



Saint Therese Parish

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December 2nd, 2007

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.

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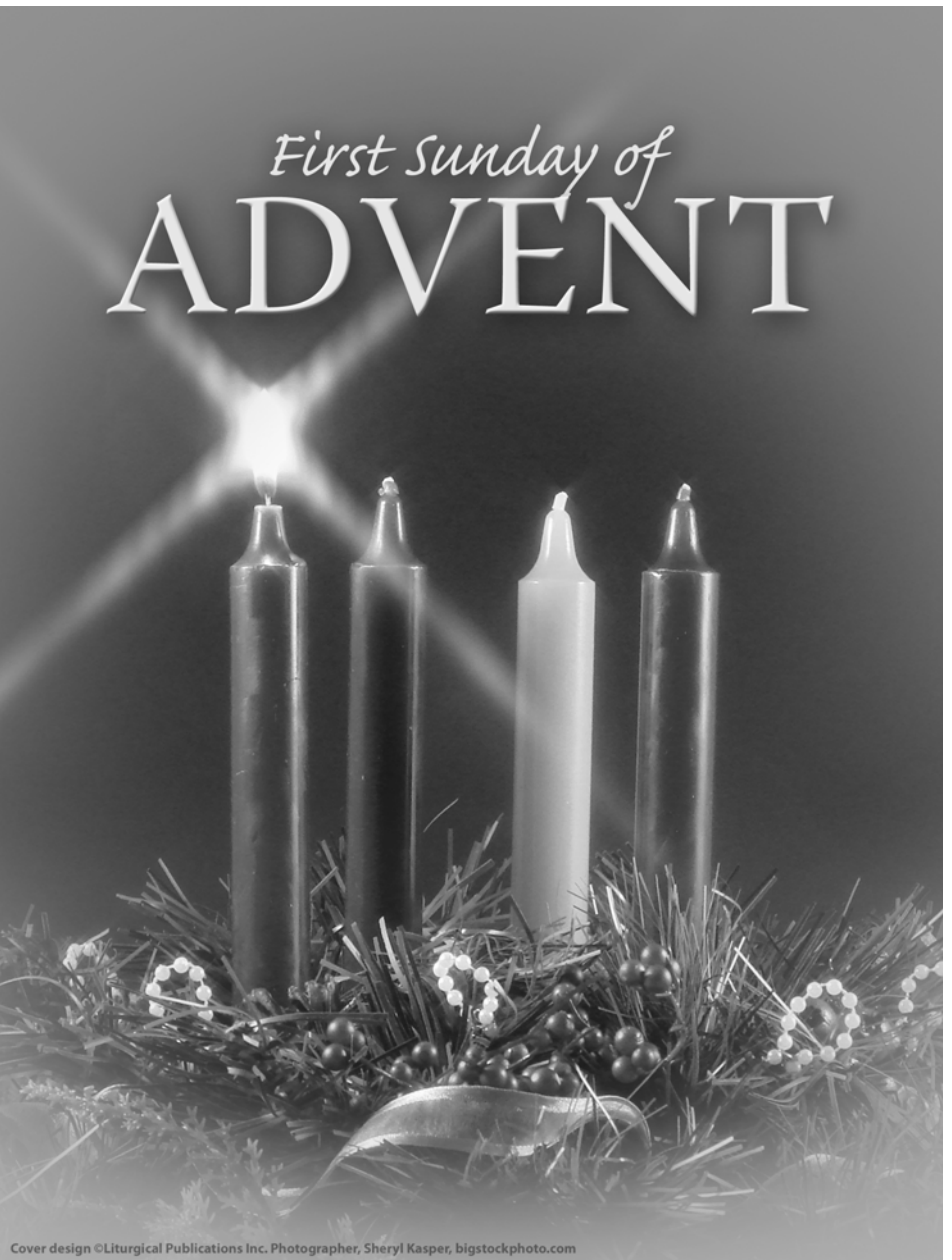
For Parish Emergencies, please call (414) 771-2500 and follow the instructions for the 24-hour emergency line.

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
See inside for Holy Day Schedules



Reconciliation: 4:15PM — 4:45PM

1st Saturday of the Month

Anointing of the Sick:

2nd Full Weekend of the Month

Following Each Mass

All Other Sacraments:

Please call the Parish Office

Preparation can take six months or more

Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday:

8:30AM — 4:00PM

closed 12:00PM — 12:30PM

Wednesday:

12:00PM — 7:30PM

closed 4:00PM to 4:30PM

Friday:

8:30AM to 12:00PM

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From the Desk of the Parish Director

A few weeks ago, in this column, I explained that Archbishop Dolan has appointed Father Jim Connell as Vicar for Planning for the archdiocese. Father Jim's charge is to create a comprehensive plan for all the parishes, schools, and institutions of the archdiocese and to present this to Archbishop Dolan. Father Jim began the dialogue with pastors/parish directors and priests in late summer and early fall. Last week, he met with parish staffs, and currently he is conducting a series of meetings with lay leaders of parishes to explain the three archdiocesan initiatives of pastoral planning, the capital campaign, and the series "Living Our Faith."

In addition, Father Jim has published his findings entitled "Thoughts and Ponderings," which are available on the archdiocesan website (www.archmil.org/aboutus/ShowResource.asp?ID=2258) and through the "News & Events" link on our parish website. Father Jim is asking for feedback. I have encouraged our Parish Council, Finance/Administration Committee, Parish Staff, and others, to please read these documents and to respond to Father Jim at vicarforplanning@archmil.org. Father Jim has opened the invitation to all of us to become an active participant in the process. Please accept his invitation.

If you do not have access to the internet and would like a copy of Father Jim's documents, you can pick one up from the tables at the entrances of the church. They are also available by request. Please call Courtney Falk, Administrative Assistant, in the Parish Office if you would like one mailed to you.

We have an opportunity to shape the direction of planning in our archdiocese. It is up to us to seize this opportunity.

On a final note, years ago I heard the phrase, "Not to decide is to let someone else decide for you." With regard to the planning process, a similar adage is "Not to participate is to let other plan for us." Thanks to all the parish groups and individuals who have taken the time and effort to read the documents, attend the meetings, and respond to Father Jim.

Advent blessings to you,

Dr. Alexandra Guliano



We are the people of Advent, for Advent is now, and not just back then. Therefore we can see all the characters of the Advent that was 'then' in our Advent which is 'now.' Where in our lives is John the Baptist, provoking us to become aware of new things happening in our lives? Where is Zachariah in our lives, not immediately open to what is so now new, so hard to understand? Where is Elizabeth, so ready, through the wisdom of living, to appreciate the coming of the Lord? Where is Joseph, so gracious when all was so strange? And where is Mary in us, trusting in the providence given to her, welcoming the word in her heart? For, where we find Mary in ourselves, there we find Christ being born in our souls.

Prepare the way for the Lord, smooth the path for our God.

Please remember the following in your prayers:

Margaret Anderson * Lenore Black * Gianna Capecci
Mary Cosimi * David Dane * Christian Elder * Mike Czarnecki
Christopher Duffy & Family * Frank Eskra * Ann Farell
Len Dushek * Larry Burazin * Lynn Gordon * Chuck Hillyer
Legia Gomez * Carol Hoppenjan * Anastasia Hubbard
Janice Corak * Christine Hutchins * Garnet Jankowski
Joachim Family * Ken Knollenberg * Marion Stabo * Art Bonk
Gertrude Kohlmann * Jack Kopischke * Ann Lackovic
Ciel Maccani * Cindy Mekka * Millie Metz * Andy Moehr
Isaiah Montoya * LaVerne Mucci * Fran Schmidt * Susan Sinks
Barbara Schmitz * Karie Schwonke * Sue Monyette * Dee Blom
Carlene Siever * Harold Vanden Heuvel * Maurie Wright
Olga Valdovinos * Rosemary Cassidy * Patty Miller
Mary Stoke * Maryann Tadych * Baby Riana Wolosek

Born to Eternal Life: †Betty Casanova

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is celebrated on December 8th. This year the holyday falls on a Saturday. We will celebrate one holyday mass at 8:00AM in the church. Liturgical ministers are needed for this mass. Please sign up in the sacristy. The 5:00PM mass on December 8th is the Vigil Mass of Anticipation for the Second Sunday of Advent.

Advent Wreath Lighting

It is a tradition here at St. Therese that members of the congregation light the Advent wreath at the beginning of mass for the four weekends of Advent. If you or your family would like to light the Advent wreath, please sign up in the sacristy. The sign up sheet is on the bulletin board.

Christmas and New Year's Day Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve, December 24th

4:00PM Family Mass

10:00PM Choir Concert followed by Mass

Christmas Day, December 25th

8:00AM and 10:00AM masses

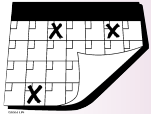
New Year's Day, January 1st

9:00AM Solemnity of Mary/World Day of Prayer for Peace

Advent Penance Service For District 12 Parishes

The Advent Penance Service for District 12 parishes will be celebrated on Wednesday, December 12th at 7:00PM at St. Bernard Parish.





Parish Events for the Week

Sunday, December 2nd

9:15AM Adult Choir (CH)

Monday, December 3rd

7:00PM Parish Council (APR)

8:00PM St. Vincent dePaul (LIB)

Tuesday, December 4th

No Meetings Scheduled

Wednesday, December 5th

11:30AM Adult Cook (HH)

4:30PM Youth & Adult Serve

7:30PM Praise Band (CH)

7:30PM Adult Choir (CHP)

Thursday, December 6th

No Meetings Scheduled

Friday, December 7th

No Meetings Scheduled

Saturday, December 8th—Sharing Weekend

4:15PM First Reconciliation (CH)

Sunday, December 9th—Sharing Weekend

9:00AM Blood Pressure Screening (CH)

9:15AM Adult Choir (CH)

11:15AM RCIA (2ND)

After Sunday Masses St. Nick Breakfast (HH)

Living Our Faith Prayer Cards

Living Our Faith prayer cards are available in the small marked baskets on the tables at the entrances of the church. Please take one.

The Cherub Choir is Doing Well!

The children have *beautiful* voices. Our next rehearsals are:

December 16th at 9:00AM in the Chapel

December 23rd at 9:00AM in the Church

December 24th at 3:15PM in the Church (in preparation for 4:00PM mass.)

Breakfast With the Saints

Next Sunday, December 9th, there will be a pancake breakfast, crafts, story telling, and more.

This day is planned to help prepare you and your family for the birth of our savior Jesus Christ. Make time to let Jesus be the reason for this Holy, Holiday Season. Meal will be available after both the 8:00AM and 10:00AM masses. Activities will only take place following the 10:00AM mass. For more information, contact Cathy Smith in the Parish Office.



Next Weekend is Sharing Weekend

The Recipient of this month's Sharing collection will be "The Cathedral Center." The Cathedral Center is located at 845 North Van Buren. It's mission is to provide a safe environment for women and families, while working to end homelessness one life at a time.

As an extension of it's mission and ministry, the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist provides the physical space for the center and cooperates with other community churches to provide spiritual support. The Cathedral Center provides emergency shelter and case management services for women and families who are homeless or experiencing housing crisis. Families served include single Mothers or Fathers as well as married couples with their children. During the winter months, from December to March, they also provide emergency warm room space for single women even when the shelter is full.

Please be generous during this Holiday season. Thank you for your sharing abundance this past year.

Additional Opportunity for Individual Confessions During Advent

An additional opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Individual Confession) will be offered on Saturday, December 22nd from 4:15PM to 4:45PM.

Photos From the Wall of Remembrance

Thanks to all who displayed pictures of their deceased loved ones for our November Wall of Remembrance. Please pick up your pictures in the sacristy.



Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors

If You Missed the November 13th Meeting

If you missed the Eucharistic Minister and Lector meeting held on Tuesday, November 13th, please note that there are updated rosters and minutes in the ministry mailboxes in the sacristy for you to pick up. Also, please speak with a Eucharistic Minister or Lector who attended the meeting for an update on what you missed.



Ministry Sign-Up Sheets

Sign-up sheets for servers, lectors, and Eucharistic ministers for January through April 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 first weekend in December. Schedules will be ready the following weekend. If you are interested in joining one of the ministries, please add your name and phone number to the bottom of the appropriate sheet, and you will be contacted. Questions? Contact Mari Pavleje (414) 545-2733.

Greeter Sign-Up Sheets

Greeters and anyone wishing to become one, please sign up for the January-April schedule in the sacristy by December 9th. Thank You.

Liturgical Minister Sign-Up for the Christmas and New Year's Day Liturgies

Eucharistic Minister, Lectors, Altar Servers, and Greeters are asked to sign up to minister for the Christmas and New Year's Day liturgies. It is a privilege to minister at these special feasts!

Readings for the Week of December 2nd

First Sunday of Advent

Sun: Is 2:1-5; Rom 13:11-14; Mt 24:37-44
 Mon: Is 4:2-6; Mt 8:5-11
 Tue: Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24
 Wed: Is 25:6-10a; Mt 15:29-37
 Thu: Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27
 Fri: Is 29:17-24; Mt 9:27-31
 Sat: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

Second Sunday of Advent

Sun: Is 11:1-10; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12



Tuesday, December 4th

7:45AM Mother of Perpetual Help Prayers
 8:00AM Bernard McShane

Wednesday and Thursday

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

Friday, December 7th

7:30AM †Gordie Watters

Saturday, December 8th

8:00AM Maria Guliano
 5:00PM †Betty Casanova

Sunday, December 9th

8:00AM †Ruth Retzlaff
 10:00AM People of St. Therese Parish Community and Jack Kopischke

Decorating for the Holidays

The Art & Environment Committee is looking for a few good men, women and youth to help decorate the church for Christmas. We will start this process on Friday, December 21st at 6:00PM and finish up on Saturday morning, December 22nd starting at 9:00AM if we don't finish Friday evening.



It is a very big undertaking to make our Church look it's best for this very special time of year. We need manpower in order to decorate the trees with lights, the altar with flowers, setting up the crèche, hanging garland, etc. You don't need any talent in decorating, you just need a willingness to help. If you are able to help, please call Kris Pluta at (414) 771-9432 and leave a message of when you are available to help. Thank you so much for volunteering.

Archdiocese Catholic Stewardship Appeal Update

As of November 15th, 213 of our parish members have donated \$32,146.25 for the support of the 2007 Catholic Stewardship Appeal. We have reached 95% of our goal of \$34,000. Thanks to all who have donated for the support of our archdiocesan ministries.

Note from the Green Team

The St. Therese Green Team recommends that *today* you give something away; that *this week* you air dry your laundry on a clothesline; that *this month* you donate some of the clothes you haven't worn in the past year.

Three Archdiocesan Initiatives

Parish Planning, Capital Campaign, and Living Our Faith Upcoming Meetings

Seven opportunities to learn more about the Three Archdiocesan Initiatives undertaken under the direction of Archbishop Timothy Dolan ("Living Our Faith"—a parish-centered effort to help people to meet, know, and live Christ; "Mission Vision: 21st Century"—archdiocesan planning; and "Faith In Our Future"—the capital campaign) will be held during the next three weeks.

- Monday, December 3rd: 7:00PM St. James Parish
830 County Rd NN East, Mukwonago
- Tuesday, December 4th: 7:00PM St. Peter Alcantara Parish
1800 N Wisconsin St, Port Washington
- Wednesday, December 5th: 6:30PM Holy Family Parish
271 Fourth St, Fond du Lac
- Tuesday, December 11th: 7:00PM St. Jude Parish
734 Glenview Ave, Wauwatosa

CHURCH SUPPORT

Thank you!

Envelopes & Offertory	November 17th/18th \$7131.55
Thanksgiving	November 24th/25th \$5145.26

Living Our Faith Initiative

Living our Faith is an initiative launched by the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, and beginning December 1st, that 1) invites people to Meet Christ; 2) teaches people to Know Christ; and 3) inspires people to Live Christ by serving Him and others. **Catholic Knights presents "Living Our Faith with Archbishop Timothy Dolan"**—a weekly 30-minute television program that shares inspirational and informational stories from across the archdiocese. The program airs on Saturdays on WISN TV Channel 12 at 11:00AM during the month of December and at 12:00 noon during the months of January through March 2008 (except Saturday, March 29) and on Time Warner Cable's Wisconsin on Demand, Channel 1111.



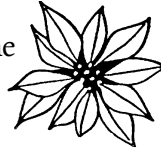
Little Blue Books

This is the first weekend of Advent. To help you and your family prepare for the birth of our Savior, a supply of *The Little Blue Books* has been purchased. *The Little Blue Book* offers daily reflections on the Advent and Christmas Gospels. The book offers a simple way to shed light into our own lives in just six minutes a day. Please take *only* one per household.



Flower/Candle Memorial Donations for the Christmas Season

Please consider remembering a loved one or a special intention by donating a memorial during the Christmas Season. Please fill out the form below with your donation of any amount and return it in the collection basket or send it to the Parish Office.



PLEASE PRINT. Thank you!

Your Name _____
 Phone () _____
 Please select one: In Memory In Honor In Thanksgiving
 Of/For _____
 I would like the above information published Yes No
 Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Doing Holiday Shopping Online?

Donate to St. Therese at the same time! Set St. Therese as your charity at goodsearch.com and then click on the GoodShop logo. Search for the online store you would like to patronize, and then shop as you normally would. For every purchase you make in this manner, the retailer donates a percentage of your total. All it takes is visiting goodsearch.com before you begin your shopping. Remember to goodshop for St. Therese this holiday season!



Can You Name That Room?

The 2nd floor of the Parish Office has gotten a makeover and contains rooms that are now being used for catechetics and meetings. With new looks, we need new names. Our challenge to you is "Can you name that room?" The names and places listed in the Bible and our Catholic tradition could be a good starting point.

Please take an active role in the naming of these areas. Until next week, there will be ballots and boxes at on the Catechesis table near the Bluemound entrance of Church for you to submit your ideas. Be sure to include your name because the winners will receive a small prize. The deadline for submissions is December 9th.

Bulletin Deadlines for the Holidays

The holidays are a busy time of year for everyone, including our bulletin publisher! Please note the altered submission deadlines for the rest of 2007 and early 2008. All submissions must be in writing (email preferred) and must be received by 8:30AM on deadline date. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Bulletin Date	Deadline
December 9th	December 3rd
December 16th	December 10th
December 23rd	December 12th
December 30th	December 19th
January 6th	December 26th

Parish Council

1st Monday of Month at 7:00PM

Chairperson

Kathy Hubrich (414) 259-1961

Vice-Chairperson

Judy Dietz (414) 607-0681

Trustee

Jim Balliet (414) 257-0339

Trustee

Mari Pavleje (414) 545-2733

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Greater Tosa
Interfaith

(414) 453-5750

Saint Vincent
de Paul

(414) 462-7837

Federal Privacy Regulation — HIPAA (Health Insurance Portability & Accountability Act)

Prohibits 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 Dr. Guliano in the Parish Office.

**Please remember
Saint Therese Parish
in your will !**

**Bulletin deadline:
Monday, 8:30AM**

**Announcement deadline
Thursday, 3:00PM**

All submissions must be in writing; email preferred.

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 basket or send it to the Parish Office, 9525 West Bluemound Road, Milwaukee, WI 53226. The full registration form will be mailed to you, or if you prefer, you can download and print the form from the "Contact Us" page on our website.

Name _____ Phone () _____ Email _____
 Address _____ City, State, Zip _____