



Saint Theresese Parish

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

August 23rd, 2009

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Mass Schedule

Saturday: 5:00PM
Sunday: 8:00AM & 10:00AM
Tuesday: 8:00AM

Liturgy of the Word with Communion:

Thursday, Friday: 8:00AM

See inside for Holy Day Schedules



*"If it does not PLEASE you
to serve the LORD,
decide TODAY
WHOM you will serve ...
As for me and MY household,
WE will serve the LORD."*

JOSHUA 24:15a,c

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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

Summer Office Hours

Monday, Wednesday:
8:30AM — 12:00PM

Tuesday, Thursday:
12:30PM — 4:00PM

From the Desk of the Parish Director

A few weekends ago, I explained at the announcement time of mass that August 15th, the Solemnity of the Assumption, was not a day of obligation this year (it remains a holy day, but there was no obligation to attend mass). After one of the masses, one of our members asked that I write something for the bulletin answering the question "How come a holyday is sometimes a day of obligation and at other times is not?"

To answer this question, it is important to explain what a holyday of obligation is. A holy day of obligation is a day set aside for the worship of God; notably, each Sunday of the year and other feast days designated by the Church. It became common in the Middle Ages to honor saints with holy days of obligation. There are ten such days listed in Rome. However, the number varies from country to country because conferences of bishops are free to set the number of their country's holy days with Vatican approval.

The bishop's conference of our country (United States Conference of Catholic Bishops) made the decision in 1983 (approved by the Vatican in 1984) to transfer two of the ten holy days, the Solemnity of the Epiphany and the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ, to Sunday. Earlier they made the decision to remove the obligation from the feasts of St. Joseph (March 19th) and Saints Peter and Paul (June 29th), two more of the ten listed by Rome.

In 1992, the now USCCB decided that whenever January 1st, the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, or August 15th, the Solemnity of the Assumption, or November 1st, the Solemnity of All Saints falls on a Saturday or a Monday, the precept (law) to attend mass is abrogated (removed). The decision was made in deference to the priests who already celebrate multiple masses on a weekend.

In 1999, the celebration of the Solemnity of the Ascension was transferred to the following Sunday in the Easter Season.

Two holy days are always celebrated as days of obligation—the Solemnity of the Nativity (Christmas) on December 25th, and the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, the patroness of the United States of America, on December 8th.

As you can see, changes have taken place over the years, even in recent years. This is because the Church is a living, vital organism. Therefore, don't be surprised when there are more changes!

God's peace to you!

Dr. Alexandra Guliano



When the golden light of heaven sinks slowly in the west, when the cares of the day are ended and the world again is at rest; to the rim of a hill let me wander, and there let me stand alone in the amber glow of the sunset and forget the sorrow I've known. Great hymns of praise and thanksgiving to Thee O God, would I sing. For the glory of sunrise and sunset, for the beauty of flowers in spring. For the mountains, the hills and the valleys, the rivers that flow to the sea; and the tall stately trees of the forests for there are reflections of Thee.

*When the cares of my heart are many, Thy consolations cheer my soul.
Psalms 94:19*

Please remember the following in your prayers:

Mark Allen, Megan Angotti, Lenore Black, Art Bonk, Bernice Brah, Gina Carter, Doris Collins, Janice Corak, Anna Daevel, David Dane, Alberta Duckhorn, Len Dushek, Ann Farrell, Theresa Gary, Stephanie Gisla, Lynn Gordon, Marcia Griffin, Pauline Gutmann, Chuck Hillyer, Ben Hoener, Andy Islo, Garnet Jankowski, Hannah Johnson, Marie Kneifl, Ken Knollenberg, Marcella Kozuh, William Kranstover, Tom Kreuter, Ann Lackovic, Frank & Raquel Lemanski, John Lyste, Andy Moehr, Laverne Mucci, Michelle Muschelewicz, Ed Panelli, Ralph Petrie, Brayden Ramus, Gerry Roberts, Benjamin Salgy, Gloria Sarandos, Sylvia Schaffer, Fran Schmidt, John Schmitt, Barbara Schmitz, Carlene Siever, Susan Sinks, Marion Stabo, Mary Stoke, Olga Valdovinos, Harold Vanden Heuvel, Merle Weber, Virginia Weber, Bob Wilcox, Jim Wollenhaupt, Deanna Zychowski



Kathleen Manke and Andrew Boisvert will celebrate the Sacrament of Marriage on August 28th.

Donations Needed

- ◆ \$4.65 per subscription for missalettes for the chapel. 25 subscriptions plus shipping have been ordered. Please place your donation in the collection basket in an envelope labeled "missalettes."
 - ◆ Balance for the purchase of the large industrial lawnmower for the parish grounds—\$2700
 - ◆ Small dishwasher for Heck Hall use—\$500
- If you are interested in donating toward the cost of these, please contact Dr. Guliano in the Parish Office.

Thank You

- ◆ To the Evan and Marion Helfaer Foundation for the donation of \$4,000 toward the purchase of the new industrial lawnmower for our parish grounds.
- ◆ To Daniel Trop, for donating his time and talent for make a replacement door for the rooftop access for our church building.

Reminder to 5:00PM and 10:00AM Ushers

5:00PM and 10:00AM Ushers are reminded to please make sure all inner and outer doors are shut and locked after these masses as part of your "after mass" duties. If you do not know how to perform these duties, please ask a fellow usher. Leaving doors unlocked/open compromises our security.



Don't Forget!



Parish Events for the Week

Sunday, August 23rd—Sharing Weekend

9:00AM Altar Server Training (CH)

Monday, August 24th

6:00PM St. Vincent DePaul Society (MC)

Tuesday, August 25th

No Meetings Scheduled

Wednesday, August 26th

No Meetings Scheduled

Thursday, August 27th

7:30PM Boisvert/Manke Rehearsal (CH)

Friday, August 28th

5:00PM Boisvert/Manke Wedding (CH)

Saturday, August 29th

No Meetings Scheduled

Sunday, August 30th

9:00AM Altar Server Training (CH)

11:00AM Mandatory Confirmation Session (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

Join us in Heck Hall on Thursday, September 10th at 11:30AM as we hear about the life and times of Eleanor Roosevelt. Hors d'oeuvres will be available at a cost of \$8.00 per person, or you may bring your own lunch. Call Barb in the Parish Office to make a reservation.

Donations & Volunteers Needed for the Craft Fair

The Craft Fair is just around the corner on November 7th/8th and much still needs to be done. We have some crafters signed up, and volunteers are stepping up as well. We are currently looking for donations of up to \$500 to help defray the cost of food licenses, concession stand supplies, etc. With the Labor Day Holiday coming up, soda will be on sale. If you would like to donate canned soda, see specific items needed, register for a booth, or volunteer, please visit www.sainttheresemilwaukee.org/craftfair, or contact Cathy or Courtney in the Parish Office. Thank you for anything you can do!



Question of the Week:

To whom do you go when you are looking for meaning or answers to the big questions in life?

This Weekend is Sharing Weekend

The Sharing Weekend Recipient for the month of August is Operation Enduring Freedom/Operation Iraqi Freedom (OEF/OIF) Connection Program. This organization works out of the Zablocki Veterans Affairs Medical Center here in Milwaukee. Their focus is to assist returning combat troops from the Global War on Terrorism readjust to civilian life. They work with family members and those close to the veteran as well. They assist Veterans in seeking assistance with our Chaplain services at the VA and in the Community.

Some examples of what is offered by the team are assisting with enrollment into Health care plans, offer individual and couples counseling, including groups, offering classes on readjustment issues and relaxation. In addition, they have offered emergency financial assistance regarding travel expenses, food and clothing, child care, utility expenses, rent and even pet care.

This is done through unsolicited donations from private groups. As mentioned this is on an emergency need basis. They are able to provide a small amount of financial assistance through the generosity of others such as your selves. Veterans are a very proud group of people. Unfortunately, many veterans have fallen on difficult times since returning from combat and the Connection Program is honored to help them out in small ways.

The OEF/OIF Connection program very much appreciates this generous opportunity our St Therese Congregation is providing, as well as the opportunity to hear about what is done for our newest Veterans. Thank you for your generosity.

Confirmation Preparation

Next week, Sunday August 30th, is a mandatory Confirmation information session following the 10:00AM mass. Parents and students must be present. Refreshments will be served.

All of Our Music Ministries Need More Members!

Compassionate Singers Needed

The Canticle Choir provides sung prayer leadership at funerals—a very important ministry for the grieving families. If you enjoy singing and have day times available, this is the choir for you. The Canticle Choir rehearses on the second Tuesday of each month from September through May at 3:30PM.

With a Voice of Singing!

The St. Therese Sunday Choir will resume rehearsals on Wednesday, September 9th at 7:30PM. The choir will begin leading sung prayer on Sunday, September 13th at the 10:00AM mass. Yes, give voice to your songs of praise by joining this friendly and talented group of musicians.

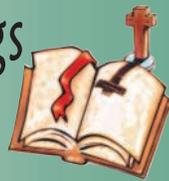


Hey Kids, Join the Cherub Choir!

Singing is fun! Cherub Choir is gearing up for Fall Semester. The Cherub Choir will sing for the Intergenerational Christmas Service, on December 24th. Check in your Sunday School registration packet for sign-up/rehearsal survey materials. Please return your Survey-Signup form before September 6th to Dusty in the Parish Office or you may put it in the collection basket at mass.

All voices are welcome, as no auditions are held. Reading music is not required, though helpful. If you have any questions, or would like to join any of these groups, please contact Elterine in the Parish Office, or speak with her at the organ after any mass.

Intentions & Readings for the Week



Monday

Rv 21:9b-14/Jn 1:45-51

Tuesday Mass

1 Thes 2:1-8/Mt 23:23-26

8:00AM †Abby Bunzel

Wednesday

1 Thes 2:9-13/Mt 23:27-32

Thursday Liturgy of the Word with Communion

8:00AM 1 Thes 3:7-13/Mt 24:42-51

Friday Liturgy of the Word with Communion

8:00AM 1 Thes 4:1-8/Mt 25:1-13

Saturday Mass

1 Thes 4:9-11/Mk 6:17-29

5:00PM †Clement Zipperer

Sunday Masses

Dt 4:1-2, 6-8/Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27/Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

8:00AM People of St. Therese Parish and †Michael Stabo

10:00AM St. Therese Parish and †Benjamin Spitzer

Please Return Your Faith In Our Future Capital Campaign Pledge Cards

All parish members are asked to return their Faith In Our Future Capital Campaign Pledge Cards whether you make a pledge or one-time contribution. Your returning the card will cut down on the cost of reminder mailings.

Request from Fr Hugh

I teach a course on grief at Sacred Heart School of Theology (SHST). I give my students the assignment of conducting a video-taped interview with someone who has experienced death of a loved one or some other significant loss within the last year or so. If you would be interested and willing to be interviewed, please inform me after mass, or call me at (414) 525-1935. The taped interview will take place at SHST.

A Great Big Thank You!

The Little Flower Quilters and the Craft Fair committees would like to thank the anonymous donor who gave the entire amount of money needed to have the quilt professionally finished. The finished quilt will be the crowning addition to the all-handmade St. Therese Craft Fair Raffle!



Interfaith's Annual Mum Sale

On the weekend of September 12th/13th, Greater Tosa Interfaith will again be selling beautiful mum plants in church at the Bluemound Entrance. Plan on purchasing a plant or two for your garden or to give as a gift to a grandparent or older adult. Plants will be in 8" pots and will sell for \$6.00 for one; \$10.00 for two. All proceeds go to support the programs for older adults provided by Greater Tosa Interfaith.

Respect Life Committee Update

We now have a Respect Life Committee at St. Therese Parish. Watch upcoming bulletins for information and news.

From the Catholic perspective, what are our concerns? We need Health Care Reform that respects the life and dignity of every person from conception to natural death. That means the unborn, the sick and disabled, the addicted, the mentally ill, the dying, the frail elderly—all of them. We must have health care access for all.



The Catholic Bishops are urging us to raise our voices in this matter. The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops is working on reform that is not undermined by abandoning policies against abortion funding, and mandates in favor of conscience protection. The Bishops urge you to act now by calling your Senators and Representatives. Please call and voice your opinion.

You may call the DC switchboard for your Senator or Representative at (800) 828-0498. Or call them locally: Rep. Gwen Moore (414) 297-1140, Rep. James Sensenbrenner (262) 784-1111, Rep. Paul Ryan (262) 637-0510, Sen. Herbert Kohl (414) 297-4451, Sen. Russell Feingold (414) 276-7282.

September Parish Council Meeting

Please note that, due to the Labor Day holiday, the September Parish Council Meeting will be held on Monday, September 14th at 7:00PM.

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| Thank you! | CHURCH SUPPORT | |
| | Envelopes & Offertory | <u>Last Weekend</u> \$4440.50 |

Shhh! It's a Surprise Party!

The children of Ken Knollenberg, a St. Therese parishioner, would like to invite anyone from the parish to attend a surprise birthday party on August 23rd, which is the day before Ken's 90th birthday. Ken resides at the Brookfield Rehabilitation Nursing Home at 18740 W Bluemound Rd. Stop by any time from 2:00—4:00PM.

2009 Catholic Stewardship Appeal Update

As of August 10th, 156 donors from our parish contributed a total of \$28,530 for the support of the 2009 Catholic Stewardship Appeal to fund our archdiocesan ministries. We are only \$3,470 away from our goal of \$32,000. Thanks to all who have contributed. Donation forms are available on the tables at the entrances of the church.

Considering becoming a foster or adoptive parent?

Catholic Charities' adoption program consists of domestic, step-parent, relative, and occasionally special needs adoptions. Fees are based on services received. Orientations are held every other month or individually, as needed. For more information, contact Angie Trembl, Director of Child Welfare, at (262) 547-2463 x18.

Reminder to All Liturgical Ministers

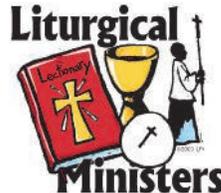
Ushers, Altar Servers, Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, and Greeters

Please remember to procure a substitute if you are unable to minister at a liturgy for which you are scheduled. Lately there have been a shortage of Ushers at the 5:00PM Saturday mass. At least three Ushers are needed at each mass.

Also, all Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Altar Servers, and Greeters are asked to check before each mass you attend to fill the "open" ministries. While we are grateful for time and the chance to vacation during the summer months, we need ministers to cover for those who are unable to minister during these times. Thanks for your cooperation and generous service!

Liturgical Ministry Schedules

Liturgical ministry schedules for lectors, servers, greeters and Eucharistic ministers for September through December are now available in the sacristy. Please pick up a copy as soon as possible.



What We Have Already Accomplished with our Faith In Our Future Capital Campaign Funds

Thanks to the generosity of 187 donors who pledged or gave a one-time donation to our Faith In Our Future Capital Campaign, we have already accomplished the following:

1. Funded the outstanding balance on the ramp in the church—\$2,573.83
2. Paid for the electrical pole that sends power to the church and offices—\$8,681.00
3. Paid for electrical repairs in the chapel—\$1589.30
4. Gave two tithe checks to our St. Vincent de Paul Society—\$995.53 and \$498.90

Questions About Faith in Our Future Capital Campaign?

We are blessed with four energetic, committed, and enthusiastic Chairpersons for our Faith In Our Future Capital Campaign. If you have any questions or would like to speak with (or email) any of the chairs, their contact information is listed below, or email all four of them by sending a single message to fiofchairs@sainttheresemilwaukee.org

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| Michael Falk | (414) 254-5619 | mjf@e-falk.com |
| Ann Maher | (414) 453-4437 | amaher@whdlaw.com |
| Dr. Jesse Stringer | (262) 442-3710 | JStringer@mcw.edu |

We Need You at the Ministry Fair!

The 2nd Annual Ministry Fair will be held on September 12th/13th following each of the weekend Masses. All Committees, Groups, and Ministries are invited to be present to talk with parishioners about the many opportunities to be active members of St. Therese. You are also invited to supply treats and have visual aids to encourage and welcome visitors to visit your table. Each group is responsible for staffing their own space. Please fill out the form below and place it in the Sacristy mailbox for Social Concerns or fill out the form online on the News & Events page of our website. If you have any questions, please contact Alice Kennedy at (414) 771-8147 or lal_kennedy@sbcglobal.net

Ministry Fair Reservation Form

Committee/Ministry _____

Your Name _____ Phone () _____

Email _____

We will need: half table full table no table

We will: help set up before the event (September 12th, 2:00)
 help clean up afterwards (September 13th after event)

Please return to Social Concerns by September 6th.



Parish Council

1st Monday of Month at 7:00PM

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(414) 453-5750

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(414) 462-7837

Hospital Visits

The Federal Privacy Regulation (HIPAA—Health Insurance Portability & Accountability Act) prohibits 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 contact Dr. Guliano in the Parish Office.

Prayer Network/Home Visits

Members of the Prayer Network pray daily for those that have asked for prayers. The intentions are kept confidential. To request prayers or a home visit, please contact Barb 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.