

# 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

**Parish Director**  
**Dr. Alexandra Guliano** 771-2500  
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Rev. Norm Oswald

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**Maintenance Team**  
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Dan Hubrich

**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.

<b>Trustee</b>		Brittaney Check	(414) 476-9166
Dennis Ferger	(414) 778-2028	Suzanne Goodacre	(414) 475-5062
<b>Trustee</b>		Alice Kennedy	(414) 771-8147
Mari Pavleje	(414) 545-2733	Nancy Radomski	(414) 453-3788
<b>Chairperson</b>		Christine Reinders	(414) 607-8847
Kathy Hubrich	(414) 259-1961	Danielle Siclovan	(262) 252-3120
<b>Vice Chairperson</b>		June Verette	(414) 453-8756
Jack Carini	(414) 456-1762		
<b>Secretary</b>			
Jan Eno	(414) 258-3477		

**Greater Tosa Interfaith 453-5750**  
**Saint Vincent de Paul 771-2500**

~ Please remember Saint Therese Parish in your will ! ~

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

Recently, I read this piece on Advent by Daniel Berrigan that I would like to share with you for your reflection and prayer. It is a powerful description of this holy season.

**ADVENT**

It is not true that creation and human family are doomed to destruction and loss— this is true: For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whoever believes in him, shall not perish, but have everlasting life.

It is not true that we must accept inhumanity and discrimination, hunger and poverty, death and destruction— this is true: For unto us a child is born, and unto us a Son is given, and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, the Everlasting, the Prince of Peace.

It is not true that we are simply victims of the powers of evil who seek to rule the world— this is true: To me is given authority in heaven and on earth, and lo, I am with you, even unto the end of the world.

It is not true that we have to wait for those who are specially gifted, who are the prophets of the Church, before we can be peacemakers— this is true: I will pour my Spirit on all flesh, and your sons and daughters shall prophesy, and your young shall see visions and your old shall have dreams.

It is not true that our hopes for the liberation of humanity, for justice, human dignity, and peace are not meant for this earth and for this history— this is true: The hour comes, and it is now, that true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth.

So let us enter Advent in hope, even hope against hope. Let us see visions of love and peace and justice.

Let us affirm with humility, with joy, with faith, with courage: Jesus Christ— the Life of the world.

God be with you!

*Dr. Alexandra Guliano*



Blessed be the eternal God, whose promise has been taking shape for us in the events of history — in Abraham’s venturing forth, in David’s singing praise, in the prophet’s crying out, in Mary’s saying Yes. As our hearts quicken to the advent of what is promised, may Emmanuel be born in our souls and take flesh in our lives. May God-with-us be for all men and women the salvation and joy for which they long. We make this prayer in the power of the Spirit, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Son, world without end. Amen.

*Since the coming of Christ goes on forever — he is always he who is to come in the world and in the church — there is always an Advent going on.*

Please pray for those with special needs:

- 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



Our next monthly meeting in Heck

**55+ Social Club**

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.

**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!

† **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

**December 10th—17th, 2006**

**Parish Events**

**Sunday, December 10th**

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

**Monday, December 11th**

7:00PM JustFaith (2nd Fl.)

**Tuesday, December 12th**

8:30AM Bible Study Group (STR)  
4:00PM Canticle Choir (APR)  
6:30PM MICAH Meeting (2nd Fl.)

**Wednesday, December 13th**

7:30PM Choir (Chapel)  
7:30PM Praise Band (Church)

**Thursday, December 14th**

6:00PM Living As God's People

**Friday, December 15th**

No Meetings Scheduled

**Saturday, December 16th**

No Meetings Scheduled

**Sunday, December 17th**

9:10AM Praise Band & Choirs (Church)

**THIS WEEKEND IS SHARING SUNDAY**

The Recipient of this week's 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**

The parishes of District 12 will celebrate two Communal Penance Services during Advent—Wednesday, December 13th at 7PM at St. Bernard Parish and Saturday, December 16th at 10AM at St. Sebastian Parish. Father Hugh Birdsall, SDS will represent St. Therese at these liturgies. **ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND.**

**COMMUNAL**



**RECONCILIATION**

**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 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.



**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.

**Wauwatosa Community Band**

Get in the mood for the Holiday Season! Join the Wauwatosa Community Band for a joint

Holiday Concert with the MSOE Band on December 12th at 7PM at MSOE Todd Wehr Auditorium. Ticket prices are \$5 for adults, \$3 for students & seniors. Call Courtney at the Parish Office more information.



**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 below with your donation. Please print the information clearly. Thank you!

**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.

**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 10th, 2006

Second Sunday of Advent

Sunday: Bar 5:1-9; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6  
 Monday: Is 35:1-10; Lk 5:17-26  
 Tuesday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47  
 Wednesday: Is 40:25-31; Mt 11:28-30  
 Thursday: Is 41:13-20; Mt 11:11-15  
 Friday: Is 48:17-19; Mt 11:16-19  
 Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Third Sunday of Advent

Next Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18

MASS INTENTIONS  
 FOR THE WEEK OF December 12th

Tuesday, December 12th

7:45AM Mother of Perpetual Help Prayers  
 8:00AM †Mary O'Connor

Wednesday, December 13th

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

Thursday, December 14th

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

Friday, December 15th

8:00AM †Frederick Sachse

Saturday, December 16th

5:00PM †George Lang

Sunday, December 17th

8:00AM †Abby Bunzel  
 10:00AM People of St. Therese Parish Community and †Alice Tylicki



**NEED A BULLETIN OR 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.

—Due to bulletin publication deadlines for the holidays, all bulletin announcements are due by **FRIDAY at 8:30AM for the FOLLOWING weekend's bulletin**. This means that all announcements for the December 24th bulletin are due this Friday, December 15th. When submitting announcements, please include the dates on which you would like to have it printed.

—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.**

Thank You!

**CHURCH SUPPORT**  
 (Includes Envelopes & Offertory)  
 December 2nd/3rd: \$6823.96

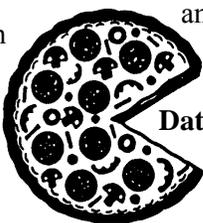
**MICAH**

MICAH is holding An Issues Strategy meeting on Dec.

14th from 6--8:00 P.M. at Cross Lutheran church, 1821 N 16th St. The MICAH Core team invites you to join us for the discussion on the following major 2007 ISSUES:

- MPS Education-Improving Heath Access and Programs for Students
- Immigration Reforms for Undocumented Immigrants
- Jobs/Development-Power for Tower--Property from the A.O. Smith /Tower
- AODA/ Treatment Instead of Prison-Increasing State funds for the Program
- Holy Ground --Continuing to Improve various congregational adverse conditions in terms of Peace and Justice

Contact Dave McGinnis at (262)253-1062 if you would like attend and share your voice on these issues.



**LIBRARY NEWS**

Next weekend after all masses the Library Committee will host their annual Advent Christmas Display in the main lobby. Beautiful Christmas

books, new DVDs and videos will be available for you to check out. There are also many wonderful inspirational materials for you to borrow during this season of Advent. You are welcome to enter our free raffle after you check out any item from the library. A beautiful crystal cross is the raffle item for the adults and a big holiday basket of goodies for the children. Refreshments will also be served. There's something for everyone so don't miss this event.

**Hearts With Haiti Fund Raiser**

Come join us in eating our way into Haiti's heart at Pizzeria Piccola in downtown Wauwatosa. See <http://www.pizzeriapiccola.com> for a full menu and directions. Fifty percent of all profits will be donated to benefit three orphanages in Haiti: St. Joseph's Home for Boys in Port au Prince; Wings of Hope for mentally and physically challenged children; and Trinity House for abandoned street boys. For more information on these orphanages visit us at <http://www.heartswithhaiti.org>. **Thank you for your support!**

**Date:** Sunday, December 10th

**Time:** 4 - 9PM

**Place:** 7606 W State St, Wauwatosa, WI 53226

Thomas Groome, a well known religious educator and author, begins his workshops with a simple question, "What kind of family or community is needed to raise a French person?" This is followed with, "Or a Polish, Irish, or Italian person?" The answer is always obvious. But then he asks the question "And what kind of community is needed to raise a Christian person?" The

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answer to this question is patently obvious as well. We need a Christian community to raise and nurture Christian people.



Tom Groome is convinced that total community catechesis, i.e., *Living as God's People* is a movement of the

Holy Spirit in the Church today. With this movement comes a huge paradigm shift beyond school to community. Catholics have been very effective with a school approach to community – evidenced in the struggle and sometimes demise of a parish once the school closes. But what does that say about the strength of the bonds of that parish community?

*Living as God's People* calls us to think and live *beyond* this school model, to truly focus our "eyes on the prize." The prize is not a grade, not graduation, not a school community. The prize is a living, breathing community invested in "living as God's people," as we struggle *together* to follow the Gospel. Please join us as we begin the struggle!

### 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. (\$8 per person.)
- 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

Please join us for the upcoming gathering: **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. All are welcome. We will be meeting in the All Purpose Room.

**Questions? Contact Kathy Palmer at (414) 453-4098.**

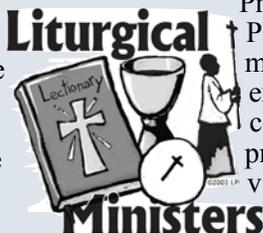
This weekend is your last opportunity to pick up a gift tag for our Advent Giving recipients. Please

### Advent Giving

purchase the gift, attach the tag to the outside of the wrapped gift or the envelope of a cash gift, and return them next weekend. December 17th is the last day gifts can be accepted.



Liturgical ministry schedules for lectors, servers, and Eucharistic ministers for January through April are now available in the sacristy. Please pick up a copy as soon as possible. If you still are interested in joining one of the ministries, it's not too late! Call the parish office and leave your name and phone number, and you will be contacted.



### SNOW REMOVAL HELP NEEDED

Help is needed to make sure the entrances to church are clear and safe one half hour before the weekend masses and before the morning mass and prayer services on Tuesday through Friday by 7AM. The parish contracts a snow removal service for the main lot and sidewalks around the parish lot and the parish house, but extra help is needed for the entrances and for the driveway at the parish house. If you are interested, please call the Parish Office.



### 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.

### 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 (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_