



# Saint Theresia Parish

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

September 12th, 2010

*"I tell you, there will be rejoicing among the angels of God over one sinner who repents."* — Lk 15:10



## Parish Staff

### Parish Director

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### Assisting Priest

Rev. Hugh Birdsall, SDS

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### Building Services Coordinator

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### Ministers

All the Members of the Parish

### Parish Emergencies

(414) 771-2500 — listen for instructions

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## Mass Schedule

Saturday: 5:00PM  
Sunday: 8:00AM & 10:30AM  
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

## 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

In this week's bulletin is an insert summarizing our Financial Stewardship for the Fiscal Year 2009-2010. Please take some time to study it. Please note that the members of the Finance/Administration Committee are listed, and feel free to contact any of these parish members if you have questions regarding the report.

You will note that it was a challenging year, financially speaking. While we ended up with a positive of approximately \$12,000, this was due to the value of the capital projects we undertook. Thanks to our Faith In Our Future Funds, we were able to accomplish a wide range of repairs to our heating and electrical systems, our infrastructure, and other needed repairs and improvements. Currently, we are building our Faith In Our Future Account so that we can have enough to begin the next phase of our Case Statement, the study and improvement of our lighting in church. To date, we have approximately \$16,000 in our parish FIOF Money Market Account.

That said, we had to use \$24,000 from our Parish Reserves in order to compensate for the \$27,000 shortfall in ordinary income (weekly collections, offertory, and other income). Simply put, the income we projected for the parish and what we actually received through donations and other income was down \$27,000 or approximately 8% less than we projected.

It is important to note that we budget according to what we project as income. That income projection determines what kind of staffing we can hire, what expenditures we can afford, and, generally, what we

can fund. While we can adjust some expenditures throughout the fiscal year, there are a significant number of other expenditures that we cannot—utilities, benefits, cost of contracted services, etc.

We all realize that depleting our reserves, whether it be our own household or our parish household is not something that we want to continue. Over the past eight years, we have continually cut expenses—cut staff, reduced purchases, increased our volunteer services, and, in several cases, negotiated lower prices for purchased services.

To improve our financial situation, we need improved and increased stewardship among our members. Do we have the will and commitment to meet the challenge of meeting the needs of our parish? Are we willing to give back to God a tithe of our money? Are we willing to put God and the works of God first in our lives?

Several years ago, a minister of a church shared with me something that I wholeheartedly believe—"If God's got you, God's got your money, too!"

As we prepare for our Parish Support Stewardship Effort for 2010-2011, please take the time to reflect and pray about your financial commitment to our parish and its ministries.

Thanks to all who continue to support our faith community and our ministries. May God abundantly bless you!

*Dr. Alexandra Guliano*

## Donations Needed for Parish House Repair

The Parish House has had its share of water in the basement due to the excessive rain and the condition of the gutters and downspout. The current gutters and downspout are in need of repair and re-pitching (to improve drainage) and another downspout is needed west of the front bay window. The cost of this repair, upkeep, and improvement is \$1250. If you are interested in donating, please contact Dr. Guliano.

## Donations Needed

- ◆ For missalettes for the chapel—envelopes in the chapel
- ◆ \$99 for the new sink for the kitchenette in the Bluemound Area of church

## Banns of Matrimony

- ◆ Steven Pundsack and Katelyn Kluz will celebrate the Sacrament of Marriage on September 18th.
- ◆ Carlo Giombi and Rebecca Goossen will celebrate the Sacrament of Marriage on September 23rd.

Please remember these couples in your prayers.



## Elizabeth Ministry Coordinator(s) Needed

We would like to start an Elizabeth Ministry here at St. Therese. "Elizabeth Ministry is an international movement designed to offer hope and healing for women and their families on issues related to sexuality, childbearing, and relationships."

Elizabeth ministers celebrate the gift of each child, conceived and born, and assist the mourning process of those who have experienced miscarriage, abortion, stillbirth and infant or child death.

Some of the ministries of Elizabeth Ministers would be welcoming new babies to our parish community by displaying a white rose at mass and including the name of the newborn in our general intercessions, serving as "peer resources" to women who are pregnant or have become mothers for the first time; and being a "listening ear" to mothers in need of friendly support as they deal with the challenges of child-rearing.

In order to begin the Elizabeth Ministry, we need a coordinator or coordinators. Does this ministry interest you? If so, please contact Dr. Guliano in the Parish Office.



### CHURCH SUPPORT

Envelopes & Offertory \$5604.13

Please remember St. Therese in your will!

Thank you for your generosity



## Parish Events for the Week

### Sunday, September 12th

9:45AM St. Therese Choir (CH)  
After masses GTI Mum Sale (CH)  
1:00PM Taste of Uganda Party (HH)

### Monday, September 13th

6:00PM St. Vincent dePaul Society (HH)  
7:00PM Parish Council (MC)

### Tuesday, September 14th

3:30PM Canticle Choir (MC)

### Wednesday, September 15th

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

### Thursday, September 16th

No Meetings Scheduled

### Friday, September 17th

5:00PM Pundsack/Kluz Rehearsal (CH)

### Saturday, September 18th

2:00PM Pundsack/Kluz Wedding (CH)  
4:15PM Canticle Choir (CH)

### Sunday, September 19th

No Meetings Scheduled

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

### Tuesday Bible Study

The Tuesday Morning Bible Study Group will resume their discussion of the relationship of the Mass, scripture, and social justice, starting on September 28th. The group gathers after the 8:00AM mass on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month. For further information, please call Sr Ann Christine Pendleton at (414) 453-5049.

### Entertainment Book Sales

Thanks to everyone who purchased Entertainment Coupon books last weekend. Our next sales weekend is October 9th/10th. Please come ready to purchase! Milwaukee editions are only \$35 and can be used immediately. Out-of-town editions may be even less, so buy a few for friends or family around the country!

### Free Missalettes and Newsletters for Homebound

If you know someone who is homebound and is not able to attend mass please send their name, address and phone number to Maria Prado at pradom@archmil.org or (414) 769-3504. A Missalette and a homebound Newsletter will be sent to their home free of charge.

### 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. 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. All interested parishioners (men, women, and young adults) please contact Denise or Whitney in the Parish Office. We look forward to working with the great volunteers in our St. Therese Community.

### 2010 Catholic Stewardship Appeal Update

As of August 31st, St. Therese Parish Members have contributed \$29,513 to the 2010 Catholic Stewardship Appeal. We have reached 92% of our goal of \$32,000. Thanks to all who have contributed to support this effort which funds our archdiocesan ministries. If you would like to donate, contribution envelopes and forms are available on the tables at the entrances of the church.

### Parish Representative Needed for Association of Pastoral Ministers on Aging

Our archdiocese sponsors an excellent organization of representatives from parishes called the Association of Pastoral Ministers on Aging. The group, which consists of both professional and volunteer parish ministers meets 3-4 times per year. The next meeting will be on Monday, September 20th from 12:00 noon-2:00PM (please bring your bag lunch!) at Henni Hall of St. Francis Seminary. Our parish needs a representative. If you are interested in serving, please contact Dr. Guliano in the Parish Office.

### Lawn Care Crew

Thank you to all those who have given their time as members of our lawn care crew, and those who are not members, but volunteer anyway. By cutting our lawn ourselves we have been able to cut over \$2000 of lawn care costs this season. We are still looking for lawn crew members. We are a long way from being a fully-staffed crew. Can you commit three hours one Saturday a month? If so, consider joining the crew. With only a few months left before the snow flies, we would like to train people on the rider for next season in addition to the regular mower and propane trimmer. Please contact Denise in the Parish Office to get started.

### Thanks Alice Kennedy, the Steam Tunnels Located!

Thank you to Alice Kennedy who provided us with the clarification and information regarding the steam tunnels that were believed to be on our property. According to Milwaukee County Records, **the steam tunnels are not on our property**; they are on the zoo property. Therefore, these do not a concern as we consider the proposed Tree Project for our green space.

### 15th Transfer of Funds from Faith In Our Future Trust

On August 24th, our parish received its 15th transfer of funds of \$2283 from the Faith In Our Future Trust. A tithe of \$228.30 will be given to our parish St. Vincent de Paul Society. Thanks to all who have contributed to the FIOF Capital Campaign. To date, our parish has received a total of \$65,256.86. If you have not pledged or contributed to this Capital Campaign, please consider doing so or making a one-time donation. Contribution/pledge cards are available on the tables at the entrances of the church.

### Prayer Day

Prayer Day is this Thursday, September 16th from 8:30AM-6:30PM. Please check the schedule posted at on the chapel door.

## Intentions & Readings for the Week



### September Sanctuary Candle

†Peter Lemanski

### Monday

1 Cor 11:17-26, 33/Lk 7:1-10

### Tuesday Mass

Nm 21:4b-9/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17

8:00AM †Gustav Schmidt

### Wednesday

1 Cor 12:31-13:13/Jn 19:25-27

### Thursday Liturgy of the Word with Communion

8:00AM 1 Cor 15:1-11/Lk 7:36-50

### Friday Liturgy of the Word with Communion

8:00AM 1 Cor 15:12-20/Lk 8:1-3

### Saturday Mass

1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49/Lk 8:4-15

5:00PM †Frank & Gertrude Eskra

### Sunday Masses

Am 8:4-7/1 Tm 2:1-8/Lk 16:1-13

8:00AM †Marietta McCarragher

10:00AM St. Therese Parish Community and  
†Gerry Bartz



Daniel Babl, Bela Bartha, Lenore Black, Gene Brah, Tim Dondlinger, Ben Durbkan, Amy Frank, Andrew & Maria Grosch, Pauline Gutmann, Wally Hesselbein, Andy Islo, Garnet Jankowski, Ken Knollenberg, Ann Lackovic, Hildegard Lang, Kay Lovering, Sarah Luck, Chris Melloch, Lori Mikula, Laverne Mucci, Michelle Muschelewicz, Tom Nyman, Deanna Pollito, Gerry Roberts, Theresa Roman, Tom Scardina, Sylvia Schaffer, Margaret Schmitt, 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  
Born to Eternal Life: †Gerry Wells

### Special Message from the Archdiocese Regarding the General Elections

With the upcoming election primary on September 14th and the general election on November 2nd, the Wisconsin Catholic Conference has put together some Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship resources for parishes. These materials include a joint letter from all five of the Catholic bishops in Wisconsin. These materials and the materials have top billing on the Archdiocesan website [www.archmil.org](http://www.archmil.org). The materials are available to help Catholics form their consciences, evaluate political candidates and public policies, and bring forth the love and truth of Jesus Christ.

### Dear Priests and Parish Leaders,

Over the last few months, Muslims have time and again found themselves in the news. Sadly, the news has often been about disparaging actions towards them and their faith. Across the country there have been efforts to halt the construction of, and/or use of buildings for mosques or places of prayer. The community center in New York is just one example. Here in Wisconsin, efforts were made to prevent Muslims from using space in the Town of Wilson for community prayer. These efforts are frequently accompanied by arguments that portray all Muslims and Islam as evil, based on the actions of a few. A small congregation in Florida, claiming that Islam is of the devil, is encouraging a Burn the Qur'an Day on September 11th. Emails based on myths and untruths are circulating and are being passed along with no critical analysis.

Such behavior is never acceptable. It is even more disturbing that all of this is taking place while Muslims are observing the Holy month of Ramadan—a time when people of this faith strive to deepen their relationship with God through prayer, fasting and almsgiving. The faith and practice of our Muslim brothers and sisters speaks volumes and it is this practice, not the rhetoric of hate, which should be lifted up.

In this spirit, Fr. Tom Baima, in consultation with the Faiths in the World Committee of The Catholic Association of Ecumenical and Interreligious Officers, has developed a statement on Remembering September 11th. The statement speaks to the positive experience of Muslim/Catholic dialogue in this country and provides a rationale for a principled Catholic response to anti-Muslim sentiments. We encourage you to read and reflect on the statement. Bishop Victor Galeone's response to the threat of a Qur'an burning in Gainesville and other resources are also available through our website.

Historically, Catholics have understood how it feels to be denied religious freedom and to be subjected to unwarranted suspicion and scapegoating. That experience, coupled with a deep sense of the dignity of every person and a recognition that the Spirit of the Lord is at work in all people, calls us to support our brothers and sisters. We should insist on religious freedom for all, civility in the public and private sphere, and above all, love of neighbor.

As we approach September 11th, let us pray for our Muslim brothers and sisters that they have a successful Ramadan, and that they will be richly blessed by God. Let us pray also for our country, its leaders, as well as its divided factions, that all will seek truth in the public square, guided by common values and a desire for harmony, reconciliation and the common good.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

*Most Reverent Richard J. Skelba*

Auxiliary Bishop of Milwaukee

*Judith Longdin*

Director, Office of Ecumenical and Interfaith Concerns  
Archdiocese of Milwaukee

### Grandmothers Beyond Borders

Grandmothers Beyond Borders invites you to join us on Grandparent's Day to learn about the grandmothers in Africa, specifically Uganda, who are so courageously burying their own children due to HIV/AIDS and raising their grandchildren in absolute poverty. We will have Ugandan treats, grandmother handmade crafts, and a brief presentation. This event will take place on September 12th from 1:00–3:00PM. Please RSVP to Alice Kennedy at: (414) 771-8147 or [lal\\_kennedy@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lal_kennedy@sbcglobal.net)

### Prayer List for Mass—Add/Remove a Name

**Need to remove 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](http://sainttheresemilwaukee.org/prayerlist) **Please kindly follow this process so that we can ensure that your requests are honored and prayer is offered.**

### To Schedule an Event or Meeting

All groups and committees are reminded to please contact Courtney Falk, Administrative Assistant, in the Parish Office, to schedule meetings and events. Since space is at a premium, we need this information to ensure that rooms are available and that there are no conflicts. Please remember to communicate your meeting schedule by calling or emailing Courtney so that these meetings are listed on our parish calendar. Thanks for your consideration and cooperation.

### Craft Fair is Coming, and We Need Your Help!

Our Craft Fair on November 6th/7th will be here before you know it! We need your help to make it as profitable as possible. At this time, we are asking for donations of the following items:

- ♦ Single serving bags of chips
- ♦ 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.
- ♦ Homemade craft items for our St. Therese Booth—If you're crafty, but don't want to rent a whole booth, please consider donating some items for us to sell or raffle.

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!



### Announcing the Third Annual Ministry Fair

October 9th/10th has been designated as the appropriate time to address the needs of our committees, groups, and ministries. Following each mass you are invited down to Heck Hall to learn more about all the great things going on at St. Therese. You will be welcomed by friendly folks and homemade goodies, and have the opportunity to talk with active members of the Parish and learn where you will best fit in.

Committee, group, and ministry leaders: please sign up for table space and let us know if there is anything particular that you might need. The deadline to register is October 3rd. Questions can be addressed to Alice Kennedy at (414) 771-8147 or [lal\\_kennedy@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lal_kennedy@sbcglobal.net)

### Ministry Fair Reservation Form

Group Name \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (    ) \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

We need:  1/2 Table     Full Table     # of chairs \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return this slip to Human Concerns by OCTOBER 3RD.**

### Parish Council

1st Monday of Month at 7:00PM  
[council@sainttheresemilwaukee.org](mailto:council@sainttheresemilwaukee.org)

#### Chairperson

Janet Krebs (414) 774-9113

#### Vice-Chairperson

Pat Hall (414) 607-9396

#### Secretary

Heather Goeden (414) 313-6397

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(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 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](http://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.*