



Saint Therese Parish

9525 W Bluemound Rd, Milwaukee, WI 53226

Phone (414) 771-2500 ♦ Fax (414) 771-2410

sainttheresemilwaukee.org ♦ info@sainttheresemilwaukee.org

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.

October 4th, 2009

Parish Staff

Parish Director

Dr. Alexandra Guliano ext. 14
drguliano@sainttheresemilwaukee.org

Assisting Priest

Rev. Hugh Birdsall, SDS

Help-out Priest

Rev. Norm Oswald

Administrative Assistant

Courtney Falk ext. 11
courtney@sainttheresemilwaukee.org

Bookkeeper

Lisa Vallone ext. 17
vallonel@sainttheresemilwaukee.org

ChristCare Minister

Barbara Heinz ext. 13
bhheinz@sainttheresemilwaukee.org

Pastoral Musician

Elterine Jankowski-Biggers ext. 15
jankowe@sainttheresemilwaukee.org

Sterling Biggers, Parish Musician

Coordinator of Parish Catechesis

Cathy Smith ext. 20
cathy.smith@sainttheresemilwaukee.org

Building Services Coordinator

Denise Dostalek ext. 16
denise@sainttheresemilwaukee.org

Ministers

All the Members of the Parish

Parish Emergencies

(414) 771-2500 — listen for instructions

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



Novena Prayer to St. Thérèse of Lisieux

○ St. Thérèse, flower of Carmel,
you said you would spend heaven doing good upon earth.

Listen now to my prayer and
bring before God this my special intention...

Pray for me that I may become more like you;
that I may love God in every circumstance of life;
that I may live in union with God each moment;
that I may have complete trust in God at all times;
that I may always be humble, pure and good;
that I may persevere in God's grace to the end;
that I may one day see the face of God in heaven.

○ St. Thérèse,
pray for us all that we may remain always faithful to God
and be ever more devoted to His holy Church.

May our lives, like yours, be able to touch the world and
make visible to all God's mercy and love.

○ St. Thérèse, pray for us. Amen.

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

Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday:
8:30AM — 4:00PM
closed 12:00PM — 12:30PM

Wednesday:
12:00PM — 7:30PM
closed 4:00PM — 4:30PM

From the Desk of the Parish Director

◆ Thanks to all who made Mission Sunday a great blessing for our parish—the Social Concerns Committee that arranged for missionary; Sister Mary McGlone, CSJ, Executive Director of FUVIRESE; all who gave financial contributions so that we reached our goal of \$2,000; the group of parish members who shared breakfast with Sister Mary; and all who joined their voices in prayer and song at our three weekend masses.

◆ Today we celebrate the Feast of St. Therese, our parish patron. Her feast day is actually on October 1st, but we celebrate it as a parish on the weekend closest to the actual feast day. Thanks to all who made it possible for us to have hospitality after all our parish masses this weekend.

Here are a few words from St. Therese of Lisieux for your reflection and prayer this week:

“I know it; love alone can make us pleasing to God, so, I desire no other treasure.”

“Love proves itself by deeds, and how shall I prove mine?”

“I saw something further: that Our Lord’s love shines out just as much through a little soul who yields completely to His Grace as it does through the greatest.”

Let us continue to follow the example of our patron and do “little things with great love.”

◆ This Sunday, October 4th is also the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. For many years, the School Sisters of St. Francis staffed St. Therese Parish School and coordinated religious education. We give thanks for the many Franciscans who were a part of the early years of our parish.

God’s peace to you!

Dr. Alexandra Guliano



St. Therese was a prayerful woman. Prayer, for St. Therese, was a way of walking with God. Whether it was a period of meditative prayer, communal prayer in the chapel with the other nuns in the community or the aspirative prayer of lifting her heart to God in short prayers of intercession or praise, she realized that God was with her. Her deep trust in God and in God’s love for her paved a way of joy and happiness. Cannot each one of us learn something of life’s purpose by observing the faith-filled direction of St. Therese’s life?

Reflect on the precepts of the Lord, let His commandments be your constant meditation; then He will enlighten your mind, and the wisdom you desire He will grant. Sirach 6:37

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, Tom Fera, 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, Sarah Luck, John Lyste, Karen McAleese, Imogene McShane, 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, Linda 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

Born to Eternal Life: †Theresa Polarcz

Donations Needed

- ◆ 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
- ◆ Daily Mass Record Book—\$38.50

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.

St. Francis Day Blessing of Pets

Bring your pet to the St. Francis Day Blessing of Pets on Sunday, October 4th at 11:30AM in the parking lot area near the Chapel steps. Please make sure your pets are on a leash or in a carrier.

Maintenance Volunteer Help Needed

Clean the Gutters at the Parish House

The gutters at the Parish House need cleaning. If you can do this project for the parish, please contact Denise Dostalek in the Parish Office to volunteer. Thanks for your consideration.

Parking Restricted in St. Therese Parking Lot

Parking is restricted (per the signage) on St. Therese parking lot. If you have a need to leave your car in the parking lot for an extended period of time, please make sure you report the make, model, and license plate number of your car to Courtney in the Parish Office.

New Baby!

Congratulations to Jenny and Eddie Wozniak on the birth of their second child, another son, Jacob Oliver, 8lb. 8oz., 21 ½in. Congratulations to his big brother Ben, too!



Attention: Eucharistic Ministers & Lectors

Did you miss the September 28th Ministry Meeting?

Notes from the September 28th Eucharistic Minister and Lector Meeting are available in the Eucharistic Minister and Lector mailboxes in the sacristy. Please read these carefully. If you have any questions, please contact a minister who attended the meeting. Also, updated copies of the rosters are in the mailboxes. Thank you for your commitment to these ministries.



Parish Events for the Week

Sunday, October 4th—Feast Day Celebration

- 7:30AM Canticle Choir (CH)
- 8:45AM Sunday School
- 9:10AM St. Therese Choir (CH)

Monday, October 5th

- 7:00PM Parish Council (MC)

Tuesday, October 6th

No Meetings Scheduled

Wednesday, October 7th

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

Thursday, October 8th

- 11:30AM 55+ Social Club (HH)
- 6:30PM Social Concerns (STR)

Friday, October 9th

No Meetings Scheduled

Saturday, October 10th

After Mass Entertainment Book Sales (CH)

Sunday, October 11th

- After Masses Entertainment Book Sales (CH)
- 8:45AM Sunday School
- 9:10AM St. Therese Choir (CH)
- 5:30PM Teen 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

SVdP Bundle Weekend

Next weekend (October 10th/11th) is St. Vincent dePaul Bundle Weekend. Your generous contributions will be greatly appreciated. Your donations will be accepted starting Saturday morning at 8:00AM and on Sunday until 1:00PM. Thank you.

Meal Program Needs Corn Donations

Please bring canned whole kernel corn to the table near the sacristy for the St. Vincent de Paul Meal Program any weekend in October. (Please, no creamed corn.) Any size can, any brand! Thank you!



Attention: All Liturgical Ministers

Lectors, Servers, Greeters, Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers

If you are unable to serve at an assigned liturgy, please note that you are to call for a substitute. A membership roster of each ministry is available in the sacristy in the mailboxes labeled for that ministry. Calling your own substitute is your responsibility. Please keep calling down the list before you report that you were unable to procure a substitute. Thank you for your understanding, cooperation, and ministry.

Plant Care

Got a green thumb, or even just a little green? We need a plant care volunteer to water and care for plants once a week in the church and chapel. Gladys Sachse has been doing it for a long time, and she would like to pass this job on to someone else. It's important that one person is in charge of plant care so the care is consistent. Any questions, or offers to help, please call Gladys at (414) 476-1356.

55+ Social Club

Reservations for our Bingo Bash and luncheon are due on Monday, October 5th. Our catered luncheon features roast beef, mashed potatoes, veggies, etc. at a cost of \$7.50 per person or you may bring your own lunch. Reservations to play Bingo are required and everyone is welcome. If you can bring a dessert or wish to make a reservation call Barb in the Parish Office.

Lector Preparation Books Available in the Sacristy

Lector Preparation Books for the new liturgical year, beginning with Advent and through 2010 are available in the sacristy. Please note that they are labelled according to lector's names. If you wish to help defray the cost of the books, please place \$10 in an envelope and mark it "Lector Book" or use the envelope provided in the Lector Preparation Book. Please place the envelope in the collection basket.

Attention Former Knitters

Do you have knitting needles (sizes 5-9) that you no longer want or use? Please consider putting them to good use by donating them to the St. Therese soon-to-be-formed knitting group. Several parishioners have expressed an interest in learning how to knit as a result of the Prayer Shawl/Baptismal Blanket booth at the ministry fair and we are in the process of organizing a beginning knitting class. Any donations of needles will be appreciated. Any questions, or to arrange a donation, please call Sue at (414) 453-5265. Thank you.

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!

Question of the Week:
How do you accept the kingdom of God like a child?

Intentions & Readings for the Week



Monday

Jon 1:1—2:2, 11/Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday Mass

Jon 3:1-10/Lk 10:38-42

8:00AM †Barbara Pelkey

Wednesday

Jon 4:1-11/Lk 11:1-4

Thursday Liturgy of the Word with Communion

8:00AM *Mal 3:13-20b/Lk 11:5-13*

Friday Liturgy of the Word with Communion

8:00AM *Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2/Lk 11:15-26*

Saturday Mass

Jl 4:12-21/Lk 11:27-28

5:00PM †Abby Bunzel

Sunday Masses

Wis 7:7-11/Heb 4:12-13/Mk 10:17-30

8:00AM A Special Intention

10:00AM People of St. Therese Parish and
†Richard Michalski

Thank
you!

CHURCH SUPPORT LAST WEEKEND

Envelopes & Offertory: **\$4665.97**
Mission Weekend: **\$2000.00**

Faith In Our Future Trust News

As of September 14th, \$87,144,773 (83% or the goal of \$105 million) has been raised in pledges from 40,976 donors. If you have any questions about how this money will be used, please access the Faith In Our Future website—<http://trust.faithinourfuture.org>

Information about the seven trustees and the role of the Trust is also available on the website. Thanks to all who have made a financial pledge or one-time donation to Faith In Our Future. If you wish to make a pledge or one-time donation, there are pledge cards available in the pews.

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.

Learn More About St. Therese

Visit these websites to learn more about our patron!

- ♦ en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Therese_de_Lisieux
- ♦ littleflower.org
- ♦ americancatholic.org/Features/LittleFlower
- ♦ theresemovie.com

There are also books in our Parish Library about or authored by St. Therese. Make sure to check them out, too!

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

Thank You, Sister

A Letter Campaign in Support of Women Religious

Last January, the Vatican launched an apostolic visitation of institutes of women religious in the United States. Headed by Mother Mary Clare Millea, superior general of the Apostles of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, this study is meant to examine the “quality of life” of communities of women religious and look into ways in which women religious “contribute to the welfare of the church and society.”

Now is the time for those of us who have been served by or with women religious to stand in support and express our gratitude for these women who have given us so much.

All are invited to write letters in support of women religious which will be posted at www.thankyousister.com and sent to Mother Mary Clare Millea, Cardinal Franc Rode, Cardinal Francis George and Pope Benedict XVI as well as leadership teams of communities of women religious in the US. In these letters, you are invited to share personal stories about how women religious have impacted your “quality of life,” express messages of gratitude and/or convey general messages of support.

As November is the month of giving thanks, the letters will be posted on the site throughout the month of November, but please start writing now. Here are the steps to contribute your message of support and gratitude:

Go to www.ipetitions.com/petition/thankyousister to make your commitment to write a letter. Write your letter in 700 words or less. Send your letter to thankyousister@gmail.com before November 1st. Please include your name, city and state in the message or indicate if you would like your message to remain anonymous.

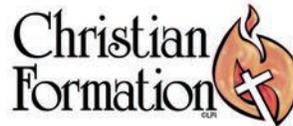
Read your message and messages from others at www.thankyousister.com from November 1st—November 30th.

Annual Update to the Faithful of Southeastern Wisconsin Regarding the Archdiocesan Response to Sexual Abuse of Minors by Clergy

Bishop William Callahan, Archdiocesan Administrator, has issued the 2009 Accountability Report detailing the Archdiocese of Milwaukee’s efforts to continue to deal with the clergy sexual abuse crisis. Information on what the archdiocese has done to do justice to those who have been harmed and abused, a listing of those who serve on the Diocesan Review Board, a listing of those who serve on the Community Advisory Board, and a summary of the pending clergy sexual abuse lawsuits as well as the financial impact of this abuse are covered in the report. The report can be accessed through the archdiocesan website at www.archmil.org/resources/ShowResource.asp?ID=2641, or found posted on the sacristy bulletin board next to the Eucharistic cabinet.

Christian Formation News

It has been a couple of weeks since the Christian Formation program had its kick-off. By now, you may have noticed something a little unusual. Our young St. Therese parishioners are asking for signatures following mass. "What is this all about," you ask? Attending mass, participating in Liturgy of the Word and receiving Eucharist is the "source and summit" of Catholic Christian life. Receiving the "Body of Christ" and being the "Body of Christ" in community is very important to forming and catechizing all of us. Asking for a signature from one of the ministers is a wonderful way for these students to more actively participate in the entire mass experience as well as make a personal connection with someone in the parish they may not know. On Catechetical Sunday we were told we are all catechists. The personal interaction you have with a young person at mass is an opportunity for you to do so. So, if you are ministering at mass and asked to sign a child or youth book, here is your chance to make a difference in the life of the young person standing next to you.



Volunteers Needed for Small But Important Ministries

Ways to Minister in the "Little Way"

- ♦ Check and Refill Candelights—The two candelights that we use for our liturgical services need to be checked each week before our weekend masses and cleaned and refilled as necessary. This ministry can be done after the 10:00AM mass on Sunday, before the 5:00PM mass on Saturday, or anytime the Parish Office is open. (Training will be given.) If you are interested in this ministry, please call or email Dr Guliano.
- ♦ Take and Pick Up Vestments from the Drycleaners—Every month there are vestments that need to be brought to the drycleaners (where we have an account). If you are interested in helping the parish by taking the vestments to be dry cleaned and picking them up once per month, please call or email Dr. Guliano.

Confirmation Update

In an effort to have our four Confirmation Candidates learn more about their own parish and the many ministry opportunities available to them during this year of preparation and beyond, these young people are required to attend one committee meeting of their choice. During this meeting they should learn the purpose and function of the ministry/committee they have chosen. The candidates were told to contact the committee prior to attending so this would not be a surprise to the committee. They will then be putting together a paper to share with their fellow candidates. Please welcome the candidates to any meetings you may have in the future. Who knows, due to the experience the candidate has, you could have a future committee member. Be sure to look for commitments the candidates have made on the Catechesis Table by the Bell Tower doors.

CROP Walk is Next Weekend!

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. Last year, 42 St. Therese parishioners walked under a large banner and raised \$1,604 dollars. Our goal this year is to enlist at least 50 members of our parish.



If you are not able to walk, we also need sponsors for the walkers, people to help register the walkers next weekend, 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 website 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.

Parish Council

1st Monday of Month at 7:00PM

Chairperson

Kathy Hubrich (414) 259-1961

Vice-Chairperson

Rich Sanger (414) 425-2028

Trustees

Jim Balliet (414) 257-0339

Mari Pavleje (414) 545-2733

Secretary

Heather Goeden (414) 430-7322

Darian Borst (414) 461-8030

David Drozdowicz (262) 938-6756

Barb Gritzmacher (414) 774-1396

Pat Hall (414) 604-9396

Chuck Jagemann (414) 453-5280

Janet Krebs (414) 774-9113

Diane May (414) 476-6238

Jesse Stringer (262) 442-3710

**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.