



# 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.

November 27th, 2011

## Parish Staff

### Parish Director

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

Rev. Hugh Birdsall, SDS

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Rev. Norm Oswald

### Administrative/Pastoral Assistant

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Sterling Biggers, Parish Musician

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### Ministers

All the Members of the Parish

### Parish Emergencies

(414) 771-2500 – listen for instructions

## First Week of Advent



Jesus said to his disciples: "Be watchful! Be alert!  
You do not know when the time will come. What I say to you,  
I say to all: 'Watch!'" — Mk 13:33, 37

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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

We begin the Season of Advent and the new liturgical year this weekend. Our readings are now taken from Cycle B, and the Gospels come primarily from the Book of Mark, the shortest Gospel in the Bible. We will hear the Baptist's cry for repentance, justice, mercy, and peace and the repeated call to follow Christ – "immediately!"

The word "advent" means "coming." Each year, during Advent, the church celebrates three "comings" of Christ. The first is his coming in history, the coming of Jesus born of Mary. The second is his coming in mystery, in the Word, sacraments, worshipping assembly, and in the priesthood. We celebrate this coming of Christ daily. The last is his coming in majesty, at the end time.

Advent seems to race by with a flurry of activities. For many it marks coming to the end of an academic semester, with exams and projects due. For others it stimulates a frenzied retail season, with hopes of vigorous shoppers and record retail profits. For still others it marks the end of the calendar year and closure of another year. For families it may also mean a long overdue trip to visit relatives or to finally have a reunion with loved ones.

Advent calls us to stop, look, listen, and ask, "What is this all about?"

May our moments of quiet and prayer this Advent Season prepare us, not only for the commemoration of the birth of Our Savior, but also an awareness of His daily Presence with us, and His final coming.

Peace be with you!

*Dr. Alexandra Guliano*

## Holiday/Holyday Mass Schedule

- ◆ **Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception**  
Thursday, December 8th–8:00AM and 7:00PM Masses
- ◆ **Christmas Eve**  
Saturday, December 24th–4:00PM Intergenerational Family Mass
- ◆ **Christmas Eve**  
Saturday, December 24th–10:00PM Choir Concert followed by Christmas Night Mass
- ◆ **Christmas Day**  
Sunday, December 25th–8:00AM and 10:30AM Masses
- ◆ **Solemnity of Mary/World Day of Prayer for Peace**  
Saturday, December 31st–5:00PM
- ◆ **Solemnity of Mary/World Day of Prayer for Peace**  
Sunday, January 1st, 2012–8:00AM and 10:30AM



### CHURCH SUPPORT

Totals will be published next weekend.

Please remember St. Therese in your will!

## Thank You

- ◆ To Jack Keating for donating the 2012 Mass Intention Book.

## Donations Needed

- ◆ For two air purifiers for Miriam's Corner @ \$400 each. Thank you for considering donating these in memory of a loved one or in honor of someone/special occasion.

## Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception– December 8th

### Holyday of Obligation

Thursday, December 8th is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, a holyday of obligation. Masses will be celebrated at 8:00AM and 7:00PM in the church.

## Advent Communal Penance Service

A special Advent Communal Penance Service will be celebrated on Saturday, December 10th at 4:00PM in the Church. Two priests will be available for individual confessions following the prayer service.

## Memorial Mass for Bob Wilcox

The memorial mass for Bob Wilcox will be celebrated on Saturday, December 3rd here at St. Therese. Visitation is in the church from 9:30AM to 11:00AM, with the memorial mass at 11:00AM, followed by lunch in Heck Hall. May Bob rest in peace!

## Stewardship 2011

*"O Lord... we are the clay and you the potter: we are all the work of your hands." – Isaiah 64:7*

When we realize that it is God who formed and blessed us, we must also realize that we have an obligation to share our blessings as God intended when He created us. It is not a matter of pointing fingers and asking what others are doing. We need to search our own hearts and ask what we are doing to fulfill God's plan for us.



Stewardship

## Save the Date!

### Father Hugh's 50th Anniversary of Ordination

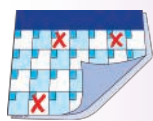
Mark your calendars for Sunday, June 3rd, 2012 at 10:30AM mass followed by a dinner in Heck Hall to celebrate Father Hugh's 50th Anniversary of Ordination to the priesthood. Want to serve on the Celebration Committee? Please contact Kathy Hubrich or Judy Dietz.

## Archdiocese of Milwaukee Priest Statistics

Recently the statistics on the numbers of priests in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee were sent to the priests and parish directors. The decline in numbers of active priests continues despite recent ordinations. The archdiocese now has 195 active archdiocesan priests and 147 retired priests. Of the 195 active priests, 146 are in parish ministry. More than 70% of these active priests are over the age of 60 and will reach retirement age in the coming years before 2020. There are not enough archdiocesan priests to serve all the parishes of the archdiocese. Currently, 53 religious order priests and 9 parish directors also serve in the parishes of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee.

## Reminder – Abuse Survivor Claims Bar Date

The deadline for filing Abuse Survivor Claims in the Milwaukee Archdiocese Bankruptcy is February 1st, 2012. More information is available at [www.archmil.org/reorg/bardate.htm](http://www.archmil.org/reorg/bardate.htm)



## Parish Events for the Week

### Sunday, November 27th

#### First Sunday of Advent

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

### Monday, November 28th

- 3:45PM Catechesis of the Good Shepherd  
Grades 4-6 (GLP)

### Tuesday, November 29th

- 3:45PM Catechesis of the Good Shepherd  
Ages 3-K5 (GLP)

### Wednesday, November 30th

- 3:45PM Catechesis of the Good Shepherd  
Ages 3-K5 (GLP)
- 7:00PM Music Ministry (CH)
- 7:30PM St. Therese Choir (CHP)

### Thursday, December 1st

- 3:45PM Catechesis of the Good Shepherd  
Grades 1-3 (GLP)

### Friday, December 2nd

- 5:00PM Art & Environment (MC)

### Saturday, December 3rd

#### Entertainment Book Sale

- 5:00PM Ryan James Begotka Baptism (CH)
- 5:00PM Children's Liturgy of the Word (CH)

### Sunday, December 4th

#### Second Sunday of Advent

#### Entertainment Book Sale

- 7:30AM Canticle Choir (CH)
- 9:10AM Cherub Choir (CHP)
- 9:10AM Christian Formation (STR)
- 9:45AM Saint Therese Choir (CHP)
- 10:30AM Margaret Paige Thomas Baptism (CH)
- 10:30AM Children's Liturgy of the Word (CH)
- 11:45AM Prayer & Worship Committee (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

### Entertainment Coupon Books for Sale



**Don't Forget!**

Next weekend is your last chance to purchase Entertainment Coupon books. They are \$35 and can be used immediately upon purchase. They are good until November of 2012. This has been a very successful fundraiser for us in the past, and we appreciate any sales you help us make. Please let your family and friends know that they can get their books from us, or purchase them as Christmas presents!  
Thank you for your continued support!

### St. Therese 55+ Club Christmas Party

Last chance to make your reservation for the 55+ Christmas party at Alioto's Restaurant to be held on Friday, December 9th. Gather at 11:30AM, eat at 12:00PM. Menu: Sliced Roast Pork, Chicken Normandy or Orange Roughy Fish. Cost \$17.00. Reservations and money are due absolutely no later than November 29th. Money can be brought to the parish office or place in the 55+ mailbox in the sacristy. To RSVP please call Gladys 414-476-1356, Judy 414-475-6809, or Pat 414-771-4194.

If you would like to donate a new item for door prize, please contact the committee.

Our entertainment will be sharing your short story of a Christmas past memory or tradition. Please submit them in written form, one or two paragraphs, also in the 55+ mailbox, by the deadline.



### Green Saves Green

Replacing a 10 year old refrigerator with a new high efficiency model saves at least \$100 and 2,400 lbs of Carbon Dioxide per year.

*(A tip from Enact: Steps to Greener Living,)*

### Liturgical Ministries Sign Up

Sign-up sheets for servers, lectors, Eucharistic ministers, greeters, and ushers for January through April 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, December 4th. 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. Questions? Contact:

- ♦ Jim Balliet (Server Coordinator) 257-0339
- ♦ Ann Maher (Lector Coordinator) 453-4437
- ♦ Judy Dietz (Eucharistic Minister Coordinator) 607-0681
- ♦ Audrey Wright (Greeter Coordinator) 771-2140
- ♦ Glenn Nowak (Usher Coordinator) 466-8060
- ♦ Mari Pavleje (Scheduler) 545-2733.

### SVdP Meal Program Needs Mushroom Soup

The St. Vincent dePaul Meal Program is in need of more cream of mushroom soup. Please bring cans of any size to mass and put them on the labeled table near the sacristy for the St. Vincent de Paul Meal Program until December 4th. Please do not bring the donations to the Parish Office, and please check the expiration dates. Any size, any brand!



### Advent Giving Trees!



As we anticipate the birth of Christ, the Sharing Sunday Committee will again be collecting gifts to help organizations in our community make sure that those who have little, have a brighter Christmas morning. Gift Tags will be available on Advent Giving trees in the church beginning Saturday, November 26th through Sunday, December 18th. Please take a Gift Tag from one of the trees, purchase the gift listed on it and place the gift under the tree (preferably in a gift bag) by December 18th. The following organizations will receive the gifts: Next Door Foundation, Hope House, VA Hospital, Milwaukee Urban League (sponsored by Volunteer Organization of Milwaukee). If you have any questions, please contact Ann Maher and Pat Safavi. Thank you, in advance, for sharing your advent spirit!

## Intentions & Readings for the Week



### November Sanctuary Candle

†John Krolicki

### Monday

*Is 2:1-5/Mt 8:5-11*

### Tuesday Mass

*Is 11:1-10/Lk 10:21-24*

8:00AM †Hank Dunphy

### Wednesday

*Rom 10:9-18/Mt 4:18-22*

### Thursday Liturgy of the Word with Communion

8:00AM *Is 26:1-6/Mt 7:21, 24-27*

### Friday Liturgy of the Word with Communion

8:00AM *Is 29:17-24/Mt 9:27-31*

### Saturday Mass

*Is 40:1-5, 9-11/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8*

5:00PM †Eldon McGraw

### Sunday Masses

*Is 40:1-5, 9-11/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8*

8:00AM St. Therese Parish Community and

†Bernard McShane

10:30AM †Marilyn Metz

## The Green Team Invites You to the EPA Community Meeting and Forum

Join the Cleaner Valley Coalition on Monday, December 12th at 6:00PM for a Community Meeting and Listening Session with national leaders from the Environmental Protection Agency, as we address problems and explore solutions to environmental injustices and health effects from poor air quality. The meeting will be held at Ascension Lutheran Church, 1236 S. Layton Blvd.

The Valley coal plant is one of the dirtiest plants in the state, yet sits in Wisconsin's most populated city. The community has grown deeply concerned over the increase in cases of asthma and respiratory illnesses in children in Milwaukee, particularly within the African-American, Latino and lower-income communities. In fact, 30,000 children suffer from asthma in Milwaukee county alone.

Since last summer, the Cleaner Valley Coalition has been fighting for environmental justice in Milwaukee and has called on We Energies and the EPA to address air pollution in the community. Earlier this year, We Energies announced plans to explore cleaning up the plant.

We're taking our message to the federal Environmental Protection Agency for a powerful community conversation about environmental justice, the effects on health resulting from poor air quality, and our concern for the level of pollution in our local Milwaukee area communities from emission from various local plants, factories, and businesses. The event will be an open forum, and we invite everyone to attend and speak out on this issue. Written comments will also be accepted.

For more information, contact Dianne Dagen at (414)-771-1505 or [ddagen@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ddagen@sbcglobal.net).

## Dear Friends,

On behalf of the Board of Greater Tosa Interfaith, I would like to thank you for your congregation's continuing support of our program. Thank you for the recent donation of \$500. As we strive to meet the needs of our frail older neighbors in Wauwatosa and western Milwaukee, we appreciate your willingness to partner with us. God bless all of you, and thanks again for the donation. You are such a blessing to our program and the folks we serve.

Warm Regards,

## Diane

Diane Euting – Director, Greater Tosa Interfaith

## Foster Parent Recruitment Open House

A "Winter Wonderland" foster parent recruitment open house will be held Thursday, December 1st from 4:00PM to 8:00PM, at St. Aemilian-Lakeside. Anyone considering helping the thousands of children in need – even temporarily as a respite provider – should attend. Meet current foster parents, learn about requirements and benefits. Refreshments, activities for kids will be provided.

Enter through Capitol West Academy, 88th Street, south of Capitol Drive. For more information, contact Melissa Dombrowski-Boling at (414) 465-1336, [mdombrowski-boling@st-al.org](mailto:mdombrowski-boling@st-al.org), or go to [www.st-al.org](http://www.st-al.org).

## Altered Bulletin Deadline

Please note that any articles for the December 24th/25th bulletin will need to be submitted by December 14th. Please plan accordingly.

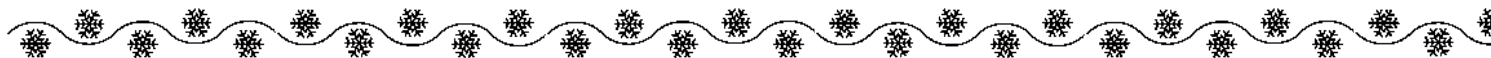


Lenore Black, Wilmer Bohnaker, Sheila Bourbonais, Gene Brah, Betty Breiting, Alyce Breitweiser, Teri Brunner, Cheryl Cmiel, Janice Corak, Mindy Corak, Clay & Christine Cosimi, Tom Coughlin, Joyce Craft, Tim Dondlinger, Ben Durbkan, Gertrude Dushek, Leonard Dushek, Steve Geiss, Andy Grosch, Andy Iso, Garnet Jankowski, Chuck Kestner, Ken Knollenberg, Shirley Leinss, Neil Massey, Lori Mikula, Karen Nycz, Deanna Polito, Rachel Ragatz, Gerry Roberts, Kathy Roemer, Julie Sansone, Sylvia Schaffer, Margaret Schmitt, Barbara Schmitz, Glenn Seidl, Jack Shepherd, Terry Shinn, Carlene Siever, Joel Simpson, Marion Sinks, Susan Sinks, Marion Stabo, Mary Stoke, Robert John Swiderski, Jim Swiecichowski, Robert Tkachuk, Jeff Walters, Betty Weckwerth, Shirley Wiedmeyer, Frank Zareczny



## Holiday Office Hours

The Parish Office will be **closed** on December 8th in observance of the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. Please plan accordingly.



## Special Collection for La Sagrada Familia Parish December 3rd/4th



Before 1981 there was no parish church in the Province of Azua in the Dominican Republic, only a young diocese with people living in the poorest section of the country near the Haitian border, praying for someone to accompany them on their faith journey. In choosing to begin this relationship, the Archdiocese of Milwaukee committed itself to providing priests to minister and to become a partner with the people in building a community of faith and mutual friendship.

In these thirty years, 14 priests from our archdiocese have served the parish. Social as well as pastoral ministries have been developed to meet the needs of the people. Thanks to the support of our archdiocese there is a parish church, a small parish staff, a health center, two nutrition centers for malnourished children, 22 villages with several small chapels and a growing population of 30,000 people. The growth of the parish includes the development of bonds of relationship that have formed between people in La Sagrada Familia and parishioners from our archdiocese.

Please be generous in support of our archdiocesan mission parish – La Sagrada Familia. If you wish to donate by check, please write the check to “St. Therese Parish” and write “mission” in the check memo.

## Create a Christmas Ornament for the Church



This year we are asking the St. Therese Community to help decorate the church for the Christmas Season by creating a Christmas Ornament to hang on the trees that will be around the church. Make something that you will enjoy looking at. Just remember these will be hanging on the trees throughout the Christmas season. At the end of the season we will give them back to you. The ornaments will be hung on the trees at the Christmas masses on December 24th and 25th.

If you are not able to attend these masses you can leave your ornament at the spot labeled in church the weekend of December 17th and 18th (not before).

## Holyday and Holiday Liturgical Ministry Sign-Up

Ushers, Altar Servers, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, and Greeters are needed for the liturgies of the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception (December 8th), Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year's Eve, and New Year's Day liturgies. Sign-up sheets are in the sacristy.

## Reminder to All Parish Groups/Committees Regarding Fundraising and Collection of Items

As a parish community, we want to do our best to reach out to those in need. However, we receive multiple requests for money and item collections. These are reviewed by our Finance/Administration Committee and Human Concerns Committee to assure that the groups/causes are consonant with our mission and appropriate for our community. We are unable to honor and approve all requests, but priority is given to our monthly Sharing Sundays, archdiocesan mandatory appeals, and our two parish-supported charities, St. Vincent de Paul Society and Greater Tosa Interfaith. The Finance/Administration Committee requests that all fundraising or collection of items requests be submitted at least one month before the collection/fundraising event. Groups/committees must fill out the Fundraising Form that is available on our website, in the Parish Office, or in the sacristy. The Finance/Administration Committee meets the third Tuesday of each month and carefully reviews each request. Please submit your requests by sending them to Alice Kennedy, Chairperson, Human Concerns Committee or Doug Sedlar, Chairperson, Finance/Administration Committee.

## Wall of Remembrance—Month of November

During the month of November, the month of All Saints and All Souls, we will pray for our loved ones who have died. Bring pictures of your loved ones and place them on our parish Wall of Remembrance. Please include your name and telephone number on the back of the picture or frame. It is our privilege to honor those who have made the passage to eternal life.



## Parish Council

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

### Chairperson

Jim Holmes (414) 258-9195

### Vice-Chairperson

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Greater Tosa  
Interfaith  
(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](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.*