



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.

April 5th, 2009

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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



HOSANNA PALM SUNDAY



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

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From the Desk of the Parish Director

We begin Holy Week this weekend with the celebration of our liturgies of Palm Sunday. During these last days of Lent, there are many opportunities to grow closer to Christ and to be immersed in his grace.

We receive palms today to remind us of the beginning of the great mystery of our faith—Christ's Passion, Death, and Resurrection. As the people of Jerusalem welcomed Jesus by breaking branches off the trees and waving them, we take the palms and walk in procession to the church. Since I have visited Bethpage, where the Jesus' entry was reported to have started, I can tell you that the route, from there to the Old City of Jerusalem is marked by steep hills and traverses a public area where, even in the time of Jesus, public commerce took place—nothing like the few steps we take for our commemorative procession! However, our procession helps us recall the events that changed the world forever.

Plan on attending the liturgies of the Sacred Triduum: Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Vigil/Easter Sunday. The Triduum is really one continuous liturgy in three parts; and each part is distinctive and draws us into a particular part of our faith life. On Holy Thursday (April 9th, 7:00PM mass), we celebrate the gift of the Eucharist given to us as to strengthen and nourish us on our life's journey as well as hear the invitation to servant leadership through the ritual of the washing of the feet. We have the opportunity for quiet prayer, meditation, and adoration from the end of the liturgy to 10:00PM as we observe the night watch in the chapel.

Good Friday (April 10th, 1:00PM and 7:00PM liturgies) calls us to remember the Passion and to intercede for ourselves, our church, and our world. We hear the Passion according to John, venerate the cross, and receive Communion.

If you have never experienced the Easter Vigil (April 11th, 8:00PM), how about planning on it this year? There is no liturgy throughout the year like it—celebrate with us The Blessing of Fire and the New Easter Candle; the exquisite musical renditions of two of the foundational stories of our faith (The Creation and The Exodus); The Blessing of the Water; the Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, and First Eucharist) of our adults and two of our children; and the Renewal of our Baptismal Commitment. (Yes, it is a longer liturgy, so it is fine with me if our young children—four or under—come in their PJ's!)

Each morning of the Triduum, we begin with



Thorns and cross and nails and lance,
wounds, our rich inheritance...
may these all our spirits fill, and with love's
devotion thrill. Christ, by coward hands betrayed, Christ, for us a
captive made, Christ upon the bitter tree, slain for man, all praise
to Thee. —St. Bonaventure's Hymn of Our Lord's Passion.

*Enter Holy Week with an open heart and a spirit of humility. Be joyful
for the opportunity to walk with Jesus during His most difficult time.*

Please remember the following in your prayers:

Mark Allen * Gerry Bartz * Lenore Black * Art Bonk
Bernice Brah * Janice Corak * Anna Daewel * 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
Marie Kneifl * Ken Knollenberg * Marcella Kozuh * John Lyste
Ann Lackovic * Andy Moehr * Laverne Mucci * Neil Nichols
Ed Panelli * Brayden Ramus * Gerry Roberts * Carlene Siever
Tom & Glenda Nitka * Gloria Sarandos * Sylvia Schaffer
Fran Schmidt * Barbara Schmitz * Marion Stabo * Mary Stoke
Olga Valdovinos * Harold Vanden Heuvel * Michael Waldoch
Merle Weber * Virginia Weber * Deanna Zychowski

Donations Needed

- ♦ Manilla file folders—letter size
- ♦ Hanging file folders—letter size
- ♦ Hot and cold cups for the parish kitchen (please, no styrofoam)
- ♦ Large paper dinner napkins for the parish kitchen

Thank You

During a time like this we realize how much our friends and relatives really mean to us. Your expression of sympathy will always be remembered. Thank you for your thoughtfulness.

The Family of Mary Breitbach

Attention: All Committees and Groups

Report for the Annual Meeting Booklet

All Committees and Groups of the parish are asked to submit a short summary of their activities and decisions of the last year (May 2008—April 2009) for the Annual Meeting Committee Report Booklet. Please remember to list the names of all committee/group members and officers, if applicable. All reports must be submitted to Courtney in the Parish Office no later than April 20th. Email is preferred. Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Jobs Bulletin Board in the Lobby

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

Morning Prayer at 8:00AM in the Chapel. In addition, on Holy Thursday, we conclude our time of prayer with Night Prayer at 10:00PM in the Chapel. Each time we celebrate the Eucharist, we respond, "Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again." In short, these three statements capture the meaning of Holy Week.

God be with you!

Dr. Alexandra Guliano



Parish Events for the Week

Sunday, April 5th

- 7:30AM Canticle Choir (CH)
- 9:15AM St. Therese Choir (CH)
- 5:00PM FIOF Campaign Dinner (HH)

Monday, April 6th

No Meetings Scheduled

Tuesday, April 7th

No Meetings Scheduled

Wednesday, April 8th

- 7:30PM St. Therese Choir (CHP)

Thursday, April 9th—Holy Thursday

- 12:00PM Parish Office Closed
- 5:30PM Soup & Bread Meal (HH)

Friday, April 10th—Good Friday

Parish Office Closed

Saturday, April 11th—Holy Saturday

No Meetings Scheduled

Sunday, April 12th—Easter Sunday

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

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

SVdP Bundle Weekend

Spring is here and the St. Vincent DePaul Bundle Weekend will be soon. As you organize your household and clothing for the spring & summer seasons, remember Bundle Weekend will be here on May 2nd/3rd for those items you do not want anymore. Someone will benefit greatly.

Blood Pressure Screening

The Health and Wholeness Committee will be screening blood pressures after the 8:00AM mass until 10:00AM next weekend.

Liturgical Ministry Sign-Up Sheets

Sign-up sheets for servers, lectors, greeters, and Eucharistic ministers for May through August are now available in the sacristy. Please indicate your Mass preference and special requests in the spaces provided. If you are interested in joining one of the ministries, please add your name and phone number to the bottom of the appropriate sheet, and you will be contacted.

Sacristans and Altar Servers Needed for Funerals

Our funeral liturgies celebrate the promise of eternal life and provide comfort for grieving families. Please consider ministering as an Altar Server or Sacristan for funerals. Join others who have found this ministry rewarding and helpful to their own faith. Interested? Please contact Dr. Guliano in the Parish Office.

St. Therese Neophyte Society

In the early Church when adults were initiated into the Church there would be a period of continuing education. Neophytes or apprentice Christians would meet to have additional questions answered and to gain greater understanding of the new faith they have professed. In the spirit of gaining greater understanding of our Catholic faith, the St. Therese Neophyte Society will begin meeting in late April. If you are interested in joining this Bible group, please contact Cathy in the Parish Office.

Holy Thursday Prayer Vigil and Eucharistic Adoration

Please consider spending 15-20 minutes in prayer in the chapel from 8:15PM—10:00PM on Holy

Thursday evening, April 9th. Anyone can pray at any time during the vigil, and we invite the following groups to pray at these times, if possible:

8:15PM—8:35PM Families with Children, those pregnant and expecting babies: We will pray the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary.

8:30PM—8:55PM Social Concerns Ministries, St. Vincent de Paul Society, Sharing Sunday Committee, Greater Tosa Interfaith Ministry; 55+ Social Club; Little Flower Guild

8:45PM—9:05PM Finance/Administration Committee; Collection Counters; Christian Formation Committee

9:00PM—9:20PM Music Ministry and Cantors: We will sing hymns of praise and thanksgiving.

9:15PM—9:35PM Intercession for those who have asked prayer and for anyone with a special intention

9:35PM—9:55PM Parish Council, Parish Staff, All Liturgical Ministers (Lectors, Servers, Greeters, Lay Presiders, Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers)

10PM Night Prayer

Invitation to the Chrism Mass

The faithful of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee are invited to attend the Chrism Mass on Tuesday, April 7th at 7:30pm at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist; 812 N Jackson St, Milwaukee. During the celebration of the Chrism Mass, the three oils (Oil of the Catechumens, Oil of the Sick/Infirm, and Oil of the Catechumens) will be blessed by Archbishop Dolan.

Holy Week, Triduum, Easter Liturgical Ministry Sign-Up

All liturgical ministers (Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Altar Servers, and Greeters) are asked to sign up to serve during the special liturgies of Holy Week, Triduum, and Easter. Sign-up sheets are posted in the Sacristy. We also still need ministers for the extra duties at these masses. Please consider signing up for as much as you are able.

Decorating the Church for Easter

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.

Easter Triduum

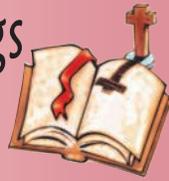


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Question of the Week:

When do I take up my cross and follow Jesus in my everyday life?

Intentions & Readings for the Week



Monday

Is 42:1-7; Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday Mass

Is 49:1-6; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

8:00AM †Rosalie Ziebert

Wednesday Mass

Is 50:4-9a; Mt 26:14-25

6:15PM For those lacking Faith

Thursday Mass

Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15

7:00PM †Dorothy Yanci

Friday Liturgy of the Word with Communion

8:00AM *Is 52:13-53:12; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1-9:42*

Saturday Mass

Gn 1:1-2:2, 26-31a; Gn 22:1-18, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ex 14:15-15:1; Is 54:5-14; Is 55:1-11; Bar 3:9-15, 32-4:4; Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Rom 6:3-11; Mk 16:1-7

8:00PM †Carrie Castelaz

Sunday Masses

Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Col 3:1-4; Jn 20:1-9

8:00AM †Abby Bunzel

10:00AM People of St. Therese Parish and †Irene Van Eyck

Thank you!

CHURCH SUPPORT

Envelopes & Offertory

Last Weekend
\$4506.98

Trustee-Treasurer

Jim Balliet is willing to serve another 2 year term (2009-2011) 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.

Parish Council Nominations

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 below. 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.

Parish Council Nominations—due today

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Projects Funded by our St. Therese Faith In Our Future Capital 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. Replacing Bell Tower Door, repair and updating sump pump system and plumbing, as necessary, and paying for the newly-installed ramp for the south section of the church.
2. Updating the lighting and heating systems in the church and offices for maximum energy efficiency.
3. Installing a permanent baptismal font.
4. Creating a Gathering Space in church.
5. Supporting our outreach ministries, like St. Vincent de Paul Society, Greater Tosa Interfaith, our Sharing Sunday Partners, and others.
6. If financially feasible, installing a cooling system for the church for the hot summer months.

New Communion Procession Pattern for South (Organ) Side of the Church

Since several people have fallen due to the steps on the organ (south) side of the church, we will begin a new Communion procession pattern this weekend. People seated on the platform (section on the top of the steps) will be ushered to receive Communion in the southwest corner of the church. The choir will receive communion first. Then, those seated on the platform section will be ushered to communion. Finally, the Eucharistic Ministers will move to the area in front of the first pew in that section to distribute Communion to those seated in the pews before the steps. This will take some getting used to, but it will eliminate the need to go up and down steps during the Communion procession. Thanks for your understanding and cooperation.

Good Friday Collection

The daily news reminds us of the violence and instability plaguing the Middle East, but we rarely hear of the shrinking Christian community there, a community that struggles to remain in the land of Christ's birth, death, and resurrection. Please help support our brothers and sisters in the Holy Land by giving to the Good Friday collection. This Pontifical Collection allows the Franciscans and others to continue caring for Christianity's holiest sites and for God's people in the Holy Land. Thank you for your generosity.

A St. Vincent dePaul Society Update

Our St. Vincent de Paul Society is growing - not only in its membership, but also in the number of calls requesting our help. The following is an example of how your generous donations to the St. Vincent de Paul Society help those who are needy.

Last week, we visited a war veteran that is living in a rooming house. He needed a refrigerator and book shelves. We were able to purchase a used dorm-size refrigerator and deliver it to him since he didn't have a car. We also gave him a SVDP store voucher which allowed him to purchase some household items.

We will keep you updated on how your donations are being used.

ST. THERESE PARISH

Celebrates

THE SACRED TRIDUUM **HOLY** Week

Our High Holy Days

HOLY THURSDAY: April 9th

Celebrate the joy of ministry that is the fabric of service to others. In the washing of the feet, we come to a profound humility rooted in the example of Christ. On this same Holy Thursday night, we celebrate the arrival of the Holy Oils to our community: the Sacred Oil of Chrism, the Oil of the Sick, and the Oil of Catechumens.

8:00AM Morning Prayer

7:00PM Mass of the Lord's Supper

8:15PM — 10:00PM Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in Chapel



GOOD FRIDAY: April 10th

Celebrate the ultimate mystery of the triumph of the cross. Unite your sufferings and those of the world with the Lord of the Cross. Venerate the cross, our sign of victory beyond pain and death. Good Friday is the birth of hope and peace.

8:00AM Morning Prayer

1:00PM Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

7:00PM Liturgy of the Lord's Passion



HOLY SATURDAY: April 11th

Celebrate darkness broken by light. Relive new life given in the waters of Baptism. Welcome our new Catholics into full communion in the Catholic Church, and join us in the proclamation of the Resurrection and the refreshment of the Eucharist.

8:00AM Morning Prayer

12:00PM Blessing of Food

8:00PM Easter Vigil Mass—*Wear white as a reminder of the holiest time of the year and our baptism garment! Bring bells to ring at the Gloria and the Alleluia.*



EASTER SUNDAY: April 12th

We celebrate the Resurrection on Easter Sunday with the sounds of the Gloria and Alleluia. We renew our baptismal promises and are sprinkled with the new waters. We see the white/gold of the season and our focus is drawn to the magnificent Easter Candle which signifies Jesus, the New Light of the World.

8:00AM & 10:00AM Easter Mass—*Wear white as a reminder of the holiest time of the year and our baptism garment! Bring bells to ring at the Gloria and the Alleluia.*



Flower/Candle Donations for the Easter Season

Easter begins with the celebration of the Easter Vigil on April 11th and continues through the Solemnity of Pentecost on May 31st. Help us keep fresh flowers and plants for the church environment during this time as well as defray the cost of the extra candles used to remind us that the Light of Christ is with us always. Please consider a donation of any amount in memory of a loved one or for a special intention.

Easter Donations—PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY.

Donor Name _____

Phone () _____ Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Please select one: In Memory In Honor In Thanksgiving

Of/For _____

Please publish: Yes No Anonymous, but print intention