



# 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 11th, 2011

## Parish Staff

### Parish Director

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### Ministers

All the Members of the Parish

### Parish Emergencies

(414) 771-2500 – listen for instructions



**A** man named John was sent from God. He came for testimony, to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to testify to the light. — Jn 1:6-8

## Third Week of Advent

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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 Sunday, the Third Sunday of Advent, is traditionally called "Gaudete Sunday," because the first word of the second reading from the first letter to the Thessalonians, chapter 5, verse 16 is "rejoice." The writer of the letter to the Thessalonians, attributed to St. Paul, encourages his readers and listeners to be joyful because the Lord is near. Over the years, the third Sunday of Advent has also marked the midpoint of Advent, signifying that the long wait for the Messiah is closer to its end.

This year Advent is the longest of the calendar year, a full four weeks. Often the fourth week of Advent gets short-shrift, not being a full week. This year we are blessed with the gift of more time to prepare, more time to contemplate the great gift of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

The Advent flyer/insert that was distributed a few weeks ago (and is available on the tables at the entrances of the church) contains suggestions for each day of Advent. Here are the suggestions for this week:

- ◆ Dec. 11 Write Christmas cards or e-mail messages to your oldest and newest friends.
- ◆ Dec. 12 Celebrate Our Lady of Guadalupe, who hears our prayers.
- ◆ Dec. 13 Eat by candlelight. Share what you see in each other's faces.
- ◆ Dec. 14 Introduce yourself to someone new at church or at work.
- ◆ Dec. 15 Treat low wage workers with special respect this season.
- ◆ Dec. 16 Listen to the person closest to you for five interrupted minutes.
- ◆ Dec. 17 Put up your tree. Share stories of the ornaments.

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Advent peace and blessings to you!

*Dr. Alexandra Guliano*

## Christmas Bulletin Deadline!

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

## Holiday Office Hours

Please note the changes to our office hours for the week between Christmas and the New Year Holiday:

- ◆ Monday, December 26th – Office Closed.
- ◆ Tuesday, December 27th – 8:30AM to Noon
- ◆ Wednesday, December 28th – 8:30AM to Noon  
**There will be no afternoon or evening hours!**
- ◆ Thursday, December 29th – 8:30AM to Noon
- ◆ Friday, December 30th – Office Closed

## Stewardship 2011

*"The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor, to heal the brokenhearted..." - Isaiah 61:1*



Stewardship

The Lord God has anointed all of us through Baptism and He has sent each of us on a mission. Each of us has been given unique gifts and talents so that we can help fulfill God's mission here on earth. Are you doing the things Jesus sent you here to do?

## Donations Needed

- ◆ For two air purifiers for Miriam's Corner at \$400 each.
- ◆ Presider's Prayer Supplement for Mass – \$15

Thank you for considering donating these in memory of a loved one or in honor of someone/special occasion.

## Holiday/Holyday Mass Schedule

- ◆ **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



## Congratulations!

To Deb and Jon Van Eyck as they celebrate their 38th Wedding Anniversary. A special blessing was given for them at the 7:00PM December 8th holyday mass. May they enjoy many more happy years together!



## Thank You

To Jack Keating for donating the liturgical mass record book.

## 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.

## 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)

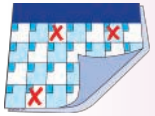


### CHURCH SUPPORT

Envelopes & Offertory	\$ 6,701.79
La Sagrađa Familia Collection	\$ 710.00
Maintenance Collection	\$ 277.00

Please remember St. Therese in your will!





## Parish Events for the Week

### 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 (CH)
- 10:30AM Children's Liturgy of the Word (CH)

### Monday, December 12th

- 3:45PM Catechesis of the Good Shepherd  
Grades 4-6 (GLP)
- 7:00PM Library Committee (LIB)

### Tuesday, December 13th

- 8:30AM Bible Study (STR)
- 3:00PM Canticle Choir (MC)
- 3:45PM Catechesis of the Good Shepherd  
Ages 3-K5 (GLP)
- 6:30PM Finance/Administration (MC)

### Wednesday, December 14th

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

### Thursday, December 15th

- 8:30AM – 6:00PM Prayer Day (CHP)
- 3:45PM Catechesis of the Good Shepherd  
Grades 1-3 (GLP)

### Friday, December 16th

No Meetings Scheduled

### Saturday, December 17th

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

### Sunday, December 18th

#### Fourth Sunday of Advent

- 9:10AM Cherub Choir (CHP)
- 10:00AM Praise Band (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

### St. Vincent de Paul Needs Your Help

Many in our community are experiencing the pain of this bad economy. The St. Vincent de Paul Society is seeing an increase in the requests for furniture, clothing, and food. Unfortunately, the St. Vincent de Paul Society is also running low on funds.

If you wish to help those in need, there are SVDP collection envelopes in our church pews. Also, there are collection boxes at the church exits. If you would like a receipt, please include your name and address with your donation. Any amount would be greatly appreciated.

### Sharing Sunday is This 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.

### Christmas for Veterans–December 13th

#### Knights of Columbus Hall, West Allis

Come celebrate "Christmas for Veterans" on Tuesday, December 13th from 4:00PM to 7:00PM at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 1800 S. 92nd St. in West Allis. Dinner will be provided by the Silver Spur Restaurant of Elm Grove, with two musical groups providing entertainment: Frogwater w/ Lil Rev and the Chris Hanson Swingtet, featuring Rae Cassidy.

150 needy vets will be invited to this dinner at no charge. Cost of the meal for others is \$12 (\$10 with a donation of 4 non-perishable food items).

In addition, there will be numerous raffle items, with the major prize a valuable electric guitar. Profits from the event will be shared equally by Milwaukee Homeless Veterans Initiative and Food for the Hungry, Ind. For more information, call Mike at (414) 771-0715 or John at (414) 784-6591.

### 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!

### 30th Faith In Our Future Transfer Received

On November 28th, our parish received its 30th transfer for \$2,657.93 from the Faith In Our Future Trust. A tithe of \$265.79 will be given to our parish St. Vincent de Paul Society during the month of December. To date, our parish has received \$107,201.20 for our parish projects. Thanks to all who contributed, pledged, and continue to donate to the Faith In Our Future Capital Campaign. The funds have benefitted our parish greatly—we were able to make needed heating and electrical repairs and updates, to create a gathering space and service kitchenette, and to grant desperately needed funds to our two parish ministries, St. Vincent de Paul Society and Greater Tosa Interfaith. If you have not yet contributed to this campaign, you can do so by contacting one of our parish chairpersons, Ann Maher or Michael Falk.

## Intentions & Readings for the Week



**December Sanctuary Candle**  
The Krebs Family

### Monday

*Zec 2:14-17; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Lk 1:26-38*

### Tuesday Mass

*Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Mt 21:28-32*

8:00AM †Fred Sachse

### Wednesday

*Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21b-25/Lk 7:18b-23*

### Thursday Liturgy of the Word with Communion

8:00AM *Is 54:1-10/Lk 7:24-30*

### Friday Liturgy of the Word with Communion

8:00AM *Is 56:1-3a, 6-8/Jn 5:33-36*

### Saturday Mass

*Gn 49:2, 8-10/Mt 1:1-17*

5:00PM St. Therese Parish Community and  
†Sue Kirsch

### Sunday Masses

*2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38*

8:00AM †LaVerne Mucci

10:30AM †Marilyn Kolesari



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 Durbkan, Gertrude Dushek, Leonard Dushek, Steve Geiss, Andy Grosch, Bill Hoppenjan, Andy Islo, 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

### Information on Snow Closings for the Parish

In the case of snow or any other reason for closing, the information will be reported on WISN Channel 12, WISN.com, and radio stations 96.5 WKHL, 102.9 "The Hog," Jammin' 98.3 and Big Buck Country 106.9. Please look for **St. Therese in Milwaukee** for our information. In the past there has been confusion since there are several "St. Therese" and "St. Theresa" parishes in the archdiocese. Please also note that we rarely cancel mass; if we do so, it will be stated.

## 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 [ddagelen@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ddagelen@sbcglobal.net).

## Green Saves \$ Green:

Many stores offer discounts for bringing your own bags or cups. For example:

- ♦ Caribou Coffee offers a 50 cent discount for bringing your own coffee cup. If you buy coffee once per week this saves you \$26 per year! Stone Creek and Starbucks and other smaller shops also offer discounts of 10-20 cents per cup.
- ♦ Pick N Save, Sendik's, and Target offer three to five cents per cloth grocery bag when you bring them in to use instead of their paper or plastic bags. If you fill three cloth bags per week, you will save up to \$6.50 per year!

## 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>

## "Living Our Faith" Television Featuring Archbishop Listecki

"Living Our Faith" with Archbishop Listecki returns for its fifth season of Saturday shows sponsored by the Archdiocese of Milwaukee and presented by Catholic Financial Life. This 30-minute program airs on WISN TV, Channel 12. Following is a list of dates for upcoming shows: Jan. 7, 2012 noon; Feb. 4, 2012 noon; March 3, 2012 noon; April 7, 2012 TBA; May 5, 2012 TBA. June 2, 2012 TBA.



### Stewardship Update

The final tally for our 2011 campaign is:

- ♦ 281 out of 347 families responded, which is a return of 81%. *(The 281 includes 44 parishioners who are in extended care facilities or who have special circumstances.)*
- ♦ The pledged amounts we received total \$254,671, which is 78% of our goal of \$325,000.00.

Thank you to everyone who returned a pledge. We will keep you posted as the year progresses. In order to continue our mission and ministries, we need to continue to work to attain our goal.

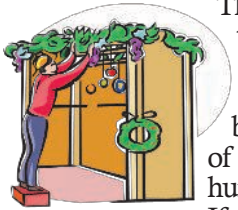
### Information on ATC Transmission Line Project Available in the Parish Office

The latest communications from the ATC (American Transmission Company) on the proposed power line project that will affect our property is available in the Parish Office. The current proposal that the ATC plans to submit to the Public Service Commission is as follows: 1) above ground power lines on the west side of our property (green space) approximately 200 feet from our church building or 2) below ground power lines along 95th St.

Along with our neighbors, Milwaukee Montessori School and the Park Poolside Apartments, we are still advocating for buried power lines to the west of our property in the green space. The final decision will be made by the Public Service Commission in the new year. There will be public hearings and opportunities for us to address the Public Service Commission before a final decision is made.

If you have not already sent your feedback and concerns to the ATC, please do so before Christmas. Comment/concern forms are available on the tables at the entrances of the church or access the website at [www.atc.com](http://www.atc.com). Your help is needed.

### 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).

### Reminder to Parish Council and Finance/Administration Committee Members

Committee members are reminded to check their e-mail every day and respond as directed. Over the past month, there have been several important communications sent out regarding the ATC Project, Zoo Interchange Project, and significant items with regard to our parish finances. Please take the time, and thank you for your ministry to our parish community.

### 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. If you are interested in joining one of the ministries, it's not too late. Call the parish office and leave your name and phone number, and you will be contacted.

### 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](mailto:council@sainttheresemilwaukee.org)

#### Chairperson

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#### Vice-Chairperson

Pat Hall (414) 607-9396

#### Secretary

Pat Touchett (414) 257-0221

#### Trustees

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Kathy Hubrich (414) 259-1961

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Kay Batta (414) 453-9232

John Gritzmacher (414) 453-5265

Christine Jensen (262) 391-1851

Betty Lovinus (414) 259-0889

Glenn Nowak (414) 466-8060

#### 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.*