



# Saint Therese Parish

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## December 16th, 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.

### Parish Staff

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**Ministers**  
All the Members of the Parish

**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*



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**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

### From the Desk of the Parish Director

• We celebrate *Gaudete Sunday* this weekend, the Third Sunday of Advent. “*Gaudete*” is Latin for “rejoice.” We are called to the joy of the Lord in our midst. The color is rose/pink.

During the Eucharistic Prayer of the mass, we often sing, “When we eat this Bread, and drink this Cup, we proclaim your death until you come again!” It is Christ with us and Christ’s coming again that we acknowledge during the Season of Advent. Advent is not simply a time of remembering the past of our faith history; it is a time to experience the Christ with us now and Christ who is our future.

• On another note, Father Jim Connell has published his second issue of “Thoughts and Ponderings” regarding the archdiocesan pastoral planning. This document is available on the “News & Events” page of our own website. Copies are also available on the tables at the entrances of the church, or you can request one by contacting Courtney Falk, Administrative Assistant, in the Parish Office.

Advent blessings to you and those you love,

*Dr. Alexandra Guliano*



It was just a little town with a busy, crowded inn—not a place where you’d expect a King to enter in. Such a little town and yet His star still shines so bright; all roads lead to Bethlehem if we but seek the light.

*May His star shine out upon the darkened world today—lighting up the path of peace, and showing us the way.*

Please remember the following in your prayers:

- Margaret Anderson \* Lenore Black \* Art Bonk \* Larry Burazin
- Rosemary Cassidy \* Janice Corak \* Deanna Zychowski
- Mike Costello \* Mike Czarnecki \* David Dane \* Len Dushek
- Alberta Duckhorn \* Christopher Duffy & Family \* Ann Farell
- Christian Elder \* Frank Eskra \* Lynn Gordon \* Chuck Hillyer
- Shirley Gradisnik \* Carol Hoppenjan \* Anastasia Hubbard
- Christine Hutchins \* Andy Islo \* Garnet Jankowski
- Joachim Family \* Ken Knollenberg \* Mary Ann Labbott
- Ann Lackovic \* Ciel Maccani \* Cindy Mekka \* Millie Metz
- Andy Moehr \* Isaiah Montoya \* Sue Monyette \* Dee Blom
- Laverne Mucci \* Fran Schmidt \* Barbara Schmitz
- Karie Schwonke \* Susan Sinks \* Dee Blom \* Marion Stabo
- Mary Stoke \* Olga Valdovinos \* Harold Vanden Heuvel
- Baby Riana Wolosek \* Maurie Wright

Born to Eternal Life:

†Peter Ferguson,

grandson of Anne Lemanski; nephew of Jim & Jane Gill

†Jack Kopischke



Alyssa May, Devin Curtis, and John Keith, children of Kevin and Katie Doyne, were baptized

### 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.

### Congratulations!

—To Amy (Hahn) and Rod Narayan on the birth of their second child, Jaya Jane Narayan. Jaya Jane is the grandchild of Fred and Jane Hahn and the little sister of Asha Narayan.

### Thank You for Memorial Donations

—To the family and friends of Gordie Watters.

—To the family and friends of Jerome Pluck.

May they rest in peace!

### A Great Big Thank You!

Thank you, St. Therese Parishioners, for joining us for Breakfast with the Saints. Your presence at this Advent event was greatly appreciated. Thank you to all of the volunteers who helped to make this a special time for all. People who went above and beyond include Jim and Chris Jensen, the Ushers, the Kaisian family, and the families of the teens.



### 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

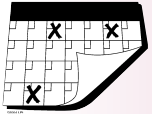
### Announcing an Important Town Hall Meeting Monday, January 7th, 2008

Plan now to attend the Town Hall Meeting on Monday, January 7th, 2008 in Heck Hall at 7:00PM. The Parish Council will conduct the meeting focused on the recent Archdiocesan Pastoral Planning—Vision 21st Century—with the goal of sending responses and input to Father Jim Connell on the planning process.

### Congratulations First Reconciliation Participants

Several of St. Therese’s young members received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time last weekend. With careful preparation and honest hearts, Julia Smessaert, Jacob Larson, Sydney Giroud-Cababa, Kathryn Weckwerth, Alex Knusta, and Jesse Sherman received God’s grace and forgiveness.





## Parish Events for the Week

### 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)

### Monday, December 17th

8:00PM St. Vincent dePaul Meeting (LIB)

### Tuesday, December 18th

6:45PM Finance/Administration (APR)

### Wednesday, December 19th

7:30PM Praise Band (CH)  
7:30PM Adult Choir (CHP)

### Thursday, December 20th

8:30AM - 6:30PM Prayer Day (CHP)

### Friday, December 21st

No Meetings Scheduled

### Saturday, December 22nd

No Meetings Scheduled

### Sunday, December 23rd

9:00AM Cherub Choir (CHP)  
9:15AM Adult Choir (CH)

### 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 30th	December 19th
January 6th	December 26th

### 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.

### 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, contact Mari Pavleje (414) 545-2733.

### 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.

### 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.

### 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.

### 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.

### St. Therese Library DVD Update

Just in this week! "Facing the Giants" is a great family film about a high school football coach struggling to overcome a losing season. His team and his faith are tested when they are pitted against the swaggering, defending champions. Realistic game-time action with refreshing moral implications. A great viewing choice especially during this magnificent Packer season! Feel free to check out this DVD and other materials in our extensive library.

### Greeter Schedules

Greeter Schedules for January through April are now available in the sacristy. Please pick up your copy.

**Readings for the Week of December 16th**

**Third Sunday of Advent**

Sun: Is 35:1-6a, 10; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11  
 Mon: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Mt 1:1-17  
 Tue: Jer 23:5-8; Mt 1:18-25  
 Wed: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Lk 1:5-25  
 Thu: Is 7:10-14; Lk 1:26-38  
 Fri: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Lk 1:39-45  
 Sat: 1 Sm 1:24-28; Lk 1:46-56

**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

Sun: Is 7:10-14; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24



**Mass Intentions for the Week**

**Tuesday, December 18th**

7:45AM Mother of Perpetual Help Prayers  
 8:00AM †Joe Wild

**Wednesday and Thursday**

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

**Friday, December 21st**

7:30AM †Betty Casanova

**Saturday, December 22nd**

5:00PM †Kenneth Roeberg

**Sunday, December 23rd**

8:00AM Gregory Enderson  
 10:00AM People of St. Therese Parish and Jenny Ramus

<i>Thank you!</i>	<b>CHURCH SUPPORT</b>	
	Envelopes & Offertory	<b>December 8th/9th \$9022.19</b>

**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 29th) and on Time Warner Cable's Wisconsin on Demand, Channel 1111.



**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.

**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.



**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.

**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!



**Volunteer Opportunities**

West Allis Memorial Hospital at 8901 W Lincoln Ave, has openings for weekday volunteers in several areas. Applicants must be able to walk around the hospital, push a wheelchair and have good customer service skills. Assignments are for 3-4 hours a week. To receive an information packet, please call (414) 328-7175.



### 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.



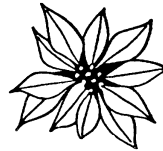
### Please Join Us!

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.

### 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 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### Chapel Entrance Closed During Weekdays

In order to reduce our liability during the snow/ice season, the Chapel entrance is closed during the weekdays. Please use the Lobby entrance and proceed through the Sacristy to enter the Chapel. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.



### Doing Holiday Shopping Online?

Donate to St. Therese at the same time! Set St. Therese as your charity at [goodsearch.com](http://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](http://goodsearch.com) before you begin your shopping. Remember to goodshop for St. Therese this holiday season!



### Parish Council

1st Monday of Month at 7:00PM

#### Chairperson

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#### Trustee

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#### Trustee

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(414) 453-5750

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(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.

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