



Saint Theresese Parish

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We are Saint Theresese 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.

September 28th, 2008

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Mass Schedule

Saturday: 5:00PM

Sunday: 8:00AM & 10:00AM

Tuesday: 7:30AM

Liturgy of the Word with Communion:

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday: 8:00AM

See inside for Holy Day Schedules



*“A man had two SONS.
He CAME to the first and said,
‘Son, go out and WORK in the
vineyard today.’
He said in reply, ‘I will NOT,
but afterwards
CHANGED his mind and went.”*

MATTHEW 21:28B-29

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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 12:00—12:30PM

Wednesday:

12:00 — 7:30PM

closed 4:00 — 4:30PM

Friday: 8:30AM to 12:00PM

From the Desk of the Parish Director

Three months ago I became the temporary Parish Director when Dr. Guliano left for her sabbatical. I want to thank you for the privilege of ministering with you during this time. St. Therese Parish, as any parish, has its joys and its challenges. Permit me to share with you some observations from my short time here.

Among its joys I would put at the top of the list: many people with strong, deep faith. I also experienced a genuine welcoming inclusive spirit. I do believe "all are welcome" here at St. Therese. The Sunday Eucharist is the center of any parish. Eucharist is celebrated well at St. Therese. The music ministry is excellent and adds much to our weekly celebration. I'm impressed with all the hidden tasks that are carried out by volunteers. Whether it's watering the plants (inside or out), changing the candles, scheduling ministers, washing the linens, stuffing the bulletins, etc., etc., etc.—all of these tasks enable our parish to run more smoothly. The catechetical program encompasses all ages and encourages life-long learning. In addition to the Eucharist, there are other opportunities for growing in one's spiritual life. There are many committees here at St. Therese that are very active and carrying out their responsibilities well. Another great joy is the competent staff that serves St. Therese Parish.

As in any parish, St. Therese experiences some challenges. A great challenge is to instill in every parishioner a sense of "ownership" and responsibility for the parish. This is your parish. Your involvement is vital to the life of the parish. It is my hope that everyone becomes involved in some way. As we pray at Mass in the Stewardship Prayer, each of us must be individually all the things we want our church to be. "Let someone else do it," or "I don't need to get involved" are attitudes that are deadly to our parish. Another challenge is to become financially stable. If we give generously as an expression of gratitude to God for the blessings we have received, we will find we will have enough. In comparison with your other expenditures, does your financial gift reflect adequately your gratitude to God?

The Parish Support Commitment sheet provides everyone the opportunity to strength our joys and meet our challenges. Please participate.

God bless you all!

Sr. Judy



While freely we receive Your gifts, we strive to freely give to friends and strangers, far and near, in the vast world where we live.

Heart gifts, wisdom, joy and love, fruitful seasons which we share all good gifts are graced by You and remind us that You care. You giveth power for us to give, Your grace will see us through, the gifts we give to others, Lord, all serve to honor You.

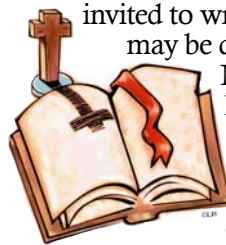
Bless the Lord, my soul: do not forget all the gifts of God.

Please remember the following in your prayers:

Margaret Anderson * Vicky Anderson * Lenore Black
Dee Blom * Art Bonk * Bernice Brah * Gianna Capecci
Janice Corak * David Dane * Alberta Duckhorn
Christopher Duffy & Family * Frank Eskra * Ann Farell
Tom Gaughan * Lynn Gordon * Chuck Hillyer * Merle Weber
Neil & Mary Jane Guliano * Anastasia Hubbard * Marcella Kozuh
Christine Hutchins * Judy & Andy Islo * Garnet Jankowski
Joachim Family * Marie Kneifl * Ken Knollenberg
Ann Lackovic * Lynne Lyste * Millie Metz * Virginia Weber
Aiden & Conner McKenna * Andy Moehr * Laverne Mucci
Tom & Glenda Nitka * Brayden Ramus * Gerry Roberts
Gladys Sachse * Frank & Sylvia Schaffer * Fran Schmidt
Barbara Schmitz * Karie Schwonke * Carlene Siever
Susan Sinks * Tom Sopkovich * Danny Stabo * Marion Stabo
Mary Stoke * Olga Valdovinos * Irene Van Eyck
Harold Vanden Heuvel * Deanna Zychowski

Book of the Names of the Dead

It is customary for Christian communities to remember the names of their dead. Throughout the month of October, the "Book of the Names of the Dead" is located at the back of the center aisle in church, just behind the gift table. Parishioners are



invited to write the names of the dead in this book. This may be done either before or after any of the weekend Masses. The names written in the book will be honored and prayed for during the Afternoon To Remember Liturgy held at St. Therese on Sunday, November 2nd and throughout the month of November. This is one way for all of us to remember, honor and pray for our loved ones for whom life has changed, but not ended.

Fall Office Hours

"Normal" Fall Office Hours resume this week. Please note the hours as follows:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday

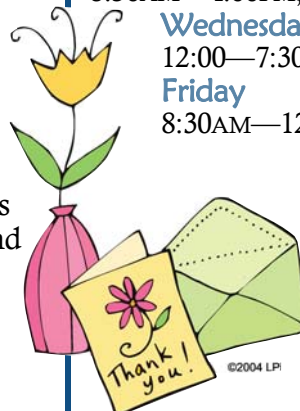
8:30AM—4:00PM, closed 12:00—12:30PM

Wednesday

12:00—7:30PM, closed 4:00—4:30PM

Friday

8:30AM—12:00PM



*Thank you for your
Ministry, Sr. Judy!
Best wishes to you!*



Parish Events for the Week

Sunday, September 28th

9:15AM St. Therese Choir (CH)

Monday, September 29th

No Meetings Scheduled

Tuesday, September 30th

No Meetings Scheduled

Wednesday, October 1st—Feast of St. Therese

11:30AM SVdP Adult Cook (KIT)

4:30PM SVdP Adult Serve (OFFSITE)

7:00PM Peace Prayer Service (SACRED HEART)

Thursday, October 2nd

6:30PM Social Concerns (STR)

Friday, October 3rd

No Meetings Scheduled

Saturday, October 4th

Celebration of the Feast of St. Therese

No Meetings Scheduled

Sunday, October 5th

Celebration of the Feast of St. Therese

7:30AM Canticle Choir (CH)

9:15AM St. Therese Choir (CH)

6:00PM Confirmation Prep (MC)

CH=Church, CHP=Chapel, GLP=God's Littlest Place, GN=Good News Gathering Place, HH=Heck Hall, KIT=Heck Hall Kitchen, LIB=Library, MC=Miriam's Corner, RR=Raphael Room, STR=St. Therese Room

55+ Social Club

We are having another "Pot Luck Luncheon" on Thursday, October 9th. Plan on attending and bring a dish to pass – make it, bake it, or buy it – and plan on joining us. Peg Nugent, Information Service Coordinator, Southeastern Area Agency on Aging will be with us to talk about "Managing the Medicare Maze."

Catholic Stewardship Appeal

As of September 8th, St. Therese parish has contributed \$29,053 toward its goal of \$32,000 for the Archdiocesan Catholic Stewardship Appeal. We've reached the 90%

mark, but only 37% of our parishioners have made a contribution. If you are able, please make a contribution of any amount now, using the envelopes at the church entrances. Let's see if we can reach our parish goal before Dr. Guliano returns from her sabbatical on October 1st—that's *this Wednesday!*



Learn CPR Right Here at St. Therese

A CPR/AED class will be held on the evening of Thursday, October 9th. The cost of the class is \$26.50. The parish will cover the cost of the books required. A minimum of 20 people must be registered by September 30th for the class to be held. Please call Carol Rutkowski at (262) 679-0687 if you have any questions, or the Parish Office to register.

The Feast of St. Therese

October 1st is the Feast of our patron, St. Therese. Please join us next weekend after all masses to honor her, and to welcome back Dr. Guliano from her summer-long sabbatical!

Pray For Peace



Join our cluster parishes and members of their choirs in a Prayer Service for Peace at Sacred Heart Croatian Church, 917 N 49th St in Milwaukee.

The Prayer Service for Peace will begin at 7:00PM on Wednesday, October 1st. The St. Therese Sunday Choir will participate in this service. Please join us! What the world needs now is peace.

St. Vincent dePaul Bundle Weekend

Fall is approaching and so is the St. Vincent dePaul Bundle Weekend. As you organize your household and clothing for the next season remember Bundle Weekend will be here on October 11th/12th for those items you do not want anymore. Someone will benefit greatly.

Faithful Citizenship

With the 2008 Presidential Election on its way, the Wisconsin Catholic Conference has put together an open letter and an eight part series in relation to moral priorities identified in a special document from the United States Catholic Conference of Bishops. The name of this special document is *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship: A Call to Political Responsibility* (USCCB 2007). For your convenience, this open letter and eight part series has been put together for you and can be found on the Catechesis Table near the Bluemound entrance. Please take one home to read as you consider the best candidates in the upcoming election.



MICAH

St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, at 1615 Wauwatosa Ave, is inviting St. Therese and other MICAH congregations to participate in a program called "Faith and Common Destiny Conversation." The purpose of this program is to reconnect with our faith values that tell us that all people are created in God's image and that we belong to a larger community. The program will be held on Tuesday, September 30th from 6:30—8:30PM. The St. Therese MICAH core team urges St. Therese members to participate in this program and support St. Matthews in this effort. The more people we have in this discussion, the greater the likelihood that it will have an impact on Milwaukee for the common good.

Blessing of Pets

Join us on the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi for our annual blessing of pets. St. Francis is the patron of animals, birds, and the environment. Please bring your dogs, cats, birds, hamsters, rats, fish, lizards, etc. to St. Therese on October 4th at 9:00AM. We will be outside except in the case of rain, so please dress accordingly!



Readings for the Week of September 28th

Sun: Ez 18:25-28; Phil 2:1-11; Mt 21:28-32
 Mon: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Jn 1:47-51
 Tue: Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23; Lk 9:51-56
 Wed: Jb 9:1-12, 14-16; Lk 9:57-62
 Thu: Jb 19:21-27; Mt 18:1-5, 10
 Fri: Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5; Lk 10:13-16
 Sat: Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Lk 10:17-24
 Sun: Is 5:1-7; Phil 4:6-9; Mt 21:33-43

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

There is an old saying that the road to hell is paved with good intentions. Actually, quotes from four hundred years ago are cited as saying that hell itself is paved with good intentions. Perhaps both have an air of truth about them! Nothing is easier than failing to follow through on a promise and then expecting a free pass merely by saying “I intended to do that but just didn’t get around to it!” Imagine those words coming from a pilot or a surgeon; in the eyes of God, every promise carries the same weight.



Today’s Gospel reading from Matthew is a very short parable of two sons.

These boys were the recipients of many gifts, including a loving father, a home, food, and a place to work—their father’s vineyard. It was this vineyard and its crop that allowed these boys to have their gifts; yet when their father asked them to work in the vineyard, one said no (but later returned and did the work) and the other said yes (but never followed through on his promise). Such is how we live our lives; some eventually giving thanks for their gifts, others meaning to but never getting around to it.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church reminds us that we are called upon to make promises to God frequently in our lives; in baptism, weddings, confirmation, holy orders, we make promises (CCC 2101). Just as Jesus Christ promised us everlasting peace in the arms of a loving God, our promise to “work in the vineyard”—to live our lives as a sign of gratitude for our many gifts—must be kept. This is a sign not only of love for God but respect. So too must we keep our promises to each other, because the love and respect we show to others we show to God, too. The road to heaven is paved with promises fulfilled!

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Mass Intentions for the Week

Tuesday, September 30th

7:30AM †Carol Hoppenjan

Saturday, October 4th

5:00PM †Peter Lemanski

Sunday, October 5th

8:00AM †Billy Buffington

10:00AM People of St. Therese Parish

<i>Thank You!</i>	CHURCH SUPPORT	
	Envelopes & Offertory	<u>Last Weekend</u> \$5098.16

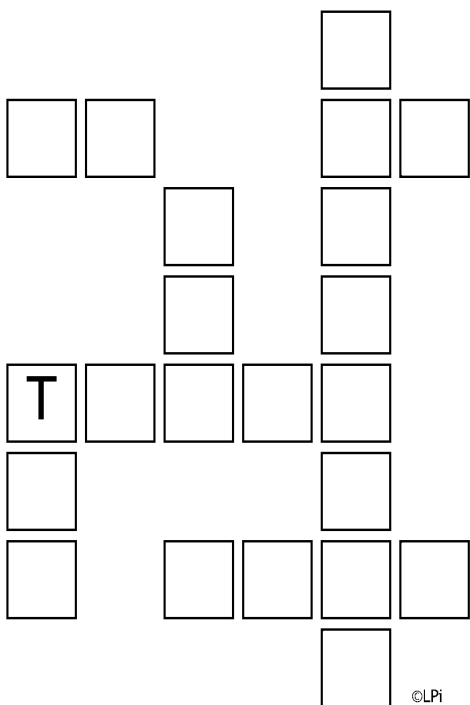


Puzzle

For the Kids!

Fit this Gospel message into the empty squares:

Go and work today in the vineyard.



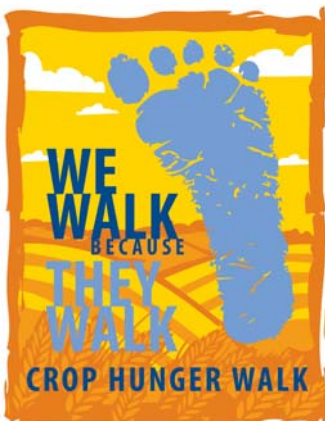
Greater Tosa Interfaith Needs You!

St. Therese is one of 23 churches who sponsor the Greater Tosa Interfaith Chapter. Interfaith chapters link older adults with a caring community by offering practical assistance and information to help frail or isolated older adults remain in their own homes and neighborhoods. There are currently 16 neighborhood offices throughout Milwaukee County with volunteers and people are needed for transportation and escorting, friendly visiting, shopping, assisting to special events, shoveling, and minor home chores and repairs. Do you have time to spare? Could you help? If so, please contact



CROP Walk—Meet the Challenge

Join us for a fun walk at the Milwaukee Lakefront. We are looking for parishioners of all ages to walk for the alleviation of hunger here in the Milwaukee area and around the world. There is a choice of a 2- or 5.5-mile walk.



We will be registering Walkers starting the weekend of September 27th. You can also register to walk or sponsor through the News & Events page of our own website.

Many of us remember the days when a large group of St. Therese parishioners under a large banner followed by young families pulling wagons, baby boomers and every age including senior citizens. Can we do it again? Our goal is to enlist at least 50 members of our parish. Will you be one?

With many people falling through the cracks as the economy takes a downturn, the need is much greater this year! Even many middle class people are using the services usually reserved for the very poor.

If you are not able to participate, we also need help with registration for the next two weekends, organizers for the event, and sponsors for the walkers! We will collect food for Second Harvest on October 11th/12th.

Check out the News & Events page of our website for further information or call Donna Maccani at (262) 502-4041 or (262) 309-9212, or Cathy Smith in the Parish Office.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

As weekends pass, St. Therese's youngest parishioners are catching the faith with the help of volunteer catechists. Share your faith and enthusiasm for Christ by participating in this ministry. Catechists are needed for Sunday's 8:00 and 10:00AM masses. Your availability need not be a concern, participate once a month or even once a season! Lesson plans and needed materials are prepared for you. Join this rewarding ministry by contacting Cathy in the Parish Office.

Living as God's People Update

Last week we had our first Living as God's People session for the year. We had an opportunity to write a poem about our Awesome God as well as add a prayer stone to our prayer box. During the Sunday session the children present were invited to share what part of Creation they were thankful for as well as learn some fun new songs to praise God.



We had a great time getting to meet new parish members and an opportunity to hang out with many friends we have had for years. Many thanks go out to Alice Kennedy who provided us with warm delicious sandwiches for both sessions. Additional thanks to Alice and her partner Grace Stetter who cleaned up the dishes after both sessions as well.

When I think about these sessions I realize we were missing something. What was missing you ask? *You* were missing. If you need more information about the topics, session times, or fees for the year, contact me, Cathy Smith, in the Parish Office.

Parish Council

1st Monday of Month at 7:00PM

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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, 12:00 NOON

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 W Bluemound Rd, 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 _____