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# Give Thanks

Lord, I thank you for your  
faithfulness and love.

I will give thanks to you,  
O Lord, with all my heart...

PSALM 138:1

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## Mass Schedule

**Saturday: 5:00PM Sunday:**  
**8:00AM & 10:00AM**

**Tuesday: 8:00AM**  
**Friday: 7:30AM**

**Liturgy of the Word with**  
**Communion:**  
**Wednesday & Thursday**  
**8:00AM**

**Holy Day Schedules**  
**printed inside bulletin**

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## Office Hours

**Monday, Tuesday, and**  
**Thursday**

**8:30AM to 4:00PM**  
**(Closed 12:00 — 12:30PM)**

**Wednesday noon to 7:30PM**  
**(Closed 4:00 — 4:30 PM)**

**Friday 8:30AM to noon**

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**FROM THE DESK OF THE PARISH DIRECTOR:**

We begin the third and final phase of our 2006-2007 Parish Stewardship Commitment this week. Members of the Finance/Administration Committee and Parish Council will be calling all parish members who have not returned their 2006-2007 Stewardship Commitment Card. Thanks to all who have given time and talent to this annual effort. While we focus on the commitment phase of stewardship during the fall months, stewardship is a way of life, an essential part of our everyday faith life. As Father Ed Eschweiler, a senior priest of our archdiocese, frequently says, "Everything you do says something about your relationship with God."

The results of our 2006-2007 Parish Stewardship Commitment will be published in future bulletins. The information we have received provides the background for our future planning for the parish operations and ministries. Whatever your financial gift and your ministry to the parish is, please know that it helps keep our parish vital and growing.

On another note, we end the church year today with the Solemnity of Christ the King--a reminder that Jesus is Lord of Life, the Beginning and the End, and our Savior. May you know Christ in a deeper way this week.

Peace to you,  
*Dr. Alexandra Guliano*



As you drop to your knees to pray today, as you tell God of your

hopes and fears, remember each thought and word you say is a whisper in God's ear. Tell Him what concerns you, ask Him to calm your fears, and if you look closely you can see God smiling through your tears. Thank Him for your many blessings for the special closeness you share! Open your heart and receive His love, and know it's always there. This time of prayer is special — sharing words only He can hear, because each thought and word you say is a whisper in God's ear.

*In all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus.*

Please include the following people in your prayer:

- Margaret Anderson \* Lenore Black \* Art Bonk
- Mae Capecci \* Mary Cosimi \* Frank & Gertrude Eskra
- David Dane \* Pam Ebner \* Ann Farell \* Lynn Gordon
- Karl Henn \* Garnet Jankowski \* Andy Islo Sr.
- Sue Gritzmacher \* Bill & Carol Hoppenjan \* Judy Rahn
- Dan Hubrich \* Ken Knollenberg \* Ann Lackovic
- Millie Metz \* Carmella Milazzo \* Eva Stabl
- Andy Moehr \* LaVerne Mucci \* Pat Nicholas
- Samantha Pluta \* Marion Stabo \* Barbara Schmitz
- Harold Ditscheit \* Carlene Siever \* Susan Sinks
- Mary Stoke \* Joanne Weiss \* Kathleen Zastrow

Born to Eternal Life:

†Gertrude Eskra, wife of Frank

**FIRST RECONCILIATION**

The children preparing for First Reconciliation have been busy these past 3 months preparing for this celebration with family sessions and materials presented at home. They will participate in this sacrament for the first time on Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, and be blessed at the 5:00 Mass that evening. Please keep them and their families in your prayers:

- ♦ Jake Perry
- ♦ Benjamin Lawrence
- ♦ Jessie Lawrence
- ♦ Anne Hartay
- ♦ Melissa Biefeld
- ♦ Trevor Semega

Thanks to parishioner Barb Gritzmacher for volunteering to serve on the board for Greater Tosa Interfaith as a representative for St. Therese Parish. Barb currently does volunteer work for Interfaith and will be a welcomed addition to the board. We are still in need of another person to serve of the board and if you are interested, contact Barb Heinz at the Parish Office.



**55+ Social Club**

Here at last! Our Annual Christmas Luncheon at Alioto's is on Wednesday, November 29th. Those of you who made reservations are reminded to be at Alioto's by 11:30AM. Our next monthly meeting in Heck Hall will be on January 11th.

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT, DECEMBER 23RD/24TH SPECIAL MASS SCHEDULE**

Sunday, December 24th is the 4th Sunday of Advent and Christmas Eve. Actually, Christmas Eve begins at sundown on December 24th. Instead of our three regular weekend liturgies, we will celebrate two for the 4th Sunday of Advent—the 5pm mass on December 23rd and the 8am mass on December 24th. **NO 10AM MASS WILL BE CELEBRATED ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24TH.**

**Christmas and Holy Day Mass Schedules All are welcome to attend!**

- ✠ **Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception**  
Friday, December 8th — Masses at 8AM and 7PM
- ✠ **The Solemnity of Christmas**  
Christmas Eve, December 24th — Masses at 4PM and 10PM Choir Concert and Mass

- ✠ **Christmas Day**  
December 25th — Masses at 8AM and 10AM
- ✠ **World Day of Prayer for Peace and the Solemnity of Mary**  
January 1st, 2007 — Mass at 10AM only



**Nov. 26th — Dec. 3rd, 2006** **Weekly Events**

**Sunday, November 26th**

9:10AM Praise Band & Choirs (Church)

**Monday, November 27th**

7:00PM JustFaith (2nd Fl.)

**Tuesday, November 28th**

**Wednesday, November 29th**

11:30AM 55+ Club Luncheon at Alioto's  
7:30PM Choir (Chapel)  
7:30PM Praise Band & Instrumentalists (Church)

**Thursday, November 30th**

No Meeting Scheduled

**Friday, December 1st**

No Meetings Scheduled

**Saturday, December 2nd**

No Meetings Scheduled

**Sunday, December 3rd**

9:10AM Praise Band & Choirs (Church)



The St. Therese Book Club will meet again on Saturday, January 20th, 2007, and 9:30AM. At that time, we will discuss the book, "At Home in Mitford" by Jan Karon. Due to unforeseen circumstances, we were not able to meet in November, but will have the planned discussion in January. A reminder will be posted in the bulletin prior to the next meeting.

**Questions? Call Alice Kennedy at (414) 771-8147.**

**NEED A BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENT? PULPIT ANNOUNCEMENT? WANT TO SUBMIT A BULLETIN INSERT?**

—If your group would like a pulpit announcement, please submit it in writing (or e-mail it) to the Parish Office by **3:00PM on Thursday**. If you would like your announcement read more than one week, please also request the specific dates for the announcement.

—For a bulletin announcement, please submit the announcement in writing (or e-mail it) to the Parish Office by **Monday morning at 8:30AM**.

—All bulletin inserts must be submitted camera-ready and then approved. For reprints of articles or letters, **copyright permissions need to be honored**; and if there is a fee for the copyright, these should be paid accordingly. Groups requesting bulletin inserts are asked to provide volunteers to stuff the bulletins.

**Please note that there is a Drop Off Box in the sacristy that can be used for submission of bulletin and pulpit announcements.**

**Greeter Coordinator Needed**

Hospitality builds community. We are in need of someone to coordinate our Greeter Ministry. The Greeter Coordinator is responsible for scheduling the Greeters three times per year and helping expand the ministry. Perhaps this is the stewardship ministry for you for the next year. Please call the Parish Office if you are interested in this opportunity to serve.

**Montessori Parking Lot Update**

The renovation of the school parking lot is entering the completion phase. We anticipate being able to use the lot soon after Thanksgiving. The students, families and staff of MMS are very grateful for the church's support and patience during this project. Once the parking lot is complete, it will be a beautiful and safe parking lot complete with trees, bushes and plenty of lighting. We look forward to scheduling a time when the parishioners of St. Therese and the families in the neighborhood will be able to come and tour our facility upon completion of the project.

**REMINDER ABOUT HAND-WASHING FOR LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

All liturgical ministers are reminded to use the antibacterial soap and solution in the sacristy to wash their hands before the liturgy begins. Eucharistic Ministers who distribute the consecrated Bread (Body of Christ) will also cleanse their hands immediately before distributing the Body of Christ.

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS, LECTORS, SERVERS, AND GREETERS CHRISTMAS LITURGIES AND HOLYDAY MASSES—AN OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE**

Liturgical Ministers are needed for all the Holyday and Holiday liturgies—Thanksgiving, Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, and World Day of Prayer for Peace/Solemnity of Mary (New Year's Day). Please sign up in the sacristy. It is a privilege to minister at these special celebrations. It is also an extension of our hospitality to have a complete complement of ministers to proclaim the Word, to provide enough communion stations, to welcome visitors and our worshipping community, and to serve at the Table of the Lord.



Sign-up sheets are also available for January through April 2007 are now available in the sacristy. Please indicate your Mass preference and special requests in the spaces provided. The sheets will be available through the weekend of December 3rd. Schedules will be ready the following weekend. If you are interested in joining one of the ministries, please put your name and phone number on the bottom of the appropriate sheet, and you will be contacted.

**Questions? Contact Mari Pavleje at (414)545-2733.**

**Readings for the Week of November 26th, 2006**

**Our Lord Jesus Christ the King**

Sunday: Dn 7:13-14; Rv 1:5-8; Jn 18:33b-37  
 Monday: Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5; Lk 21:1-4  
 Tuesday: Rv 14:14-19; Lk 21:5-11  
 Wednesday: Rv 15:1-4; Lk 21:12-19  
 Thursday: Rom 10:9-18; Mt 4:18-22  
 Friday: Rv 20:1-4, 11-21:2; Lk 21:29-33  
 Saturday: Rv 22:1-7; Lk 21:34-36

**First Sunday of Advent**

Next Sunday: Jer 33:14-16; 1 Thes 3:12-4:2;  
 Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

**MASS INTENTIONS  
 FOR THE WEEK OF November 28th**

**Tuesday, November 28th**

7:45AM Mother of Perpetual Help Prayers  
 8:00AM †Abby Bunzel

**Wednesday, November 29th**

7:45AM Rosary before Liturgy  
 8:00AM Liturgy of the Word with Communion

**Thursday, November 30th**

7:45AM Rosary before Liturgy  
 8:00AM Liturgy of the Word with Communion

**Friday, December 1st**

7:30AM †Eldon McGraw

**Saturday, December 2nd**

5:00PM †Anna Becker

**Sunday, December 3rd**

8:00AM People of St. Therese Parish Community  
 and †Eleanor D'Alesandro  
 10:00AM †Bernard McShane



St. Therese will once again be having a Christmas Eve Family Mass at 4:00 pm. "Family" is defined as anyone who is part of our broad St. Therese community. As part of the planning for this event, please provide us with any pictures of a past Christmas that you might have. Please put your name on the back of the picture if you want it returned. St. Therese related pictures are preferred...pictures of the kids on St. Nick's lap...pictures of the live manger scene...the family at the giving tree after Mass. Whatever the picture, no matter the age, we would like to have it. Please put it in an envelope marked Christmas Eve Mass and bring it to the church office. Are you interested in helping to plan the Liturgy? While a pageant will no longer be part of the Mass, some other great activities and events will surround this anticipatory celebration. Please contact David Borst at [david.borst@cuw.edu](mailto:david.borst@cuw.edu) to offer your assistance.

**Christmas Eve Family Mass**



**Family ADVENTures!** A collection of Advent workshops for families

When: **Sunday, December 3, 2006**  
 What: Open House noon – 3:00 pm  
 Where: **St. Margaret Mary Gym Hall**  
 3900 North 92nd Street

Admission: A plate of cookies and/or free-will offering.  
 Sponsored: Christ King, St. Catherine, St. Margaret Mary

**2006-07 PARISH STEWARDSHIP  
 SECOND MAILING SENT**

On November 2nd, 2006, a second 2006-2007 Stewardship mailing was sent out to all parish members who have not yet returned their 2006-2007 Stewardship Commitment Card. Thanks to all who have returned their cards! Follow-up calls will be made by members of the Finance/Administration Committee and Parish Council within the next month to those who have not returned their cards.

Thank You!

**CHURCH SUPPORT**  
 November 18th/19th, 2006

<u>Envelopes/Offertory</u>	<u>Sharing Sunday</u>
\$5175.53	\$1230.21

**New Library Items**

Our library has the DVD, *Therese, Story of St. Therese of Lisieux*. This is the wonderful story of a young girl who devoted her whole life to Jesus in the simple things that she did every day. A true example for us all. There are many DVDs and videos in our parish library for all interests and ages.

Join the Wauwatosa Community Band for a performance of classical music, music from movies, and classical music that has appeared in movies. Our "Classics Meet the Movies" concert is on Tuesday, December 5th, 7:30PM, at the Longfellow Middle School Auditorium. In the mood for some Christmas Cheer? The Tosa Band Holiday Concert is on December 12th at 7PM at MSOE auditorium. Ticket prices are \$5 for adults, \$3 for students & seniors. Call Courtney at the Parish Office more information and discounted tickets.

**Wauwatosa Community Band**

**+** **STEWARDSHIP** **✉**  
 Whatever you have — has been given.  
 Whatever you give — will be returned.

**MEMORIALS/DONATIONS FOR  
 FLOWERS AND CANDLES  
 FOR THE CHRISTMAS SEASON**

Your money donation of any amount will help defray the cost of our special Christmas environment. Consider donating in memory of someone or in honor of a special occasion (birthday, anniversary, reception of a sacrament, etc.) Please return the slip on the right with your donation. Please print the information clearly. Thank you!

**Donations for Christmas Flowers/Candles**

Amount of Donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 In memory of \_\_\_\_\_  
 In honor of \_\_\_\_\_  
 Donor's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Would you like this published?  Yes  No

**Faith Formation – Not Just for Kids Anymore: Parishes Include All Members in Catechetical Programs**

Perhaps you saw this article in this week’s Catholic Herald, also available online at <http://www.chnonline.org/2006-11-16/newsstory3.html>. The author, Cheri Perkins Mantz, interviewed several parishes that are now engaged in intergenerational faith formation, or in other words, parishes that are using the format that we call “Living as God’s People.” The parishes highlighted

Living as God’s People

include St. Robert’s in Shorewood, St. Anthony on the Lake in Pewaukee, and St. Vincent Pallotti, our

neighbor! Each parish is implementing it in their own way to best meet the needs of their community, yet one common thread lies at the base of all of them, the need to learn *together* in community.



The Archdiocese of Milwaukee’s associate director of young adult ministry, Laurie Kish, sees the benefit as feeding a hunger to know more about our Catholic faith tradition. In fact, they are offering another training session early next year for parishes that still want to learn more about this model and present it to their communities.

Here at St. Therese we have been blessed with leadership that envisioned this at our parish with a willingness to put the resources and effort needed to make sure it succeeds. And while the success is certainly our responsibility, it also lies with *you*. Please give our December LGP a try, it is only offered once this month and it promises to be a wonderful evening of “Christmas Lessons and Carols.” Come and be fed in food, Word, and song!

**Month-to-Month Reservation Form Living As God’s People — December Session**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_ Number attending: \_\_\_\_\_

**I/we will attend on:**

- Thursday, December 14th ONLY from 6 - 9PM
- A check for \$\_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed.
- I will bring a check to the session.
- I can help with registration and check-in.

**Advent Giving**

Gift tags for our Advent Giving recipients are available at all entrances to the church.

Please take a tag, purchase the gift, and return the gift no later than Dec. 17. Attach the gift tag to the outside of the wrapped box or bag or to the envelope of a cash gift. Before Mass, place your gifts in front of the altar on the steps. Thank you in advance for your generous giving.



**REQUEST FROM THE AMERICAN RED CROSS FOR BLOOD DRIVE AT ST. THERESE: COORDINATOR NEEDED**

Our Parish has been asked by the American Red Cross to sponsor a Blood Drive here at our Parish. Our nation’s blood supply depends on dedicated volunteers who make blood drives possible and who encourage healthy people to give the gift of blood to save the life of another. Here is an opportunity to serve by coordinating an event that could provide comfort and relief to those affected by disaster and misfortune. A packet of materials with step-by-step instructions on how to sponsor a successful blood drive is readily available. The proposed date of the drive would be determined by the coordinator and those assisting in the effort. Interested? Please call the Parish Office to help out.

Mark your calendars for the upcoming gatherings.

**Sunday, December 10, 1–4PM:**

**Christmas Angels** Come learn how to piece an angel square or bring an unfinished project to work on as we chat and take a break from holiday frenzy. Bring a finished project to show, we would love to see what you made.

**Sunday, January 21, 4-7PM: Potluck**

**Gathering** All who participated in the quilt project are invited to join us as we celebrate our community coming together to make the festival quilt project a success. If you made a square or made a donation of money, fabric, or time, please join us in celebrating our community effort.

**Contact Kathy Palmer at (414) 453-4098 if you have any questions.**

Little Flower Quilters

**Welcome to Saint Therese Parish Community!**

If you are not currently registered and wish to join the Parish, please complete this form and place it in the collection or send it to the Parish Office, 9525 West Bluemound Road, Milwaukee, WI 53226.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_