



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.

December 19th, 2010

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Through him we have received the grace of apostleship, to bring about the obedience of faith, for the sake of his name, among all the Gentiles, among whom are you also, who are called to belong to Jesus Christ.

~Romans 1:5-6

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Advent



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Fourth Sunday of

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

We've come to the 4th Sunday of Advent. Many years the fourth week of Advent is only a few days; this year we have almost an entire week, and next year we have an entire week. Let's use the week to remain in Advent as much as possible.

Here are some suggestions for your Advent prayer for this week:

1. Use the booklet, "Five Minutes with the Word," for reading and meditation.
2. Give yourself and God the gift of silence for at least ten minutes each day. Have you ever noticed that the most sacred and important moments in life need no words? The Quakers remind us that we should speak only when our speaking improves on silence. Over 3000 years ago, the psalmist wrote, "Be still and know that I am God." (Psalm 46:11)
3. Listen to some Advent music or, if you play an instrument or like to sing, sing some Advent songs.
4. Make a resolution this week to make some choices not to overdo it; not to overeat, not to over-drink, and not to over-schedule.
5. Speak with your family members which Christmas mass you will attend. Each mass of Christmas has its own "flavor."

We begin on Christmas Eve with the Intergenerational Family Mass at 4:00PM. Years ago, this mass was marked with a Christmas pageant. Since liturgical guidelines require any pageants happen apart from the Eucharistic liturgy, we no longer have this as part of our 4:00PM Christmas Eve Mass. Dr. David Borst and family have used their talents to create a pre-mass presentation for this mass for the past three years, and Dr. Borst is

planning another this year. So plan on coming early to get a good seat and to experience the presentation. At this mass, a special message is given to our children; and, another St. Therese tradition, "Jesus canes" are given; and we sing our much-loved carol, "Silent Night."

Later in the evening on Christmas Eve, we are inspired by the St. Therese Choir's Christmas Concert beginning at 10:00PM followed by the Christmas Night Mass (what we used to call "midnight mass"). Mass at night recalls the night at Bethlehem. It is a sacred and festive mass; marked by our candle-lit singing of "Silent Night," and a special reflection given along with music from a special trio of musicians from the parish.

On Christmas Day we celebrate the first mass of the day at 8:00AM, called the Mass at Dawn. Christmas is in the air. Over the years I have loved welcoming all our visitors, especially our young children, who probably were awake since very early dawn and come to church donned in velvet dresses and new Christmas clothes.

We continue with the Mass During the Day at 10:30AM. By the start of this mass, it is evident that the darkness has vanished, and the light of the Christ Child has come. There is no darkness that this Light cannot overcome!

At all our Christmas masses, we will celebrate the ritual of blessing the Christmas crib (creche), and placing the figure of the Baby Jesus in the manger.

I wish God's blessings to you this most sacred time of the year. May all of your moments this week, both noisy and silent, be filled with the Light of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

O come, O come, Emanuel!

Dr. Alexandra Guliano

Congratulations

Sophia Adele Ratkowski, daughter of Matthew and Heather Ratkowski, and little sister of Samantha and Brianna Carloni, was baptized last weekend. Welcome our newest little Christian!



Thank You

To Tom and Colleen Armstrong for the special donation in memory of Romaine Armstrong, mother of Tom.

Christmas Mass Schedule

- ◆ Christmas Eve—Intergenerational Family Mass at 4:00PM
- ◆ Christmas Eve—Concert followed by Night Mass at 10:00PM
- ◆ Christmas Day Masses—8:00AM and 10:30AM

Please note that because Christmas Day falls on a Saturday, there will be no Saturday evening 5:00PM mass on December 25th.

Holiday and Holiday Office Hours

Please note that the Parish Office will be closed on Monday, December 27th and Friday, December 31st. Office hours during the week of Christmas will be as follows: Tuesday, December 28th, Wednesday, December 29th, and Thursday, December 30th from 8:30AM-12:00PM and no afternoon or evening office hours. In case of emergencies, please call the Parish Office and follow the instructions for the emergency line.

Bulletin Deadlines for the Holidays

Due to publication deadlines, bulletin submission deadlines are moved up for the next couple of weeks. Please note that these deadlines are firm, so please plan ahead! Thanks for your cooperation.



Bulletin

December 26th
January 2nd

Submission Deadline

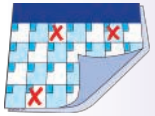
already passed
Wednesday, December 22nd, 12:00PM



CHURCH SUPPORT

Envelopes & Offertory \$5164.50

Please remember St. Therese in your will!



Parish Events for the Week

Sunday, December 19th—Sharing Weekend

- 9:15AM Cherub Choir (CHP)
- 9:45AM St. Therese Choir (CH)
- 10:30AM Children's Liturgy of the Word (CH)

Monday, December 20th

- 6:00PM St. Vincent dePaul Society (MC)

Tuesday, December 21st

No Meetings Scheduled

Wednesday, December 22nd

- 6:30PM St. Therese Choir (CHP)
- 6:30PM Praise Band (CH)

Thursday, December 23rd

No Meetings Scheduled

Friday, December 24th

Parish Office Closed

- 4:00PM Intergenerational Family Mass (CH)
- 10:00PM Choir Concert & Night Mass (CH)

Saturday, December 25th

- 8:00AM Christmas Morning Mass (CH)
- 10:30AM Christmas Morning Mass (CH)

Sunday, December 26th

- 10:30AM Children's Liturgy of the Word (CH)

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

Stewardship Thoughts for the Week

- ♦ "Giving is the highest expression of our power." Vivian Greene
- ♦ "If you want your children to turn out well, spend twice as much time with them, and half as much money." Abigail Van Buren

Shawl Ministry Coordinator Needed

The Shawl Ministry is an outreach effort to provide prayer shawls for the sick and homebound. Homemade shawls are given as a tangible sign of the support and prayer of the parish community. Coordinating this ministry involves recruiting volunteers to make the shawls and arranging for the shawls to be delivered to the recipients. Interested? Please contact Dr. Guliano.

Liturgical Ministry Schedules

Liturgical ministry schedules for lectors, servers, Eucharistic ministers, greeters, and ushers for January through April are now available in the sacristy. Please pick up a copy as soon as possible.



This Weekend is Sharing Weekend

The December Sharing Weekend recipient is Notre Dame Middle School, a Catholic school for young women sponsored by the School Sisters of Notre Dame. Following in the Christian tradition, Notre Dame fosters respect, responsibility, and sharing of personal talents while preparing students for admittance to a college preparatory high school. In a bi-literate (English and Spanish) setting, with emphasis on leadership skills, critical thinking, and social justice young women are empowered to make positive contributions to society. With the purpose of providing an exceptional experience to underserved girls in the rapidly growing heart of Milwaukee's Hispanic community, NDMS is based on a model of intense academic preparation with small classes, individual and group tutoring, and an extended day with mandatory after-school programming of study and enrichment activities.

Stock Donations

For those parishioners who would like to donate stock to St. Therese, our current broker is Stifel Nicolaus. Please contact Lisa in the Parish Office for trading information. Please note that this is for stock donated to the parish not to Faith in our Future.

"We Care" Fundraising Check

From Roundy's Supermarkets, Inc.

On December 3rd, we received a check for \$81.31 from the Roundy's Supermarkets, Inc. Thanks to all who continue to participate in this fundraising activity for the support of our parish! Participating is easy! Just go to the Customer Service Counter at Pick 'N' Save and request that St. Therese Church be the organization that your Advantage Card is attached. Our number is 814700. Make sure you explain that we are St. Therese in Milwaukee! Thanks very much!

Clarification on January 1st, Solemnity of Mary

Because January 1st falls on a Saturday, there is no obligation to attend mass for the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. Therefore, we will not have a morning mass on Saturday, January 1st. We will celebrate mass at 5:00PM on January 1st for the Feast of the Epiphany.

Month of January Office Hours

Please note that, during the month of January, the Parish Office hours will be adjusted to the following: Mondays through Thursdays, 8:30AM–4:00PM, closed from 12:00–12:30PM; and closed on Fridays (and no evening hours on Wednesdays). Normal office hours will resume in February. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Parish Support Stewardship Progress

As of December 13th, 225 Parish Support Stewardship responses have been returned for a total of \$257,099 committed for our operating budget. Thanks to all who have responded. If you have not already done so, please return your Parish Support Stewardship Response Form as soon as possible.

Library Raffle Winners

Congratulations to Ray Bernards and Sadie Goodacre who won the Christmas raffle baskets filled with lots of goodies! Thanks to all of you who came to the main lobby to enjoy the treats and the many Christmas DVDs and storybooks from the Parish Library. There are still many inspirational books for Advent and holiday books and movies on DVD. So visit the Parish Library before or after mass.

Liturgical Ministry Sign-Up for Christmas Masses

Sign up sheets for Altar Servers, Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Greeters, and Ushers for the Christmas masses are in the sacristy posted on the adult alb closet. Please sign up for these masses.

Intentions & Readings for the Week



December Sanctuary Candle

Anna Dietz & †Albert Dietz Sr

Monday

Is 7:10-14/Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday Mass

Sg 2:8-14/Lk 1:39-45

8:00AM †Gerry Bartz

Wednesday

1 Sm 1:24-28/Lk 1:46-56

Thursday Liturgy of the Word with Communion

8:00AM *Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Lk 1:57-66*

Friday Christmas Eve Masses

Morning: Is 62:1-5/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25

Midnight: Is 9:1-6/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14

4:00PM †Jennie and Kenneth Ramus and
Bob Ullenberg

10:00PM †Theodor Schmidt

Saturday Christmas Morning Masses

Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20

Day: Is 52:7-10/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

8:00AM †Ruth & †Fred Retzlaff

10:30AM †Margaret Giblin

*No 5:00PM Mass of Anticipation

Sunday Masses

Sir 3:2-7, 12-14/Col 3:12-21/Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

8:00AM St. Therese Parish Community and
†Frida Bippus

10:30AM †John and †Betty Fetzer and
†John Fetzer Jr



Daniel Babl, Gretchen & Steve Bechtel, Lenore Black, Gene Brah, Christine Cosimi, Tim Dondlinger, Ben Durbkan, Gertrude Dushek, Amy Frank, Andrew & Maria Grosch, Pauline Gutmann, Andy Islo, Garnet Jankowski, Chuck Kestner, Bill Klapper, Ken Knollenberg, Sally Krueger, Ann Lackovic, Hildegard Lang, Kay Lovering, Sarah Luck, Ann & Pat Mallon, Chris Melloch, Lori Mikula, Charles Miller, Shirley Miller, Laverne Mucci, Michelle Muschelewicz, Tom Nyman, Deanna Polito, Gerry Roberts, Theresa Roman, Sylvia Schaffer, Fran Schmidt, Margaret Schmitt, Gladys Shafer, Carlene Siever, Joel Simpson, Susan Sinks, Marion Stabo, Mary Stoke, Robert John Swiderski, Jim Swiecichowski, Shirley Wiedmeyer, Frank Zareczny

Born to Eternal Life: †Eugene Kunda and †Sue Kirsch

Food for the Hungry, Inc. Needs Your Help!

It's been 8 years since our program began. Currently about 450 volunteers gather product from 170 donor bakeries and stores and deliver over \$1 million of product weekly to over 900 meal programs and food pantries throughout southeastern Wisconsin. We need financial help to continue in the face of growing needs. We are a 501(c)3 organization. We are also looking for additional volunteers. Please visit our website at: foodforthehungryinc.org.

Did You Know?

The new *Vatican Yearbook* shows that in 2008 the world's Catholics increased by 19 million to 1,166 billion, an increase of 1.7%, but priests increased by only 1142 to a total of 409,166 or .0027%. During the same time period, the number of lay catechists increased by 3% to 3,082,562. The number of women religious declined by 1% to 739,067. (*Annuario Pontificio 2010*)

Wauwatosa Community Christmas Dinner

A Community Christmas Dinner will be available on Christmas day for anyone interested in sharing a holiday meal and festivities with others at Bethany-Calvary United Methodist Church, 7265 W Center St. The dinner features a full turkey dinner with all the trimmings, carol singing, and fun. **There is no charge for the dinner** which is sponsored by area churches and local businesses.

Donations will be accepted, but are not necessary. Reservations can be made by calling (414) 453-6948 or (262) 347-0544.

Transportation to the dinner can be request and meals can be delivered to anyone who is unable to attend.

Dear St. Therese Parish Members:

Thank you for your recent donation of \$774.85 to Hope House of Milwaukee. Your contribution will be used to directly assist individuals and families facing homelessness and poverty in our community.

It is through the generosity and compassion of people like you that Hope House has been able to expand and diversify its efforts to serve the Milwaukee community over the past 23 years.

Thank you for supporting our mission to end homelessness and create healthy communities. At Hope House, we strive to make our community a better place for everyone. Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Amanda Ferguson

Fund Development Coordinator

Dear St. Therese Craft Fair Attendees:

Please accept my gratitude for your organization's gift to Hunger Task Force of 150 pounds of donated food. During the Thanksgiving season, this generous donation has warmed the hearts and homes of families facing hunger.

Your organization recognized the need in Milwaukee, and has answered the call for help. We all give thanks at this time of year, but your organization has shown that sharing what we have is the true measure of the Thanksgiving spirit. Thanks to this gift, Hunger Task Force can continue to provide free food to the hungry in our community, ensuring that families are fed and can have those special traditions during this holiday season.

Sincerely,

Sherrie Tussler

Executive Director

Snow Closing Notification—Check Channel 12 and Affiliates

Now that winter is upon us, we are prepared for the possibility of snow closings! Please note that information regarding our parish office closing will be reported to Channel 12 WISN-TV and will also be posted on their website, www.wisn.com, as well as broadcasted on these radio stations: 96.5 WKLH, 102.9 “The Hog,” Jammin’ 98.3, and Big Buck Country 106.9. Please note that, if the Parish Office is closed, all evening activities/meetings will be cancelled. However, it is not our policy or practice to cancel masses/liturgies on the weekend or holydays of obligation. Also, please remember to look for St. Therese Parish in **Milwaukee** (Milwaukee County). There are St. Therese and St. Teresa Parishes in Kenosha and Eagle, and sometimes our members have confused the closing notification with one of these parishes. Thanks for your understanding.



Present the Figure of the Christ Child at the Christmas Masses

We will continue our tradition of carrying the figure of the Christ Child for the opening procession of our Christmas masses and placing the figure of the Christ Child in the manger. In the past years we have dedicated this prayerful action in memory of someone who has died, in honor of a special event (anniversary, birthday), or for a special intention. Families, couples, singles, children, youth, and adults are welcome to do this. We still need volunteers for the 8:00 and 10:30AM Christmas morning masses. Please contact Dr. Guliano by phone or email to volunteer.

Baptism Weekend

Beginning with the month of February, the first full weekend of the month will be designated as Infant/Child Baptism Weekend, and baptisms can be scheduled at any of our three weekend liturgies. Please keep this in mind when planning for baptism. Remember that baptismal preparation sessions are required to prepare for this beautiful sacrament of initiation.

Infant/Child Baptism Preparation Team Forming

The first sacrament of initiation is Baptism. Catechists are needed to help prepare parents for the celebrating this Sacrament. Do you enjoy sharing your faith, welcoming our tiniest members into our parish community, and celebrating the new life of infant birth and the formation of young children? Please consider ministering on the Baptism Preparation Team. Please contact Dr. Guliano if you are interested in this ministry.

Altar Server Training Rescheduled

Altar Servers are needed for all our mass times. Training sessions have been rescheduled to Sundays, January 30th, February 6th, 13th, and 20th from 9:10AM to 10:15AM (all four sessions are required). If you are interested, please come to the first session and gather in the center pews. If you have any questions regarding this ministry, please contact Jim Balliet, Altar Server Coordinator at (414) 257-0339.

Flower/Candle Memorial Donations for the Christmas Season

Please consider remembering a loved one or a special intention by donating a memorial during the Christmas Season. Please fill out the form below with your donation of any amount and return it in the collection basket or send it to the Parish Office. Thank you!



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
council@sainttheresemilwaukee.org

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Pat Touchett (414) 257-0221

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(414) 453-5750

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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 or call Courtney in the Parish Office.

Need Prayer?

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

Deadline:
Deadline for December 26th
bulletin is passed. Next
available bulletin is January
2nd. Please see inside for
altered deadlines.
writing: ethan