



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.

August 8th, 2010

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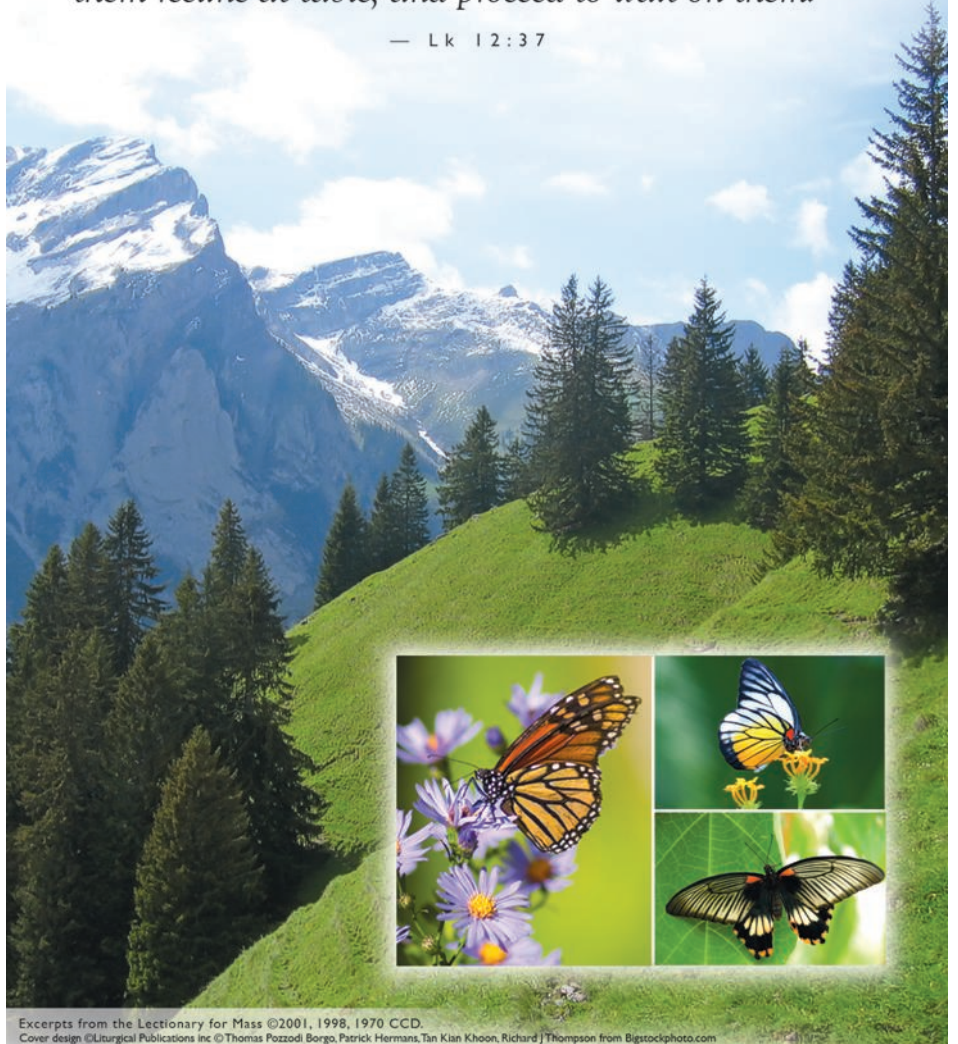
All the Members of the Parish

Parish Emergencies

(414) 771-2500 — listen for instructions

“Blessed are those servants whom the master finds vigilant on his arrival. Amen, I say to you, he will gird himself, have them recline at table, and proceed to wait on them.”

— Lk 12:37



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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

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

Friday: Closed

From the Desk of the Parish Director

While we have some very active and vital liturgical ministries, these need to be orchestrated and coordinated. Accordingly, we are beginning the process of revitalizing our Prayer & Worship Committee. According to the Archdiocese of Milwaukee Committee Resource Book, "the Prayer and Worship Committee nourishes and gives direction to the liturgical aspect of parish life. This mandated Standing Committee [of the Parish Council] ensures that the parishioners are provided with opportunities to deepen their faith through a variety of prayer experiences and liturgical celebrations."

The responsibilities of the Prayer & Worship Committee include preparation for worship; education and formation for liturgy; development of multiple forms of prayer; recruitment and formation of liturgical ministers; environment and art; music, creation of worship policies; evaluation; implementation of the liturgical rites of the RCIA; recommendations for the annual budget, and implementation and recommendations of the Archdiocesan Office for Prayer & Worship.

The ex-officio members of the Committee are Elterine Jankowski Biggers, Sterling Biggers, the Parish Council Liaison, Fr Hugh Birdsall, SDS (Assisting Priest), and the Parish Director (me). At-large members are the parish members, and from these at-large members the officers of Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, and Secretary will be selected/discerned. The reorganization effort begins this Sunday, August 8th, with the convening of the working group after the 10:00AM mass in Miriam's Corner. Thanks to all who have responded (as of this writing) to the invitation to be a part of this reorganization: Pat Hall, Lisa Hollander, Barb Gritzmacher, Jim Balliet, Sterling Biggers, Denise Dostalek, and Whitney Strohmeier. If you are interested in serving on this committee, please contact a Parish Council member. Until the Prayer & Worship Committee is "up and running," the ministries of prayer and worship remain under the direction of the Parish Council.

The Eucharist is the "source and summit" of parish life and the center of our lives as Catholic Christians. Let us give our best to our community prayer and worship.

Peace and blessings,

Dr. Alexandra Guliano

Parish Catechesis & Lifelong Faith Formation News

Our Christian Formation ministries for lifelong catechesis and faith formation are being reorganized. If you ever wanted a voice in these programs, if you are willing to step forward to make sure St. Therese is a viable and active community, concerned with its future and the needs of our children, young people, and adults as they walk the journey of faith, now is the time to step forward and become active in this critically important and exciting ministry.

The Christian Formation Ministry is in need of committee members as we reorganize the Christian Formation Committee, according to archdiocesan guidelines. Although the meeting schedule has been the third Monday of the month from 6:30PM to 8:00PM, this time can be changed, depending on the availability and preference of the members. Currently, we have a working group of three—Alyce Breitweiser, Pat Safavi, and Alice Kennedy—who are willing to assist in reorganizing our catechetical ministries.

For more information, questions, or to volunteer to serve on the Christian Formation Committee, please contact Alyce Breitweiser at (262) 786-8086 or Alice Kennedy at (414) 771-8147 or lal_kennedy@sbcglobal.net. Remember our baptismal commitment to live our faith, to share it, and to pass it on to others. We have a very real opportunity to do that now.

Prayer List for Mass

How to Add a Name/How to Remove a Name

Need to remove a name from or add a name to the Prayer List?

Please kindly send an email or call Courtney Falk, Administrative Assistant in the Parish Office. You can always leave a message after office hours, too. Also, you can add a name to the Prayer List online through our website: sainttheresemilwaukee.org/prayerlist
Please kindly follow this process so that we can ensure that your requests are honored and prayer is offered.

Donate Sanctuary Candle for a Month

The sanctuary candle in the chapel signals and indicates the presence of Christ in the tabernacle. The cost of the candles per month is \$10. Please consider donating for the cost of the sanctuary light in memory of a loved one or for a special intention. The following months are available: December, 2010 and most months for 2011. Requests will be honored in the order received. Thank you for your understanding.

Coordinators Needed

◆ Communion to the Sick and Shut-In

We would like to offer Communion to the Sick and Homebound who do not have family members or friends to bring them the Presence of Christ in Communion. The Coordinator would respond by pairing the person desiring Communion with a Eucharistic Minister willing to bring Communion to the homebound or sick person.

◆ Rides to Church Ministry

We would like to help those in our parish who need a ride to church. Those needing a ride to church once or twice a month would be paired with parish members who live in the area willing to take the person to church.

If you are interested in either of these ministries, please contact Kathy Doyne at (414) 771-7555.



CHURCH SUPPORT

Envelopes & Offertory \$5722.34

Please remember St. Therese in your will!



Parish Events for the Week

Sunday, August 8th

- 9:00AM Parish Council Agenda Meeting (STR)
- 11:00AM Prayer & Worship Reorganizational Meeting (MC)

Monday, August 9th

No Meetings Scheduled

Tuesday, August 10th

No Meetings Scheduled

Wednesday, August 11th

No Meetings Scheduled

Thursday, August 12th

- 4:00PM Green Team Lawn Party (GROUNDS)

Friday, August 13th

No Meetings Scheduled

Saturday, August 14th

No Meetings Scheduled

Sunday, August 15th—Feast of the Assumption

No Meetings Scheduled

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

Liturgical Ministry Sign-Up

Sign-up sheets for servers, lectors, Eucharistic ministers, greeters, and ushers for September through December are now in the sacristy. Please indicate your mass preference and special requests in the spaces provided. With the change to 10:30AM Sunday mass, please be sure to update your preferences on the sign-up sheets. If you previously ministered at the 10:00AM liturgy, we will assume that you can minister at the 10:30AM liturgy, **unless you indicate otherwise**. The sign-up sheets will be available through Sunday, August 8th. Schedules will be ready the following weekend. If you are interested in joining one of the ministries, please contact the appropriate coordinator below.

Altar Servers: Jim Balliet (414) 257-0339
EMs: Lisa Stringer (262) 442-3856
Greeters: Audrey Wright (414) 771-2140
Lectors: Lisa Hollander (414) 443-9656
Scheduler: Mari Pavleje (414) 545-2733
Ushers: Dan Goeden (414) 430-7322

Donations of Food Items Needed

Our harvest Craft Fair will be here before you know it! We need your help to make it as profitable as possible. Last year, we raised almost \$5000 from this 2-day event. The biggest help for us was the donations of food items. We're counting on you, our generous parishioners, to help again this year. At this time, we are asking for the following items:

- ♦ Single serving bags of chips
- ♦ 3 large bottles of ketchup
- ♦ 3 large bottles of mustard
- ♦ Large bags of nacho chips
- ♦ Bottled water (any brand approximately 18 oz each)
- ♦ Cans of soda (in these flavors only please!): diet and regular Pepsi, diet and regular Coke, Mountain Dew, 7-Up
- ♦ Baked goods: We obviously don't want these until just a few days before the event, but if you would like to commit to baking something, please call or email Courtney in the Parish Office.



To donate any of these items, please bring them to the Parish Office any time during business hours. Please do not leave these items in church. If you have questions, or would like to know how else you could help, please call Courtney in the Parish Office. Thank you for anything you can do!

Come to the Lawn Party

The first things non-parishioners see when they notice our church building are the grounds around it. Let's continue to project a welcoming and attractive image. Come help the Green Team continue caring for the gardens around our building on Thursday, August 12th, from 6:00–8:00PM. Bring your perennials, which you have thinned from your own gardens, to plant in the beds at St. Therese. Bring your tools for weeding and pruning. Refreshments will be provided.

Reminder to Altar Servers—Ring Those Bells!

Altar Servers are reminded to ring the church bells 5-10 minutes before mass begins. If you need help in ringing the bells, please ask a Lector or Usher to assist you.



Reminder to Liturgical Ministers

Ushers, Altar Servers, Lectors, Greeters, and Eucharistic Ministers Please remember to check in the sacristy before mass begins and to cross of your name on the Liturgical Ministries Schedule. That way, we will know that you are present for ministry and won't think we need to call for a substitute for your assigned ministry. Thanks very much!

Food for the Hungry Needs Your Help

Food for the Hungry, Inc. delivers bakery products to over 700 meal programs, food pantries and programs serving the poor in Southeastern Wisconsin. We serve over 100,000 people in need each week.

We are in desperate need for volunteers to help deliver or load vehicles in Milwaukee and Waukesha County a day or two for a few hours each week. We have people going hungry while bakery goes in dumpsters because we don't have enough volunteers to deliver the bread products. We need more helpers!

Look us up on our website: www.foodforthehungryinc.org for more information about our ministry. If you can help, please call Mike Czarnecki, St. Therese Parishioner, at (414) 771-0715.



Question of the Week:

What has God promised to give me?

Intentions & Readings for the Week



August Sanctuary Candle

Intentions of Judy Dietz

Monday

Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c/Mt 17:22-27

Tuesday Mass

2 Cor 9:6-10/Jn 12:24-26

8:00AM †Rosina Chieffo

Wednesday

Ez 9:1-7; 10:18-22/Mt 18:15-20

Thursday Liturgy of the Word with Communion

8:00AM *Ez 12:1-12/Mt 18:21-19:1*

Friday Liturgy of the Word with Communion

8:00AM *Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63/Mt 19:3-12*

Saturday Mass

Ez 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32/Mt 19:13-15

5:00PM †Walter Schiller

Sunday Masses

Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56

8:00AM St. Therese Parish Community and

†Billy Buffington

10:00AM †Joseph & †Gertrude Kohlmann

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I hope you are having a good summer; I certainly am. I'm enjoying my first summer in Milwaukee by getting to know all of you at Masses, parish celebrations and ethnic festivals. It's a great time of year for spending time with friends old and new, for rejuvenation and for taking vacations from work and school.

Although classes are out for a few months, our children's education is a subject we think about year round. Few decisions are more important than where to send your children to school. The education they receive has a lasting and profound impact on their entire lives.

If you haven't decided where your children will be attending school this fall, **I encourage you to consider Catholic education.** I know you want to give your child the benefit of an excellent academic education. You also want your child to learn and live the values that will guide them throughout their lives. That kind of education is found in Catholic schools.

Students in Catholic schools benefit from superior academics. Our average Catholic grade school student performs better on the Iowa Test of Basic Skills than 70% of students who took the test nationally, and maintains that performance over five years across all subject areas. Our high school students achieved an average composite ACT score of 23.6 last year – higher than the Wisconsin state average of 22.3 and the national average of 21.1.

Additionally, in Catholic schools children learn from the greatest teacher of all time - Jesus Christ. His lessons and his life form the foundation of education which is integrated in the classroom, on the playground, at Mass and during extracurricular activities. Students not only learn the faith – they live it!

Exceptional academics. Solid religious instruction. That unique blend of education and faith in a safe, values-based environment prepares your children for future success, and helps them lead a Christ-centered life.

It's not too late to enroll your children in one of our 125 Catholic schools. Find a school near you at schools.archmil.org. I encourage you to take a tour and talk to parents of current students. I know you will agree that Catholic schools provide an education we can all have faith in.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Jerome E. Listecky
Archbishop of Milwaukee

Phone Numbers for Milwaukee County Flooding

Several state and federal agencies are receiving calls from flood victims for assistance. Flood victims in Milwaukee County need to contact the local phone numbers below:

City of Milwaukee:

Report flood damage: (414) 286-CITY (2489)

Sewer backup in home - Dept of Neighborhood Services (414) 286-2268, non-business hours (414) 286-2150

All Other Milwaukee Municipalities:

Report flood damage: call Milwaukee County 2-1-1

Sewer backup in home - call local municipal Department of Public Works. <http://emergencymanagement.wi.gov/>



Ed Baganz, Bela Bartha, Lenore Black, William Bohnaker, Gene Brah, Anna Daevel, Tim Dondlinger, Ben Durbka, Amy Frank, Andrew & Maria Grosch, Pauline Gutmann, Wally Hesselbein, Andy Islo, Garnet Jankowski, Ken Knollenberg, Ann Lackovic, Sarah Luck, Chris Melloch, Lori Mikula, Laverne Mucci, Michelle Muschelewicz, Tom Nyman, Deanna Pollito, Gerry Roberts, Tom Scardina, Sylvia Schaffer, Gladys Shafer, Carlene Siever, Susan Sinks, Marion Stabo, Mary Stoke, Robert John Swiderski, Jim Swiecichowski, Dan Van Eyck, Harold Vanden Heuvel, Merle Weber, Shirley Wiedmeyer, Anne Young

Born to Eternal Life: †Alberta Duckhorn

Want to Help the Elderly and Disabled Affected by the Recent Flooding?

Catholic Charities has received several calls from the elderly and/or disabled looking for help cleaning their basements due to last week's flooding. If you would like to help, please contact Susan Howland, Director Social Justice Ministries, Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, Inc., (414) 771-2881 x170 or showland@ccmke.org.

All New Art & Environment Committee

A&E is now a committee under Building Services. Denise and Whitney would like to invite you to join a **new A&E Committee**. This committee will be involved in the liturgical environment changes for each season. Bring your helping hands, artistic eyes and idea-filled minds and join us for a little work mixed with a lot of fun. The new A&E committee will have a monthly meeting (except June & July) to *discuss* and *organize* the details of any upcoming liturgical environmental changes. Members will have a clear idea in advance of what will be expected of them so these changes can be done quickly and efficiently. We would like to have a working, well-staffed committee, formed by late September (the more people the better). All interested parishioners (men, women, and young adults) please contact Denise or Whitney (by phone or email) in the Parish Office. We look forward to working with the great volunteers in our St. Therese Community.

Dear St. Therese Parishioners,

As you know, over the past two months the Parish Council has been praying about, reflecting, and discussing the wide range of suggestions parish members have submitted for our weekend mass times. We have decided, for the good of the parish, the following weekend mass schedule: 5:00PM Saturday mass of anticipation; Sunday 8:00AM and 10:30AM, effective September 5th, 2010. We feel it is important for you to understand all the factors that led to this decision.

First of all, thank you for the ideas you submitted to the council for consideration. Over the past couple of months, we examined each option for its merits and seriously deliberated the respective impacts on our faith community. Just to recap, we had reviewed suggestions to adjust the Saturday mass time as early as 4:00PM and as late as 6:00PM; and to begin our Sunday morning masses as early as 6:00AM and as late as 9:00AM and to celebrate the second mass as early as 9:00AM and as late as 12:00PM. We also had suggestions to eliminate the Saturday mass, to have only one mass on Sunday for the entire parish community, to have no Sunday morning mass, and to have a Sunday evening mass at 5:00PM.

We considered each option by asking ourselves these questions, which reflect our values and the limitations we have to make some of the suggestions possible:

- ♦ How will changes affect the current arrangements with our priests?
- ♦ How can we best accommodate the needs of parishioners who want to deepen their faith life through organized programs we either offer today, or hope to offer in the future?
- ♦ How can we allow enough time for Dr. Guliano, Fr. Hugh, and Fr. Norm to participate in these programs?
- ♦ Is there an opportunity to improve the quality of ministry training, usually done between Sunday masses, by allowing more personal training time?
- ♦ How can we accomplish the above with the minimum amount of disruption to the schedule to which our parishioners are accustomed?

It is your Parish Council's responsibility to find and recommend ways to enrich the spiritual lives of all the parishioners we represent, and to continue implementing our strategic plan. In making this decision, we feel we are creating an environment for the whole parish to take advantage of the lifelong catechesis programs offered at St. Therese.

The recent resignation of the Coordinator of Parish Catechesis does not alter the need for expanded formation time between masses. While her departure may cause some delays, whoever serves in that ministry will also need adequate time to present parish-wide catechetical programs.

Over the summer, you will hear more about the vision for whole parish catechesis, the programs currently offered, and what you can expect to gain by participating.

In the meantime, should you have any questions regarding this decision, whole parish catechesis, or anything else, please feel free to contact any one of us on parish council.

St. Therese Parish Council

Parish Council

1st Monday of Month at 7:00PM
council@sainttheresemilwaukee.org

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**Greater Tosa
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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 a pastoral visit, please contact Dr. Guliano in the Parish Office.

Prayer List for Mass

It is our privilege to pray at our weekend masses for those in need. If you would like to add a name to the list, please complete the form at sainttheresemilwaukee.org/prayerlist or call Courtney in the Parish Office.

Need Prayer?

Call the Prayer Network at
(414) 607-0681.

Bulletin deadline:

Monday, 8:30AM

Announcement deadline:

Thursday, 12:00 NOON

All submissions must be in writing; email preferred.