



Saint Therese Parish

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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.

November 23rd, 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

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 — 4:30PM

Friday: 8:30AM to 12:00PM

From the Desk of the Parish Director

Parish Council Members, Finance/Administration Committee Members, and Staff Members are representing our parish community at meetings for two archdiocesan initiatives—The Archdiocesan Capital Campaign and the Archdiocesan Pastoral Planning Process.

Our parish has been assigned to Wave Three of The Archdiocesan Capital Campaign, which begins with some preparatory meetings before the formal kickoff. On November 18th, parish representatives and staff members attended a meeting to learn how to develop a case statement for the funds we will solicit.

On December 1st, we will attend the Archdiocesan Pastoral Planning Meeting: Vision 21 with representatives of the other parishes in District 12. Bishop William Callahan, OFM, will host the meeting at St. Jude Parish. Bishop Callahan has been assigned the pastoral planning process for the archdiocese as a continuation of the process begun by Rev. Jim Connell last year. His charge is to move Fr. Connell's work forward.

Finally, at its December meeting, the Parish Council will be reviewing the draft of the Strategic Plan developed by a group of parish members of the Strategic Planning Committee—Jim Balliet, Sister Sara Jean Donegan, SSND, Pat Hall, Wally Hesselbein, Chuck Jagemann, Christine Jensen, Mari Pavleje, Cathy Smith, Sister Judy Miller, CSJ, and myself.

I remain deeply grateful for all who have answered the call to the stewardship of leadership for our parish community. At the same time, each of us who are parish members have a responsibility to care for, and be involved in our parish as we are able.

There's a familiar adage, "Many hands make light work." Thanks to all who are the "hands" of St. Therese Parish Community.

God be with you,

Dr. Alexandra Guliano



Lord, so often times, as any other day when we sit down to our meal and pray we hurry along and make fast the blessing

Thanks, amen, now please pass the dressing. We're slaves to the olfactory overload we must rush our prayer before the food gets cold. But, Lord, I'd like to take a few minutes more to really give thanks to what I'm thankful for. For my family, my health, a nice soft bed, my friends, my freedom a roof over my head. I'm thankful right now to be surrounded by those whose lives touch me more than they'll ever possibly know. Thankful Lord, that You've blessed me beyond measure; thankful that in my heart lives life's greatest treasure, that You, dear Jesus, reside in that place and I'm ever so grateful for Your unending grace. So please, heavenly Father, bless our food You've provided and bless each and every person invited.

For each new morning with its light, for rest and shelter of the night, for health and food, for love and friends, for everything Thy goodness sends, our Father in Heaven we give thanks.

This week let us ask God for his blessings on all those who are ill or hurting in any way, especially:

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

Eucharistic Minister and Lector Meeting

Monday, November 24th at 7:00PM



All Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors are asked to attend the important Eucharistic Minister and Lector meeting on Monday, November 24th, at 7:00PM in the Church. Please come prepared to schedule to minister for the liturgies of Thanksgiving, Christmas, and holyday liturgies. If you are unable to attend the meeting, please call or email Dr. Guliano in the Parish Office.

LECTORS

Thanksgiving Eve Ecumenical Service

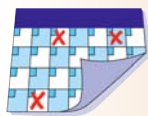
Nativity Lutheran Church (6905 W Bluemound Rd) is hosting the Thanksgiving Eve Ecumenical Service on Wednesday, November 25th at 7:00PM. Please join the choirs and congregations St. Therese Parish, Martin Luther Lutheran Church, Mt. Zion Lutheran Church, and Nativity Lutheran Church in praise and thanks to God for our many blessings.

For the offering, please bring a non-perishable food item. During the Offertory, people may come forward to place their items into a large bin in front of the altar. There will also be an offering plate in the narthex for those who wish to give money. The money collected will be given to the food pantry.

Thanksgiving Day Liturgy

Thanksgiving Day Mass will be celebrated on Thursday, November 27th at 9:00AM in the church. All are welcome to attend this special mass for giving thanks.





Parish Events for the Week

Sunday, November 23rd

- 9:15AM St. Therese Choir (CH)
10:00AM Mass & Living as God's People (CH/HH)
6:00PM Confirmation Prep (MC)

Monday, November 24th

- 5:00PM RCIA (GN/CHP)

Tuesday, November 25th

- 8:00AM Bible Study Group (STR)
6:30PM Personnel Committee (STR)

Wednesday, November 26th

- 4:00PM PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
7:00PM Thanksgiving Eve Ecumenical Service
(NATIVITY LUTHERAN CHURCH)

Thursday, November 27th—Thanksgiving Day

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

Friday, November 28th

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

Saturday, November 29th

No Meetings Scheduled

Sunday, November 30th

- 9:15AM St. Therese Choir (CH)

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

Our regular monthly meetings in Heck Hall resume on Thursday, January 8th. If you made a reservation for the Christmas Lunch at Alioto's on December 17th, you are reminded to arrive at 11:30AM.

Altered Deadlines for Next Weekend

Any pulpit announcements for next weekend are due by noon on Wednesday, November 26th. All requests must be made in writing. Please note that all deadlines are firm. As always, email is preferred, but hard copies are also accepted.

Breakfast with the Saints

Sunday, December 7th is the second annual Breakfast with the Saints. We will have crafts and activities for children of all ages. It has been confirmed that Saints will be among us to share their story of what life was like when they were living on earth. This event is for the whole family! Kids 3 and under—free; Ages 4-12—\$4.00; Teens and up—\$6.00. Look at the display on the Catechesis Table for further information, or contact Cathy in the Parish Office.

Please Help Keep Our Church and Parish Offices Secure

Please help keep our church and parish offices secure! **Committees and groups** are reminded to make sure that lights are turned off and doors are closed and locked prior to leaving the parish at night. **Ushers** are reminded to make sure that all church inner and outer doors are securely locked and doorway, lobby, and bathroom lights are off before leaving church. Thanks for your attention to this very important parish matter.

Do Not Leave Your Belongings Unattended

Unfortunately, we had another theft in church. A wallet from a purse was taken. Please do not leave your purses, bags, backpacks, etc. unattended when you are in church. Please report any suspicious activity to an usher.

Parish Council Decision Regarding the Festival

Thanks to all parish members who attended the Listening Session last Sunday, November 2nd and who submitted written comments for the council's consideration. After reflection, prayer, and deliberation, the Parish Council took a voice vote to determine whether or not to continue to Festival. The results were eight—no; one—yes; and one—abstain. The final decision is that there will not be a festival in 2009.

Festival Thank You Party

Mark your calendar now for the Festival Thank You Party! On Friday, January 16th, 2009, St. Therese will say thank you to all of the people who have worked so hard over the years to host the St. Therese Parish Festival. More details are forthcoming so watch the bulletin & website.

Another Pretty Good Variety Show

We had so much fun and had such a wonderful response from last January's "Pretty Good Variety Show" that we thought we'd have "Another PGVS." If you or a member of your family are interested in performing as a singer, dancer, storyteller, instrumentalist, actor, comedian, or you have any other talent that you'd like to share, please pickup a flyer from Elterine "Dusty" Biggers-



Jankowski at the organ in church or see her in the Parish Office. We are especially looking for volunteers to help with the technical/backstage crew; operating a spotlight or sound, props, scenery and the like. No experience is necessary just a willingness to help. Let's make this "Another Pretty Good" time to share some fun on a cold winter's afternoon with the St. Therese parish community. The date of the show is Sunday, January 25th, at 3:00PM. All are welcome!

We Had a Great Time at the Pot Luck Dinner!

On Friday, November 16th, over 30 St. Therese parishioners joined in a traditional Pot Luck Dinner. Guests were pleasantly surprised when Frank Zareczny brought out his banjo and guitar for everyone's listening pleasure. Check out the pictures of this fantastic evening on the News & Events page of our website.

Wall of Remembrance

Month of All Souls

November is the month of remembrance for all who have died. Our parish Wall of Remembrance is displayed throughout the month. Please place pictures of your loved ones on the wall so that we can remember them at every Eucharist we celebrate throughout the month.

Readings for the Week of November 23rd

Sun: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17; 1 Cor 15:20-26,28;
Mt 25:31-46
Mon: Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5; Lk 21:1-4
Tue: Rv 14:14-19; Lk 21:5-11
Wed: Rv 15:1-4; Lk 21:12-19
Thu: Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a; Lk 21:20-28
Fri: Rv 20:1-4, 11-21:2; Lk 21:29-33
Sat: Rv 22:1-7; Lk 21:34-36
Sun: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7; 1 Cor 1:3-9;
Mk 13:33-37

 **Mass Intentions for the Week**

Tuesday, November 25th

7:30AM †Bernard & †Mark McShane

Thursday, November 27th

9:00AM †Jay DeWitt

Saturday, November 29th

5:00PM The McShane Family

Sunday, November 30th

8:00AM †Jim Lunz

10:00AM People of St. Therese Parish and
†Anna Spitzer

CHURCH SUPPORT

Thank you!

<u>Offertory/Envelopes</u>	<u>Sharing Weekend</u>
\$5157.81	\$1468.00

Electrical Repairs Update

Recently, we had to repair the large transformer pole and components which deliver electricity to both St. Therese and Milwaukee Montessori School. The total cost of the project was \$22,150 and was shared between St. Therese—\$8,417 and Milwaukee Montessori School—\$13,733 (based on percentage of usage).



To pay for this extraordinary repair expense, we used reserve money from our Building Reserve Account. If you can help pay for this repair by making an extra one-time donation to the parish of any amount, we will not have to deplete our Building Reserve Fund further. After paying for this repair, we have approximately \$12,000 left in that account.

Thanks to all who have made special donations toward this repair.

World Aids Day

Please join us as we pray for those that are afflicted with this disease, and to raise awareness of World Aids Day. The prayer service will take place on Monday, December 1st, at 7:00PM at Holy Rosary Church, 2011 N Oakland Ave, Milwaukee.

SOUP Needed

Our St. Vincent dePaul meal program needs your help! We are in need of Cream of Mushroom Soup.



Please bring cans of Cream of Mushroom Soup to church any weekend until December 7th and put it on the table near the Sacristy.

THANK YOU!

Our Lord Jesus Christ the King

The Prison Fellowship Ministries had its beginnings in 1976 with Chuck Colson, a former aide to President Nixon who spent time in prison for a Watergate-related crime. Having witnessed firsthand those who felt left behind, he vowed to bring his faith back to them. From that single person, an organization has grown which includes 300 full-time employees and over 35,000 volunteers ministering to inmates in nearly 2,000 prisons around the world. Every month at their Bible studies and in-prison seminars, more than 120,000 inmates are in attendance. Never let it be said that one person cannot make a difference.

During his earthly ministry, Jesus was often questioned, even ridiculed for spending time with sinners, tax collectors, those with diseases or infirmities such as blindness. Why would he do this? As always, Jesus leads by example. In today's Gospel reading from Matthew, Jesus clearly explains that he is found in us all, but our challenge is to recognize him in the hungry, the thirsty, the sick, and the imprisoned. And when we do, we are to share our gifts, just as he shared the gift of the promise of salvation.



The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches us that works of mercy are charitable acts in which we help one another in times of spiritual and physical need (CCC 2447). Sometimes, we need to look no further than next door or across the office to see someone in need, someone who is struggling and could use some words of comfort. We are all given the powerful element of compassion, the ability to reach out whenever we see another hunger, or thirst, or shiver from the cold, cry from the pain, or those who have lost hope behind bars.

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Central America Awareness Committee of Milwaukee

You are invited to join in solidarity with immigrants in our midst, still strangers to most of us. We cannot ignore their reality. This seminar includes a testimony of immigrants from various cultures, praying together, and joining those who pledge to "guild America together." Please join us for this important mission on Sunday, December 7th from 2:00—4:00PM at Our Savior Lutheran Church, 31st and Wisconsin Ave, Milwaukee.

November 23rd, 2008 ♦ Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ the King



Give Thanks

PRAISE GOD, FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW

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Parish Council

1st Monday of Month at 7:00PM

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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, 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.

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