February 23rd, 2020

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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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

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The Gospels continue to challenge us to the core. This is especially true in the way our social relationships have developed. Feeling safe and secure in the world are not things that come easily these days. Actually, we may find ourselves feeling more reservation, caution, reluctance, and fear than ever before. In a moment’s notice, life can drastically change. When someone has been intentionally and violently hurt, especially someone we love, we can all too easily find ourselves very attracted to the Old Testament philosophy of “an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.”

Intellectually, we know this is not what Jesus wants us to do. But on some level it just seems to make practical or even political sense. After all, why should we allow someone to get away with a heinously violent act? Yet, Jesus cannot be any clearer than he is with this! Offer no resistance to one who is evil. Turn the other cheek as well. When pressed into service, go two miles. Do not turn your back on one who wants to borrow. Love your enemies. Now, take a moment to reflect on all of this. Consider a horrible act of violence committed against someone you love. Listen. Think. Be honest. Can you do as Jesus directs?

We want to be holy. But we are more comfortable with a definition of holiness that can keep us saying our prayers and on our knees in church. We are not comfortable with a definition of holiness that has something to say about how we react to and negotiate life. We like to keep a sharp and strong line between the secular and the sacred. In fact, we would prefer that the doors between them be kept closed. God wants us to be holy as He is holy. If God sees this one way and we see it another, then where does this leave us on our journey to God?

Our minds like the practical, worldly, and secular answers to things. They are more black and white and at first glance appear to make more sense. Holiness wells up from our souls and is beyond reason. It cannot be explained. It is something we just simply know comes as a result of deep prayer. The truly contemplative eye knows inwardly that what Jesus asks is true and then willingly does it. It may not be easy. ©LPI

Thank You
For the anonymous donations of the cost of the Palms and the Lenten/Easter booklets.

Parish Potluck is This Weekend
Join us this Sunday, February 23rd after the 9:00AM Mass for the all parish potluck. The parish will provide beverages. Please bring a dish to pass. We hope to see you there!

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

Hear Ye! Hear Ye! Read All About It!!
Disciple Maker Index Survey Launches Sunday!
The kickoff for the Disciple Maker Index Survey begins this Sunday! The survey is available on line or you can obtain a paper copy of the survey in the back of church starting next weekend. Please read the flyer insert that is in the bulletin for more details. If you have any questions, please contact Heather Goeden in the parish office.

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 and we need some more instrumentalists, especially wind, brass and strings. For details call Drew Rutz or e-mail him (see the front of the bulletin).

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

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 “soupier” details to come.

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.

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.)
**Parish Events for the Week**

**Sunday, February 23rd**
- **Cheesecake/Kringle Sale Begins**
  - 8:15AM: Saint Therese Choir (CH)
  - 9:00AM: Children’s Liturgy of the Word (CH)
  - 10:15AM: Preschool–8th Grade Catechesis (UPSTAIRS)
  - 10:15AM: Confirmation Preparation (STR)
  - 10:15AM: Parish Potluck (HH)

**Monday, February 24th**
- 6:00PM: Saint Vincent de Paul Society (MC)

**Tuesday, February 25th**
- 6:30PM: Prayer & Worship Committee (GATHERING SPACE)

**Wednesday, February 26th – Ash Wednesday**
- 8:30AM: Mass with Distribution of Ashes (CHP)
- 6:30PM: Mass with Distribution of Ashes (CH)

**Thursday, February 27th**
- 7:00PM: Group 100 AA (MC)

**Friday, February 28th**
- No Meetings Scheduled

**Saturday, February 29th**
- **Sharing Weekend**
  - 4:15PM: Stations of the Cross (CH)

**Sunday, March 1st**
- **Sharing Weekend**
  - 8:00AM: Usher Pancake Breakfast (HH)
  - 8:15AM: Saint Therese Choir (CH)
  - 9:00AM: Children’s Liturgy of the Word (CH)
  - 10:15AM: Preschool–8th Grade Catechesis (UPSTAIRS)

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**Library Cart at Pancake Breakfast**

Next Sunday at the Pancake Breakfast there will be a special library cart filled with new and current books and DVDs for adults and children of all ages. There will be a member of the library committee on hand to assist you. Stop by and browse through the wonderful selection of materials from our parish library. You may check out books for three weeks and DVDs for two weeks. Thank you for supporting the parish library!

**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!

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**Sharing Weekend is Next Weekend – February 29th/March 1st**

The Sharing Recipient for this month’s collection is the Benedict Center Sisters Program. They provide services and advocacy for justice-involved women so women can live safer and healthier lives for themselves, their children, and the community. Each year, 200 women are referred to the Women’s Harm Reduction Program as a community-based treatment alternative to incarceration. Participants learn the tools, practice the skills, and receive the support they need through mental health and substance abuse treatment as well as parenting classes, adult education, and employment services. At the Milwaukee County House of Correction, we serve 250 women per year through our Women’s Reentry Program. Women begin the healing journey with a specially-designed curriculum to begin addressing trauma, addiction, and interpersonal violence.

The Sisters Program helps over 400 women per year engaged in street-based sex work, including trafficking. The Sisters Program provides a harm-reduction approach that includes street outreach and two drop-in centers where women can begin their healing journey. The Sisters Program also operates a Warming Room during the winter months.

The Community Justice Program and our direct services are mutually reinforcing efforts. Our agency advocates for best practice and cost-effective policies for women in the criminal justice system. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

**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.

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**55+ Club Meeting**

March 12th is just around the corner. We’ve missed seeing one another since our great Christmas Luncheon this past December. MARK your calendars for a wonderful lunch at Hart Park Square on March 12th. YES, they are hosting us again this spring with a wonderful lunch and entertaining speaker. We will all go home more informed as to our future achievements. RESERVATIONS required. Call Anne at (414) 659-5737 or see me at church.

**Kringle and Cheesecake Fundraiser**

Don’t forget to order your kringles or cheesecakes before the deadline of Sunday, March 22nd. Additional order forms are available in church or by calling Mari Pavleje (414) 545-2733 or Sue Kolesari (262) 787-9097. Orders will be available for pickup on Saturday, April 4th from 12:00PM-3:00PM. All orders must be picked up that day. Remember, too, that payment must accompany your order. If you have any questions, please contact Mari or Sue.

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**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! Let’s give witness to our Catholic faith at all times and in all places.
February 23rd, 2020 • 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Intentions & Readings for the Week

February Sanctuary Candle
†Jean Marinello

Sunday, February 23rd
Lv 19:2-3; 17:8/10; 10:31-2, 34-8, 10; 12:13 [8a]/1 Cor 3:16-23/Mt 5:38-48

Monday, February 24th
Jas 3:13-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 [9a]/Mt 9:14-29

Tuesday, February 25th
Jas 4:1-10/Ps 55:7-8, 9-10a, 10b-11a, 23 [23a]/Mt 9:30-37
8:30 AM Julie Toupges

Wednesday, February 26th
Jt 12:18-19/Ps 3:1-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17 [6ab]/2 Cor 5:20-6:2/Mt 6:16, 18-19
8:30 AM St. Therese Parish Community
6:30 PM †Ray Bernards

Thursday, February 27th
Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Ps 40:5a]/Lk 9:22-25

Friday, February 28th
Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19 [19b]/Mt 9:14-15

Saturday Mass, February 29th
Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [11ab]/Lk 5:27-32
5:00 PM †Maria Schmidt

Sunday Mass, March 1st
Gn 27:9, 31-7/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17 [6ab]/Rom 5:12-18, 17-19/Mt 4:11-11
9:00 AM St. Therese Parish Community

Sign of Peace & Communion From the Cup During Cold & Flu Season:
As we enter this cold and flu season, it is important to recognize that some people are especially susceptible to the viruses that can be spread by contact and that some immune systems are very sensitive. Please understand that some people may choose not to shake hands during the Sign of Peace, but might simply greet you with a smile. If you do decide to come to church for Mass, please remember that frequent and thorough hand-washing, refraining from physical contact during the Sign of Peace, and refraining from receiving communion from the Chalice can help prevent the spread of germs.

Dear Members of St. Therese Parish:
Once again, you have blessed us with your support for the Hope Closet! We were so thrilled to receive the snow pants, sports balls, toys, and winter wear that you collected as part of your Christmas outreach. You not only helped to bring smiles to the faces of the children, you also gave parents who are in desperate situations a sense of dignity as they were able to provide a happy Christmas for their families.

Our numbers at the Hope Closet have increased greatly. In November alone, we served 82 families representing over 400 people! In spite of the rising need, God has blessed us with ministry partners like you who have helped us to keep serving these precious members of our community. We are grateful for your prayers and your gifts.

Thank you for thinking of the Hope Closet at Christmas time. We appreciate your commitment to help our families in need.

God’s Blessings,

Donna Jonassen – Hope Closet Coordinator

Dear St. Therese Parish

On behalf of the Milwaukee Clement J. Zablocki VA Medical Center we would like to extend our appreciation for your donation of gifts from your 2019 Advent Giving Tree. The Clement J. Zablocki VA Medical Center greatly appreciates your interest in the well-being of our Veteran patients.

Sincerely,

Daniel S. Zomchek, Ph.D., FACHE – Medical Center Director

St. Vincent Pallotti Blood Drive – March 7th
Giving warms the heart. Please consider donating blood this winter at the St. Vincent Pallotti Blood Drive on Saturday, March 7th from 8:00AM–12:00PM in the Parish Center (201 N. 76th Street). To make an appointment please go to bit.ly/SVP0307 or call 1-877-232-4376 or Beverly Moraska at (414) 828-0384.

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. No registration is necessary. For more information please visit www.arisemke.org.

15th Annual Wisconsin Catholic Youth Rally – March 14th
High school and middle school students are invited for prayerful worship and relevant breakouts 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. Please visit www.wicatholicyr.org for more information.

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@4LPi.com for more information.

St. Therese follows a no weapons policy inside the facility at all times. If you are a conceal 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.
Ash Wednesday Masses with Distribution of Ashes
We will celebrate two masses on Ash Wednesday, February 26th – at 8:30AM in the Chapel and 6:30PM in the Church. There will be distribution of ashes at both masses. All are welcome!

Annual Usher Pancake Breakfast – Sunday, March 1st
Join us on Sunday, March 1st for the annual usher pancake breakfast. Pricing and details on the insert in this bulletin. Enjoy some time with your fellow parish members while raising funds to support our church mission. All are welcome!

Lenten Sacrament and Prayer Opportunities
- Morning Mass on Tuesdays at 8:30AM in the Chapel
- Evening Mass on Wednesdays at 6:30PM in the Chapel
- Stations of the Cross following the Wednesday Evening Mass, usually beginning at 7:05PM. Please gather in the center section of church.
- Stations of the Cross on Saturday Afternoons – 4:15PM in the Church, February 29th through April 4th. Enter through the Chapel Doors
- Communal Anointing of the Sick–March 14th/15th after all masses in the Chapel
- Lenten Penance Service – Tuesday, March 24th at 6:30PM at St. Vincent Pallotti
- Communal Penance Service – Thursday, March 26th at 6:30PM here at St. Therese
- Souper Game Night - Friday, March 27th from 6:00PM–8:00PM
- Sacrament of Reconciliation–Individual Confessions on Saturday, March 7th at 4:15PM and Saturday, April 4th at 4:15PM
- Archdiocesan Day of Reconciliation – Wednesday, April 1st from 8:00AM to 8:00PM at St. Margaret Mary Parish

Visit the GYFT
Ash Wednesday and Lent is this week. Visit the GYFT, Grow Your Faith Table, for explanations, booklets, reflections, prayers, and activities for these 40 days of the Church Year. Your Stewardship of TIME with God can grow with these supplements. As we journey through Lent there will be items about the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Stations of the Cross. Please stop by throughout Lent for more materials.

Lenten Alms Giving
Last year your Lenten alms and prayers made a lot of sick children feel just a bit better. This year we hope to continue by making Children’s Hospital’s Foundation the recipient of our Lenten alms and prayers. The Foundation buys toys, games, and art supplies for their patients. However you sacrifice for Lent, please keep CHF in mind. Lenten banks are by the exits and should be returned by April 19th. Checks should be made out to St. Therese with Lenten alms as the memo.

Lenten Observances for Fast and Abstinence
The Catholic Church asks each member to preserve the penitential character and purpose of Lent. For this reason:
- Catholics who have celebrated their 14th birthday are bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and each Friday of Lent.
- Catholics who have celebrated their 18th birthday, in addition to abstaining from meat, should fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Hence, on those days they should eat only one full meal. Smaller quantities of food may be taken at two other meals, but no food should be consumed at other times during those two days. The obligation of fasting ceases with the celebration of one’s 59th birthday.
- Catholics should not lightly excuse themselves from these prescribed minimal penitential practices.

A Stewardship Moment – Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
In another passage from his Sermon on the Mount, Jesus continues to turn his disciples’ way of thinking upside down. One of the lessons for the Christian steward in today’s Gospel is that if we have a chance to help someone in need, we should be generous and give more than is expected of us. Jesus went “the extra mile” for us. Can we be more like Jesus and “go the extra mile” for others?