



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 8th, 2012

Parish Staff

Parish Director

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Epiphany

OF THE LORD

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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 celebrate the Solemnity (Feast) of the Epiphany this weekend. The word “epiphany” comes from the Greek *epiphanos*, which means “manifestation.” Traditionally we refer to the arrival of the three kings (or astrologers) or The Magi on this feast. While the Gospels do not tell us much about this group of visitors to the Christ Child and family, religious imagination throughout the years has pictured these as three kings from various countries of the Middle East and assigned names to them—Gaspar or Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar or Balthazar.

Actually, the Gospels do not mention the number of visitors, their names, or the countries from which they came. Scholars state that there may have been as many as twelve of these visitors that quite possibly travelled in a caravan.

But what we do know from the Gospels is that this feast teaches us that Jesus came not only for the Jews, the Chosen People of Israel, but for *all* people of every race and nation. Epiphany’s message is that Christ came for all, no exceptions.

◆ The bishops of Wisconsin have asked that all parishes of our (arch)dioceses reflect on immigration reform as we celebrate the Epiphany. As the message given to the Holy Family was to leave Israel due to Herod’s command of the slaughter of baby boys two years old or younger, the Holy Family fled to Egypt for assylum, and lived there as immigrants until it was safe for them to return to Nazareth.

The United States of Conference of Catholic Bishops

has designated the week of Epiphany—January 8-14—as “National Migration Week” and have asked all Catholics to reflect on immigration in our land. The bishops have proposed six goals or values toward comprehensive immigration reform.

- 1) A program of earned legalization that allows foreign nationals a way of obtaining permanent residence.
- 2) A way of reducing illegal immigration by providing a worker program to the country legally and safely for employment.
- 3) Family-based immigration reform so that families can be reunited quickly.
- 4) A restoration for Due Process Rights for immigrants.
- 5) A means of examining the root causes of migration such as underdevelopment and poverty.
- 6) A renewed focus on enforcement of existing borders and of measures to control illegal immigration.

Let us turn to the Holy Family as we lift up our lawmakers and leaders for the Holy Spirit’s guidance on comprehensive immigration reform.

◆ Finally, we complete the Christmas Season on Monday, January 9th, the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Then it’s back to Ordinary Time.

May we continue to celebrate the Presence of Christ among us!

God be with you!

Dr. Alexandra Guliano

Thank You!

- ◆ To all our parish musicians who ministered the weekend of December 31st and January 1st—Jeanette Seitz, Sue Gritmacher, Mike Falk, and Jim Jensen. Our parish is very fortunate to have such talented members!
- ◆ To Joann Retzlaff for donating the cost of the new battery pack for the presider’s microphone.
- ◆ To the anonymous donor of the color cover for the Christmas bulletin and the liturgical items for the funeral rites.



Please Note: Altered Office Hours

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

Donations Needed

- ◆ For two air purifiers for Miriam’s Corner at \$400 each.

Update on Father Norm

We will miss Father Norm Oswald for the next seven weeks. He will not have the assistance of the second priest during the month of January through mid-February. He plans to be back helping here at St. Therese on February 19th. We thank Father Hugh Birdsall, SDS, our Assisting Priest for once again presiding at all three of our weekend masses during this time.

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.

Reminder – Abuse Survivor Claims Bar Date

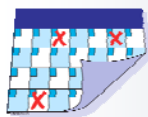
The deadline for filing Abuse Survivor Claims in the Milwaukee Archdiocese Bankruptcy is February 1st, 2012. More information is available at www.archmil.org/reorg/bardate.htm



CHURCH SUPPORT

Envelopes & Offertory	\$ 6,133.09
Maintenance Collection	\$ 127.00

Please remember St. Therese in your will!



Parish Events for the Week

Sunday, January 8th

- 9:10AM CLOW Catechist Meeting (STR)
- 10:30AM Children's Liturgy of the Word (CH)

Monday, January 9th

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

Tuesday, January 10th

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

Wednesday, January 11th

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

Thursday, January 12th

- 10:00AM 55+ Social Club (HH)
- 3:45PM Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Grades 1-3 (GLP)

Friday, January 13th – Office Closed

No Meetings Scheduled

Saturday, January 14th

Sharing Weekend

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

Sunday, January 15th

Sharing Weekend

- 9:10AM Christian Formation Meeting (STR)
- 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

Sign Up for THE BIG SHOW!

You only have ONE WEEK to sign up for "THE BIG SHOW" at St. Therese. January 15th is the deadline. Get your application form from Dusty at the church organ today. We need singers, dancers, storytellers, poets, instrumentalists, and other performing stars for "THE BIG SHOW" which will be presented on Sunday afternoon January 29th. We'd also love to see those very important "star volunteers" to help with setup, refreshments or backstage. Let us know if you can help. What a great way to spend some time having fun with your St. Therese family and friends.



Sharing Sunday is Next Weekend

This month's Sharing Sunday recipient will be our St. Vincent de Paul Conference. The following is a short list of the activities of SVDP:

- ♦ Help people in our community with rent payments, food, utilities, furniture, appliances, SVDP store vouchers, and home visits.
- ♦ Meet twice a month.
- ♦ Correspond with our twinning parish in Jamaica.
- ♦ Collect back to school supplies in the summer, organize an annual furniture collection drive, and have two Bundle Weekends whereby the SVDP collection truck is in our parish parking lot, in May and October.

We are grateful for any help you can give. Your continued generosity has enabled our 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. Please be generous in giving to our neighbors in need.

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

Reflecting on the Readings



Today's feast day celebrates the manifestation of God in Christ and extension of God's saving love to all people. This revelation of God's saving action is not just a past event we gather to remember, but a present and on-going reality the Church is charged to announce. As faithful stewards in the year 2012, we are called to proclaim the wonder of God's ultimate gift, a message that remains relevant today, tomorrow and for all time.



Intentions & Readings for the Week



January Sanctuary Candle

†Steven Nook

Monday

Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Mk 1:7-11

Tuesday Mass

1 Sm 1:9-20/Mk 1:21-28

8:00AM †George & †Ingrid Hamm

Wednesday

1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Mk 1:29-39

Thursday Liturgy of the Word with Communion

8:00AM *1 Sm 4:1-11/Mk 1:40-45*

Friday Liturgy of the Word with Communion

8:00AM *1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Mk 2:1-12*

Saturday Mass

1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1/Mk 2:13-17

5:00PM †Steven Nook

Sunday Masses

1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42

8:00AM †Fred Sachse

10:30AM St. Therese Parish Community and
†Helen Graham



Lenore Black, Sheila Bourbonais, Gene Brah,
Betty Breitinger, 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,
Silvia Graves, Andy Grosch, Bill Hoppenjan,
Andy Iso, 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: †Rita Ash

Reach Out Reach In Program for Teens—July 15-20th

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

Who are the Capuchins?

The Capuchin Franciscan friars will be holding a weekend in the Milwaukee for men (ages 18-45) who are interested in learning about religious life and seeing how Capuchins live as Franciscans in our world and in the Church today.

The weekend is February 3rd – 5th. If you would like to attend, have questions, or want to recommend someone for the weekend, call (313) 595-2182 or email the Vocation Office at: vocation@capuchinfranciscans.org or visit the Capuchin blog at <http://capuchinfranciscans.blogspot.com>.

Dear St. Therese Congregation:

Thank you for your donation of 77 books valued at \$231.00 to the Next Door Foundation's Books for Kids program. The donated books will be distributed to children in the community through our "giving library" and will ultimately be placed into the hands of Milwaukee's children.

Your donation will allow children to have books in their home and will inspire them to develop an appreciation and love for reading. As a result, these children will improve reading fundamentals, school preparedness, and their chances for achieving long-term academic success.

Thank you for helping us in such a meaningful way by investing in the future of our children and supporting the Next Door Foundation to give Milwaukee's children and families the skills they need, not just to get by – but to achieve sustainable success.

Sincerely,

Pam Edyburn

Pam Edyburn
Books for Kids Coordinator

Debi Schwid

Debi Schwid
Family Literacy & Educational
Support Director

How far...



Would you travel?

31st Transfer of Funds from Faith In Our Future Trust Fund

On December 29th, our parish received a transfer of funds of \$1,224.00 from the Faith In Our Future Trust Fund. A tithe of \$122.40 will be given to Greater Tosa Interfaith.

Thanks to all who contributed or pledged for this capital campaign for both our parish and our archdiocesan faith formation and Catholic education. Most recently we used FIOF funds to repair and update the electrical panel that operates our pumps in the boiler and electrical room of the parish plant. To date, our parish has received \$108,425.20 from the generous contributions of our membership to FIOF. If you are interested in donating to FIOF, please contact one of our parish chairpersons, Michael Falk or Ann Maher.

We give thanks!

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 April through August and 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).

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.

Reflection on the Church's Teachings on Immigration

January 7th and 8th, the Solemnity of the Epiphany of Our Lord, will mark the beginning of the Church's Observance of National Migration Week. In his encyclical Pacem In Terris (Peace on Earth), Pope John XXIII told us: *"Every human being has the right to the freedom of movement and of residence within the confines of their country; and, when there are just reasons for it, the right to emigrate and take up residence elsewhere."*

We have learned that people "on the move" – refugees, migrants, immigrants – are very special to God; They need to be special to us, too. We are prepared to welcome Jesus Christ once again into our world, into our lives and into our very being. In Luke's gospel, Gabriel's visit to Mary starts the process of refugee status for her and Joseph – they wish to stay, but their circumstances force them to leave their home. Throughout His public ministry, Jesus was always moving from place to place, and He taught us that when we welcome a stranger, we welcome God. We are all familiar with Mathew 25 – *"For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me."* God identifies with the struggling migrant because He became one. We must now learn to see the face of God in every refugee, migrant, or immigrant that we encounter throughout our lives.

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

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(414) 453-5750

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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.

Bulletin deadline:

Monday, 8:30AM

Announcement deadline:

Thursday, 12:00 NOON

All submissions must be in writing; email preferred.