



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.

November 22nd, 2009

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All the Members of the Parish

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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

CHRIST THE King

*Blessed is he
who comes in the name
of the Lord.*



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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

The liturgical year comes to a close this weekend with our celebration of the Solemnity of Christ the King. When Pope Pius XI established this feast in 1925, the political situation of the world was extremely unstable. Bolshevism in Russia, fascism in Italy, and civil wars throughout Europe and Africa moved the pope to proclaim that true and lasting peace could only be found in Christ. Therefore, he proclaimed "The peace of Christ is the reign of Christ."

Similarly, our world today is fraught with conflict and instability. So the Church reminds us once again that the reign of Christ will bring peace. As followers of Christ, we are to be, as St. Francis of Assisi described, instruments of that peace. In contrast to the weapons of war, we have the potent and unequalled, though mysterious at times, power of prayer.

As people of prayer and praise of God, our worship is at the heart of why we exist as a parish. It is prayer that gives us support and through which we received guidance and direction. It is prayer that opens our hearts to God and thereby allows the spirit of God to work through us.

The Eucharist is our most powerful prayer. The weekly celebration of the Eucharist nourishes and strengthens us and grounds our individual prayer. How much time do you spend in prayer each day? Do you have a regular prayer time or a special prayer place? Recently I visited a parish family who created a space in their home they call the "Quiet Space." Their family members could go for complete quiet because there was an agreement that whoever was in the "Quiet Room" would not be disturbed and that there would be no talking in the room. They shared that, at first, the room wasn't used much, but over time, family members started to use the room and began to place special items like Bibles and religious articles in the room, creating an altar of prayer.

A man recently shared with me that he prays best in the woods. We can pray anywhere, at any time. The most important thing is that we take the time to pray.

Thanks to all who have committed to pray for our parish community of St. Therese, our Confirmation candidates, and for the special intentions on our prayer network.

◆ On another note, Happy Thanksgiving this Thursday, November 26th. I will be visiting my parents and family in Ohio for a few days, but I will return for the Sunday liturgies for the First Sunday of Advent, November 29th. (I am unable to return for the Saturday 5:00PM mass.)

God be with you!

Dr. Alexandra Guliano



Oh, Heavenly Father, we thank thee for food and remember the hungry. We thank thee for health and remember the sick. We thank thee for friends and remember the friendless. We thank thee for freedom and remember the enslaved. May these remembrances stir us to service, that thy gifts to us may be used for others. Amen.

May the spirit of Thanksgiving be shared by one and all. Have a Wonderful Thanksgiving and may God bless you on this Thanksgiving day and always.

In thanksgiving for our many blessings let us pray this week for all who are lonely or troubled, for those who suffer, for peace for our troubled world, and for all who seek healing prayers:

Lenore Black, Gene Brah, Anna Daevel, Tom Fera, Georgina Guevara, Pauline Gutmann, Mary Ann Hesselbein, Ben Hoener, Andy Islo, Garnet Jankowski, Ken Knollenberg, Marcella Kozuh, Tom Kreuter, Ann Lackovic, Frank & Raquel Lemanski, Sarah Luck, Karen McAleese, Charlotte Meeks, Chris Melloch, Laverne Mucci, Michelle Muschelewicz, Gerry Roberts, Sylvia Schaffer, Jim Shafer, Carlene Siever, Susan Sinks, Marion Stabo, Mary Stoke, Robert John Swiderski, Harold Vanden Heuvel, Merle Weber, Bob Wilcox

Please Help Us Keep Our Prayer List Current

It is our privilege to pray for others at our parish liturgies. The General Intercessions are offered at our celebrations of the Eucharist to extend our prayer beyond our parish and assembly. Please help us keep our prayer list current. While we receive many requests for prayer, we are uncertain how long to keep names on our list. If you would like a name to remain on our prayer list, you may submit the name at www.sainttheresemilwaukee.org/prayerlist or contact Courtney Falk in writing, by phone, or by email and submit the following:

- ◆ the name of the person to be prayed for, with pronunciation
- ◆ your name and contact information (phone or email)
- ◆ an agreement to communicate to Courtney Falk in writing, by phone, or email when the person's name should be removed from the list.

Thank you for understanding.

Thank You

- ◆ To Janet Swiderski and Merle Weber for each of their donations of \$100 toward the cost of our weekly bulletin.

Donations Needed

- ◆ Balance for the yearly cost of the weekly bulletin—\$300

November Sanctuary Candle

Donated in memory of Eldon McGraw by his family.

Thanksgiving Services

- ◆ Thanksgiving Ecumenical Prayer Service with the parish choirs of St. Therese, Martin Luther Lutheran, Nativity Lutheran, and Mt. Zion Lutheran Churches, on Wednesday evening, November 25th, at 7:00PM at Mt. Zion Lutheran Church in Wauwatosa.
- ◆ Thanksgiving Day Eucharist at 9:00AM here at St. Therese.

All are welcome!



Parish Events for the Week

Sunday, November 22nd

9:10AM St. Therese Choir (CH)
After Masses Breakfast with the Saints

Monday, November 23rd

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

Tuesday, November 24th

8:30AM Bible Study Group (STR)

Wednesday, November 25th

4:00PM Parish Office Closed
7:00PM Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service

Thursday, November 26th—Thanksgiving

Parish Office Closed
9:00AM Thanksgiving Mass (CH)

Friday, November 27th

Parish Office Closed

Saturday, November 28th

No Meetings Scheduled

Sunday, November 29th

9:10AM St. Therese Choir (CH)

Looking Ahead

December 5th/6th Last chance to purchase
Entertainment Books—after all masses

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

Respect Life

Keeping in mind improving health care for all, your concerns now need to be directed to the Senate. Send the message that any form of abortion funding and health care rationing is unacceptable. Please call your senators: Russ Feingold (414) 276-7282 or Herb Kohl (414) 297-4451. Mary, Mother of Compassion, you showed us how valuable a single life can be. Help us to guard and protect the lives of all people entrusted to your care.

Wednesdays with the Word

Wednesdays with the Word will continue the following Wednesdays from 6:45PM—7:30PM in the St. Therese Room: November 18th, December 2nd, 9th, 15th, and 23rd. Please note that there are no sessions on November 25th and December 30th.

Question of the Week:

Is it difficult or easy for you to tell the truth? How does Jesus help you?

Sanctuary Candle for the Tabernacle in the Chapel

Did you know that we always have vigil light burning next to the tabernacle in the Chapel to signify the Presence of Christ in the reserved Sacrament? In the course of a month, we use five vigil candles. The total cost for these candles is \$10/month. We would like to encourage donations for these vigil lights. Please consider dedicating a month of vigil lights for the tabernacle in memory of a loved one, in honor of a special event, or for a special intention. We began accepting donations with the month of November. To request a month, please place your donation for the vigil lights in an envelope with the month noted. Please also list your name and telephone number in case we need to contact you. If more than one person requests a specific month, we will accept the first request and assign the others to a different month. Thanks for your understanding and for your generosity.



55+ Social Club

Our Annual Christmas Party is on Wednesday, December 16th at Alioto's Restaurant. We will meet there at 11:30AM.

Ministry Sign Up

Sign-up sheets for servers, lectors, Eucharistic ministers, and greeters for January through April are now available in the sacristy. Please indicate your mass preference and special requests in the spaces provided. The sheets will be available through December 6th. Schedules will be ready the following weekend. 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. Questions? Contact Lisa Hollander, Lector Coordinator, at (414) 443-9656; Lisa Stringer, EM Coordinator, at (262) 442-3856; or Mari Pavleje, Scheduler, at (414) 545-2733.



The Sacrament of Reconciliation

Reconciliation is considered one of the Sacraments of Healing. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is a gift and a grace from our loving God. We examine our lives in light of the Gospel. We then consider the area or areas in our life where we are called to a conversion or an opportunity to see how we can more closely see ourselves in the image and likeness of God. It is through this Sacrament we are able to look at our lives and consider how we can move more closely to what God calls us to be.

The necessary elements of Reconciliation are: the self-awareness of our individual failings; a willingness to name the time or times when we have failed to do what we know to be "right;" a sense of contrition, that is a true feeling of sorrow for our actions or inactions; lastly, we need to be open to the forgiveness waiting for us. Sometimes we have a difficult time forgiving ourselves. It is in those moments that we may question how could God ever forgive us since we are unable to forgive ourselves.

Going through this process of Reconciliation helps to remind us that our God truly is loving and just. He waits for us with open arms each time we ask for forgiveness.

Wall of Remembrance—Month of All Souls

We remember them! During the month of November, we will be remembering our family members and friends who have gone before us in death. You are welcome to place pictures of your loved ones on our "Wall of Remembrance." Please remember to put your name and telephone number on the back of the picture.



Intentions & Readings for the Week



Monday

Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday Mass

Dn 2:31-45/Lk 21:5-11

8:00AM †Maria Matilde Leigh

Wednesday

Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/Lk 21:12-19

Thursday Mass

Dn 6:12-28/Lk 21:20-28

9:00AM †Eldon McGraw

Friday Liturgy of the Word with Communion

8:00AM *Dn 7:2-14/Lk 21:29-33*

Saturday Mass

Dn 7:15-27/Lk 21:34-36

5:00PM †Kathryn Quinn

Sunday Masses

Jer 33:14-16/1 Thes 3:12—4:2/Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

8:00AM People of St. Therese Parish and a Special Intention

10:00AM †Tony Sincere

Don't Forget to GoodShop this Season

The holidays will be here before you know it, so why not get ahead on your shopping by doing some of it online? Even better, you can donate to St. Therese while you're at it. Designate St. Therese as your charity at www.goodsearch.com and then click on the GoodShop logo. Search for the online store you would like to patronize, and then shop as you normally would. For every purchase you make in this manner, the retailer donates a percentage of your total. All it takes is visiting www.goodsearch.com before you begin your shopping. It's never been easier to support your parish.



Global Awareness for Solidarity

You are invited to explore a new beatitude: Blessed are the Compassionate, for they show the way! On Sunday afternoon, December 6th, from 2:00—4:30PM at the Holy Rosary site of the Three Holy Women Parish, the Global Awareness for Solidarity Committee (GAFS) will honor two women from Wisconsin whose compassion in life will show us the way. For more details visit: www.archmil.org/dept/wmo/news

Thank
you!

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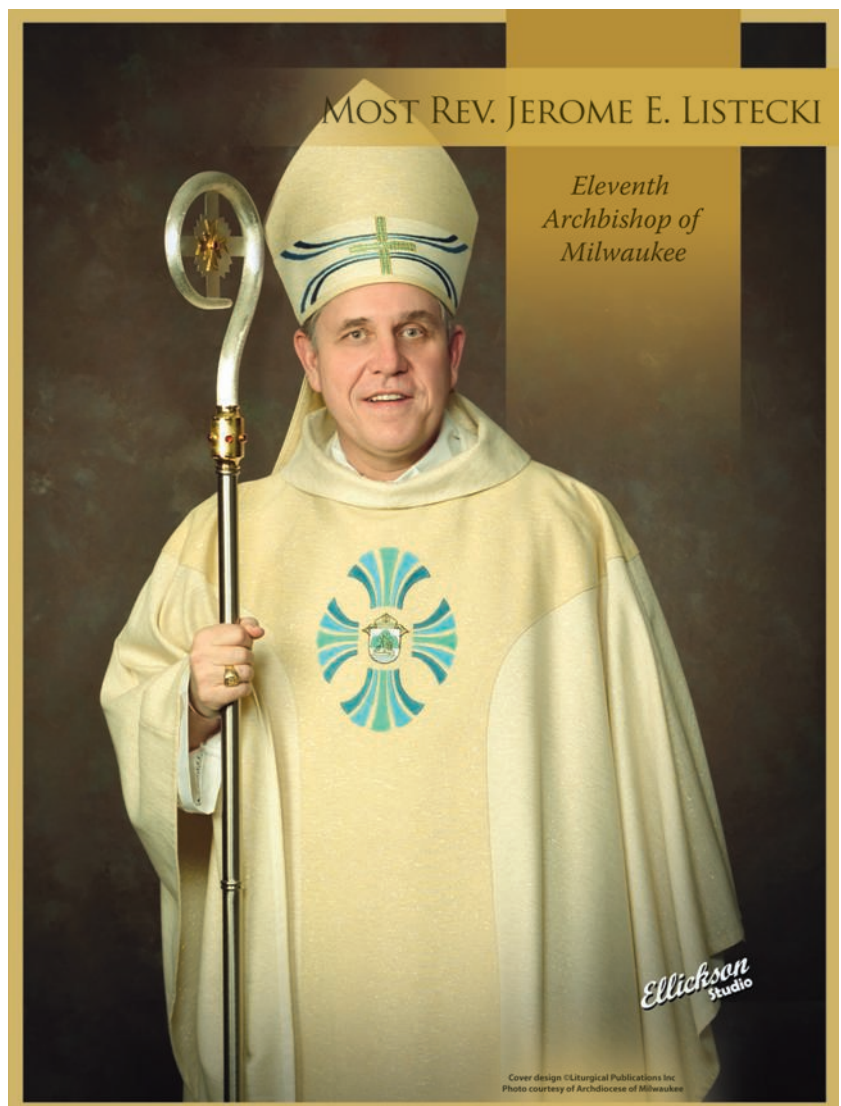
<u>Last Weekend</u>	<u>Sharing Collection</u>
\$7900.40	\$844.50

Interview with the new Archbishop

The new leader of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, Archbishop-designate, Jerome E. Listecki, (pictured at right) will be interviewed by Bob Dolan on Saturday, November 28th, at 11:00AM in the first Advent episode of "Catholic Knights presents Living Our Faith" on Channel 12. Tune in to learn more about our new archbishop! The episode is also available on Time Warner Cable's Wisconsin on Demand, Channel 411.

St Thomas More Christmas Gift Expo

Join Saint Thomas More for our very first Christmas Gift Expo, Saturday November 28th from 9:00AM-4:00PM in the library. A one-stop Christmas Shop has been created exclusively for your Christmas shopping convenience. Over 20 vendors from all over southeastern Wisconsin will be gathered at STM just waiting to help you find that special gift—cosmetics, food, gift baskets, jewelry, pet toys, portraits, health foods, purses, wine, and more! Admission is only \$3 which includes wine tasting compliments of Kafevino and an entry into our exceptional holiday raffle. Also enjoy, all the action from our annual Alumni Basketball Tournament, a delicious bake sale run by our students, and a concession stand of delicious sandwiches and beverages. We even asked Santa to stop by and visit! If you have any questions or would like to buy tickets, please contact Eric Gallagher, Director of Development, at egallagher@tmore.org or (414) 481-8370x109.



These Important Ministries Need Your Help

If you are interested in serving in any of these ministries, please submit your name and contact information to any member of the Parish Council (see contact information at right).

Church Helpers

Church helpers clean up the pews after all the weekend masses, assuring that the books, envelopes, and pencils are neatly arranged. Currently we have only two weekends per month covered. We would like to create a schedule with a 5-6 week rotation. A Coordinator is also needed for this ministry. The Coordinator has two responsibilities—making out the schedule and training the ministers. Church helpers would minister approximately once per month. The ministry can be done during the week or on the weekend (before the 5:00PM mass or after the 10:00AM mass). This is an easy thing a family can do for the parish.



Art & Environment Committee Needed

Currently we are in need of a functioning Art and Environment Committee—a Coordinator and committee to decorate the church for the liturgical seasons. Advent is fast approaching and begins on November 28th/29th. The “church environment” enhances our prayer and worship.

Altar Servers Ministry Coordinator

A Coordinator is needed for the Altar Server Ministry. This person is the contact for all altar servers, as well as the trainer of new servers.

Our 5th Faith in Our Future Transfer of Funds

On October 26th, our parish received the 5th transfer of funds from the Faith In our Future Trust in the amount of \$6,325.21. The money was used in the following ways:

- ♦ tithe of 10% to our parish St. Vincent de Paul Society: \$632.52
- ♦ payment for the repair of the church steps to Common Cents Masonry: \$1497.50
- ♦ payment for the parking lot light to Roman Electric: \$1076.70
- ♦ reimbursement to the Parish Reserve for the start-up funds for the FIOF account: \$2500.00

Thanks to all who pledged and contributed to our FIOF Capital Campaign. If you wish to pledge or make a one-time contribution, FIOF pledge cards are available on the tables at the entrances of the church.

Decorate for Christmas

On December 20th, following 10:00AM mass, everyone is welcome to help decorate the church for Christmas. There will be food, music, and a good time for all. If you have questions, please leave a voicemail for the Art & Environment Committee in the Parish Office at extension 18.



Flower & Candle Memorial Donations

In this season of giving, you can remember a loved one or a special intention by donating toward the cost of flowers and candles for our church environment. Please complete the form below, include your donation of any amount, and return both in the collection basket at any mass. Thank you for your generosity!

Candle and Flower Donations—PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Donor Name _____

Phone () _____ Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Select one: In Memory In Honor In Thanksgiving

Intention _____

Publish in bulletin? Yes No Print intention, not donor

Parish Council

1st Monday of Month at 7:00PM

Chairperson

Kathy Hubrich (414) 259-1961

Vice-Chairperson

Rich Sanger (414) 425-2028

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Heather Goeden (414) 430-7322

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Interfaith**
(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:
Deadline for November 29th
bulletin is passed. Next
available bulletin is
December 6th.
All submissions
writing; email preferred.