generally, helping in the sacristy. The Sacristan is the “behind the scenes” minister. If you are interested in being trained as a Sacristan, please contact Heather Goeden in the Parish Office.

Miller Park Concessions
For a number of years, several parishioners have worked at Miller Park in a concession stand for Brewer games and concerts as a fund raiser for the parish. This season, we’re in need of a few more to join the group! If you’re interested in working or would like more information before deciding, please contact Mari Pavleje (414) 545-2733. The season starts in less than two months, so call soon!

Arise Milwaukee Worship Night – March 13th
Arise Milwaukee will hold a special worship night on Friday, March 13th from 7:00PM-8:30PM, at Carroll University in Waukesha in anticipation of the Wisconsin Catholic Youth Rally on Saturday, March 14th. Arise Milwaukee hopes to provide parishioners with a dynamic, engaging, and powerful encounter with Christ through the sacraments and intimate prayer. No registration is necessary. For more information please visit www.arisemke.org.

Catechesis Corner
- Religious Education classes will be held after Mass this weekend after the 9:00AM Mass.
- Our doors are always open. If you know of a family that could benefit from our Religious Education Program, please have them contact us at the parish office. Faith formation is an essential part of childhood development. Pray for our families and our children!
- Today, Sunday, February 16th, we will be teaching Lessons on Safe Environment for all of God’s Children. This is an Archdiocesan requirement for the safety and protection of our children. All of our Catechists and Aides have the necessary certification in this regard.

15th Annual Wisconsin Catholic Youth Rally – March 14th
High school and middle school students are invited for prayerful worship and relevant breakout sessions at the 2020 Wisconsin Catholic Youth Rally on Saturday, March 14th, at Carroll University in Waukesha, from 10:00AM-6:00PM. Cost is $30 (includes lunch and snack) and registration is required. Middle and high school students will be separated for keynotes and breakout sessions. But together for lunch, reconciliation, entertainment, and Adoration. Please visit www.wicatholicsyr.org for more information.
**Intentions & Readings for the Week**

**February Sanctuary Candle**
†Jean Marinello

**Sunday, February 16th**
St 15:15, 20:8; 11:9:12, 2-4:5, 17:18, 33:34 [lb] 1 Cor 26:10; Mt 5:17-37

**Monday, February 17th**
Jas 1:1-11/Ps 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76 [77a]/Mk 8:11-13

**Tuesday, February 18th**
Jas 1:12-18/Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19 [12a]/Mk 8:14-21
8:30 AM †Jean Marinello

**Wednesday, February 19th**
Jas 1:19-27/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5 [lb]/Mk 8:22-26
6:30 PM †Ray Bernards

**Thursday, February 20th**
Jas 2:1-9/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [7a]/Mk 8:27-33

**Friday, February 21st**
Jas 2:14-24, 26/Ps 112:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. 1b]/Mk 8:34—9:1

**Saturday Mass, February 22nd**
1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6 [1]/Mt 16:13-19
5:00 PM †Marion Strzyzewski

**Sunday Mass, February 23rd**
Lv 19:1-2, 17/Ps 103:12, 23-48, 10, 12/1 [8b] 1 Cor 3:16-23; Mt 5:38-44
9:00 AM St. Therese Parish Community and †Paul Warpechowski

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**Arise Mardi Gras DJ Dance Party**

We have a special event which is open to children, teens and adults with AND without disabilities and their families. It will be held on Monday, February 17th from 6:30PM – 8:00PM at St. Gregory the Great School (3160 S. 63rd Street, Milwaukee) in Tenpenny Hall. Featuring DJ Dee Train Inc.; a professional DJ, plus offering table craft activities and refreshments. Just bring a $2/person donation and your favorite snack to share! No need to RSVP. Just come to have fun! ARISCE (Association for Religious Instruction, Special Education) offers religious classes geared to meet the special learning needs of children, teens and adults who are cognitively disabled, learning disabled or emotionally disabled.

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**Ash Wednesday Morning of Reflection Offered**

The role of forgiveness in our lives will be explored in a Morning of Reflection at St. Jude the Apostle Parish, Wauwatosa, on Ash Wednesday, February 26th, from 9:15AM to 11:00AM.

Fr. John Burns, a master retreat leader who has worked extensively with Mother Teresa’s Missionaries of Charity, will be the speaker. The event is sponsored by the Women of St. Jude and is open to everyone.

The program begins after 8:00AM Mass with a continental breakfast in the St. Jude Activity Center (800 Glenview Ave.). Admission is $10 and reservations are required. Send your check to Women of St. Jude, 734 Glenview Ave., Wauwatosa, 53213, by Friday, February 21st.

**Camp De Sales 2020 Summer Vocation Camps**

Directed by Fr. Luke Strand and Fr. John Burns

Young men in high school and middle school are invited to join Fr. Luke, Fr. John, and Milwaukee seminarians for Camp De Sales, an opportunity to encounter God in prayer and community. All camps will be held at St. Francis de Sales Seminary.

High School Vocation Camp will be held from Sunday, June 21st at 6:00PM through Wednesday, June 24th at Noon.

Middle School Day Camps will be held on the following dates:
- Saturday, June 20th: 9:00AM–3:00PM
- Thursday, July 23rd: 9:00AM–3:00PM
- Tuesday, August 4th: 9:00AM–3:00PM

For more information, or to register your son, please contact the Vocation Office at vocationoffice@sfs.edu, (414) 747-6437 or visit www.thinkpriest.org/events/

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**Job Openings at the Archdiocese**

**Capital Campaign Assistant—Hourly Nonexempt**

The Capital Campaign Assistant will be entering campaign contributions, preparing thank you letters using mail merge, work collaboratively with campaign staff/development staff, work in the database to ensure accurate data input. Qualifications include a minimum of three years work experience, non-profit desirable. Proficiency with Microsoft Office, especially Excel, Word and databases such as Raiser’s Edge. *This hourly position will be hired for the life of the campaign; roughly two and a half years.

**Family Service Coordinator—Holy Cross Cemetery—Hourly Nonexempt**

Provide a high level of customer service to families by greeting them, determining their needs, and ensuring they are given to the appropriate staff member; answer calls and relay messages, manage room reservations, and service schedules. Qualifications include college degree, minimum of two years of experience in a similar role which requires a excellent ability to multitask, handle phones and walk in appointments.

A professional appearance and demeanor is needed, knowledge of the Catholic faith, rituals, and traditions helpful. Proficient with Microsoft Office and other databases is required. Strong organizational skills are needed.

If interested and qualified please send cover letter and resume to Sue Gorski, Director of Human Resources, via gorski@archmil.org.

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**Pray for**

Tom Batzler, Todd Batzler, Alyce Breitweiser, Fran Clark, Michael Czarnecki, Gayle Falk, Ethel Forster, Mark Hahn, Pete Lovinus, Kathy Manthe, Kathy Marinello, Kim McGee, Imogene McShane, Andy Nitka, Kris Pluta, Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Remshack, Peter Sipek, Edward Smith, Patrick Trainor, James & JoAnne Van de Casteele, Duwayne Wing, Emil Zuncker

Born to Eternal Life:
†Mary Jane Lucas & †Joyce Gibour

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St Therese follows a no weapons policy inside the facility at all times. If you are a concealed carry permit holder please secure your weapons in your vehicle, using proper law enforcement guidelines, prior to attending mass and or other events in the facility.
Parish Potluck on Sunday, February 23rd – Have you RSVP’d?
Join us on Sunday, February 23rd after the 9:00AM Mass for an all parish potluck. The parish will provide beverages. We are asking those attending to please bring a dish to pass that shows off your heritage or ethnicity. If your last name starts with A-I please bring a dessert; J-R please bring a main dish; S-Z please bring a side dish.

Please let us know if you plan to attend ASAP. There is a sign up genius link on the St. Therese web site (www.sttheresemke.org) or if you do not have computer access you can call the parish office. We hope to see you there!

Attention All Parishioners: Parish Wide Survey Coming Soon!
St. Therese will be participating in a parish-wide survey about discipleship conducted by the Catholic Leadership Institute as part of an Archdiocesan wide initiative. This will give us an opportunity to reflect on your own spiritual growth and provide feedback on our parish’s efforts to help you grow in your faith. This information will be invaluable to Fr. Joe and our various ministries as we plan for the future.

The first step we need to take as a parish is to ensure we have your correct email address on file, as this survey will be distributed via email to our parishioners. This weekend, the Greeters will be handing out cards that will ask for your current email address. Please fill out the cards using the pencils in the pew and drop the card in the collection basket. Each parishioner age 18 or older is asked to fill out a card. You only need to fill the card out once.

More details about the survey will be shared in the coming weeks. Thank you for your help.

Catholic Stewardship Appeal
Without exception our Parish has heard the call to Love One Another. We met the goal of $31,000 last year! So many did so much. This year the campaign theme is Many Hands, One Vision. It takes many people to help realize a vision for our Church. One that is full of love, hope and faith. It is welcoming and diverse. It is sacramental and prayerful. Our Church is full of promise as it continues to carry on its tradition of service to those in need.

Ad Space Available
Build your business and help us grow a vibrant faith community! Jon Fuchs from LPi, our bulletin printer, will be in our office the week of February 24th, securing new ads for our bulletin. Please consider purchasing an ad, sponsoring a charity, or in Memory of a Loved one. Your participation makes our bulletin successful, and you attract customers. For more information, contact Jon Fuchs at (414) 531-9602 or jfuchs@4Lipi.com for more information.

A Stewardship Moment
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time – February 15th/16th
In today’s Gospel, part of his Sermon on the Mount, Jesus does not speak of replacing the law of the Old Testament. He goes beyond it. He obliges his followers to work at being holier than even the strictest of Pharisees. But the work is not accomplished by following a religious “law”, it requires growing in love for other human beings. Followers of Jesus know they are required to be good stewards of others. In what way will you exercise good stewardship over other people this week?

2020 Lenten Luncheon
We are delighted to announce that the Milwaukee Lenten Luncheon will take place on Tuesday, March 31st, from 11:30AM to 1:00PM, hosted by St. Francis de Sales Seminary (3257 S. Lake Drive, St. Francis)

This is our sixth Lenten Luncheon in the Greater Milwaukee area, where Archbishop Listecki will be presenting the 2020 “Treasures of the Church” awards, recognizing those in your community who serve others. Archbishop Listecki’s Lenten Luncheon benefits Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, a social service agency committed to serving those in need, advocating for justice, and calling upon others to do the same in southeastern Wisconsin. Visit the registration link (www.ccmke.org/LentenLuncheon/Greater-Milwaukee-Area-Online-Registration.htm) for more information and to register online. Cost is $25 per person.