March 15th, 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
Thursdays 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
Communal Penance Service – March 26th
Join us at a Lenten Communal Penance Service on Thursday, March 26th at 6:30PM in the Church. Individual confessions will be heard following for those interested. All are welcome.

Altered Bulletin Deadlines
Please note the following altered deadlines:
- March 29th Bulletin deadline - Wednesday, March 18th at 8:30AM
- April 5th (Palm Sunday) Bulletin deadline - Thursday, March 26th at 8:30AM
- April 12th (Easter Sunday) Bulletin Deadline - Tuesday, March 31st at 8:30AM
- April 19th Bulletin Deadline - Tuesday, April 7th at 8:30AM

Changes to Parish Office Hours
Please note the following changes to the Parish Office hours:
- 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

We Need Your Help!!!
There is one week left to complete the Disciple Maker Index survey. Thank you to everyone who has already completed it. This weekend there will be laptops available at church after mass and paper copies will be available for anyone who would like to do it on paper. Paper copies are due back to the Parish Office no later than March 23rd. Please be sure to complete the survey. It also is a very important tool as we plan for the future of the Parish.

Immigration: A Catholic Respect Life Issue
Join us on Wednesday, March 18th at 7:00PM at St. Jude Parish Activity Center (800 N Glenview Ave). Mark Peters, Justice & Peace Director for the Priests of the Sacred Heart will give a quick “Immigration 101” on all that has happened around this issue over the last three years. He’ll address commonly-asked questions, explain the Church’s position, and explain how a new “Catholic Coalition for Migrants and Refugees” is forming in the Archdiocese to work for more humane federal policies. All are welcome.

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.)

Church Support

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Please remember St. Therese in your will!
**Parish Events for the Week**

**Sunday, March 15th**

**SCRIP Pick-Up**
- 8:15AM Saint Therese Choir (CH)
- 9:00AM Children’s Liturgy of the Word (CH)
- 10:15AM Anointing of the Sick (CHP)
- 10:15AM Preschool–8th Grade Catechesis (UPSTAIRS)
- 10:15AM High School Catechesis (STR)

**Monday, March 16th**

No Meetings Scheduled

**Tuesday, March 17th**

- 6:45PM Finance Council (MC)
- 7:00PM Earth Stewardship Ministry (STR)
- 7:00PM Christian Formation Committee (UPSTAIRS)

**Wednesday, March 18th**

- 6:00PM Children’s Choir (CH)
- 7:00PM St. Therese Choir & Music Ministry (CH/CHP)

**Thursday, March 19th**

- 6:00PM Stewardship Committee (STR)
- 7:00PM Group 100 AA (MC)

**Friday, March 20th**

No Meetings Scheduled

**Saturday, March 21st**

- 4:15PM Stations of the Cross (CH)

**Sunday, March 22nd**

**Cheesecake/Kringle Sale Ends Today**
- 8:15AM Saint Therese Choir (CH)
- 9:00AM Children’s Liturgy of the Word (CH)
- 10:15AM Preschool–8th Grade Catechesis (UPSTAIRS)
- 10:15AM First Communion Preparation (MC)
- 10:15AM Confirmation Preparation (STR)
- 10:15AM Preschool–8th Grade Catechesis Parent Meeting (HH)

**A Stewardship Moment**

**Third Sunday of Lent – March 14th/15th**

Jesus’ longest-recorded conversation with anyone is the one he has with the Samaritan woman at the well. She discovers she can be honest with Jesus and goes and tells others about him. She gives witness. She’s not the most certain, thorough or even convincing witness. But her witness is enough. It is inviting, humble, non-judgmental and sincere. What is the quality of our witness? How do our words and actions give daily testimony on behalf of Christ? During this season of Lent, how might we do a better job at proclaiming the risen Lord in word and deed?

**Attention Liturgical Ministers:**

Sign-up sheets for Servers, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Greeters, and Ushers for May through August are now available in the sacristy. Please indicate your Mass preferences and special requests in the spaces provided. If you do not indicate any preferences, we will schedule you as needed at either Mass. Sign up sheets will be available through Sunday, April 5th. 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: Kathy Hubrich – Altar Server Coordinator at (414) 839-2669; Ann Maher – Lector Coordinator at (414) 453-4437; Linda Okruhlica – EM Coordinator at (414) 778-1459; Dave Chudy – Usher Coordinator at (414) 453-5574; Sue Kolesari – Greeter Coordinator at (262) 787-9097; or Mari Pavleje – Scheduler at (414) 545-2733.

**Earth Stewardship Ministry**

Many items that have lost value for us continue to have value for someone else. They have already consumed raw material, labor, and transportation. It is better to pass them along than put them in the trash. Besides Saint Vincent de Paul, Goodwill and the Salvation Army, several nearby churches accept donations and have attractive stores for your own shopping. St. Mary’s Thrift in Elm Grove (13150 Juneau Blvd) is open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 9:00AM–4:00PM and Saturday 9:00AM–2:00PM. St. Jude’s (822 Glenview Avenue) is open Wednesday and Saturday from 9:00AM–3:00PM.

Please join us for “Soup-er Game Night” March 27th

The Christian Formation Committee will be hosting a new Lenten event this year on Friday, March 27th from 6:00PM–8:00PM to nurture and enrich our Parish relationships. We will start with a soup and sandwich dinner together and then have some games. We are excited to offer a faith based game we can do as a group with breaks for traditional favorites. Please access the sign up genius on the Parish website to RSVP by March 22nd, or contact the Parish office to let us know you are coming. We hope to see you there!

**Kringle and Cheesecake Fundraiser**

Don’t forget to order your kringle and 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.

**Lenten Presentation**

Join us for a presentation on the Spirituality of Suffering on Sunday, March 22nd by Dr. Jean Marie Weber in Heck Hall. During these days of Lent we reflect on the well. She discovers she can be honest with Jesus and goes and tells others about him. She is the one he has with the Samaritan woman at the well. During these days of Lent we reflect on the meaning of the passion, death and resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ in our lives and that of others. Our prayers and meditation will help all of us!

**Catechesis Corner**

- Religious Education classes will be held this weekend after the 9:00AM Mass.
- Lent is in full swing! Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving are the major Lenten works... Praying the prayers of the Church, Our Father, Hail Mary and the Glory be...along with one of the Creeds join us with the Church; Fasting from candy, soda or unhealthy snacks is helpful; and placing money in the Lenten banks joins us with the parish community.
- A short meeting of Catechist and Aides will take place immediately after classes this Sunday, March 15th.
It is important to recognize that some people are especially susceptible to the viruses that can be spread through physical contact. Hence someone’s choosing to refrain from physical contact at the time of Our Father or sign of peace should not be construed as an indication of rudeness. A nod of the head or a slight bow are acceptable substitutes for physical contact.

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.
**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, 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.
- Catholics should not lightly excuse themselves from these prescribed minimal penitential practices.

**Flower/Candle Donations for the Easter Season**

Easter begins with the celebration of the Easter Vigil on April 11th and continues through the Solemnity of Pentecost May 31st. Please consider a donation of any amount in memory of a loved one or for a special intention to help us keep fresh flowers and plants for the church environment during this Easter Season as well as defray the cost of the extra candles used to remind us that the Love and Light of Christ is with us always.

**Parish Pastoral Council**

1st Tuesday of the Month at 6:30PM
To contact a Parish Pastoral Council Member, send an email to council@sttheresemke.org or leave a message for them in the parish office.

**Chairperson**
Tim Schwaller

**Vice Chairperson**
Kevin Stannis

**Secretary**
Kathy Chudy

**Trustees**
Tom Molosky (414) 254-1161
Kathy Hubrich (414) 839-2669

**Members-At-Large**
Shirley Erwin
Catherine Pinto
Dan Goeden
Linda Wapadowksi
Richard Hopefi
Jean Marie Weber

**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**

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/prayer list 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.

**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