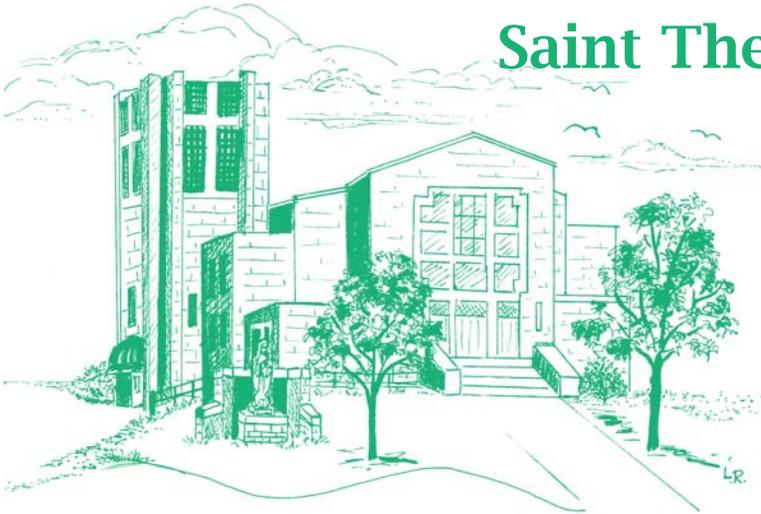


Saint Therese Parish Community



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Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53226
(414) 771-2500

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sainttherese@archmil.org
Fax (414) 771-2410

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
gulianoa@archmil.org ext. 14

Assisting Priest
Rev. Hugh Birdsall, SDS

Help-out Priest
Rev. Norm Oswald

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Toni Timm 771-2500
Mike Davis ext. 16
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. Fill out the form in this bulletin and drop it in the collection basket, or stop by the Parish Office during business hours.

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

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

Greater Tosa Interfaith	Saint Vincent de Paul
(414) 453-5750	(414) 462-7837

~ Please remember Saint Therese Parish in your will ! ~



Every end is a new beginning like the chapters in a book, by faith we reach out

expectantly turn the page and take a look. Each volume has a specific size each complete in our Lord's sight, He writes His love in many ways, in sunny days, through darkest night. He cast us each as our life's hero, it's up to us to act the part, find the faith to walk rejoicing, sing His goodness in our heart. Of course we'd sometimes like to linger in pleasant resting places, but time goes on and comes the challenge of tomorrow's untried races. Since we cannot see and do not know the next step He has planned.

O, God, our heavenly Father, as we enter upon this new year, we commit ourselves to Thy faithful care and keeping. Grant that no chance or change may turn us aside from doing Thy holy will. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please remember the following in your prayers:

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

FROM THE DESK OF THE PARISH DIRECTOR:

This weekend we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. Several years ago, I came across the following short piece of writing on the Holy Family. I've searched for the author, but was unsuccessful in my search. I share it with you for your own reflection.

"Over 2000 years ago, a family we have come to call 'holy' began their life together. It started with a crisis--a pregnancy that had not been planned and a confused groom considering a quiet divorce. Soon, there was another problem--an unexpected business trip at the worst of all possible times. All the carefully made plans suddenly changed. There was an uncomfortable journey and a lonely birth.

The difficulties must have seemed endless to this young couple--frightening threats on their child's life; moving without a moment's notice; and then, moving again just when things seemed to be settling down.

Later, there was the adolescent crisis--the teenager who wandered off, at first frightening his parents with his unexplained absence, then bewildering them with his plans for the future. Eventually, death touched their lives. At some point, Joseph died, leaving Mary a widow, a parent alone, with all the heartache and emptiness that follows death. The child, the adolescent, had become an adult. He was different, not accepted. The neighbors didn't like his lifestyle. They disapproved of the company he kept. They grew to hate him.

Finally, they murdered him. The family unit was gone now. Only the widow was left. She grew old. Alone."

Mary, Joseph, and Jesus were a family much like any of our families today."

Peace be with you this Holy Season!

Dr. Alexandra Guliano



Join us on

Thursday, January

55+ Social Club

11th in Heck Hall at 11:30AM. The Rev. Fred Boettcher will be here with his slide presentation on "Sno-Birds, On to Florida." Orders for sub sandwiches from Bunzel's can be placed with Barb Heinz in the Parish Office. There is a choice of turkey, beef, or ham. At a cost of \$6, chips, olives, and pickles are included.

WORLD January 1st, 2007

DAY OF PRAYER FOR PEACE/ SOLEMNITY OF MARY

Although the obligation to attend mass on Monday, January 1st, 2007 has been removed for this year, we will celebrate one mass for the holyday at 10AM in celebration of the Solemnity of Mary/World Day of Prayer for Peace.

The Parish has an emergency telephone line 24 hours a day, 7 days a week for deaths and other emergencies. Please call the main office number (414)771-2500, and follow the instructions for the emergency line.



The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, January 1st, 2007 in observance of New Year's Day. Normal business hours will resume on Tuesday, January 2nd, 2007.

Attention Parish Council Members

Parish Council members are reminded that January meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 2nd, 2007 at 7PM in the All Purpose Room.

Thank you for your support of the "Hearts With Haiti" fundraiser at Picollo's Restaurant. With your help, \$2,845.88 was raised to help support the orphanages in Haiti!



Please make our new parishioners, Jeffrey and Sandra Todd, feel welcome!

**December 31st, 2006 —
January 7th, 2007**

**Parish
Events**

Sunday, December 31st

9:10AM Praise Band and Choirs (Church)

Monday, January 1st

PARISH OFFICE IS CLOSED

10:00AM Mass for World Day of Prayer for Peace and the Solemnity of Mary (Church)

Tuesday, January 2nd

7:00PM Parish Council Meeting (APR)

Wednesday, January 3rd

6:30PM Health & Wholeness Committee (Library)

7:30PM Praise Band (Church)

7:30PM Choir (Chapel)

Thursday, January 4th

No Meetings Scheduled

Friday, January 5th

No Meetings Scheduled

Saturday, January 6th

No Meetings Scheduled

Sunday, January 7th

9:10AM Praise Band and Choirs (Church)



To all who helped make our celebrations of Advent and Christmas so beautiful --The **Art and Environment Committee**, coordinated by **Kris Pluta** and **Kathy Hubrich** and the volunteers who gave of their time to decorate the church.

--**Gladys Sachse**, our resident seamstress, who designed and sewed all the various cloths and appointments for Advent and Christmas.

--Our Maintenance Team, who put up the trees, wreaths, creche, and prepared our facility for this Holy Season--**Mike Davis** and **Toni Timm**.

--The **liturgical ministers** who ministered at our liturgies, especially those who signed up for helping at an extra liturgy: Altar Servers, Greeter, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, and Ushers.

--All our **Music Ministers and Choirs**--Canticle Choir, Praise Band, and St. Therese Choir--and our Pastoral Musician, **Elterine Jankowski-Biggers**, our accompanist, **Sterling Biggers**, and our substitute choir director, **Courtney Falk**.

--The **Parish Staff**, who support all the ministries of our parish. --The Advent Giving Committee, chaired this year by **Maureen Crowley**.

--Our Presiders and Parish Director: **Dr. Alexandra Guliano**, **Father Hugh Birdsall, SDS**, and **Father Norm Oswald**.

--**All who attended our Advent/Christmas liturgies.** God bless us everyone!



The winners of the raffle at the Library Christmas/Advent Display were Amy Haynes and Kayla Hermening. Amy won the beautiful crystal cross and Kayla won the children's holiday basket.

Congratulations to you both! Thanks to all the parishioners who attended this annual event. Wonderful Christmas

storybooks and inspirational Advent books, videos and new DVDS are available for you to check out in the Parish Library located in the main lobby. Stop by and browse the selection before or after mass.

**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!

Donations for Christmas Flowers/Candles

Amount of Donation \$ _____

In memory of _____

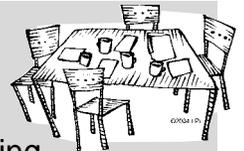
In honor of _____

Donor's Name _____

Phone () _____

Would you like this published? Yes No

**ON-CALL
MAINTENANCE
ASSISTANT**



The parish is in need of help for setting up/tearing down chairs and tables for special meetings, funeral receptions, large gatherings, and other events. Assistance is also needed for opening/closing for these events. Flexibility is required and availability nights and weekends is necessary. If you are interested in applying for this paid position, please call the Parish Office.



**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, in applying for this paid position, please call the Parish Office.



Readings for the Week of December 31st, 2006

Feast of the Holy Family

- Sunday: Sir 3:2-7, 12-14 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28; Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24; Lk 2:41-52
- Monday: Nm 6:22-27; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21
- Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Jn 1:19-28
- Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:29-3:6; Jn 1:29-34
- Thursday: 1 Jn 3:7-10; Jn 1:35-42
- Friday: 1 Jn 3:11-21; Jn 1:43-51
- Saturday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-38 or 3:23, 31-34, 36, 38

Epiphany of the Lord

Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF January 1st, 2007

- Monday, January 1st, 2007**
10:00AM Pat Bernardi
- Tuesday, January 2nd, 2007**
7:45AM Mother of Perpetual Help Prayers
8:00AM †Edwardo John & Richard McShane
- Wednesday, January 3rd, 2007**
7:45AM Rosary before Liturgy
8:00AM Liturgy of the Word with Communion
- Thursday, January 4th, 2007**
7:45AM Rosary before Liturgy
8:00AM Liturgy of the Word with Communion
- Friday, January 5th, 2007**
7:30AM †Anna Becker
- Saturday, January 6th, 2007**
5:00PM Dennis Nee
- Sunday, January 7th, 2007**
8:00AM The People of St. Therese Parish Community
10:00AM †Helen Bergh



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.

—All bulletin announcements are due by **Monday at 8:30AM**. 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.

If you are an able-bodied adult (over 18) who has a desire to help **Rebuild lives and Restore hope** to the residents of the Gulf Coast, you might be interested in coming to an informational meeting to find out more about a possible work camp trip to Bay St. Louis, MS being considered this Spring. This work camp will be a cooperative effort of our cluster of parishes.

If you are interested, please come to an informational meeting at St. Therese on January 10th, 2007 in the All Purpose Room (This is not a commitment to participate but a way to get more information). Any Questions? Call Bill Leon at Catholic Charities at 769-3412.

Thank You!	CHURCH SUPPORT	
	<u>December 23rd/24th</u> \$8484.36	<u>Christmas</u> \$9931.25

Health & Wholeness Committee There will be a meeting of the Health & Wholeness Committee on Wednesday, January 3rd, 2007 at 6:30PM in the Library. New members welcome!

The blood pressure program is also in need of people to do the blood pressure screening once a month. Please call the parish office if you can help.

BINGO! Come join some fun at St. Vincent Pallotti Bingo at 201 N. 76th Street in the Parish Center every Friday starts at 6:30pm, Progressive Bingo at 9pm. Come join us in our non-smoking environment.

Archdiocese of Milwaukee Annual Report
The Archdiocese of Milwaukee's 2005-2006 Annual Report recently was mailed to all registered Catholic households throughout the archdiocese. If you are a member of our parish, you will receive an annual report at your home.

Help Support Our Day Programs: DONATIONS NEEDED

Catholic Charities Adult Day Center has continued to keep the cost of our day services down and have one of the lowest daily rates in Milwaukee and Waukesha Counties. We have been able to offer affordable adult day services because of your donations. An ongoing contribution need at our centers are: juices, Crystal Light, decaf coffee, tea, graham crackers, hot chocolate, Styrofoam cups, paper towels, paper napkins, diabetic cookies, and miniature candy bars. Please drop off any of these donations at our centers at 1919 N. 60th Street, Milwaukee, or 13700 W. National Ave, New Berlin, Monday thru Friday from 7AM – 5PM.

Living as God's People

Our next *Living as God's People* will be offered Thursday, January 11th from 6:00 – 9:00PM and Sunday, January 14th from 11:30AM – 2:30PM. Our focus will be “Lent – Changing Our Rhythm of Life.”



For this event, we will need donations of used or old household tools, such as:

- ◆ Wooden mixing spoons
- ◆ Mixing bowls, different sizes (metal preferred)
- ◆ Baking pans – jelly roll, cookie sheet, (metal preferred)
- ◆ Sauce pans (metal preferred)
- ◆ Clean garbage pails (metal or plastic)
- ◆ Hammers
- ◆ Screw drivers
- ◆ Nails, various sizes, handfuls of them
- ◆ Screws, nuts, and bolts, handfuls of them

Curious as to what these items are for—and what they have to do with Lent?! Come to our January session and find out!

REMINDER:

If you have signed up for the entire year of *Living as God's People*, but will NOT be able to attend a certain month, PLEASE call me as soon as possible to let me know. The Core Team bases our food order on our attendance number, and we don't want to have too much food (although the leftovers are always good!). Also, if you will be switching the day of attendance, a call to let me know this would be nice.

Thanks!
Marian

Month-to-Month Reservation Form Living As God's People — January Session

Name _____ Phone (____) _____

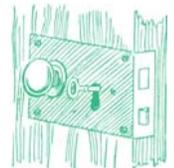
E-Mail _____ Number attending: _____

I/we will attend on:

- Thursday, January 11th ONLY from 6 - 9PM
- Sunday, January 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.

MIDDLE SCHOOL LOCK-IN!

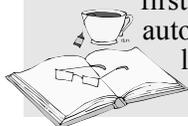
Save March 2nd-3rd on your calendar if you are in the 6th, 7th, or 8th grades. District 12 parishes are sponsoring the first annual Middle School Lock-In, **Face the Fast**, here at St. Therese Parish!



We will be having an organizing meeting with interested youth. Come and help plan on Thursday, January 18th at 6:30PM at St. Therese. Call Marian for more information!

St. Therese Reads: The Story of a Soul

We will be gathering to discuss *The Story of a Soul* on Wednesday, **February 7th at 7:00PM**. This is different than first announced. Please bring your copy of St. Therese's autobiography with you. If you would like to help plan this evening, call Marian in the Parish Office.



ST. THERESE 50TH ANNIVERSARY KEY CHAINS—FREE GIFT TO PARISH MEMBERS

Through the generosity and kindness of Ron Johnson, longtime parish member, over 500 St. Therese Key Chains have been given to our parish members. They are a gift to us, so please take a key chain as a remembrance of our 50th Year as a parish. One per person, please.

AN OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE: COLLECTION COUNTERS NEEDED

We have two teams of collection counters and we are currently forming a third team. Counters meet either on Monday morning or Sunday after the 10AM mass. Counters must be parish members, 21 years of age or older. Archdiocesan policies require that member of the counting team not be related and are subject to a background check. If you can serve the parish in this way, please call the Parish Office.

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.

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 (____) _____