



Saint Theresese Parish

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

January 9th, 2011

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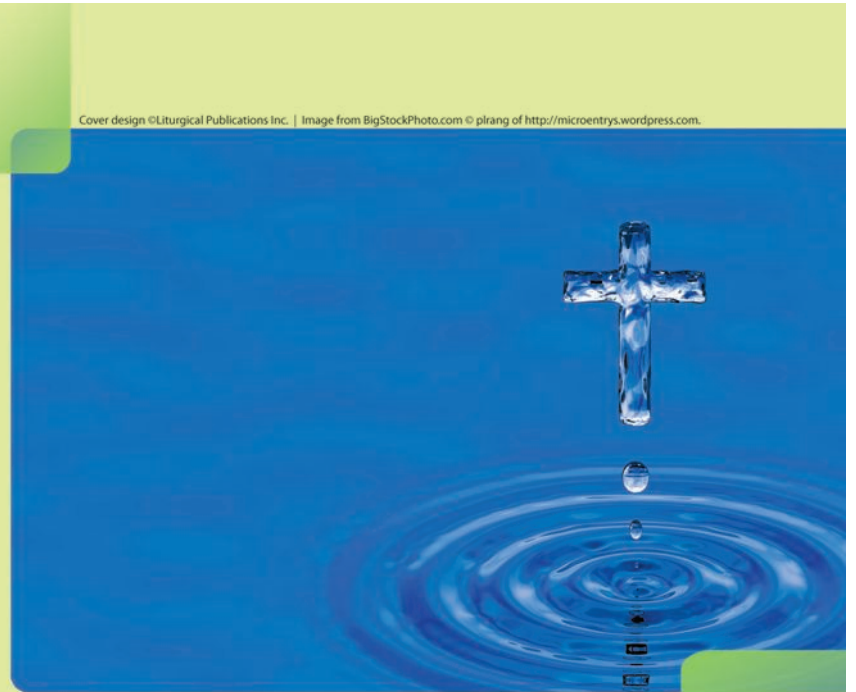
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Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan to be baptized by him. John tried to prevent him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and yet you are coming to me?" Jesus said to him in reply, "Allow it now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he allowed him.

~Mt 3:13-15

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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

January Office Hours

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

Friday:
Closed

From the Desk of the Parish Director

◆ We complete (end) the Christmas Season today with the Solemnity of the Baptism of the Lord. I hope the past fifteen days of this liturgical season were marked with presence of God With Us, Emmanuel. I enjoyed hearing from parish members how they were celebrating the season. For several, the celebration of Christmas was more than one or two days as family members and friends gathered throughout the two weeks. Our parish was deeply blessed with visitors, college students home on semester/quarter break, family returning home for the holidays, family members of those in the local area hospitals and health care facilities, and some looking for a church to attend in celebration of the Christmas Season. Again, thanks to all who made this season a fitting celebration of praise and thanksgiving for the gift of Christ our Savior.

Today's feast reminds us of the importance of the sacrament of baptism, as the Gospel writer Matthew recounts Jesus' baptism in the Jordan by John the Baptist. Matthew states that the voice of God came upon the newly baptized Jesus, "This is my Beloved Son, with whom I am well-pleased." (Matthew 3:17)

During the weeks of Advent, we celebrated the baptisms of three infants. Each time we baptize a person (infant, child, or adult), the message given by that Voice comes to that person, as well. In baptism, we are claimed for Christ and become a part of His Body the Church. The delight we feel when the newly baptized are presented to the congregation assembled is only a glimpse of what God's delight is for us.

◆ We also begin Ordinary Time this weekend. "Ordinary Time" is a way of counting liturgical time. It literally means "ordered time."

Rather than thinking of this time as commonplace, it is, according to the Vatican II document, *Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy*, "the first holy day." (#26)

It is interesting to note that, for the early Christians, up until the 4th century, Sunday was considered not only the first day of the week but also a work day much like our Monday is for many of us. However, in our society and work culture, many jobs require weekend work. The early Christians were posed with the same issue many of us who work on the weekend have—when to celebrate the Eucharist on the Lord's Day. Fortunately, there are still a variety of masses and mass times throughout our city and archdiocese. But, with the increasing shortage of ordained priests, the opportunities for variety of mass times is decreasing.

As the Archdiocese continues its pastoral planning, the availability of the celebration of the Eucharist is foremost. We are deeply grateful to our two faithful priest presiders, Father Hugh Birdsall, SDS, our Assisting Priest, and Father Norm Oswald for making it possible for us to retain three mass times per weekend. Since August 2010, Father Norm has not be able to preside on a regular basis, but has helped for special occasions, holydays, and funerals. Father Hugh has generously and faithfully presided at all three weekend masses for the past five months. Please take the opportunity to thank him personally when you see him!

◆ Our parish, its families, and all who come to celebrate with us remain in my prayers while I am on retreat.

God be with you!

Dr. Alexandra Guliano

A Message from Frank Zareczny

"I am forever grateful for the people of St. Therese as they pray for my recovery. Nobody has to journey alone, and I feel the healing hands of God and the support of all my friends at St. Therese around me. It is a great feeling."

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 in the Parish Office.

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.

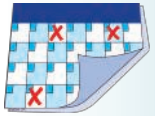


Baptism Weekend

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.

CHURCH SUPPORT	
Christmas Masses	\$11,790.17
December 26th, 2010	\$ 3390.75
January 2nd/3rd	\$ 5026.21
Please remember St. Therese in your will!	





Parish Events for the Week

Sunday, January 9th

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

Monday, January 10th

3:45PM Catechesis – age 3-K (GLP)

Tuesday, January 11th

8:30AM Bible Study Group (STR)
3:30PM Canticle Choir (MC)
3:45PM Catechesis – grades 1-3 (GLP)

Wednesday, January 12th

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

Thursday, January 13th

11:30AM 55+ Social Club (HH)
3:45PM Catechesis – grades 4-8 (GLP)

Friday, January 14th

No Meetings Scheduled

Saturday, January 15th—Sharing Weekend

4:15PM Canticle Choir (CH)
5:00PM Children's Liturgy of the Word (CH)

Sunday, January 16th—Sharing Weekend

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

Respect Life

In January throughout the United States, time is taken for prayer that the dignity of the human person will be respected from conception to natural death. Please gather in the Chapel on January 20th at 5:00PM to join in prayer that respect and true value of life is restored.

Thank You For Giving in Advent!

Thank you to everyone who bought a gift for our Advent Giving Tree program. What a wonderful St. Therese tradition! More than 175 gifts were donated to needy adults and children who benefit from the programs run by the following organizations: V.A. Medical Center, Hope House, La Causa and Milwaukee Center for Independent Living. Your continued generosity to those less fortunate is greatly appreciated. Ann Maher and Patricia Safavi on behalf of the Sharing Sunday and Advent Giving Committees.



Next Weekend is Sharing Weekend

This month's recipient is The Down Syndrome Association of Wisconsin. The Down Syndrome Association of Wisconsin (DSAW) was organized to provide awareness, acceptance and assistance for all members of the Down syndrome community. DSAW provides support for families and individuals with Down syndrome through education, information, and the exchange of ideas and experiences. They provide this through newsletters, new parent packets, seminars and so much more. DSAW works with medical, daycare and education professionals in order to promote the understanding of the value of people with Down syndrome. They also work with the parents of children with Down syndrome to ensure these children get the educational and medical services that are needed, they also provide fun activities that are open to all. DSAW helps to ensure that individuals with Down syndrome are meeting and exceeding expectations every day in every way! Please be generous to this very worthy organization.

Dear Congregation of St. Therese,

Congratulations for achieving your 2010 Catholic Stewardship Appeal goal of \$32,000. In fact, \$32,896 was raised to help support the important ministries and programs of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee.

Through the spirit of giving, compassion, and self-sacrifice, and aided by God's infinite grace, your parishioners have helped answer the prayers of thousands of individuals and families throughout the archdiocese. This strong demonstration of faith and unity is to be commended.

This is a tremendous accomplishment and one for which the faithful of your parish should be extremely proud. God bless you!

Fraternally yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Jerome E Listecki
Archbishop of Milwaukee

Dear Members of St. Therese Parish,

We send you wishes for a hope-filled holy season and we thank you for the opportunity to share our mission for the children at your Sunday Liturgy.

Thank you all so much for your generous donation of \$1,047.15 for Notre Dame Middle School. It was an honor to witness your Gospel living and worship and now it is an honor to receive your gift. We appreciate the prayers and concern that you send to bless our students, too.

As you know, Notre Dame Middle School is a sponsored work of the School Sisters of Notre Dame. It offers Hispanic girls, grades 5–8, an education to encourage leadership development with foci on respect, responsibility and gratitude.

I believe now more than ever that relationships with generous donors like you are changing the lives of our girls. With your ongoing support, we will continue to educate these young women with Judeo-Christian values and provide every opportunity for higher education and lifelong success!

Thanks to you again for your continued dedication to NDMS.

God's blessings!

Mary McIntosh
President

Intentions & Readings for the Week



January Sanctuary Candle
†Maurice Wright

Monday

Heb 1:1-6/Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday Mass

Heb 2:5-12/Mk 1:21-28

8:00AM †Merle Weber

Wednesday

Heb 2:14-18/Mk 1:29-39

Thursday Liturgy of the Word with Communion

8:00AM Heb 3:7-14/Mk 1:40-45

Friday Liturgy of the Word with Communion

8:00AM Heb 4:1-5, 11/Mk 2:1-12

Saturday Mass

Heb 4:12-16/Mk 2:13-17

5:00PM †Steven Nook

Sunday Masses

Is 49:3, 5-6/1 Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34

8:00AM †Fred Sachse

10:30AM St. Therese Parish Community

Death and Dying Panel Presentation Ritual, Practice, and Belief

The Catholic-Jewish Conference of Milwaukee cordially invites you to a panel presentation on “Death and Dying Ritual, Practice, and Belief” on Sunday, January 23rd from 2:00–4:30PM at Lumen Christi Parish (2700 W Mequon Rd, Mequon). Panel members include Rabbi Marc Berkson, Deacon Mark Filips, Rev. Wayne Jenkins, and Howard Karsh. Please join us for an in-depth examination of Catholic and Jewish attitudes, beliefs, and practices related to death and dying. Faced with a diversity of customs and theological notion, as well as evolving approach to death in today’s world, this session will explore how both faith traditions understand death—and how religion impacts and influences the perceptions and attitudes we bring to this life-cycle event.

Dear St. Therese Parish Members,

What wondrous light your contribution of \$970.19 to the Benedict Center is bringing into the lives of more than 40 women coming through our doors everyday to find help and hope... to 900 men and women incarcerated in the Milwaukee County Jail searching for spiritual strength... to scores of volunteer advocates working for justice reform for the greater good of our whole community.

In these days of economic uncertainty, your generosity demonstrates the enormity of your heart and your vision. We, and all those whose lives you will touch through the Benedict Center, thank you with all our hearts.

Thank you for underwriting the opportunity for transformation.

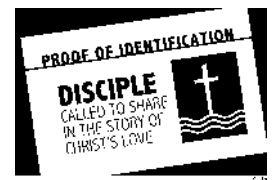
In gratitude,

Kit Murphy McNally

Executive Director

The Baptism of the Lord

A lot of times, as people grow up, they have a role that they play as part of their life. It’s easy to recall some of the names that were used to describe certain folks in school: the class clown, the teacher’s pet, the good girl, the “bad” girl, the bully, the class nerd, etc. For good or ill, each of these persons was thought of as just a little bit out of the norm, and so the rest of the class gave them an identity (or maybe they took it on themselves). When you go to a class reunion ten or twenty-five years later, the temptation is to view that person in the same light, even though they may have turned out very different. That happened recently, in which a person who was not exactly a stellar student ended up becoming a very successful businessman and has now retired fully ten years before anyone else in the class is even approaching standard retirement age.



In the Gospel today, Jesus is revealed with an identity. He is the beloved Son, with whom the Father is well pleased. As Son of the Father he will redeem the world and reconcile humankind to its Creator, putting an end to the ancient enemy, death, through his own dying and rising. That message of salvation and the telling of the story of Jesus’ life, miracles, teachings, and saving acts is recounted not just by Matthew, who wrote down today’s Gospel, but by Christians throughout the ages in their preaching and their lives.

In promoting vocations this Sunday, the church invites us to be aware that the work of spreading the good news continues to this day. Jesus went from his baptism in the Jordan to call his disciples to follow him and to spread his message. That call continues in our day, for some as priests, deacons, or religious, and for the rest as people who share the story of Christ’s love.

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Dear St. Therese Parish Members,

Thank you so much to everyone at St. Therese for your recent donation and for your ongoing support as we work with our frail older friends. You are such a blessing to our program. Happy New Year to all and God’s blessing on you.

Warm regards,

Diane Euting

Director, Greater Tosa Interfaith

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.



Variety Show Update

Now is the time for all talented members of the St. Therese family to sign up for this year's Yet Another Pretty Good Variety Show—Going Forth. If you or a family member likes to sing, dance, play an instrument, tell a story, read a poem or has any other performing talent, please pick up an application from Elterine "Dusty" Jankowski-Biggers at the church organ or contact her in the Parish Office. The show is January 30th at 3:00PM.

We also need help setting up before the show, helping backstage during the show and organizing refreshments. We especially need an audience. Just bring a snack to share and join the fun and hospitality of the St. Therese family. The deadline for applications is January 16th.

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.

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.

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. This is the last weekend that this form will be available, as the donors and intentions will be published next week. 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

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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:

Monday, 8:30AM

Announcement deadline:

Thursday, 12:00 NOON

All submissions must be in writing; email preferred.