



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.

September 20th, 2009

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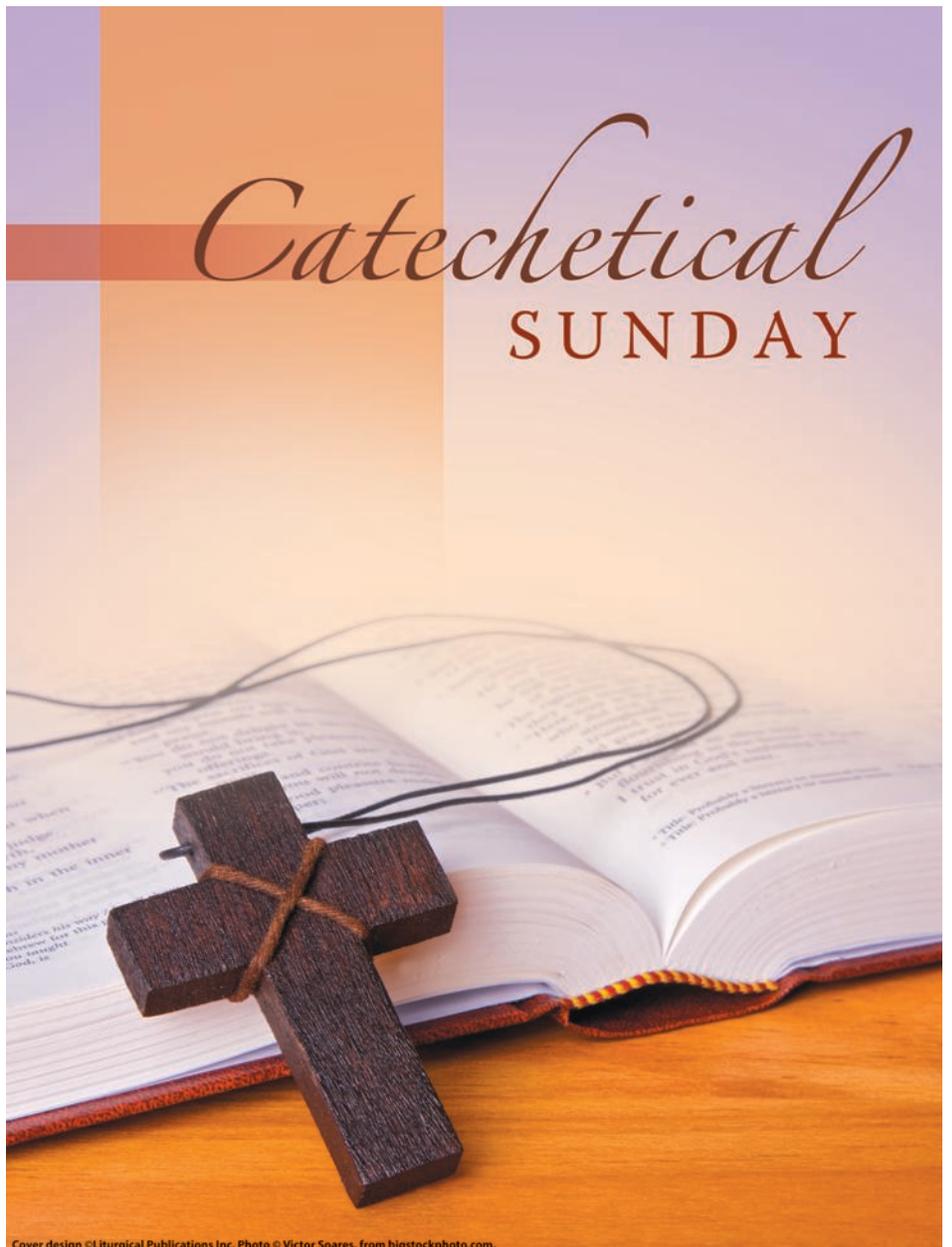
Mass Schedule

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



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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

◆ This weekend we celebrate Catechetical Sunday to mark the yearly beginning of our Christian formation programs and processes. Even though we have a weekend dedicated to praying for and giving thanks for those who teach and pass on the faith, catechesis is an ongoing process in the parish. Every time that we gather as a faith community, we are engaging in faith sharing, which is one of the ways of doing catechesis.

While the Church has always taught that the main catechists for children are their parents, it has only been since Vatican II that this has been emphasized. It used to be that children were “dropped off” for catechism; in fact, the shorthand was “CCD.” The initials “CCD” stand for “Confraternity of the Christian Doctrine,” the group responsible for publishing the catechism. Old habits die hard, and some still refer to Christian formation and catechesis as “CCD,” but catechesis is much more.

For Christians, catechesis begins with birth and ends with death. It is a lifelong process. It includes celebration of liturgy (particularly the weekly Eucharist), faith sharing, learning the doctrines of our faith, individual and communal prayer, study of the Scriptures, and service in the example of Christ. It is more than book learning. It is not only for children and youth. It is for everyone.

Now the emphasis is on *whole community catechesis*. As a faith community, we learn and grow in faith together. That is why we offer “Living as God’s People.” Information and registration information is on the Catechesis Table in church.

Remember, catechesis does not end with Confirmation. It is a lifelong adventure. How will you grow in faith this year? Join a ministry? Participate in Living as God’s People? Sign up for liturgical ministry training? Respond to opportunities advertised in the bulletin?

◆ Next weekend we welcome Sr Mary McGlone, CSJ, our Mission Sunday speaker, who will share with us the work and needs of FUVIRESE. Inserted in today’s bulletin are brochures on FUVIRESE. Please take a few moments to look at the pictures and read about this amazing outreach ministry to the disabled and poor of Baños, Ecuador.

◆ Meister Eckhart, a 14th century mystic, reminds us to give thanks in all things. To quote him, “If the only prayer you ever said was ‘thanks,’ it would be enough.”

Let us remember to give thanks each day.

God be with you!

Dr. Alexandra Guliano



God of the seasons, there is a time for everything; there is a time for dying and a time for rising. We need courage to enter into the transformation process. God of Autumn, the trees are saying goodbye to their green, letting go of what has been. We, too, have our moments of surrender, with all their insecurity and risk. Help us to let go when we need to do so. God of fallen leaves lying in colored patterns on the ground, our lives have their own patterns. As we see the patterns of our own growth, may we learn from them. God of life, you believe in us, you enrich us, you entrust us with the freedom to know You and love You. For this, we are grateful. And so we say, Amen!

—St. Joyce Rupp, OSM

How precious is Your love, O God! We take refuge in the shadow of Your wings. Psalm 36:8

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, Karen McAleese, Charlotte Meeks, Chris Melloch, Andy Moehr, Laverne Mucci, Michelle Muschelewicz, Ed Panelli, Ralph Petrie, Brayden Ramus, Gerry Roberts, Benjamin Salgy, Gloria Sarandos, Sylvia Schaffer, Fran Schmidt, Ted Schmidt, John Schmitt, Barbara Schmitz, Carlene Siever, Susan Sinks, Marion Stabo, Mary Stoke, Harold Vanden Heuvel, Merle Weber, Bob Wilcox, Jim Wollenhaupt, Deanna Zychowski

Thank You

- ◆ To Alice Kennedy, Coordinator of the Ministry Fair, and all who helped in its production.
- ◆ To the family of Anthony and Shirley Gradisnik for the memorial donation for the entire cost of the replacement of the Bell Tower Door and new threshold. The door will be blessed and dedicated in memory of Tony and Shirley at a later date.



Donations Needed

- ◆ Balance of the cost of the missalettes for the chapel—\$50
- ◆ Three adult Altar Server Albs—\$74.95 each (total \$224.85)
- ◆ Balance for the purchase of the large industrial lawnmower for the parish grounds—\$2700

If you are interested in donating toward the cost of any of the above, please contact Dr. Guliano in the Parish Office.

- ◆ Craft Fair food licenses and other expenses—\$400

Please contact Courtney or Cathy in the Parish Office to help with this donation.





Parish Events for the Week

Sunday, September 20th

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

Monday, September 21st

6:30PM Library Committee (LIB)

6:30PM Christian Formation (STR)

Tuesday, September 22nd

8:30AM Bible Study (STR)

Wednesday, September 23rd

7:30PM St. Therese Choir (CHP)

7:30PM Praise Band (CH)

Thursday, September 24th

No Meetings Scheduled

Friday, September 25th

No Meetings Scheduled

Saturday, September 26th

No Meetings Scheduled

Sunday, September 27th

8:45AM Sunday School

9:30AM Confirmation Prep (CHP)

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

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 10th/11th for those items you do not want anymore. Someone will benefit greatly.

55+ Social Club

The Laureate Group is providing a Bingo Bash for us on Thursday, October 8th at 11:30AM in Heck Hall. Reservations are required as seating is limited. Our catered lunch features roast beef & gravy, mashed potatoes, veggies, tossed salad & dressing, watermelon and cantaloupe, rolls & butter at a cost of \$8.00 per person, or you may bring your own lunch. Money and reservations for the luncheon and reservations for the Bingo Bash are due on Monday, October 5th. Call Barb in the Parish Office to make reservations.

Question of the Week:
Can anyone tell that I am trying to be "servant of all?"

New Parish Council Members

The Parish Council would like to welcome Fran Clark, David Drozdowicz, Heather Goeden and Pat Hall. Their names were selected at last weekend's liturgies to serve on the Parish Council. We would like to thank Jim Holmes, Mel Mickey and Kay Batta for putting their names in the selection process. We apologize to Kay Batta for inadvertently omitting her name from the bulletin and pulpit announcements that were made at the beginning of September. We truly appreciate everyone who showed an interest in joining the Council.

Do You Have Questions?

Faith in Our Future Capital Campaign

We are blessed with three 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 of them by sending a single message to fiofchairs@sainttheresemilwaukee.org

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

Please Return Your Pledge Cards

Faith In Our Future Capital Campaign

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.

2009 Catholic Stewardship Appeal Update

As of September 9th, 158 St. Therese Parish members have donated \$28,290 for the 2009 Catholic Stewardship Appeal for the support of our archdiocesan ministries. We have reached 90% of our goal of \$32,000. \$3,710 to go to reach our goal. Thanks to all who have contributed to this appeal. If you have not already donated and wish to do so, donation forms and envelopes are available on the tables at the entrances of the church.

Exhibitors and Volunteers Still Needed for the Craft Fair

We are still looking for exhibitors to fill our hall on the weekend of November 7th/8th. If you would like to host your own booth, or know anyone that would, please fill out the application on our website, or call Courtney in the Parish Office and ask her to mail one to you. In order to make this fair a success, we need more people to sell their crafts. Handmade items only, please.



We will also need volunteers the weekend of the event to help with check-in for the exhibitors, help unloading of crafts from cars, food vendors, raffle ticket sellers, and more. There is a job for everyone, whether you like to walk around or sit and stay put. If you would like to donate anything, see a list of specific items needed, register for a booth, or volunteer to help out that weekend, please visit www.sainttheresemilwaukee.org/craftfair, or contact Cathy or Courtney in the Parish Office. Thank you for anything you can do!

Eucharistic Minister and Lector Meeting—Date Change

The ministry meeting for Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors has been changed to Monday, September 28th at 6:30PM in Heck Hall. Please mark your calendars. If you are unable to attend, please contact Dr. Guliano in the Parish Office.

Intentions & Readings for the Week

Monday

Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Mt 9:9-13

Tuesday Mass

Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20/Lk 8:19-21

8:00AM †Joseph & †Gertrude Kohlmann

Wednesday

Ezr 9:5-9/Lk 9:1-6

Thursday Liturgy of the Word with Communion

8:00AM *Hg 1:1-8/Lk 9:7-9*

Friday Liturgy of the Word with Communion

8:00AM *Hg 2:1-9/Lk 9:18-22*

Saturday Mass

Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Lk 9:43b-45

5:00PM Nee Family

Sunday Masses

Nm 11:25-29/Jas 5:1-6/Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

8:00AM †Dara Dragisic

10:00AM People of St. Therese Parish and
†Shirley Gradisnik



Warm Up for the Crop Walk

Sign up for the St. Vincent De Paul—Walk for the Poor, Saturday, September 26th, by registering on line at www.svdpmilw.org. We meet at St Francis Seminary at 10:15AM for a one- or three-mile walk along Oak Leaf Trail. If you are not interested in the walk but would like to sponsor our members you can make a check out to SVdP Society-Walk for the Poor and place it in our donation boxes located at either end of the church. Thanks again for all the support you have given us this past year.

CROP Walk October 11th—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-mile or 5.5-mile walk. Last year, 42 St. Therese parishioners walked under a large banner and raised \$1,604 dollars. Can we do it again and raise the numbers? Our goal is to enlist at least 50 members of our parish.



If you are not able to walk, we need sponsors for the walkers. There is also a need for people to help register the walkers on the weekends of September 26th/27th, October 3rd/4th, and 10th/11th, people to stuff bulletins, and other helping hands for the event. You can also sign up or find more information through the News & Events page of our website to walk or sponsor walkers.

We will collect food for Hunger Task Force on October 3rd/4th, and 10th/11th. Check our web site for further information. To volunteer or for further questions, call Barb Gritzmacher at (414) 774-1396, Donna Maccani at (262) 309-9212 or Cathy in the Parish Office.

Hearts With Haiti

Bill Nathan and Walnes Cangas, St. Therese's 2008 Mission Sunday guests from Hearts with Haiti, will be the guests of St. Francis Cabrini (SFC) parish in West Bend for 2009. A delegation from SFC came to St. Therese last year to interview Bill and Walnes, and has joined in partnership with Hearts with Haiti and St. Joseph's Home.

If you are interested in loving Jesus' children, there are two opportunities:

- ♦ Join the delegation from St. Therese that will go to SFC for the 4:30PM mass on Saturday September 26th. Pizza party to follow
- ♦ SFC is filling and shipping a cargo container to Haiti. Hygiene Supplies, Medical Supplies, School Supplies, and/or donations towards customs fees are needed.

For a complete list of needed supplies, or if you would like to help, please call Christine Jensen at (262) 391-1851.

Redemptorist Retreat Center

The Redemptorist Retreat Center is offering a few retreats both over the weekend, and in midweek. You can find all the information, including registration forms, on their website at www.redemptoristretreat.org or by phone at (262) 567-6900. The Retreat Center is located at 1800 N Timber Trail Ln, in Oconomowoc.

Upcoming Retreats:

- ♦ Women's Midweek Retreat: September 29th – October 1st
- ♦ Men's Silent, Preached Weekend Retreat: October 2nd – 4th
- ♦ Women's Silent, Preached Weekend Retreat: October 16th – 18th

Thank
you!

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Last Weekend
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Respect Life News

Young and old alike are invited to please join in the 2009 Milwaukee-area Life Chain on Sunday, October 4th. We will stand along Bluemound Ave peacefully, prayerfully and politely from 2:00-3:30PM. To sign up, please call Alyce Breitweiser (262) 796-8086 or Gladys Sachse (414) 476-1356.

Entertainment Book Sales

Our Entertainment Book fundraiser is going well, thanks to the support of all of you. Please continue to ask your family and friends to consider a purchase. The book pays for itself in just a few uses. Do you spend significant time in Florida or Arizona? Why not purchase a book for that region? St. Therese can still get the credit for it if you submit your order on a pickup weekend, or order through our News & Events webpage. Don't forget—Christmas is less than 100 days away! Next pickup weekend is October 10th/11th.

FUVIRESE—People Helping People

The children of FUVIRESE come from the town and area surrounding Baños. Some have cerebral palsy, some have Down Syndrome, others have undiagnosed special needs. At FUVIRESE, all of them get special attention, love, and the personal touch that helps them achieve their full potential.

The teachers painted their classrooms to make them more attractive for the children.



Catechetical Sunday

Today we celebrate Catechetical Sunday. This is a time to thank those individuals who minister by sharing their faith. The following people either work as a catechist or helper in the area of Children's Liturgy of the Word, Child Ministry, Living as God's People, RCIA, Sacramental Preparation, Teen Sessions: Alyce Breitweiser, David Chesney, Angie Cofta, Shari Egan, Heather Goeden, Barb Gritzmacher, Dennis Gritzmacher, Barb Holmes, Kathy Hubrich, Elle Islo, Theresa Islo, Alice Kennedy, Chip Larson, Mary Larson, Anne Nee, Heather Ratkowski, Mary Rose Sanger, Grace Stetter, Jesse Stringer, and Lisa Stringer.



Additionally, we cannot celebrate Catechetical Sunday without mentioning Dr. Guliano who has been instrumental in shaping the Catechetical programs offered at St. Therese as well as Fr. Hugh and Fr. Norm who help to lead us in our faith life.

Lastly, each person in St. Therese has the ability to touch and teach each person in our community. Please continue to pray for one another and be the face of Christ for one another.

The Ministry Fair Was a Huge Success

It seems that everyone had a good time visiting with people from our committees, groups, and ministries. Certainly there were lots of goodies, with a great variety! There was plenty of good conversation and camaraderie. But the true success lies with the number of people who signed up to be a part of the vitality of St. Therese. The Green Team has three new members; the Meal Program signed up one new person; we have five new people for Mass ministries; Social Concerns has two new members; and the Greeters now have eleven new people to welcome us to the Masses. Some of the new Greeters consist of a parent and child team—what a wonderful way to introduce children to the joy of service! Several people made a promise to “think about it.” **To all group/committee/ministry leaders, please remember to update your membership with Courtney in the Parish Office.** It is required that the Parish Office have updated rosters of every group per archdiocesan policy.

The Social Concerns Committee thanks every one who worked or visited at the Fair. Each of you contributed to its success. We will just have to do this again next year! Respectfully and gratefully submitted by Alice Kennedy, (414) 771-8147. lal_kenned@sbcglobal.net, on behalf of the Social Concerns Committee, hosts of this Second Annual Ministry Fair.

Peace Prayer Service

Our parish is hosting our Third Annual Peace Prayer Service on Thursday, October 1st at 7:00PM. We are being joined by members of the choirs from Sacred Heart Croatian, St. Vincent Pallotti, and St. Catherine Parish. Catholics for Peace and Justice, an Archdiocesan group dedicated to praying and working for peace, will also join us.

After the Service, our guests will be invited to hospitality in Heck Hall. We need volunteers to provide home baked goodies, snacks and beverages. We also need volunteers to help set up chairs and tables before the reception, as well as volunteers to take down the tables and chairs afterward. Will you please help? If you can, please fill out the form below and return it to Elterine in the Parish Office or at the organ after any mass.

Peace Prayer Service Volunteer Sign-Up

Your Name _____ Phone () _____

Email _____

I will bring: homemade goodies beverages snacks

I will help: set up beforehand clean up/tear down afterward

serve food coordinate the reception



Please return to Elterine by September 27th.

Parish Council

1st Monday of Month at 7:00PM

Chairperson

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Alice Kennedy (414) 771-8147

Trustee

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Trustee

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Richard Sanger (414) 425-2028

Doug Sedlar (414) 258-3996

**Greater Tosa
Interfaith
(414) 453-5750**

**Saint Vincent
de Paul
(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.