



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.

March 20th, 2011

Parish Staff

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All the Members of the Parish

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(414) 771-2500 — listen for instructions

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

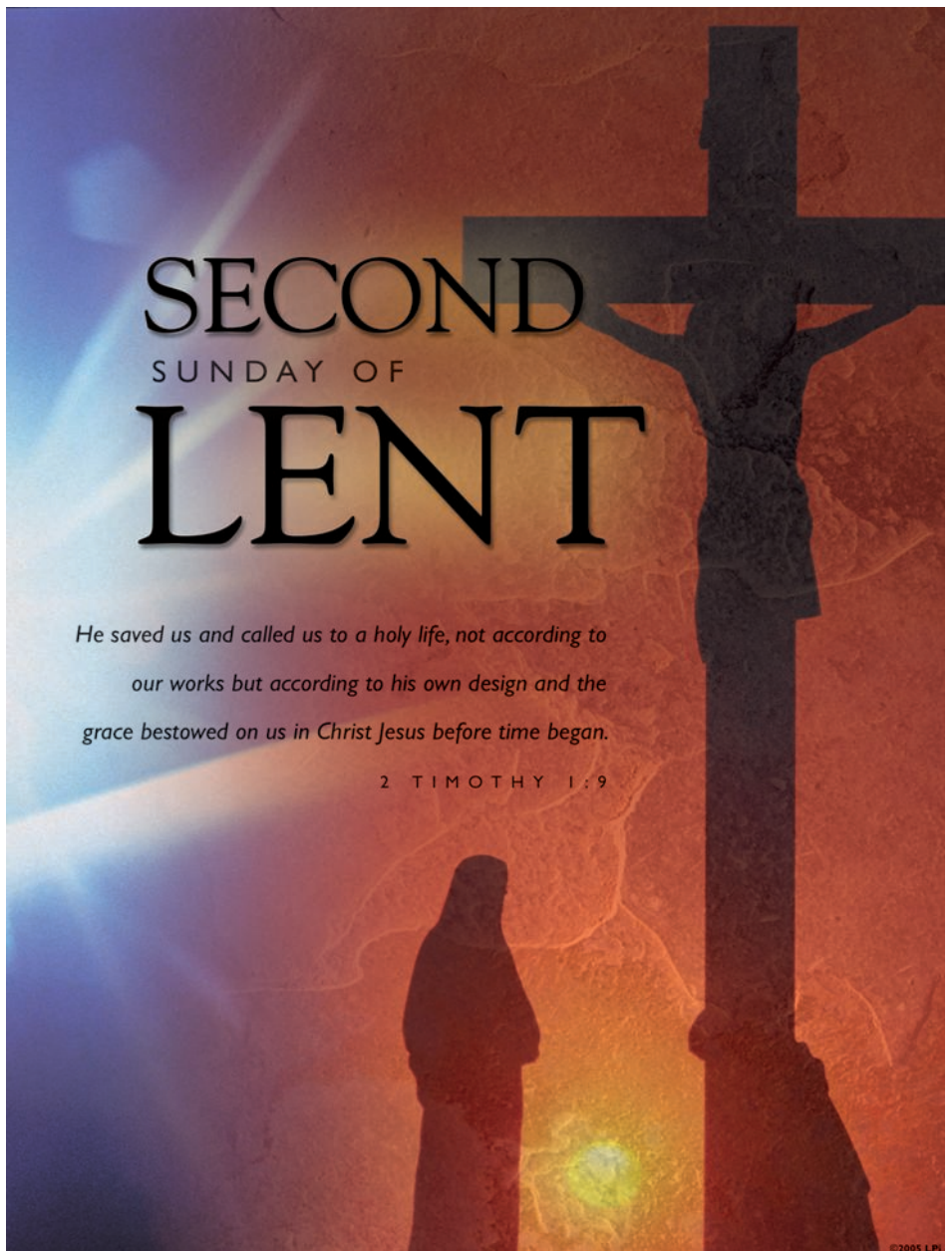
All Other Sacraments:
Please call the Parish Office
Preparation can take six months or more

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

Last Sunday, March 13th, the First Sunday of Lent, our catechumen, Terese Nadboralski and two candidates, Andy Bath and Crystal Webb were affirmed by our Archbishop Jerome Listecky as members of the "elect." They, their sponsors, and our RCIA Coordinator, Dr. Mary Foley, participated in the Rite of Election at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist, our archdiocesan "mother church."

At the 10:30AM mass here at St. Therese, we celebrated the "Rite of Sending Catechumens for Election and Candidates for Recognition by the Bishop." Terese's name was entered into our parish "Book of the Elect," since she will be baptized at the Easter Vigil. Andy and Crystal are already baptized and will complete their initiation by receiving the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist. Terese will also complete her initiation by receiving Confirmation and Eucharist.

Our parish is blessed with these adults who have expressed the desire and the commitment to join us in the practice of the Catholic faith. Their presence among us at our celebrations of the Eucharist calls us to renew our own commitment to follow Christ through listening to and acting on His Word, nourished and strengthened by the sacraments.

The Season of Lent is a time for proximate preparation for the Easter Sacraments (Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist). Prior to Lent, our catechumen and candidate began the process of preparation by

participating in catechetical sessions twice per month, reflecting on the Word with their sponsors and members of the RCIA team, celebrating the Eucharist with our parish community, sharing their journey with their sponsors and godparents, and their own personal and private prayer and reflection.

During Lent the fully initiated, as well as those to be initiated, are called to continuing conversion of heart. Lent is a time when we ask God to help us "turn away from sin" in all its forms and "be faithful to the Gospel." It is a time for us to rid ourselves of anything that keeps us from God or that hampers our relationship with others in God.

Lent really is a gift of forty days...forty days to come to the Lord with open hearts, minds, and souls, and to ask the Lord to renew us. If we do so, Easter will truly be a celebration of new abundant life.

I would like to close with a story I heard on Ash Wednesday. A young child came with his mother to be marked with ashes on his forehead. He asked his mother, "Will this hurt?"

I'm sure the mother said, "No," but when I think again about it, the receiving of ashes does not hurt, but what it symbolizes often does. Change can hurt...giving up sinful ways can hurt, but it is short-term pain for long-term peace.

A Blessed Lent to you!

Dr. Alexandra Guliano

Attention All Parish Committees/Groups Yearly Summaries Due for Annual Meeting

In preparation for the Annual Parish Meeting, all committees/groups are asked to submit a short report. Please include the highlights of the committee/group activities and business in the past year, the names of the current members, and the officers. Please submit these to Courtney Falk, in writing, (email preferred) no later than 12:00PM on March 30th.

Trustee-Treasurer Term

Jim Balliet has agreed to serve as Trustee-Treasurer for another two-year term (2011-2013). If any parish member is interested in running in an election with Jim for Trustee-Treasurer, please contact Dr. Guliano for application papers. Thank you, Jim, for all that you do for the St. Therese Faith Community.

Please Welcome These New Members!

- ◆ Linda Brazeau and mother Sylvia
- ◆ Kathy Manthe



CHURCH SUPPORT

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| Envelopes & Offertory | \$5652.90 |
| Ash Wednesday | \$ 197.00 |
| Snow Plowing Donations | \$ 90.00 |

Please remember St. Therese in your will!

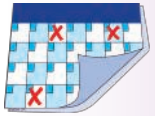
Thank You

- ◆ To Anne Nee and Kathy Sincere for coordinating the Holy Thursday soup, bread, and cheese simple supper before our Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper.
- ◆ To Sandi Skrobis, Linda Okruhlica, and Carol Rutkowski, who have volunteered to make prayer shawls for our ill or hospitalized parishioners. If anyone else would like to volunteer, please contact Christine Jensen at cjensen729@yahoo.com or (262) 391-1851.
- ◆ To Kathy Hubrich for providing the lunch for the RCIA Team, catechumen, candidate, and sponsors before they attended the Rite of Election on March 6th.
- ◆ To Joel Simpson for donating the altar server albs.
- ◆ To Judy Dietz for donating the new candle for the chapel altar and the new sanctuary candle and container for the tabernacle.
- ◆ To our parish St. Vincent de Paul Society for all their hard work in sponsoring the St. Vincent de Paul dance on March 12th.



Parish Council April Meeting Change

Attention Parish Council members: The April Parish Council meeting has been changed to Monday, April 11th at 7:00PM. Please update your calendars accordingly.



Parish Events for the Week

Sunday, March 20th—Sharing Weekend

- 9:00AM Usher's Pancake Breakfast (HH)
- 9:10AM Christian Formation (MC)
- 10:30AM Children's Liturgy of the Word (CH)

Monday, March 21st

- 6:30PM Library Committee (LIB)

Tuesday, March 22nd

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

Wednesday, March 23rd

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

Thursday, March 24th

- 7:00PM RCIA (MC)

Friday, March 25th

No Meetings Scheduled

Saturday, March 26th

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

Sunday, March 27th

- 9:45AM St. Therese Choir (CH)
- 10:30AM Children's Liturgy of the Word (CH)
- 11:30AM Prayer & Worship (MC)

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

Infant Baptism Prep Team Forming

The first sacrament of initiation is Baptism. Catechists are needed to help prepare parents for the celebrating this Sacrament. Please consider ministering on the Baptism Preparation Team. Please contact Dr. Guliano if you are interested.

Vigil Candles—Freewill Offering

The price of our vigil candles has increased. We purchase these in bulk for \$2.49 each. Please know that it is our privilege to offer prayer, and all are welcome to light candles as a way of prayer. We ask for a freewill offering of \$2.50 to help us defray the cost if at all possible.

Snow Plowing Donation Envelopes

To date, our snow plowing expenses have been over \$9,000, and we still have more winter weather ahead of us. The recent large amount of snow and ice has necessitated an increase in snow-plowing expenses. Special snow-plowing donations envelopes are in the pews for your use. A donation of any amount will help defray the cost of keeping our grounds safe. Thank you for your generosity and care for our parish.

This Weekend is Sharing Weekend

The Sharing Sunday recipient for this month is our St. Vincent de Paul Conference. They have helped people in the community with rent payments, food, utilities, furniture, appliances, SVdP store vouchers, and home visits. They meet twice a month and also correspond with their twinning parish in Jamaica. The group has collected back-to-school supplies in the summer, organized an annual furniture collection drive and hosted two Bundle Weekends, when the SVdP collection truck is in our parish parking lot, in May and October.

They are grateful for any help you can give. Your continued generosity had enabled the conference to help a number of individuals in our parish, our community and elsewhere. Throughout the year, you will find SVdP envelopes in the pews and collection boxes at each entrance. Thank you so very much!

Parish Forms

Special Events, Prayer List, Maintenance Requests, Etc.

Need a form for fundraising, special event, maintenance request, set-up, prayer list, etc. All parish forms are available for your convenience in the sacristy on the bulletin board next to the Eucharistic cabinet. Extra forms are also in the binder next to the committee mailboxes on the bookshelf in the sacristy. Most forms are also available on our website, many of which you can fill out right online. The rest are available for download and printing.

Lawn Care Help Needed

We would like to have 4 groups of 3 people each to make up our Lawn Care Crews, each group taking one Saturday per month. Last year was the first year of taking care of the lawn by volunteers. This has given us a significant monetary savings in grounds care expenses. We had a few people helping last year, but we need full crews in order to continue these savings. Please contact Denise in the Parish Office for more information or to volunteer. Group Training Sessions will be offered in the spring.

Cheesecake and Kringle Fundraiser

Don't forget to order your cheesecakes or Kringles before the deadline of Sunday, April 3rd. Additional order forms are available in church or by calling Janet Krebs at (414) 774-9113 or Mari Pavleje at (414) 545-2733. All orders must be picked up on Saturday, April 16th from 12:00-2:00PM. Remember, too, that payment must accompany your order. If you have any questions, please contact Janet or Mari.

Parish Council Nominations

Who do you think of when you hear the word "leader?" It's time to answer that question! Nominations are now open for the new Parish Council term which begins in August. On the form below, please list any parish members, including yourself, who would be good candidates to guide the parish forward. Nominations are due by April 10th. Please mail them to the Parish Office at the attention of Parish Council, or place the completed nomination form in the collection basket. If you have any questions, please call any of the Parish Council members listed on the last page of this bulletin. Thank you!

Parish Council Nominations

List those you wish to nominate below.

Intentions & Readings for the Week



March Sanctuary Candle

†Marcella Strohmeyer

Monday

Dn 9:4b-10/Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday Mass

Is 1:10, 16-20/Mt 23:1-12

8:00AM †Merle Weber

Wednesday

Jer 18:18-20/Mt 20:17-28

6:30PM †For a Special Baby

Thursday Liturgy of the Word with Communion

8:00AM *Jer 17:5-10/Lk 16:19-31*

Friday Liturgy of the Word with Communion

8:00AM *Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38*

Saturday Mass

Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

5:00PM †James McGee

Sunday Masses

Ex 17:3-7/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42

8:00AM St. Therese Parish Community and
†John Sherock

10:30AM †Ralph Dowske



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

Born to Eternal Life: †John Roepke

New for Lent

Prepare for Easter! Look for these new inspirational books on the counter display in the Parish Library.

- ♦ Lent and Easter with the Holy Fathers
- ♦ Ten Minutes A Day to Heaven
- ♦ The Fire in the Cloud... Lenten Meditations
- ♦ Praying with Pope John XXIII
- ♦ Woman Why Are You Weeping?... Daily Meditations for Lent

Attention Liturgical Ministers

All Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Altar Servers, Ushers, and Greeters are asked to attend a special liturgical ministers meeting in preparation for Holy Week and Easter on Thursday, April 7th at 6:30PM in Heck Hall. If you are unable to attend the meeting, please contact your ministry coordinator. Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors unable to attend the meeting are asked to contact Heather in the Parish Office.

Liturgical Ministries Sign Up

Sign-up sheets for servers, lectors, Eucharistic ministers, greeters, and ushers for May through August are now available in the sacristy. Please indicate your mass preference and special requests in the spaces provided. The sign-up sheets will be available through Sunday, April 3rd. Schedules will be ready the following weekend. If you are interested in joining one of the ministries, please add your name and phone number to the bottom of the appropriate sheet, and you will be contacted.

CLOW Catechists Meeting

The next meeting for all CLOW Catechists is Sunday, April 3rd at 9:10AM in the St. Therese Room. If you are unable to attend this meeting, please contact Heather Goeden in the Parish Office.



Season of Mercy—Lenten Penance Services

Archbishop Listecky has requested that last year's archdiocesan focus for Lent, *Season of Mercy*, continue for Lent 2011. As a part of this effort, the archbishop will preside at four Regional Reconciliation Services, each beginning at 7:00PM:

- ♦ March 22nd at Blessed Trinity Parish, Seboygan Falls
- ♦ March 29th at Holy Apostles, New Berlin
- ♦ April 5th at Basilica of St. Josaphat (English and Spanish)
- ♦ April 12th at St. Lucy Parish in Racine

All are welcome!

Website for Archdiocesan Chapter 11 Bankruptcy

To access the website and learn more about the Archdiocese of Milwaukee Chapter 11 Bankruptcy, go to www.archmil.org and click on the links for further information. (If you are reading this bulletin on our website, simply click on the link above.) You will find the Archbishop's Letter, Reorganization Q & A, What the Church Has Done, Safeguarding All of God's Family, Financial Information, Historical Overview, Media Resources, Parish and School Resources, Reorganization: Contact Us, Fact Sheet on Documents and Files; Fact Sheet on Release of Perpetrator Names, and Archbishop Listecky's Video Message.

Public Hearing to Discuss Zoo Interchange Project

The Department of Transportation has informed us that there will be two public hearings at State Fair Park, Tommy Thompson Youth Center, Gate #5, 640 S 84th St, in West Allis to present the plans for the Zoo Interchange Project. They are Tuesday, March 22nd, from 2:00–7:00PM and Wednesday, March 23rd from 4:00–8:00PM. The public is invited. You may also review the supplemental draft of the Environmental Impact Statement by going to the website www.seffreeways.org, or viewing copies available at the following locations: Wauwatosa Public Library, West Allis Public Library, Milwaukee Public Library, and the Milwaukee Public Library. For more information, please contact William Mohr, PC at (262) 548-6421 or email dotdtsdszoo@dot.wi.gov



Lenten Wednesdays—6:30PM Mass

Plan now to attend the special Wednesday Lenten mass at 6:30PM in the chapel. Thanks to Father Hugh Birdsall, SDS, our Assisting Priest, who has agreed to preside at these masses. Please note that these masses begin on Wednesday, March 16th and continue on March 23rd, 30th, April 6th, 13th, and 20th. Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, and Sacristans are needed for these masses. Please sign up in the sacristy.

Lenten Almsgiving Recipient

Grandmothers Beyond Borders (GBB) began as a response to Mary's story, a grandmother in Uganda who buried 14 of her children and is now raising her 10 grandchildren in poverty. Mary is one of hundreds of thousands of grandmothers in Africa who, with amazing strength and courage, have become parents all over again, this time to grandchildren who have been orphaned by AIDS. They do so with little support and few resources.



Grandmothers Beyond Borders (GBB) began funding small community based projects in Uganda in May, 2006. GBB provides small grants to support grass roots projects which provide emotional support, HIV/AIDS prevention education, food, and basic necessities. GBB is helping the grandmothers (and grandfathers) who are bravely struggling to raise their grandchildren at a time in their lives when life should be easier.

Opportunities for the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Penance)

Both of these events will take place at St. Therese:

- ♦ Individual Confessions—Saturday, April 2nd beginning at 4:15PM
- ♦ Communal Penance Service—Saturday, April 9th at 4:00PM

Lenten Observances for Fast and Abstinence

The Catholic Church asks each member to preserve the penitential character and purpose of Lent. For this reason:

1. Catholics who have celebrated their 14th birthday are bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and each Friday of Lent.
2. Catholics who have celebrated their 18th birthday, in addition to abstaining from meat, should fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Hence, on those days they should eat only one full meal. Smaller quantities of food may be taken at two other meals, but no food should be consumed at other times during those two days. The obligation of fasting ceases with the celebration of one's 59th birthday.



Catholics should not lightly excuse themselves from these prescribed minimal penitential practices.

Holy Week (April 17th-23rd)

Due to the solemn nature of Holy Week and for the emphasis on preparing for and celebrating the Triduum, parish committees/groups are asked not to have their regular meetings during Holy Week. Please contact Courtney Falk to reschedule your meeting if needed. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

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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Heather Goeden (414) 313-6397

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John Gritzmacher (414) 453-5265

Jim Holmes (414) 258-9195

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Rich Sanger (414) 425-2028

Pat Touchett (414) 257-0221

Greater Tosa
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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 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.