



Saint Therese Parish

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We are St. Therese Catholic Church, a community of believers, who walk together by faith in Christ Jesus, and minister in the Little Way of St. Therese, as we strive hand-in-hand to live as God's people.

March 15th, 2009

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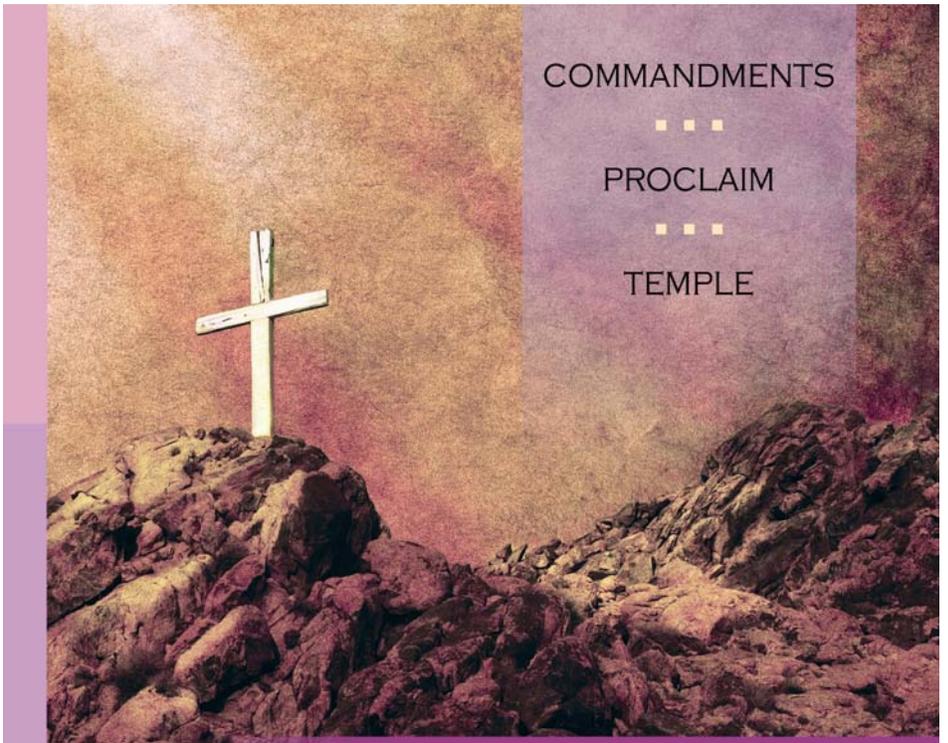
(414) 771-2500 — listen for instructions

Mass Schedule

Saturday: 5:00PM
Sunday: 8:00AM & 10:00AM
Tuesday: 8:00AM
Wednesday: 6:15PM

Liturgy of the Word with Communion:
Thursday, Friday: 8:00AM

See inside for Holy Day Schedules



LENT THIRD SUNDAY



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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 — 4:30PM

Friday: 8:30AM to 12:00PM

From the Desk of the Parish Director

◆ No doubt, this is a very busy Lent here at St. Therese, so the challenge is to keep focused on the “reason for the season”—preparing for Easter by prayer, fasting, and almsgiving; assisting the catechumens and candidates prepare for the Easter Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist; and renewing our own baptismal commitment.

Lent is also a time for reconciliation; first of all, with God. If there is ever the perfect time for “setting things right” with our Creator and with each other, now is the time. We can do this in several ways: through the Penitential Rite of the Eucharist (mass), when we acknowledge our sins and failings and praise God for God’s mercy, through participation in the opportunities for the Sacrament of Reconciliation by Individual Confession or by participating in a communal service; through a daily praying of the Lord’s Prayer, with its words “forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us;” and through acts of forgiveness of others.

Forgiveness can be both asked for and given. Years of pastoral ministry have taught me that often it is excruciatingly painful to admit to hurting another person and asking the person(s) for forgiveness. Likewise, it is sometimes difficult to express heartfelt forgiveness.

We are encouraged and inspired by the profound and astonishing example of Jesus, who, even from the cross, prays for forgiveness. The Scriptures record that he prayed, “Father, forgive them.” In doing this, he shows us how to start our own journey with forgiveness; that is, first to pray, “God, forgive them (him/her).” Assured of God’s forgiveness, we can begin the process of forgiving. And, it is a process. Sometimes we need to grow into forgiveness, to allow the Holy Spirit to soften and secure our hearts so that we can forgive in a healthy manner.

These weeks of Lent, as we sing the Lord’s Prayer at our weekend masses, let us pray those words of forgiveness as much as possible from our hearts.

◆ On another note, the Contact Team of our St. Therese Faith In Our Future Capital Campaign will be contacting our parish members this week to let them know that their Information Packet on the Campaign will be ready for them to pick up at church. Whatever is not picked up at church will be mailed out to parish members.



You have the capacity to choose what you think about. If you choose to think about past hurts, you will continue to feel bad.

While it’s true you can’t change the effect past influences had on you once, you can change the effect they have on you now.

Fast from being critical of yourself. Listen to your thoughts and stop when you find that you put yourself down, remembering that God created you, and loves you. Every action, every thought every intention we have is a gift from the Lord.

Please remember the following in your prayers:

Mark Allen * Gerry Bartz * Lenore Black * Art Bonk
Bernice Brah * Janice Corak * Anna Daevel * David Dane
Alberta Duckhorn * Ann Farell * Theresa Gary * Lynn Gordon
Stephanie Gisla * Shirley Gradisnik * Baby Heger * Andy Islo
Chuck Hillyer * Ben Hoener * Garnet Jankowski * Susan Sinks
Joachim Family * Marie Kneifl * Ken Knollenberg * John Lyste
Marcella Kozuh * Ann Lackovic * Andy Moehr * Ed Panelli
Laverne Mucci * Neil Nichols * Gerry Roberts * Carlene Siever
Tom & Glenda Nitka * Gloria Sarandos * Sylvia Schaffer
Fran Schmidt * Barbara Schmitz * Danny Stabo
Marion Stabo * Mary Stoke * Olga Valdovinos * Merle Weber
Harold Vanden Heuvel * Virginia Weber * Deanna Zychowski

Born to Eternal Life:

†Vicky Anderson †Frank Eskra †Millie Metz

Thank You

◆ To Cathleen Bleidorn and the Bleidorn Family for donating a gold patin and ceramic communion cup (in memory of Fred Bleidorn) for our celebrations of Eucharist. We will use the gold patin at our Holy Thursday evening mass.



◆ To Jim Balliet, who is willing to serve another 2 year term (2009-11) as Trustee-Treasurer. If any parish member is interested in running in an election, with Jim, for Trustee-Treasurer, please contact Dr. Guliano for application papers.

Congratulations

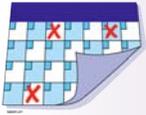
Since the beginning of the year, Neely Giersch, Matthew Hartay, Alex Holmes, and Aiyana Metoxen have been preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. This past Thursday, in the context of a Whole Parish Reconciliation Service, these children received this sacrament of healing for the first time. Thank you to all who attending and helped to make this a meaningful event for our children.

Please help save the parish the cost of postage by taking the time to pick up your Information Packet next weekend. If you know that you will not be in town or at St. Therese next weekend, how about asking a parishioner neighbor or friend to pick yours up for you? Like our patron, St. Therese of Lisieux reminds us, it’s these “little things” that make the difference.

◆ Finally, to all the Irish out there (including Archbishop Dolan!), Happy St. Patrick’s Day on Tuesday!

God be with you!

Dr. Alexandra Guliano



Parish Events for the Week

Sunday, March 15th—Sharing Weekend

Library Display after Masses

9:00AM Usher Society Pancake Breakfast (HH)

Monday, March 16th

6:30PM Christian Formation (MC)

Tuesday, March 17th

6:45PM Finance/Administration (MC)

7:00PM Green Team (LIB)

Wednesday, March 18th

7:30PM St. Therese Choir (CHP)

Thursday, March 19th

8:30AM — 6:30PM Prayer Day (CHP)

5:30PM Living as God's People (HH)

Friday, March 20th

No Meetings Scheduled

Saturday, March 21st—Information Weekend

4:15PM Canticle Choir (CH)

Sunday, March 22nd—Information Weekend

Suzy's Cheesecake Order Deadline

9:15AM St. Therese Choir (CH)

10:00AM Mass & Living as God's People (CH/HH)

6:00PM Confirmation Prep (MC)

CH=Church, CHP=Chapel, GLP=God's Little 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

Suzy's Cheesecakes Fundraiser

Don't forget to order your Suzy's cheesecakes or other Suzy's products before the deadline of **Sunday, March 22nd**. Additional order forms are available in church or by calling Janet Krebs at (414) 774-9113 or Mari Pavleje at (414) 545-2733. Orders will be available for pickup on Saturday, April 4th from noon-6:00PM. All orders must be picked up that day. Remember, too, that payment must accompany your order. If you have any questions, please contact Janet or Mari.



Jobs Bulletin Board in the Lobby

Need a job? Have a skill you would like to advertise? Check out the Jobs Bulletin Board in the Lobby.

This Weekend is Sharing Weekend

This month's Sharing Recipient is the Fondy Food Center. The Fondy Food Center works to improve access to healthy fruits and vegetables, and to promote healthy diets on Milwaukee's North side. The agency runs a thriving farmers' market along with culinary education programs that help residents stretch their food dollars and eat wholesome meals.

This spring Fondy will pilot the launch of a cooking club program, where families will gather weekly to prepare meals and weave the neighbor-to-neighbor connections that make for strong communities.

Young Kim, the Executive Director will be our Speaker. He believes that the well-being of our community is linked to our food and our ability to feed ourselves. Thank you for being generous to this wonderful program.

Lenten Alms: Hope Through Education

"In Pakistan and Afghanistan, people don't believe in 30-minute power lunches to do business. Rather, it takes three cups of tea over many months to cultivate a lasting relationship," Greg Mortenson says.

"When you have your first cup, you are strangers. After the second cup, you become friends, and after the third, you're regarded as family. Ignorance breeds hatred," he says. "We can spend billions of dollars amassing a wall around America, but unless we invest a small fraction of that amount building bridges of peace and understanding, our efforts will be in vain."

Confirmation News

Next weekend, March 20th/21st, some of our St. Therese Confirmation candidates will be attending their retreat. Please pray for them during this special and important time of formation.

We Need A Few Good Hands

On Good Friday, the church will need to be decorated for Easter following the evening Liturgy. If you are able to help move plants and other environment media please join us. The more hands we have, the less time all hands will need to work. If you have questions or would like to join us, please contact Cathy in the Parish Office.

Prayer Day - March 19th

Lent is at the halfway mark. There is still time to spend some extra time with Jesus. He is waiting. Open periods are 12:00-1:00PM; 2:00-3:00PM; 5:00-5:30PM.

Spring Pot Luck—Think Spring & Think Green

The Spring Pot Luck will take place on Tuesday, March 31st beginning at 6:00PM. The Green Team has arranged for several eco-friendly and/or fair trade organizations to be represented at the Pot Luck supper to help you think spring and think green! Come learn more about Urban Ecology Center, Four Corners of the World, Outpost Natural Foods, Sierra Club, Focus on Energy, and many more! Please fill out the coupon below to reserve your space, or contact Cathy in the Parish Office for more information. Please RSVP by Sunday, March 29th.

Think Spring Pot Luck Reservation Form

Name _____ Phone () _____

Email _____ Number Attending _____

I'm bringing a: main dish side dish dessert

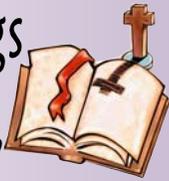
I will: help set up before the event help clean up afterwards

Please return this slip to Cathy by March 29th.

Question of the Week:

If someone at the water fountain starts to talk about "living water," would you enter the conversation?

Intentions & Readings for the Week



Monday

2 Kgs 5:1-15ab; Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday Mass

Dn 3:25, 34-43; Mt 18:21-35

8:00AM A Special Intention

Wednesday Mass

Dt 4:1, 5-9; Mt 5:17-19

6:15PM †Marie Renkens and for peace

Thursday Liturgy of the Word with Communion

8:00AM 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a

Friday Liturgy of the Word with Communion

8:00AM Hos 14:2-10; Mk 12:28-34

Saturday Mass

Hos 6:1-6; Lk 18:9-14

5:00PM †Frank Schaffer

Sunday Masses

2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21

8:00AM People of St. Therese Parish and †Gianna Capecci

10:00AM Rosemarie Murdy

St. Vincent dePaul Furniture Drive

The St. Therese SVDP furniture drive which was held on February 19th/20th was very successful. The St. Therese Parishioners showed their generosity by denoting over 38 pieces of furniture. At this time of the year, the donations to the St. Vincent de Paul Society store slow down and the need for furniture is always present. The St. Vincent de Paul Society wishes to thank you.



New Ramp for South Church Seating Section

In the past eight months, three of our parish members have fallen on the steps leading to the south section of the church. To offer a alternative to the steps, a ramp with two railings has been constructed so that those who have trouble walking or need assistance can access that section of the church safely. The cost for the project is approximately \$2000. If you would like to donate for the cost of this project, please contact Dr. Guliano.

55+ Social Club

- ♦ Since we begin the Holy Days of the Triduum on April 9th we will not have a meeting in Heck Hall in the month of April. We will, however, attend a Prelude Concert on April 24th at the Marcus Center. Our next meeting in Heck Hall will be on Thursday, May 14th, when Russ Beaumont will be with us to sing the songs of Sinatra and other golden oldies.
- ♦ The 55+ Social Club invites you to join them as they travel to the Ameristar Casino in East Chicago, IL, on Wednesday, May 20th. The cost is \$25.00 per person and includes the all-you-can-eat buffet, tour bus transportation, and a \$10.00 voucher when you gain 25 points. Call Barb in the Parish Office for reservations.

Thank you!

CHURCH SUPPORT

Envelopes & Offertory

Last Weekend \$5644.56

Parish Council Nominations

Please return by collection basket or mail by April 5th

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Nominations for Parish Council are now open. There are three positions open this year. Please give careful consideration to nominate yourself or a Parish member using the form on the left. Become part of the decision-making process and make a difference in the many changes and challenges going on at St. Therese and in the archdiocese. Questions? Call Judy Dietz at (414) 805-6251.

Water Fountain for the Lobby

Thanks to another generous donor, we now have \$290 for the replacement of the water fountain in the lobby. Only \$710 to go! That's 71 donations of \$10; approximately 35 donations of \$20; or approximately 17 donations of \$40. Thanks for your consideration!

Holy Thursday Soup & Bread Meal

On Thursday, April 9th we will have the annual St. Therese Soup & Bread Meal beginning at 5:30PM. Triduum will begin with Mass at 7:00PM. Please use the coupon below to make your reservation. Deadline to register is Monday, April 6th at 4:00PM. If you have additional questions, please contact Cathy in the Parish Office.

Holy Thursday Soup & Bread Meal Reservation

Name _____ Phone () _____

Email _____ Number Attending _____

I will: help set up beforehand help clean up afterwards

Please return this slip to Cathy by April 6th.

Lenten Fast and Abstinence

The Catholic Church asks each member to preserve the penitential character and purpose of Lent. For this reason:

1. Catholics who have celebrated their 14th birthday are bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and each Friday of Lent.
2. Catholics who have celebrated their 18th birthday, in addition to abstaining from meat, should fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Hence, on those days they should eat only one full meal. Smaller quantities of food may be taken at two other meals, but no food should be consumed at other times during those two days. The obligation of fasting ceases with the celebration of one's 59th birthday.

Catholics should not lightly excuse themselves from these prescribed minimal penitential practices.

St. Therese has FAITH

IN OUR FUTURE

St. Therese Case Statement for our Faith In Our Future Campaign

Each parish of the archdiocese was required to submit a “case statement” detailing what projects the 60% of money collected will fund. Our total goal is \$340,000 over three years. 40% or \$136,000 will go to the Faith In Our Future Trust for education, formation, and outreach projects beyond the parish. 60% or \$204,000 will remain here at St. Therese for our parish projects. These include:

1. Updating the lighting and heating systems in the church and offices for maximum energy efficiency.
2. Installing a permanent baptismal font.
3. Creating a Gathering Space in church.
4. Supporting our outreach ministries, like St. Vincent de Paul Society, Greater TOSA Interfaith, our Sharing Sunday Partners, and others.
5. If financially feasible, installing a cooling system for the church for the hot summer months.



Faith In Our Future Capital Campaign—Leadership Teams

Want to help with our St. Therese Faith In Our Future Capital Campaign? We have several committees working on this campaign. If you are interested in helping, please call the chairperson.

- ♦ Contact Team: Kathy Hubrich, (414) 259-1961—contacts all parish members to get the word out about the various events for the campaign.
- ♦ Special Events Team: Mari Pavleje, (414) 545-2733—coordinates the two parish dinners (April 5th and May 3rd) and the hospitality on May 30th/31st.
- ♦ Follow-up Team: Douglas Sedlar, (414) 258-3996—monitors and continues the campaign after the initial commitment phase.
- ♦ Children and Youth Activities: Cathy Smith, (414) 771-2500 x20—prepares activities and works with children and youth during the campaign.

Thanks to all who have already so generously given of their time and talent for the Capital Campaign.

We Need Your St. Therese Faith Stories

We are looking for stories from parishioners (old and new) about how living your Catholic faith at St. Therese has enriched and influenced your life. It can be a story of love, loss, celebration, sacrifice or struggle; a memory of someone or something that touched your life and made you smile; a reflection upon the peace your faith brings you. We know there are many such stories and we want to hear them and share them with our St. Therese community. If you have a faith story to share, please write it down and drop it in the collection basket with a label “Faith Story,” email it to us at FIOFchairs@sainttheresemilwaukee.org, or post it on the News & Events page of our website **by March 29th**. (Please note that by submitting your story, you are giving St. Therese permission to reproduce it in print documents for our Faith in Our Future Campaign.) We have “Faith in our Future” and we want to hear why you do, too!

Thanks,

Darian Borst, Michael Falk, Ann Maher, & Jesse Stringer
St. Therese “Faith in Our Future Capital Campaign” Chairpersons

Parish Council
1st Monday of Month at 7:00PM

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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, 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 _____