



# 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 4th, 2011

## Parish Staff

### Parish Director

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All the Members of the Parish

### Parish Emergencies

(414) 771-2500 – listen for instructions



## Second Week of Advent

Behold, I am sending my  
messenger ahead of you;  
he will prepare your way.  
A voice of one crying  
out in the desert:  
“Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make straight his paths.”

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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

This Advent we are asked to be generous and give all we can to help others. We have our traditional Advent Giving Trees, with tags on them for items for several local charities and ministries. Next weekend (December 10th/11th), we will have our monthly Sharing Sunday. This weekend, the Archdiocesan Council of Priests has asked that every parish in the archdiocese take up a special collection for our archdiocesan mission parish, La Sagrada Familia, in the Dominican Republic.

Many are not familiar with our archdiocesan sister parish. Below are some facts about La Sagrada Familia:

- ◆ Located in the Dominican Republic's most underdeveloped, arid zone
- ◆ 30,000 people living in 22 towns and villages (imagine a parish of 30,000 people and encompassing 22 towns!)
- ◆ Many homes are made of tin, wood, or palm branch roofs
- ◆ Few job opportunities; family income about \$60 per month
- ◆ Most people are farmers, but many do not own the land
- ◆ Economic dependence on other regions means parents are forced to look for employment elsewhere and children are raised by grandparents or others
- ◆ Widespread malnutrition; many lack potable water, electricity, and healthcare
- ◆ 46% of the population is under 18 yr. of age
- ◆ 30% of the school age children are not in school

- ◆ 30% of the adult population is illiterate
- ◆ Christian formation is needed at all ages

Our financial contributions have resulted in the following initiatives and responses for the people of La Sagrada Familia:

- ◆ Construction of homes and latrines
- ◆ Workshops—sewing, cosmetology, computer
- ◆ Parish bakery cooperative
- ◆ Water projects for irrigation
- ◆ Establishment of family farms
- ◆ Experimentation with crops
- ◆ Central health care and network of pharmacies
- ◆ Two nutritional centers for children
- ◆ Scholarships for youth; literacy programs for adults
- ◆ Chapels in most communities; monthly mass, catechesis, and youth ministry
- ◆ Village councils

Please be as generous as you possibly can to help our archdiocesan sister parish. If you wish to make out a check, please write it to "St. Therese Parish" and write "archdiocesan mission" in the memo.

Thank you and God bless you!

We pray with our sisters and brothers of La Sagrada Familia—"Come, Lord Jesus!"

*Dr. Alexandra Guliano*

### Parish Office Closed – Please Note

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

### 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.

### Thank You

- ◆ To the family of Max Harner for the memorial donations for the ministries of our parish in his memory.
- ◆ To Elterine Jankowski-Biggers, Sterling Biggers, and our St. Therese Choir for participating in the Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service with Martin Luther Lutheran Church on Wednesday, November 23rd. Thanks also to Father Hugh Birdsall, our Assisting Priest, for representing our parish at the service.



#### CHURCH SUPPORT

November 19th/20th	\$ 3,985.56
Thanksgiving Day	\$ 84.00
November 26th/27th	\$ 4,887.39
Maintenance Collection	\$ 25.00

Please remember St. Therese in your will!

### Congratulations to the Newly Baptized

- ◆ Ryan James Begotka, son of Andrea and Tom Begotka, and little brother of Jake, baptized on December 3rd.
- ◆ Margaret Paige Thomas, daughter of Katie and Seth Thomas, and little sister of Aaron, baptized on December 4th.

We give thanks for these newest little Christians!

### 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.

### Reminder – Abuse Survivor Claims Bar Date

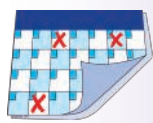
The deadline for filing Abuse Survivor Claims in the Milwaukee Archdiocese Bankruptcy is February 1st, 2012. More information is available at [www.archmil.org/reorg/bardate.htm](http://www.archmil.org/reorg/bardate.htm)

### Pictures from the Wall of Remembrance

Pictures from the Wall of Remembrance are available in the sacristy. Thanks to all who placed pictures of their loved ones on our Wall of Remembrance.

### Christmas Bulletin Deadline!

The submission deadline for the December 24th and 25th bulletin will be Wednesday, December 14th. Please plan accordingly.



## Parish Events for the Week

### 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)

### Monday, December 5th

- 3:45PM Saint Therese Choir (CHP)  
Grades 4-6 (GLP)
- 6:00PM Saint Vincent dePaul (HH)
- 7:00PM Parish Council (MC)

### Tuesday, December 6th

- 3:45PM Saint Therese Choir (CHP)  
Ages 3-K5 (GLP)

### Wednesday, December 7th

- 11:30AM SVdP Meal Program—Cook (KIT)
- 3:45PM Catechesis of the Good Shepherd  
Ages 3-K5 (GLP)
- 4:30PM SVdP Meal Program—Serve (OFFSITE)
- 7:00PM Music Ministry (CH)
- 7:30PM St. Therese Choir (CHP)

### Thursday, December 8th – Office Closed

#### Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

- 8:00AM Mass (CH)
- 3:45PM Catechesis of the Good Shepherd  
Grades 1-3 (GLP)
- 7:00PM Mass (CH)

### Friday, December 9th

No Meetings Scheduled

### Saturday, December 10th – Sharing Weekend

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

### Sunday, December 11th – Sharing Weekend

#### Third Sunday of Advent

- 9:10AM Cherub Choir (CHP)
- 9:10AM Parish Council Agenda Meeting (STR)
- 9:45AM Saint Therese Choir (CHP)
- 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

## 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.

## Sharing Sunday is Next Weekend

This month's Sharing Recipient is Neighborhood House of Milwaukee. It was established by Father Reinhart Gutmann in 1945 with a mission "to build a strong community by strengthening individuals, families, and the neighborhood." Neighborhood House operates a wide variety of programs including traditional licensed child care and school aged children services, outreach services in the areas of violence prevention and teen pregnancy, and an award winning International Learning center providing family literacy services to refugees.

The Neighborhood House Outdoor Environmental Educational makes use of their 90 acre nature center in Dodge County and they are also a SHARE Mobile Market site, which brings healthy, affordable food to Metro Milwaukee neighborhoods that are underserved by traditional grocery stores.

Neighborhood House partners include the Medical College of Wisconsin, The Cal Ripken Sr. Foundation, the State Department of Public Instruction, Wisconsin Department of Children and Families, The Milwaukee Public School System, MATC, The Milwaukee Area Refugee Consortium, CDBG, Safe and Sound, and the United Neighborhood Centers of Milwaukee (UNCOM). For more information, please visit [www.nh-milw.org](http://www.nh-milw.org). Thank you for your generosity.

## St. Therese 55+ Christmas Party

Our Christmas luncheon at Alioto's is Friday, December 9th; gather at 11:30AM, eat at noon. The reservation deadline is closed, however we still need your Christmas stories for our entertainment. We all have stories. Tell us about your Christmas tradition, memories of a Christmas past or present. Submit your short written story in the 55+ mailbox by Wednesday, December 7th.

## 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 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. If you have any questions, please contact Ann Maher and Pat Safavi. Thank you, in advance, for sharing your advent spirit!

## 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 and

Sunday, January 1st, 2012—8:00AM and 10:30AM

## It's Next Weekend!

Christmas storybooks, heartwarming movies on DVD, and inspirational meditations for Advent. All this and more from our Parish Library will be on display next weekend near the Bluemound exit. You're welcome to check out any of these materials and enter a free raffle for a holiday gift basket...one for adults and one for children. Enjoy a hot cup of coffee and a homemade treat. There's nothing to buy but lots to enjoy! Don't miss this special event!

## Intentions & Readings for the Week



**December Sanctuary Candle**  
Krebs Family

**Monday**

*Is 35:1-10/Lk 5:17-26*

**Tuesday Mass**

*Is 40:1-11/Mt 18:12-14*

8:00AM †Martha Haney

**Wednesday**

*Is 40:25-31/Mt 11:28-30*

**Thursday – Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception**

*Gn 3:9-15, 20/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38*

8:00AM †Rollie Tarnowski

7:00PM †All Souls Remembrance from St. Therese Parish Members

**Friday Liturgy of the Word with Communion**

8:00AM *Is 48:17-19/Mt 11:16-19*

**Saturday Mass**

*Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Mt 17:9a, 10-13*

5:00PM †Gertrude Klein

**Sunday Masses**

*Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28*

8:00AM †Merle Weber

10:30AM St. Therese Parish Community and †Ange Hillyer



## 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 Dagelen at (414)-771-1505 or [ddagelen@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ddagelen@sbcglobal.net).

## 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.

## Global Youth Mission Opportunities

Applications are now available for the 2012 Global Youth Mission (GYM) summer mission trips! GYM is an international mission immersion experience for high school sophomores, juniors and seniors. For 2012, the mission sites are Ecuador, St. Lucia, Guatamala, Nicaragua, and Honduras. Each trip takes place for two weeks during the summer. Students are given the opportunity to experience life in another country and culture far different from their own. Applications are due January 20, 2012.



For more information, visit: <http://www.archmil.org/offices/world-mission/GlobalYouthMissionTripsGYM.htm>



Lenore Black, Sheila Bourbonais, Gene Brah, Betty Breitingner, Alyce Breitweiser, Kathryn Brinn, Teri Brunner, Cheryl Cmiel, Janice Corak, Mindy Corak, Clay & Christine Cosimi, Tom Coughlin, Joyce Craft, Tim Dondlinger, Ben Durban, Gertrude Dushek, Leonard Dushek, Steve Geiss, Andy Grosch, Bill Hoppenjan, 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

## Advent Booklets and Brochures Available

Advent resources for adults and children are available on the tables at the entrances of the church. Please take and use these to assist your Advent prayer.



### Special Collection for La Sagrada Familia Parish This Weekend 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.

### 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.

### SVdP Meal Program Needs Mushroom Soup

Please bring cans of cream of mushroom soup (any size, any brand) and put them on the labeled table near the sacristy for the St. Vincent de Paul Meal Program through December 4th. Please do not bring the donations to the Parish Office, and please check the expiration dates.

### 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).



### Flower/Candle Memorial Donations for the Christmas Season

Please consider remembering a loved one or 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 to 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

### Parish Council

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

#### Chairperson

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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](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.*