



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.

January 1st, 2012

Parish Staff

Parish Director

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All the Members of the Parish

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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

Happy New Year! As we begin 2012, spend some time in reflection. Here are some questions to guide you that I found on the website www.csjoseph.org. (No author was listed):

- ◆ What worked in my life this past year? What did not work?
- ◆ What were my greatest challenges/lessons?
- ◆ What attitudes and actions will I take with me into 2012? Which ones will I leave behind?
- ◆ What limiting beliefs did I shift? What negative emotions did I shift?
- ◆ When did I most follow God? When did I resist God's nudging?
- ◆ How did I grow, improve, and expand myself?
- ◆ How much love did I share?
- ◆ What would I want to do differently in 2012?

On another note, January 1st on our liturgical calendar marks two "feasts"—The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God and The World Day of Prayer for Peace.

In this New Year, may we follow the example of Mary, the first Christian, the first person to believe in Christ and may we work tirelessly for peace...peace in our hearts, peace in our families, peace in our communities, peace in our nation, peace in our world, peace in the entire cosmos.

God be with you...Emmanuel!

Dr. Alexandra Guliano

Please Note: Altered Office Hours

The Parish Office will be closed on Friday, January 13th and Monday, January 16th. Please plan accordingly.

Donations Needed

- ◆ Color cover for Christmas bulletin—\$57.50
- ◆ For two air purifiers for Miriam's Corner at \$400 each.

Fundraising Results

Thanks to the efforts of five parishioners, St. Therese earned \$1,879 working in concessions at Miller Park during the 2011 Brewers season. We're planning to do it again during the 2012 season, but we'd like to have a lot more people involved. Watch the bulletin for more information, but if you just can't wait until January to find out more, you can contact Mari Pavleje (414-545-2733) any time.



Thank you for your generosity

CHURCH SUPPORT

December 17th/18th	\$ 6,568.23
December 24th/25th	\$ 13,211.39
Maintenance Collection	\$ 20.00

Please remember St. Therese in your will!

Please Help Us Keep Our Prayer List Current

It is our privilege to remember in prayer all those whose names are submitted to us. We do also need to know when to remove names from the prayer list. Kindly let Heather Goeden, in the Parish Office, know when to remove a name from the prayer list. Names that have been on the list for more than a year will be removed, beginning January 15th, if we do not hear from the person who submitted the name whether to leave the name on the list. Thank you for your attention to this.

Donate the Sanctuary Candle in Memory of a Loved One

Please consider donating the sanctuary candle (that burns in front of the tabernacle). The cost is \$10 per month. The months of February through December 2012 are open. Months will be assigned on a first come, first served basis. To donate, please contact Heather Goeden in the Parish Office or e-mail her (e-mail address on the front of the bulletin).

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.

Liturgical Ministry Schedules

Liturgical ministry schedules for lectors, servers, Eucharistic ministers, greeters, and ushers for January through April are now available in the sacristy. If you are interested in joining one of the ministries, call the parish office and leave your name and phone number, and you will be contacted.

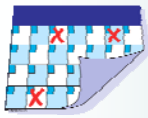
Reminder – Abuse Survivor Claims Bar Date

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

Update on the State of Wisconsin Mandatory Reporting Statutes

Since the fall 2011 Safe Environment newsletter was distributed there have been changes to the State of Wisconsin Mandatory Reporting statutes as applied to school employees. Recently, 2011 Wisconsin Act 81 was enacted to amend state statute 48.981(2) relating to mandatory reporting of child abuse or neglect by school employees. Act 81 states that all school employees are now mandated to report child abuse or neglect. **This includes: administrative assistants, maintenance, cafeteria workers, etc.**

Please note that while the law has been changed to include all school employees, it was already the policy of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee that any adult, employee or volunteer, in a school and/or parish is required to report abuse, neglect or maltreatment of a child. The bill and our policies prohibit any employee from being disciplined or discriminated against for making such good faith reports. If you have any questions, please contact Patti Loehrer, Safe Environment Coordinator for the Archdiocese of Milwaukee at 414-769-3449 or loehrerp@archmil.org



Parish Events for the Week

Sunday, January 1st

Happy New Year!

7:30AM Canticle Choir (CH)

10:00AM Praise Band (CH)

Monday, January 2nd

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

6:00PM Saint Vincent de Paul Society (HH)

7:00PM Parish Council (MC)

Tuesday, January 3rd

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

Wednesday, January 4th

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, January 5th

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

Friday, January 6th

5:00PM Art & Environment (MC)

Saturday, January 7th

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

Sunday, January 8th

9:10AM CLOW Catechist Meeting (STR)

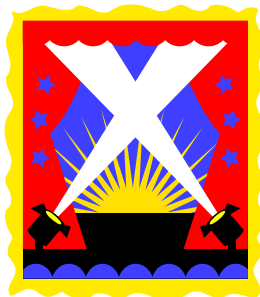
10:30AM Children's Liturgy of the Word (CH)

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

Be Part of "The Big Show"

Yes, that's right, only 28 more days until "THE BIG SHOW" extravaganza returns to St. Therese on January 29th. Sign up to share your performing talent with your St. Therese family of friends. If you can sing, dance, play an instrument, tell a story, recite poetry, perform magic, hop on a pogo stick, or sort out a load of laundry, you need to sign up now.

Information and sign up forms are available from Dusty at the church organ. The deadline is **JANUARY 15th**. We also need many volunteers to help with setup, refreshments, programs, or backstage. "THE BIG SHOW" can't light up the stage without YOU.



St. Therese 55+ Club—January 12th

You are invited to come to our 55+ gathering on Thursday, January 12th. We will gather at 11:30AM and eat at 12:00PM. Our speaker is Dr. David Scheidt from Eye Care Specialists to talk about senior eye care. Pot Luck luncheon, please bring: A-H Salad, I-M Main dish, N-Z Dessert.

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, Guatemala, 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 20th, 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:

- ♦ January, 7th, 2012 at noon
- ♦ February 4th, 2012 at noon
- ♦ March 3rd, 2012 at noon
- ♦ April 7th, 2012 TBA
- ♦ May 5th, 2012 TBA
- ♦ June 2nd, 2012 TBA

Video Message from Archbishop Listecki

As we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, Archbishop Jerome E. Listecki would like to share a special Christmas video message for the faithful of southeastern Wisconsin. For his thoughts on the true meaning of Christmas, and his wish for a blessed new year, please visit www.tinyurl.com/ListeckiChristmas.

Reflection on the Church's Teachings on Immigration

In his Message for World Migration Day 2000, Pope John Paul II stated: *"(We are called to work) so that every person's dignity is respected, the immigrant is welcomed as a brother or sister, and all humanity forms a united family which know how to appreciate with discernment the different cultures which comprise it."*

There was a time when our country did not have any federal immigration policies. Many of our ancestors came here, settled and, after a period of time, became U.S. citizens. It wasn't until the late 1800's that laws began to be put into place to restrict immigration, primarily of the Chinese and Asian peoples. It wasn't until the 1920's that Congress began to tighten the immigration rules for non-Asian countries by instituting the quota system that was in effect until 1965.

The third principle of Catholic social teaching on immigration states that "a country has the right to regulate its borders and to control immigration"; this is followed by a fourth principle, which is "a country must regulate its borders with justice and mercy". While people have a right to migrate, no country is required to accept all that want to enter. But a country cannot simply decide to take care of its own people and no one else. Immigration policies that are just and merciful will be concerned about all people and will take into account the rights of families to live together. An immigration policy that allows people to live in the U.S. as contributors to society but fails to offer an opportunity to achieve legal status does not serve the common good.

As natives or immigrants, we are comforted by Paul's letter today—there is a need to always rejoice, even in difficult times. We must seek to do what is right and just, despite the temptation to give in or give up in the face of life's struggles.

Intentions & Readings for the Week



January Sanctuary Candle

†Steven Nook

Monday

1 Jn 2:22-28/Jn 1:19-28

Tuesday Mass

1 Jn 2:29--3:6/Jn 1:29-34

8:00AM †Dennis Nee

Wednesday

1 Jn 3:7-10/Jn 1:35-42

Thursday Liturgy of the Word with Communion

8:00AM 1 Jn 3:11-21/Jn 1:43-51

Friday Liturgy of the Word with Communion

8:00AM 1 Jn 5:5-13/Mk 1:7-11

Saturday Mass

1 Jn 5:14-21/Jn 2:1-11

5:00PM †Theresa Ciardo

Sunday Masses

Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

8:00AM St. Therese Parish Community and

†LaVerne Mucci

10:30AM †Charles Hillyer



Lenore Black, Sheila Bourbonais, Gene Brah, Betty Breiting, 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, Chuck Kestner, Ken Knollenberg, Shirley Leinss, Neil Massey, Lori Mikula, Karen Nycz, Susan Ody, 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, Marie Weber, Betty Weckwerth, Shirley Wiedmeyer, Frank Zareczny

Born to Eternal Life:

†Garnett Jankowski and †Sandie Burazin

Reflecting on the Readings

The gospel reading today talks about people being *amazed* by the story told by the shepherds. Amazement is a mix of surprise, awe and joy – emotions that lie at the heart of good stewardship. At this time of year when we traditionally pause to reflect on the past and the future, let's take some time to be *amazed*; to feel the immensity of God's goodness to us, His faithful stewards.

“Are You Up for the Challenge of the Roman Catholic Church in the 21st Century?”

Presentation by Journalist John Allen

On Tuesday, February 28th, John L. Allen, Jr. will be presenting, “Are You Up for the Challenge of the Roman Catholic Church in the 21st Century?” at Mount Mary College. The presentation will be from 7:00PM to 8:30PM with a reception to follow. The cost to attend the presentation is \$10 and pre-registration is requested by February 23rd.

More information and online registration can be found at www.johnpaul2center.org/JohnPaulIICenter/UpfortheChallenge.htm or contact Randy Nohl, Coordinator of John Paul II Center at 414-758-2216 or nohrl@archmil.org

Mission Opportunity for Adults

For 30 years, the Archdiocese of Milwaukee has had a sister parish relationship with La Sagrada Familia (Holy Family) Parish in the Dominican Republic. The World Mission Ministries' next pilgrimage to La Sagrada Familia will take place February 28th–March 7th. This is your opportunity to learn firsthand about life in the parish, about your sisters and brothers there, and about how the connection between the Archdiocese of Milwaukee and La Sagrada Familia has impacted lives in both communities. For more information, please visit: www.archmil.org/Parishes/Sagrada-Familia/visiting.htm

Grief and Depression During the Holidays

Has the recent loss of a loved one taken over your life? Are you feeling alone, confused, or angry? Grief and depression can be overwhelming, but carrying those emotions through the Christmas season is even more difficult. Don't hesitate to contact a therapist at Catholic Charities for help. Call one of the numbers below Monday through Friday. You are not alone!

- ♦ 414-771-2881 in Milwaukee
- ♦ 262-637-8888 in Racine/Kenosha
- ♦ 920-458-5726 in Sheboygan
- ♦ 262-547-2463 in Waukesha

Reach Out Reach In Program – July 15th-20th

Reach Out Reach In... is for teens aged 15 through 18, who have completed 9th grade and who want to help with direct service work at sites throughout the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. The sites include homeless shelters, adult day care, community organizations, meal programs, family/organic farms, child care and more. Youth may participate in Reach Out Reach In for two successive years.

Reach Out Reach In Too... is for high school juniors and seniors who have already participated in Reach Out Reach In or a similar service experience. This track requires greater focus than Reach Out Reach In since the participants go further into the meaning and dynamics of service by centering on advocacy. Youth need strong listening and critical thinking skills in order to consider the strengths and weaknesses of social systems and how those systems can be changed to promote justice.

Space is limited, so encourage youth to register early. Preference is given to registrations in the order they are received and must be received by April 30th. Please note that registration in RORI implies attending from 3:00PM on Sunday, July 15th through 5:30PM on Friday, July 20th. Any exceptions must be pre-screened and approved by RORI Administrator Gerry Wolf prior to registering.

For more information or to register, please visit: www.johnpaul2center.org/Catechesis/YouthMinistry/RORI.htm

Thank You

To all who ministered and helped prepare our parish for Advent/Christmas/Epiphany, especially:

- ♦ Our liturgical ministers—Lectors, Altar Servers, Ushers, Greeters, Eucharistic Ministers, and Lay Presiders and their coordinators—Jim Balliet, Kathy Hubrich, Audrey Wright, Glenn Nowak, Ann Maher, Sister Marilyn Metz, and Judy Dietz.
- ♦ Our faithful cantors and choir members of the Canticle Choir, St. Therese Choir, and Cherub Choir, all directed by Elterine Jankowski-Biggers and accompanied by Sterling Biggers.
- ♦ Our Sound Board ministers.
- ♦ The Prayer and Worship Committee, chaired by Pat Hall.
- ♦ The Art and Environment Committee and all the volunteers who helped decorate, and our Building Services staff members, Denise Dostalek and Whitney Strohmeyer, and Lisa Vallone, who also ministers on this committee.
- ♦ All the families and individuals who participated in the ritual of lighting of the Advent Wreath during our Advent and holyday liturgies.
- ♦ Heather Goeden, Administrative/Pastoral Assistant for producing the orders of worship, music supplements, and a myriad of other “behind the scenes” ministries.
- ♦ Sisters Margit Loeffler, Ingrid Hamm, and Sara Jean Donegan, who faithfully launder and iron the purificators and corporals each week.
- ♦ Gladys Sachse, for laundering and ironing our altar cloths, designing and sewing the altar and ambo appointments, and, generally, serving as our “seamstress in residence.”
- ♦ David and Liz White for their monthly ministry of assuring that the vestments are dry-cleaned.
- ♦ Christine Jensen for laundering the altar server and priest albs.
- ♦ Deanna Sullivan, who order the hosts and wine and candles, and monitors our supply.
- ♦ Our funeral ministry—sacristans, bakers, helpers, liturgical ministers, and our funeral lunch coordinator, Mary Elizabeth Thompson.
- ♦ All the donors for the purchase of flowers and candles (names and intentions to be published in the January 15th bulletin).
- ♦ Our priest presiders and Parish Director—Assisting Priest, Rev. Hugh Birdsall, SDS, Rev. Norm Oswald, and Dr. Alexandra Guliano.
- ♦ All who attended and celebrated the Presence of the Lord in Word and Sacrament this Holy Season! God bless us everyone!



Parish Council

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

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**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 Heather in the Parish Office.

Need Prayer?

Call the Prayer Network at
(414) 607-0681.

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

Bulletin deadline:

Monday, 8:30AM

Announcement deadline:

Thursday, 12:00 NOON

All submissions must be in writing; email preferred.