



Saint Therese Parish

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December 9th, 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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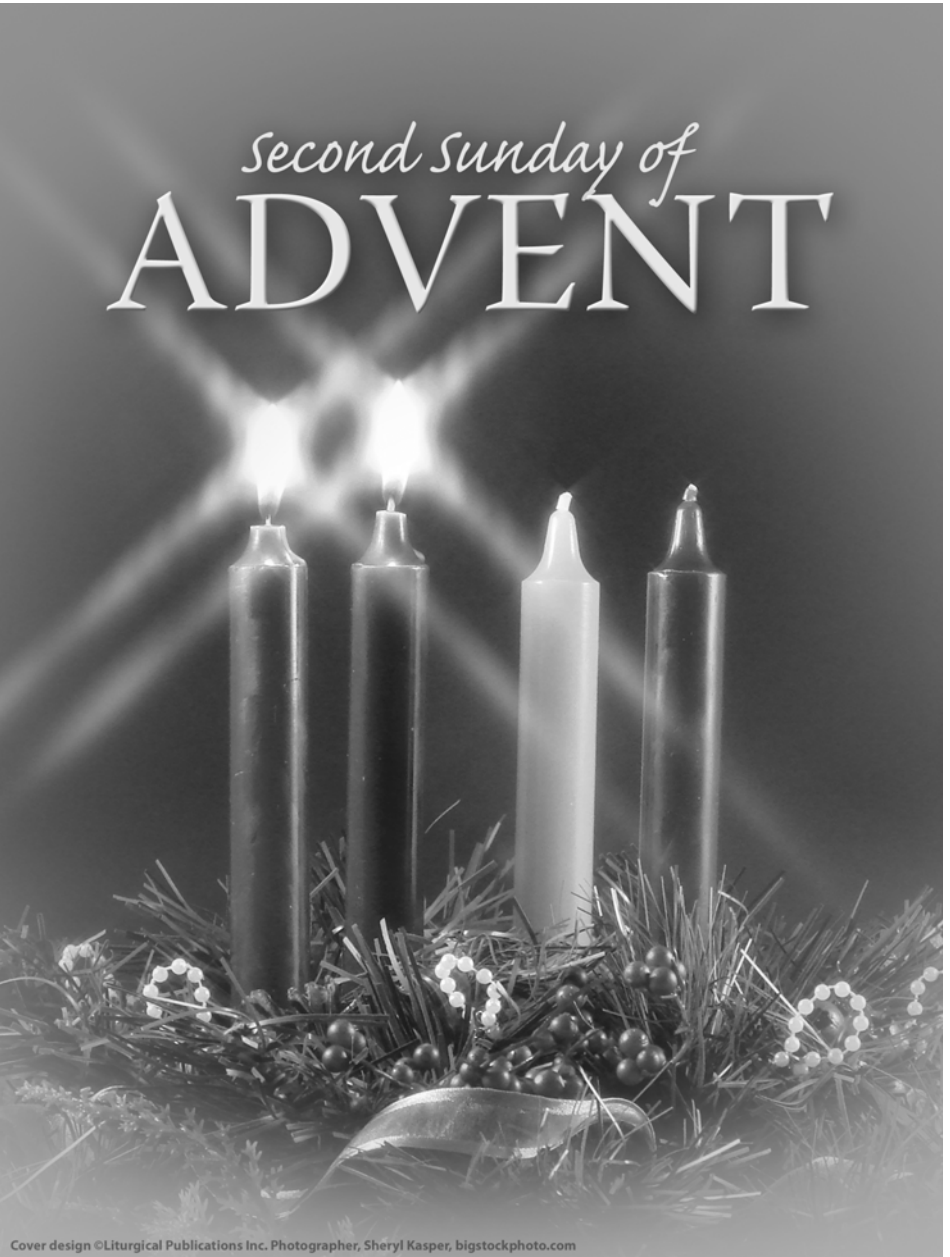
For Parish Emergencies, please call (414) 771-2500 and follow the instructions for the 24-hour emergency line.

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

- Last month, (November) a group of parish members began meeting to create a Strategic Plan for St. Therese Parish. Wally Hesselbein, Christine Jensen, Chuck Jagemann, Sister Sara Jean Donegan, SSND, Kathy Hubrich, and Jim Balliet comprise our group who will articulate a vision for the future of our parish. Jim Balliet and Kathy Hubrich are the co-chairs.

Each year every parish in the archdiocese is required to complete a report called the Status Animarum (the yearly state of the parish). This report include statistical information on membership, reception of the sacraments, ministries, and future planning. One of the areas in the report asks whether a strategic plan is in place. We hope to have our strategic plan in place no later than Spring 2008.

How can you help? You will be hearing from the Strategic Planning Committee at mass in the very near future. A survey will be forthcoming. Also, feel free to speak in person or by phone to any of the members of the committee. You can also send written comments to the Strategic Planning Committee by mailing in your comments or e-mailing them to the parish e-mail address with "Strategic Planning" in the subject line.

- On another note, thanks to all who have returned their parish stewardship commitment cards. Preliminary figures show a 2% increase in financial commitments from last year. Thanks to all who have increased their tithes and offerings to help our parish keep pace with inflation and the rising costs of maintenance.
- Congratulations to our young children who are receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation this weekend. Thanks to Christine Reinders, our Coordinator of Early Childhood Catechesis and Sacraments for designing the preparation process and working with our children and parents.

Advent blessings to you!

Dr. Alexandra Guliano



Lord God, may we, your people, who look forward to the birthday of Christ experience the joy of salvation and celebrate that feast with love and thanksgiving. Lift our minds in watchful hope to hear the voice which announces His glory and open our minds to receive the Spirit who prepares us for His coming. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Glory in His holy name; rejoice, O hearts that seek the Lord!
1 Chronicles 16:10

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 Cassady * Patty Miller
Mary Stoke * Maryann Tadych * Baby Riana Wolosek

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.

Little Blue Books

During this Advent Season 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 shed light into our own lives in just six-minutes a day. Please take only one per household.



2008 St. Joseph Sunday Missals Available

A limited number of 2008 St. Joseph Sunday Missals are available on the tables at the entrances of the church. Please place a freewill offering in the collection basket if you wish to donate to cover the cost of these.

Photos From the Wall of Remembrance

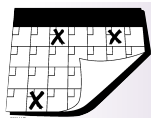
Thanks to all who displayed pictures of their deceased loved ones for our November Wall of Remembrance. Please pick up your pictures in the sacristy.



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 on the bulletin board in the sacristy.





Parish Events for the Week

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)

Monday, December 10th

No Meetings Scheduled

Tuesday, December 11th

8:30AM Bible Study Group (STR)

3:30PM Canticle Choir (APR)

6:30PM MICAH (STR)

Wednesday, December 12th

7:30PM Praise Band (CH)

7:30PM Adult Choir (CHP)

Thursday, December 13th

No Meetings Scheduled

Friday, December 14th

No Meetings Scheduled

Saturday, December 15th

After mass Library Display (LIB)

Sunday, December 16th

9:00AM God's Littlest People (2ND)

9:00AM Cherub Choir (CHP)

9:15AM Canticle Choir (CH)

11:15AM RCIA (2ND)

After masses Library Display (LIB)

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.

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.



Ministry Schedules

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 are interested in joining one of the ministries, please contact Mari Pavleje (414) 545-2733.

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.)



Children ages 3-7 and their parents (or grandparents) are invited to participate in God's Littlest People on Sunday, December 16th. This month we'll learn about God's forgiveness

through Reconciliation. God's Littlest People begins with 8:00AM Mass. Following Mass, some of the children will participate in Cherub Choir rehearsal, while the others get a head start on the breakfast pizza, banana pancakes, and French toast bites. One thing for sure, there's going to be plenty of food to feast on. After all, learning about Jesus takes a lot of energy! Contact Christine Reinders in the Parish Office with any questions.

God's Littlest People Need Your Help!

Each month during God's Littlest People, the children and parents feast on a delicious prepared breakfast. During 8:00 Mass, volunteers are needed to warm up the breakfast and set-up the dining necessities: napkins, cups, beverages, plates, etc. Please contact Christine Reinders in the Parish Office if you're willing to help.

55+ Social Club

Thanks to all those who donated door prizes for our Christmas Luncheon and to all who helped make this another great event, especially our emcee, Bob Cowan, who does such a great job, and special thanks to Ron Johnson for the donation of gifts for each of us, and for Norm Monville who filled in for him as Santa. Our regular monthly meetings in Heck Hall resume on Thursday, January 10th at 11:30AM when storyteller Dr. Luia Dorneden will entertain us with tales of wit, wisdom, nature, and nurture. Orders for sub sandwiches from Bunzel's can be placed with Barb Heinz in the Parish Office.

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.

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!

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!



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.

Readings for the Week of December 9th

Second Sunday of Advent

Sun: Is 11:1-10; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12
 Mon: Is 35:1-10; Lk 5:17-26
 Tue: Is 40:1-11; Mt 18:12-14
 Wed: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab;
 Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47
 Thu: Is 41:13-20; Mt 11:11-15
 Fri: Is 48:17-19; Mt 11:16-19
 Sat: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Third Sunday of Advent

Sun: Is 35:1-6a, 10; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11



**MassIntentions
for the Week**

Tuesday, December 11th

7:45AM Mother of Perpetual Help Prayers
 8:00AM †Jim Lunz

Wednesday and Thursday

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

Friday, December 14th

7:30AM †Fred Sachse

Saturday, December 15th

5:00PM †Margaret Kaegi

Sunday, December 16th

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

<i>Thank you!</i>	CHURCH SUPPORT	
	Envelopes & Offertory	<u>December 1st/2nd</u> \$8204.20

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.



This 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 its 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.

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. 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. Thank you so much for volunteering.



You Are Invited!

Next weekend after all masses there will be a wonderful display of Christmas/Advent DVDs, videos and books available for you to check out. There's something for everyone so bring the family. You're welcome to enter a free raffle for a gorgeous crystal cross and for children there's a raffle basket of goodies. There will also be a table of sweet treats so don't miss this special display!

Three Archdiocesan Initiatives

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

There is one opportunity left 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).

- Tuesday, December 11th: 7:00PM St. Jude Parish
734 Glenview Ave, Wauwatosa

Note From the Green Team

The St. Therese Green Team recommends that during this holiday season you consider alternate ways to wrap gifts. You can use newspaper, the comics are not only amusing, but colorful as well. Place large gifts in cloth shopping bags. Consider wrapping in colorful napkins or small tablecloths. Be imaginative, bearing in mind that we are working to be more ecologically responsible Christians. Have a Blessed Christmas!



You Search or Shop...
We Give!

Bulletin Deadlines for the Holidays

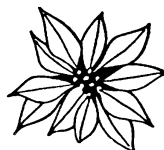
The holidays are a busy time of year for everyone, including our bulletin publisher! Please note the altered submission deadlines for the rest of 2007 and early 2008. All submissions must be in writing (email preferred) and must be received by 8:30AM on deadline date. Thank you for your understanding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

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

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 \$ _____

Snow Removal Help Needed

With the snow season upon us, we need help with snow removal for the chapel steps and entrance during the weekdays—Tuesday through Friday. Since we have our morning liturgies at 8:00AM on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday and 7:30AM on Friday, we need the chapel steps and entrance cleared by 7:00AM. If you can help our parish community in this way, please call Dr. Guliano in the parish office. Please help us keep our parish property and those who attend our parish safe this winter.

Attention: All Committees and Groups—Materials on Tables and Bulletin Boards

Please note that approval is required before any materials can be placed on the tables at the entrances of the church, the catechesis table, and the bulletin boards. Any materials or displays that are left without prior approval will be discarded. Please submit any requests for materials to be left on the tables or bulletin boards to Courtney Falk, Administrative Assistant. You will be notified if/when the materials are approved for distribution. Please submit materials at least two weeks in advance and indicate the dates that the materials are to be made available. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Attention Adults Seeking Confirmation Into the Catholic Church

Sessions are being planned for individuals seeking Adult Confirmation. The journey toward full initiation into the church will begin in January and will meet several times a month leading to the Easter Vigil Mass on Saturday, March 22nd. For more information please contact Cathy Smith in the Parish Office.

Parish Council

1st Monday of Month at 7:00PM

Chairperson

Kathy Hubrich (414) 259-1961

Vice-Chairperson

Judy Dietz (414) 607-0681

Trustee

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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 _____