



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.

December 26th, 2010

Parish Staff

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All the Members of the Parish

Parish Emergencies

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Merry
Christmas!
May your
holiday
season be
filled with
peace, love,
and joy.

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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

- ◆ A Blessed Christmas to you! As we celebrate the Christmas Season, which began the evening of December 24th and continue through January 9th, let us give thanks for the gift of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. His coming as a human changed the course of history. May his coming into our lives bring us renewed hope, faith, courage, and strength. May his message of peace become a reality in our families, our communities, our nation, and our world.
- ◆ A warm welcome to all our visitors! Whether you are worshipping with us for the first time, visiting family in the area, coming back home for the holidays, or staying with loved ones at one of our nearby hospitals or health care centers, your presence with us is a blessing. It is our privilege to celebrate the Eucharist with you and to experience the Lord in Word and Sacrament. Please know that you are always welcome here at St. Therese.
- ◆ For us as church, these days are just the beginning of the Christmas Season, but already we are bombarded with “after-Christmas” sales. In church, we have just begun to sing Christmas carols at our liturgies; outside of church, we are hard-pressed to find a radio station that still plays carols after December 25th.

This year, how about celebrating the entire season, from Christmas Eve and Day through the Solemnity of the Baptism of the Lord on January 9th? Now that is certainly something “counter-cultural.” Instead of packing too much into one or two days, how about giving yourself the gift of time and spreading out the celebration during the span of the sixteen days?

- ◆ Today is the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. Let us remember our families and pray for all kinds of families—nuclear, extended, two-parent, single-parent, blended, intergenerational, etc. No matter what type of family to which we belong, we all belong to the family of God Our Creator.

Merry Christmas! God is with us—Emmanuel!

Dr. Alexandra Guliano



CHURCH SUPPORT

Totals will be published next weekend.

Please remember St. Therese in your will!

Congratulations

Sarah Aksorn Sophia Eisenberger, daughter of Karen and Bernard Eisenberger and little sister of Jacob, was baptized last weekend.



Parish 24-Hour Emergency Line

Please note that the parish has a 24-hour emergency line to accommodate pastoral needs when the Parish Office is closed. To access the emergency line, please dial the main number for the Parish Office (414) 771-2500, and follow the instructions for the emergency line. These instructions can always be found on the cover of the bulletin.

Office Hours This Week

Please note that the Parish Office will be closed on Monday, December 27th and Friday, December 31st. Office hours on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, December 28th, 29th, and 30th will be from 8:30AM–12:00PM, with no afternoon or evening hours.



Snow Closings—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.

Greetings from the White House

Once again, our parish received a card signed by the first family and addressed to the “Congregation of St. Therese Catholic Church.” It contains the following message: *May your holiday be filled with all the simple gifts of the season, and may your new year be blessed with health and happiness.*

Altar Server Training

Altar Servers are needed for all our mass times. Training sessions will be on 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.

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.



Parish Events for the Week

Sunday, December 26th

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

Monday, December 27th

Parish Office Closed

Tuesday, December 28th

8:30AM Bible Study Group (STR)

Wednesday, December 29th

No Meetings Scheduled

Thursday, December 30th

7:00PM Respect Life (GN)

7:00PM RCIA (MC)

Friday, December 31st

Parish Office Closed

Saturday, January 1st

5:00PM Children's Liturgy of the Word (CH)

Sunday, January 2nd

7:30AM Canticle Choir (CH)

9:45AM St. Therese Choir (CH)

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 Thought for the Week

"Give God what's right, not what's left!"

Author Unknown

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.

St. Therese 55+ Social Club

Join us on Thursday, January 13th for Pot Luck Lunch: A-H Salad, I-M Main Dish, N-Z Dessert. The program will be Carrie Labinski, a Christian Musician with songs from the heart, with candid sharing and stories. Anyone is welcome to attend.

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.

2010 Catholic Stewardship Appeal Update

As of November 30th, our parish exceeded our 2010 Catholic Stewardship Appeal goal by 4%! Our 2010 goal was \$32,000, and parish members gave a total of \$33,361 for the support of our archdiocesan ministries. Thanks to the 162 donors (35%) of our parish who supported this appeal. May God reward your generosity abundantly!

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.



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.



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.

Flower/Candle Donations for 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 () _____ Amt Enclosed \$ _____

Select: In Memory In Honor In Thanksgiving

Intention _____

Publish? Yes No Print intention, not donor

Intentions & Readings for the Week



December Sanctuary Candle

Anna Dietz & †Albert Dietz Sr

Monday

1 Jn 1:1-4/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Tuesday Mass

1 Jn 1:5-2:2/Mt 2:13-18

8:00AM †Gregory Enderson

Wednesday

1 Jn 2:3-11/Lk 2:22-35

Thursday Liturgy of the Word with Communion

8:00AM 1 Jn 2:12-17/Lk 2:36-40

Friday Liturgy of the Word with Communion

8:00AM 1 Jn 2:18-21/Jn 1:1-18

Saturday Mass

Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

5:00PM †Abby Bunzel

Sunday Masses

Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

8:00AM Edward John & Richard McShane

10:30AM St. Therese Parish Community

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As I approach my one year anniversary as your archbishop, I give thanks to God for blessing me with the opportunity of being your shepherd. God is good, and as I look back on the year, I am grateful for everything I've experienced and all of the new relationships I've developed.

Celebrating Mass and events at parishes and schools, administering the sacrament of Confirmation, visiting the sick, and saying Mass for thousands at the summer festivals are just some of the memories I will cherish from this past year. Each occasion was a gift and provided yet another opportunity for me to help build the kingdom of God here on earth.

As Christmas approaches, I am reminded that God gives each of us the gift of new beginnings every year when we celebrate His greatest gift to us, and to all of mankind, the birth of Jesus Christ. This Christmas, I ask you to keep Christ present in all you say and do. Remember that this special day is more than just a holiday – it is a Holy Day. It's a day to give thanks and praise and to remember that because of Christ's birth all things are made new!

May God grant you all the blessings of family and friends during this blessed season and into the new year.

See you at Mass!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

†Jerome E. Listecki

The Most Reverend Jerome E. Listecki
Archbishop of Milwaukee



Archbishop Listecki Scheduled to be on WTMJ Morning News Program

Milwaukee Archbishop Jerome Listecki is reaching out to Catholics and non-Catholics alike via the radio waves. Beginning December 19th, the archbishop will be a guest on WTMJ's Weekend Morning News program the "Sunday Sip."

Archbishop Listecki will tackle a number of topics on the show including Catholic education and the Milwaukee Parental Choice Program, marriage, divorce, same-sex unions, and the positive impact the Church has on communities throughout southeastern Wisconsin.

The archbishop is scheduled on the following dates:

- ♦ New Year, New Leadership—January 2nd at 8:20AM
- ♦ Catholic Education—January 16th at 9:20AM
- ♦ The Positive Impact of the Church—February 6th at 9:20AM
- ♦ Marriage—February 20th at 9:20AM
- ♦ The Forty Days of Lent—March 6th at 9:20AM

For more information visit www.archmil.org or www.620wtmj.com



Daniel Bahl, 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: †Marilyn Kolesari

Food for the Hungry, Inc. Needs 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 also looking for additional volunteers. Please visit our website at: foodforthehungryinc.org.

Peace on Earth



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Parish Council

1st Monday of Month at 7:00PM
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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:

**Deadline for January 2nd
bulletin is passed.
Next available bulletin is
January 9th.**

**All submissions
writing; email preferred.**