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.
“Do you believe in the Son of Man?” Jesus wants to motivate each one of us to see the truth. After developing a relationship with Jesus, the blind man “sees” as someone very special. The Pharisees, due to the blindness caused by their ignorance, prejudice, and need for self-preservation, still remain blind. Presuppositions, prejudices, assumptions, and our needs can easily blind us to truth. We see what we want or need to see and not what is really there. In addition, our stubbornness continues to convince us that we are right and that our vision is perfect. Only God can complete the picture.

Look around at our world. So much of what is happening today is due to the reluctance of folks to allow themselves to be stretched and brought to see what is really there. Many react to what life presents to them more with the lenses of ignorance than lenses of clarity. The Gospel carries great transformative value. With it, God corrects our vision and replaces our limited sight with the fullness of his sight. God opens our eyes so that we can see that it is not about preserving what we have created but of living in the immensity and wonder of God’s kingdom.

Through a simple, loving relationship with God, we can break through the tethers of prejudice, eradicate fear, dispel the darkness of hatred and sin, discover freedom, live in peace, work for justice, be effective stewards of creation, assist the migrant and the immigrant, and safeguard our economic systems and policies so that they truly serve all of God’s children. What we see is often an artificial lie. Our truth is much bigger than what our limited sight believes it to be. Allow God to work in and through you. Do not be afraid. Be open and be humble enough to know that you need help. Many human beings are living with severe cataracts that produce sight that is at best blurred. Are you one of them?

We apologize for any inconvenience and look forward to celebrating Mass with everyone again soon.

**Canceled!**

Please note that the following have been canceled:

- Tuesday and Wednesday Weekday Masses until April 3rd
- Saturday and Sunday Weekend Masses until April 3rd.
- Stations of the Cross on Wednesdays and Saturdays
- Presentation on the Spirituality of Suffering on March 22nd
- Lenten Penance Service on March 26th
- Souper Gamer Night on March 27th
- Easter Egg Hunt on April 11th

We are operating remotely via phone and email until further notice. Please contact Heather Goeden to make an appointment if you need to be onsite.

**Altered Bulletin Deadlines**

Please note the following altered deadlines:

- 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**

- Paper copies are due back to the Parish Office no later than March 23rd. You can return them to the Parish Office mailbox.
- Please be sure to complete the survey. It also is a very important tool as we plan for the future of the Parish.

**Last Chance to Complete the Disciple Maker Index!!!**

The Disciple Maker Index survey is due tomorrow, March 23rd. Thank you to everyone who has already completed it. If you haven’t filled it out yet, please go to [www.DiscipleMakerIndex.com](http://www.DiscipleMakerIndex.com). Paper copies are due back to the Parish Office no later than March 23rd. You can return them to the Parish Office mailbox. Please be sure to complete the survey. It also is a very important tool as we plan for the future of the Parish.

**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**

| Envelopes & Offertory: $ 6,800.00 | Maintenance Donations: $ 252.00 |

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

Sunday, March 22nd
No Meetings Scheduled

Monday, March 23rd
6:00PM Saint Vincent de Paul Society (REMOTE)

Tuesday, March 24th
6:30PM Prayer & Worship Committee (REMOTE)

Wednesday, March 25th
No Meetings Scheduled

Thursday, March 26th
7:00PM Group 100 AA (MC)

Friday, March 27th
No Meetings Scheduled

Saturday, March 28th
No Meetings Scheduled

Sunday, March 29th
No Meetings Scheduled

Committees: The Committee Chairs will be determining whether to cancel your meeting or hold it remotely.

Thank You!
The Parish Pastoral Council would like to thank all those who took the time to review the draft of the graphic organizer of our parish structure and committees. Your feedback was thoughtful and helpful as we move forward with updating our strategic plan. Thank you!

Liturical Ministers Needed for Holy Week
Liturgical Ministers are needed for Holy Week and Easter. We also need people to sign up for some of the special liturgies of Holy Week including reading part of the Passion, the Foot Washing, Carrying the Cross on Good Friday and more. Many of these “extras” are great ways for children and families to participate. Please sign up by calling the Parish Office.

Office Hours for Holy Week and Easter
- Holy Thursday, April 9th: 8:30AM to 4:30PM
- Good Friday, April 10th: Parish Office Closed
- Easter Monday, April 13th: Parish Office Closed
- Tuesday, April 14th: 12:30PM to 4:30PM
- Wednesday, April 15th – Normal Office Hours Resume

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.

Kringle and Cheesecake Fundraiser
This is the last weekend to turn in your kringle and cheesecake order forms. We will be placing our order this week. Orders will be available for pick up 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 Pavleje (414) 545-2733 or Sue Kolesari (262) 787-9097.

Save the Date: Parish Annual Meeting
Please plan on attending the St. Therese Annual Parish meeting on Sunday, May 3rd after the 9:00am Mass in Heck Hall. Our Parish Community needs your participation as we look ahead to the next several years. Please watch upcoming bulletins for more information.

Fourth Sunday of Lent
Weekend of March 21/22, 2020
Saint Paul gives us a wakeup call. As stewards of the light of Christ, we are to reflect that light with the help of the Holy Spirit. If Christ’s work has transformed and illuminated our lives, there should be a change. The light of Christ’s active presence should be at work in us. And as the light shines within us, we take on the properties of that light and we shine too.

We are used by God to shine the light of Christ in the lives of others. A challenging Lenten reflection: Is the light of Christ shining in our hearts? We are to reflect that light with the help of the Holy Spirit. If Christ’s work has transformed and illuminated our lives, there should be a change. The light of Christ’s active presence should be at work in us. And as the light shines within us, we take on the properties of that light and we shine too.

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Catechesis Corner
- All classes, including Sacramental Preparation and CLOW, have been canceled through the end of March.
- Lessons have been/will be sent home. Please work on them per the instructions of your catechist.
- Any additional changes will be communicated as soon as possible.
- Thank you to everyone for your patience and understanding.
Intentions & Readings for the Week

March Sanctuary Candle

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Sunday, March 22nd
1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1]/ Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41

Monday, March 23rd
Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b [2a]/ Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday, March 24th
Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46: 2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday, March 25th
Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11 [8a and 9a]/ Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38

Thursday, March 26th
Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 [4a]/Jn 5:31-47

Friday, March 27th
Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23 [19a]/ Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday Mass, March 28th
Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12 [2a]/Jn 7:40-53

Sunday Mass, March 29th
Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [7]/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45
9:00AM St. Therese Parish Community

St. Therese Parish Community:
On behalf of Benedict Center, I want to thank you and the parishioners of St. Therese Parish for opening your hearts to my message about ways to assist women who want to live safer and healthier lives in the midst of abuse and human trafficking. With your support these women and those who come after them will receive counseling, crisis management and health service support, and learn ways of shaping their life journey within a context of respect and dignity.

Several parishioners expressed interest in continuing to donate clothing, and travel size hygiene products. For more information they can contact Audrey at (414) 346-4406.

I am grateful for the wonderful hospitality I experienced and will come again to enjoy those delicious pancakes.

Gratefully,

Sister Frances Cunningham, SSSF

Safety Talk
Poison control

When accidents happen with chemicals or medicine, call Poison Help at 1-800-222-1222. Get help right away from a nurse, pharmacist, or other poison expert. If someone has trouble breathing, call 911 or your local emergency ambulance number right away. A poison is anything that can harm someone if it is:

- Used in the wrong way
- Used by the wrong person
- Used in the wrong amount

Some poisons may be harmful if they come into direct contact with your eyes or skin. Others may be toxic if you breathe them or swallow them. Poisons can come in four forms: solids (such as pain medicine pills or tablets), liquids (such as household cleaners, including bleach), sprays (such as spray cleaners), and gases (such as carbon monoxide, or CO).

Most consumer products are safe if label directions are followed, but some can be poisonous if used incorrectly. Use personal protective gear when handling potential poisons mask, respirator, eye wear, gloves etc.

Medicines & Household Products

Keep all medicines, and potentially poisonous substances, in locked cabinets or out of the reach of children. Keep medicines in their original containers, properly labeled, and store them appropriately.

Never share prescription medicines. If you are taking more than one drug at a time, check with your healthcare provider, pharmacist, or call the toll-free Poison Help line (1-800-222-1222), which connects you to your local poison center, to find out more about possible drug interactions.

Do not use food containers (such as cups or bottles) to store household cleaners and other chemicals or products. Keep all laundry products locked up, high, and out of the reach of children. Keep antifreeze and all chemicals and household products in their original containers. Never mix household or chemical products together. Doing so can create a dangerous gas.

EMs Needed at Froedtert

Many patients in the hospital desire to receive Holy Communion. If you have a love of the Eucharist and feel called to be a Eucharistic Minister for about one–two hours per week, the Spiritual Services department of Froedtert Hospital would love to hear from you! Please contact Michele Celichowski in Volunteer Services at (414) 805-5012 or Sister Helen Harry at (414) 805-4663.

St. Theresa 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 Sacrament and Prayer Opportunities**
- Sacrament of Reconciliation—Individual Confessions on Saturday, April 4th at 4:15PM
- Archdiocesan Day of Reconciliation – Wednesday, April 1st from 8:00AM to 8:00PM at St. Margaret Mary Parish

**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 the memo “Lenten Alms Giving”.

**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.

**Holy Week Mass and Liturgy Schedule**
- Palm Sunday, April 4th/5th: 5:00PM Saturday and 9:00AM Sunday
- Tuesday of Holy Week, April 7th: 8:30AM Mass – Chapel
- Wednesday of Holy Week, April 8th: 6:30PM Mass – Chapel
- Holy Thursday, April 9th:
  - Morning Prayer at 8:30AM–Chapel
  - Mass of the Lord’s Supper at 7:00PM – Church
  - Eucharistic Adoration 8:15PM–10:00PM–Chapel
- Good Friday, April 10th:
  - Morning Prayer at 8:30AM–Chapel
  - Liturgy of the Lord’s Passion at 1:00PM–Church
- Holy Saturday, April 11th:
  - Morning Prayer at 8:30AM–Chapel
  - Blessing of the Food at Noon–Chapel
  - Easter Vigil at 8:00PM–Church
- Easter Sunday, April 12th: Easter Morning Mass at 9:00AM

**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.

**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

**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
  - Dan Goeden
  - Linda Warpedowski
  - Richard Hopefl
  - 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 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/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.