

Saint Therese Parish Community

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Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday 8:30AM to 4:00PM
(closed during the lunch hour, noon until 12:30PM)
Wednesday noon to 7:30PM
(closed during the dinner hour, 4:00 to 4:30PM)
Friday 8:30AM to noon

Mass Schedule

Saturday: 5:00PM Sunday: 8:00AM & 10:00AM
Tuesday: 8:00AM and Friday: 7:30AM
Liturgy of the Word with Communion:
Wednesday & Thursday: 8:00AM
There is no Morning Service on Monday
Holy Day Schedules printed inside bulletin

Reconciliation/Confessions

1st Saturday of the Month 4:15 to 4:45PM

Parish Staff

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Ministers
All the Members of the Parish

Health & Wholeness Ministry will offer blood pressure screening after the Saturday 5:00PM and between the Sunday 8:00AM and 10:00AM Masses the second weekend of each month. If you are interested, go to the last pew near the Bluemound entrance.

We are Saint Therese Catholic Church, a community of believers who walk together by faith in Christ Jesus and strive hand-in-hand to live as God's people.

Parish Membership

We warmly welcome those who wish to become parish members. The Parish Office hours are listed above.

Weddings

Planning and preparation for the celebration of Marriage may take six months or more. Please call the Parish Office before making any other commitments for a specific wedding date.

Anointing of the Sick

Offered after any weekend Mass and celebrated after all weekend Masses the second weekend of the month in the Chapel. Also by request; please call the Parish Office.

Baptisms

Baptisms are celebrated within Mass on a designated Sunday. Baptismal preparation required. One or both members of the couple must be a registered parishioner for at least six months. Please call the Parish Office for more details. **Please call the Parish Office to let us know whenever a new member of your family arrives.**

Federal Privacy Regulation — HIPAA (Health Insurance Portability & Accountability Act) — prohibit all 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 remembrance in prayer or a pastoral visit, please call the Parish Office.

Parish Council Members

The Parish Council meets the first Tuesday of the Month at 7:00PM.

Trustee		Brittaney Check	(414) 476-9166
Dennis Ferger	(414) 778-2028	Suzanne Goodacre	(414) 475-5062
Trustee		Alice Kennedy	(414) 771-8147
Mari Pavleje	(414) 545-2733	Nancy Radomski	(414) 453-3788
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Vice Chairperson		June Verette	(414) 453-8756
Jack Carini	(414) 456-1762		
Secretary			
Jan Eno	(414) 258-3477		

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~ Please remember Saint Therese Parish in your will ! ~

FROM THE DESK OF THE PARISH DIRECTOR:

We begin the Season of Advent this weekend and also begins a new liturgical year. This year, Advent spans the shortest amount of time/days with Sunday, December 24 as the Fourth Sunday of Advent until evening (sundown) when Christmas Eve (and the liturgies of Christmas Eve) begins. The fourth "week" of Advent is actually only one day!

Because of this situation, we will celebrate two masses for the Fourth Sunday of Advent--at 5PM on Saturday, December 23rd and at 8AM on Sunday, December 24th. Despite the brevity of the Advent Season this year, its focus remains the same as every Advent. We wait and prepare for the Solemnity of Christmas, commemorating the first coming of Christ and looking to the Second Coming.

Plan to attend the special "Living As God's People" session on Thursday, December 14th. It promises to be inspiring, informative, and enjoyable as we explore the most-loved Scriptures and carols of Christmas/Epiphany. Finally, do your best to spend some time each day in quiet prayer to prepare your heart for the graces of this blessed season. As the beloved carol goes, "let every heart prepare Him room."

Maranatha! Come, Lord Jesus!

Dr. Alexandra Guliano



A voice cries out in the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and rough places plain. Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

Lord God, may we, your people, who prepare a way for the Lord, experience the joy of salvation and celebrate the feast of Christ with love and thanksgiving. Amen.

Please include the following people in your prayer:

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

Born to Eternal Life:
†Harold Ditscheit

55+ Social Club

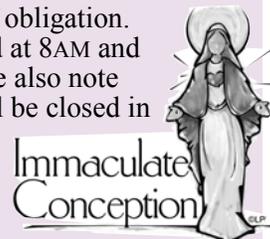
Our next monthly

meeting in Heck Hall will be on Thursday, January 11th. Rev. Fred Boettcher will be with us to present a slide show entitled "Sno-Birds, On to Florida," which will take us through some warm spots in Georgia and Florida. Orders for sub-sandwiches (turkey, beef or ham) from Bunzel's may be placed by calling Barb Heinz at the Parish Office.



HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION

Just a reminder that Friday, December 8th, 2006 is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, a holyday of obligation. Masses will be celebrated at 8AM and 7PM in the church. Please also note that the Parish Office will be closed in observance of the Holy Day. Normal hours will resume on Monday, December 11th.



PICTURES FROM THE WALL OF REMEMBRANCE

Pictures that were displayed on the Wall of Remembrance during the month of November are available in the sacristy. Thanks to all who participated in the Month of Remembrance by placing a picture of their deceased loved one(s) on our memorial wall.

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

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.**

December 3rd—10th, 2006



Sunday, December 3rd

9:10AM Praise Band & Choirs (Church)

Monday, December 4th

7:00PM JustFaith (2nd Fl.)
7:30PM Sharing Sunday Committee (APR)
8:00PM SVdP Meeting (2nd Fl.)

Tuesday, December 5th

7:00PM Parish Council (APR)

Wednesday, December 6th

11:30 am SVdP Adult Cook
4:30 pm SVdP Youth & Adult Serve
7:30PM Choir (Chapel)
7:30PM Praise Band & Instrumentalists (Church)

Thursday, December 7th

No Meeting Scheduled

Friday, December 8th — Immaculate Conception OFFICE IS CLOSED

8:00AM Mass for Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception (Church)
7:00PM Mass for Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception (Church)

Saturday, December 9th

No Meetings Scheduled

Sunday, December 10th

9:10AM Praise Band & Choirs (Church)
1:00PM Little Flower Quilters Gathering (APR)

NEXT WEEKEND IS SHARING SUNDAY

The Recipient of next weeks Sharing will be the Sojourner Truth House. Their Mission Statement follows:

“We believe that domestic respect is the right of every woman, man and child. We provide shelter, safety and support while restoring dignity and self-worth. We educate and advocate to promote change in public attitudes about domestic violence. We break the cycle of violence for present and future generations.”

Core services and programs:

- ♦ The **Shelter**; providing a safe haven for women who are forced to flee their unhealthy environment.
- ♦ **24 Hour Domestic Violence Hotline.**
- ♦ **Domestic Abuse Victim Advocate Program**
- ♦ **Belle Resource Center**
- ♦ **Batterers Anonymous – Beyond Abuse (BA) Program**
- ♦ **Community Education Program**

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS:
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.



From Our Youngest Members

At the 8AM Mass Children's Liturgy of the Word a few weeks ago, the children did their own

stewardship offerings for the week. They were asked to complete this sentence: "Jesus blessed me with many gifts. This week I'm going to share my gift of..." And here are their answers:

- ♦loving my family
- ♦reading stories
- ♦play sports with my friends and my family
- ♦sharing my candy
- ♦picking up my toys
- ♦play with my sister
- ♦share my bike
- ♦share the swings
- ♦walk the dog
- ♦doing chores
- ♦play with the dogs



The children offered these gifts in the collection basket. Thanks to Christine Reinders and the adults who led CLOW on November 12th, 2006.

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.



STEWARDSHIP
Let us honor God with our first fruits rather than the leftovers.



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

Readings for the Week of December 3rd, 2006

First Sunday of Advent

- Sunday: Jer 33:14-16; 1 Thes 3:12-4:2; Lk 21:25-28, 34-36
- Monday: Is 2:1-5; Mt 8:5-11
- Tuesday: Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24
- Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a; Mt 15:29-37
- Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27
- Friday: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
- Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

Second Sunday of Advent

Next Sunday: Bar 5:1-9; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6

MASS INTENTIONS
FOR THE WEEK OF December 5th

Tuesday, December 5th

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

Wednesday, December 6th

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

Thursday, December 7th

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

Friday, December 8th

- 8:00AM †A Special Intention
- 7:00PM †Marietta Lateana and Jennie Pela

Saturday, December 9th

- 5:00PM †Erwin Oberle

Sunday, December 10th

- 8:00AM People of St. Therese Parish Community and †Salvatore Stabile
- 10:00AM †Anna Becker



**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.



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.

Thank You!

CHURCH SUPPORT
(Includes Envelopes & Offertory)
November 25th/26th: **\$8290.39**

COMMUNAL

The parishes of District 12 will celebrate two Communal Penance Services during Advent—Wednesday, December 12th at 7PM at St. Bernard Parish and Saturday, Dec. 16th at 10AM at St. Sebastian Parish.



RECONCILIATION

SDS will represent St. Therese at these liturgies. **ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND.**

2006 ARCHDIOCESAN CATHOLIC STEWARDSHIP APPEAL UPDATE

As of November 20th, 218 donors from our parish donated \$30,833 toward the 2006 Archdiocesan Catholic Stewardship Appeal. We have reached 88% of our goal of \$33,500. Thanks to all who have supported this appeal which funds our archdiocesan ministries.

DEALING WITH GRIEF AND LOSS OF A LOVED ONE DURING THE HOLIDAYS? FREE COMMUNITY PROGRAM

Any holiday or special day after the death of a loved one can trigger some emotional reactions. This program will provide some insight into coping with these emotions. In addition, it will provide an opportunity to reflect on life changes, learn ways to move through grief, and help define your needs when dealing with special days. Join us as we discuss suggestions that may help you better cope with your grief during this joyful, yet painful, time of the year. This is a free community program provided by Aurora Health Care. Registration is required by calling (414) 647-6494.

Monday, December 4th

St. Luke's South Shore Auditorium
Lower Level
5900 S. Lake Dr.
Cudahy, WI
6:30pm to 8:30pm

Tuesday, December 12th

Aurora Sinai Medical Center
Milwaukee Heart Institute Building
First Floor Conference Room
960 N. 12th St.
Milwaukee, WI
1:00pm to 3:00pm

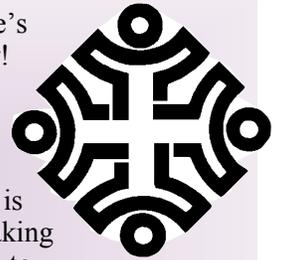
Waiting for God

This is actually the title of a book by Simone Weil, and while I don't mean to plagiarize, it does have a nice sound to it during this Advent Season. After the hustle and bustle of this past Thanksgiving weekend, we said good-bye to our oldest son, Michael, as he headed back to college for another month. In my head I know it will be less than 4 weeks before he's back again, but in my heart it seems like a

Living as God's People

long time to wait. And he's only going to Whitewater!

During this short time of preparation in Advent we pass this waiting time with many, many activities that fill our days. It is easy to let Advent slip by without taking the time personally, and as a family, to realize that it is the journey to Christmas where we grow.



In the Seasonal Missalette, Jerry Galipeau writes that the Catechism of the Catholic Church "describes God as a God who has a deep 'desire for us.'" Yet this is something that is easy to forget!

This month's *Living as God's People* will help us capture the journey of Advent to Christmas. With our "Festival of Lessons and Carols" we will take the time to understand the readings in Luke and Matthew. Fr. Hugh will help our adults "break open the Word," and we will have special activities for our families, preschoolers, and youth. Closing with song, it will be a rejoicing in the presence of God with us, indeed God's deep desire for us. Please come!

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.
- I can help serve the dinner.
- I can help tear-down after the session.

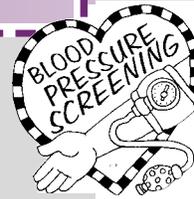
Little Flower Quilters

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.



Blood pressures are being taken next weekend after the 5:00PM liturgy on Saturday and from 9AM - 10AM on Sunday. If you are interested, please go to the last pew near the Bluemound entrance next weekend.

Christmas Eve Family Mass

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 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 to offer your assistance.



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 December 17th. 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.



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 (____) _____