



# 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.

January 2nd, 2011

## Parish Staff

### Parish Director

Dr. Alexandra Guliano ext. 14  
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### Assisting Priest

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### Administrative Assistant

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### Ministers

All the Members of the Parish

### Parish Emergencies

(414) 771-2500 — listen for instructions



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Excerpts  
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Lectionary  
for Mass  
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Magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews?"

We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage."

~Mt 2:1b-2

## 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*

## January Office Hours

**Monday–Thursday:**  
8:30AM — 4:00PM  
*closed 12:00PM — 12:30PM*

**Friday:**  
Closed

## From the Desk of the Parish Director

◆ Happy Epiphany! This weekend we celebrate the Solemnity of the Epiphany as we hear the Gospel story from Matthew 2:1-12 proclaimed, which recounts the visit of “magi” from the east to the Christ Child. The word “epiphany” comes from the Greek word *epiphanos* which means “manifestation” or “revelation.” One writer likened today’s feast to “something like a spectacular fireworks display at the end of a big celebration.” The Light of the Savior of the world, Jesus, became manifest to the magi as they followed the light of the star to the place where the Holy Family was.

While the Gospel writer does not mention the number of magi, it is customary to place three “kings” on camels with the gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. This feast is often called the “Feast of the Gentiles” because the magi who visited the Christ Child were foreigners who signify that the Christ came for all peoples. We celebrate that Jesus is the Light for all nations.

◆ Happy New Year! As we begin a new calendar year, armed with all our new year’s resolutions, may we give thanks for this new start. May the year 2011 bring you and yours many blessings.

◆ As a part of my beginning the new year, I will be going on a three-week retreat from January 6th-26th. While I am on retreat, Dr. Mary Foley will be available to minister for any emergencies or pastoral needs. Thanks to Dr. Foley for her willingness to minister with us both as our RCIA Coordinator and as a pastoral minister.

Let us begin the New Year 2011 with hope and thanksgiving!

Continued Christmas Blessings,

*Dr. Alexandra Guliano*

## Committee/Group Secretaries, Please Note

All Committee/Group Secretaries are asked to please submit any dates for committee/group meetings to Courtney Falk, Administrative Assistant. Please also request the meeting space/room at that time. If your group has changed a regular meeting time, please communicate this change to Courtney Falk so that our parish calendar can be updated. Lately we have had meeting changes that were not communicated and correctly listed in the bulletin. Please help us improve our communications!

## Congratulations!

Virginia (Vergie) and Kenneth Reiter celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary!



## 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.

## 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](http://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.

## 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.

## 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 20th, 227 Parish Support Stewardship responses have been returned for a total of \$258,799 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.

## Altar Server Training

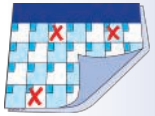
Altar Servers are needed for all our mass times. Training sessions will be on Sundays, January 30th, February 6th, 13th, and 20th from 9:10AM–10:15AM (all four sessions are required). If you are interested, please come to the first session and gather in the center pews. If you have any questions regarding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



### CHURCH SUPPORT

December 18th/19th	\$13,694.64
Sharing Collection	\$ 1402.15

Please remember St. Therese in your will!



# Parish Events for the Week

## Sunday, January 2nd

- 7:30AM Canticle Choir (CH)
- 9:45AM St. Therese Choir (CH)
- 10:30AM Children's Liturgy of the Word (CH)

## Monday, January 3rd

- 3:45PM Catechesis – age 3-K (GLP)
- 6:00PM SVdP Society (MC)

## Tuesday, January 4th

- 3:45PM Catechesis – grades 1-3 (GLP)

## Wednesday, January 5th

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

## Thursday, January 6th

- 3:45PM Catechesis – grades 4-8 (GLP)

## Friday, January 7th

No Meetings Scheduled

## Saturday, January 8th

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

## Sunday, January 9th

- 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

## 55+ Social Club

Join us on Thursday, January 13 for Pot Luck Lunch: A-H Salad, I-M Main Dish, N-Z Dessert. Carrie Labinski, a Christian Musician enjoys singing and playing guitar to share the love and hope of Christ, with songs from the heart. Everyone is given a scripture verse to reflect upon, with candid sharing and stories of encouragement. All are welcome.

## 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.

## 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.

## 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.



## Important Change to Pick 'N' Save "We Care" Program

We have been notified that the Pick 'N' Save "We Care" Program has been discontinued. A new program, which requires selling "scrip" and receiving a percentage of the sales has replaced the "We Care" Program. Our parish will not be participating in this new program at this time. Thanks to all who participated and supported St. Therese through the "We Care" Program, and thanks to Roundy's Inc. for their contributions to our parish.



## 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



**January Sanctuary Candle**  
†Maurice Wright

**Monday**

*1 Jn 3:22-4:6/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25*

**Tuesday Mass**

*1 Jn 4:7-10/Mk 6:34-44*

8:00AM †Henny Arnold

**Wednesday**

*1 Jn 4:11-18/Mk 6:45-52*

**Thursday Liturgy of the Word with Communion**

8:00AM *1 Jn 4:19-5:4/Lk 4:14-22a*

**Friday Liturgy of the Word with Communion**

8:00AM *1 Jn 5:5-13/Lk 5:12-16*

**Saturday Mass**

*1 Jn 5:14-21/Jn 3:22-30*

5:00PM †Dennis Nee

**Sunday Masses**

*Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Acts 10:34-38/Mt 3:13-1*

8:00AM St. Therese Parish Community and  
†Susan Kirsch

10:30AM †Harold VandenHeuvel

## Greater Tosa Interfaith Helps Older Adults

Greater Tosa Interfaith has been serving the frail elderly of Wauwatosa and western Milwaukee since the mid-1980s. Last year, GTI served more than 320 people. Services were provided by the Program Director, the Program Assistant, and more than 100 volunteers. Volunteers, who are the heart and soul of the program, provided 4,773 hours of service to our frail elderly neighbors.

Last year Greater Tosa Interfaith:

- ♦ Provided 1,822 one-way rides
- ♦ Went shopping with or for someone 637 times
- ♦ Helped with chores or home repairs more than 320 times
- ♦ Provided 685 friendly visits
- ♦ Made friendly phone calls to check on our friends 383 times
- ♦ Served as an information and referral source on a daily basis
- ♦ Worked with community agencies, hospitals, clergy, and families to provide more specialized services.

At the December 15th Human Concerns Committee meeting, our parish commitment to Greater Tosa Interfaith was reaffirmed. We will support the mission of Greater Tosa Interfaith by tithing from our Faith In Our Future Capital Campaign Funds, one Sharing Sunday (weekend) collection, and \$1,000 from our operating budget for a goal of \$3,000 membership dues to the organization.

Thanks to all who have supported, volunteered, or contributed to Greater Tosa Interfaith! Thanks also to our parish member, Barbara Gritzmacher, who serves as Vice-Chairperson of the Board of Directors.

## Celebrate Catholic Education

Celebrate Catholic education with us as Kathleen Cepelka talks about Catholic Schools during Catholic Schools Week! Our new Catholic School Superintendent shares her thoughts on the new direction of Catholic education during the January 28th episode of "Living Our Faith with Archbishop ListECKI," on Relevant Radio.

Jeff Monday, principal of Marquette University High School and former principal of Messmer High School, will share his thoughts on the Milwaukee Parental Choice Program and its impact on education.

Listen to "Living Our Faith with Archbishop ListECKI," Friday, January 28th, at 9:30AM on Relevant Radio FM 100.1 and on [www.relevantradio.com](http://www.relevantradio.com). Episodes will also be available on [www.livingourfaith.net](http://www.livingourfaith.net).



## Important Update from Archbishop ListECKI on Lawsuits

Last month, Archbishop Jerome E. ListECKI issued an important update on the mediation process aimed at resolving lawsuits filed by 16 individuals involving sexual abuse of minors by priests. This new communication is a follow up to the information he has issued previously in an effort to maintain his commitment to keep Catholics in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee informed about issues important to our Church.

The archbishop's letter is posted in its entirety on the archdiocesan Web site. Because of the nature of the information, and its importance to the Church in southeastern Wisconsin, you may want to electronically access this update. You can view the Archbishop's letter by clicking this link <http://www.archmil.org/Resources/LoveOneAnother-December162010.htm>



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



# Season's Greetings

## Thank You

To all who helped and contributed in any way to make our Advent and Christmas liturgies fitting celebrations of worship, praise, and thanksgiving, especially:

- ♦ Liturgical ministers—Ushers, Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Greeters, Altar Servers, Lay Presiders, Priest-Presiders, and schedulers
- ♦ Art and Environment Committee and Building Services personnel—Denise Dostalek and Whitney Strohmeyer, and with special thanks to Janet Krebs for procuring the poinsettias for the church and all who decorated on Sunday, December 19th after our parish masses
- ♦ Advent Giving Committee, Ann Maher and Pat Safavi, and those who participated in this annual effort
- ♦ RCIA Team, candidates, catechumen, and director of the process, Dr. Mary Foley
- ♦ Children's Liturgy of the Word Catechists and parent helpers
- ♦ Music ministers, including our Canticle Choir, St. Therese Choir, Cherub Choir, cantors, instrumentalists, Praise Band—all directed by Elterine Jankowski-Biggers and accompanied by Sterling Biggers.
- ♦ Guest musicians and Children's Choir members from St. Bernadette School.
- ♦ Prayer & Worship Committee, chaired by Pat Hall; vice-chair Dan Goeden, and secretary, Terri Wissing
- ♦ Steve Ottman for the donation of wreaths for the exterior of the church
- ♦ All who donated for the purchase of flowers and candles (a complete list with intentions will be published in the January 16th bulletin)
- ♦ Courtney Falk, who produced and designed all the Orders of Worship and Music Supplements
- ♦ Our Parish Staff, who provided support, leadership, and hard work throughout the season, along with our Assisting Priest, Father Hugh Birdsall, SDS, our Help-Out Priest, Father Norm Oswald, our Parish Director, Dr. Alexandra Guliano
- ♦ All who attended and celebrated with us the incomparable gift of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

## Parish Council

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

### Chairperson

Janet Krebs (414) 774-9113

### Vice-Chairperson

Pat Hall (414) 607-9396

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de Paul**

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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](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.*