



# 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 23rd, 2012

## Parish Staff

### Parish Director

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

Rev. Hugh Birdsall, SDS

### Help-out Priest

Rev. Norm Oswald

### Administrative/Pastoral Assistant

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### Bookkeeper

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Sterling Biggers, Parish Musician

### Building Services Coordinator

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### Ministers

All the Members of the Parish

### Parish Emergencies

(414) 771-2500 – listen for instructions

## Mass Schedule

Saturday: 5:00PM

Sunday: 8:00AM

Sunday: 10:30AM

Tuesday: 8:00AM

### Liturgy of the Word with Communion:

Thursday: 8:00AM

*See inside for Holy Day Schedules*

“And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy. Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled.”

— Lk 1:43-45



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**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 Fourth Sunday of Advent this weekend, but its importance can get lost since the Solemnity of Christmas begins with our liturgies of Christmas Eve beginning at 4:00PM on Monday, December 24th. That means we have less than two full days for the fourth “week” of Advent. The challenge remains not to give up on Advent too soon. Besides celebrating the Eucharist this weekend, how about making space for some Advent quiet time between now and your celebrations of Christmas.

Do you have a creche’ (nativity scene) in your home? One way to accentuate the importance of Advent and the waiting of Advent is to set up only part of the scene and wait until Christmas Eve to place the figures of Mary, Joseph, and Jesus. Here at St. Therese, we wait until the beginning of mass and process with the figure of the Christ Child, bless the creche’ and then place the figure in the manger. We can also wait until the Feast of the Epiphany (January 5th/6th) to place the figures of the magi (kings).

- ◆ Welcome to all our visitors, family members, relatives, and friends who are joining us for our liturgies of Christmas this week. If you are coming home for Christmas, please consider St. Therese your spiritual home because you are always welcome here. Just as Mary and Joseph welcomed the first visitors to their Holy Infant, we welcome you and share the Presence of the Lord in Word and Sacrament.
- ◆ The bulletin next weekend—December 29th/30th will be our Christmas bulletin. The Christmas Season begins with the liturgies Christmas Eve and concludes with the Solemnity of the Baptism of the Lord, January 12th/13th.
- ◆ So, for less than two more days, let us continue to pray, “Come, Lord Jesus! Maranatha!”

*Dr. Alexandra Guliano*

### Committee/Group Secretaries, Please Note!

Lately we have had a lapse in communications, and the correct times and dates of meetings and events has not been communicated to Heather Goeden, our Administrative/Pastoral Assistant. In order to assure that there is reserved meeting space and accurate information in the bulletin calendar, please communicate all meeting times and room requests as well as changes of these times and dates.



#### CHURCH SUPPORT

Totals will be published in next bulletin.  
Please remember St. Therese in your will!

### Ministry to the Sick: Need Communion or a Pastoral Visit?

Need Holy Communion or a pastoral visit? Please call Heather Goeden in the Parish Office and make the request. Often we do not know that parish members desire this ministry. Father Hugh is graciously serving as our Coordinator of Eucharistic Ministry to the Sick and Homebound and is willing to anoint the sick and hear confessions for those unable to come to church. Dr. Guliano also makes pastoral visits. It is important that the person requesting the visit or a designated person contact us. Thanks for keeping us informed!

### 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.



### Help Decorate the Christmas Trees in Church!

We are asking 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. These will be hanging on the trees throughout the Christmas season. At the end of the season we will give them back to you. Please bring your ornaments to hang them on the trees at the Christmas masses on December 24th and 25th.



### 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. Contact Heather in the Parish Office.

### Pictures from the Wall of Remembrance

Pictures from the Wall of Remembrance are available in the sacristy in a box labeled accordingly (near the sound system tower).



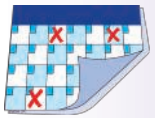
### Donate the Sanctuary Candle in Memory or Honor of a Loved One

Please consider donating the sanctuary candle (that burns in front of the tabernacle). The cost is \$10 per month. The following months in 2013 are **open**: January, September, October and December. 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 Note: Altered Bulletin Deadlines

Due to the Christmas and New Year Holidays, please note the following changes to the bulletin deadlines:

- ◆ The deadline for the December 30th Bulletin has passed.
- ◆ The deadline for the January 6th, 2013 bulletin is Thursday, December 27th at 8:30AM.



## Parish Events for the Week

### Sunday, December 23rd – Fourth Sunday of Advent

- 8:15AM Saint Therese Choir (CH)
- 9:00AM Mass (CH) - One Mass Only Today
- 9:00AM Children's Liturgy of the Word (CH)
- 10:10AM Cherub Choir (CH)
- 10:10AM Decorate the Church for Christmas (CH)

### Monday, December 24th

- 8:30AM – 10:30AM Parish Office Open
- 4:00PM Intergenerational Family Mass (CH)
- 8:45PM Saint Therese Choir (CH)
- 10:00PM Christmas Eve Night Mass (CH)

### Tuesday, December 25th – Merry Christmas!

- Parish Office Closed
- 9:00AM Christmas Day Mass (CH)

### Wednesday, December 26th

Parish Office Closed

### Thursday, December 27th

No Meetings Scheduled

### Friday, December 28th

Parish Office Closed

### Saturday, December 29th

No Meetings Scheduled

### Sunday, December 30th

- 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

## Dear Dr. Guliano and St. Therese Parish,

Thank you for welcoming a mission organization's appeal in your parish this year. The Mission Cooperation Plan (MCP) collection is one of the important ways we participate in the missionary outreach of the Church. This summer collection provides needed support to various mission groups around the world. It also gives our parishioners a chance to meet missionaries and hear about the lives and struggles of the people they serve. We send our sincere thanks to the parish staff for their efforts to make this experience a time of mutual blessing for the missionary and the parish. Thank you for your donation of \$1,475 for the Brothers of St. Charles in Lawanga, Uganda, Africa. We welcome your comments and suggestions to improve the process next year. Please call our office at (414) 758-2281 or email us at [wmo@archmil.org](mailto:wmo@archmil.org).

Sincerely,

*Allen Scheidl*—Director, Office for World Mission

## Church Helpers Needed

Church Helpers needed to straighten out the hymnals and envelopes in Church. This is a great way for families to donate some time and talent to Saint Therese. For more information please contact Denise Dostalek our Building Services Coordinator 414-640-2973 or email at [denise@sainttheresemilwaukee.org](mailto:denise@sainttheresemilwaukee.org).

## Donated Items for Sr. Ann Christine

Sr. Ann Christine is still collecting Campbell soup labels, education coupons and milk caps for a Catholic school. She is also collecting 2013 calendars, especially pocket size for shelters and the VA hospital. Old, clean calendars can be used for their pictures by the school children. Toiletries and coffee from motels and hotels are still passed on to the shelters. Please no Christmas items and/or cards. Items can be placed in the black crates on the table outside of the chapel.

## TV and Online Mass for the Homebound

Is someone you love unable to attend Church? "My Sunday Mass" will bring spiritual comfort and joy during this holy time of Advent and Christmas. Watch Sunday Mass on WITI-TV Channel 6 at 5:30AM and WCGV-TV Channel 24 at 9:00AM. On Christmas day, tune in at 7:30AM to WCGV-TV Channel 24, or watch online at [www.MySundayMass.org](http://www.MySundayMass.org). Please note: For those who can get to Church, the TV/online liturgy will not meet the Sunday or Christmas Mass obligation.

## Runaway Slave. Spiritual Servant. Future Saint?

Join the Archdiocese of Milwaukee's Black Catholic Ministry Commission for "From Being Enslaved to Priest: Father Augustus Tolton, 1854-1897, His Life and the Process of Canonization as a Saint" on Saturday, January 5th, 2013. The program runs from 11:30AM to 6:00PM at the Cousins Center (3501 S. Lake Drive, Milwaukee). Admission is \$10 and early registration ends on December 28th. For more information, contact Sandra Melcher at [samelch@yahoo.com](mailto:samelch@yahoo.com).

## Taize Prayer and Concert

Start your new year with the School Sisters of St. Francis in their beautiful St. Joseph Chapel (1501 S. Layton Blvd., Milwaukee) on Wednesday, January 2nd, 2013 at 6:00PM, for "The Beatitudes: Living Christ's Call in the Maze of Daily Life." At 6:45PM, a concert by soprano Nancy Anne Davis, accompanied by organist Sheri Masiakowski, will extend the prayer, leading listeners more deeply into the joy, simplicity, mercy and hope of Christian life. For more information, call Sister Mary Jane Wagner at 414-385-5246.

## Creches from Around the World

The School Sisters of St. Francis invite you to a free display of nearly 100 Nativity sets from around the world, alongside Holy Family artwork by the School Sisters of St. Francis at the Alfons Gallery at St. Joseph Center (1501 S. Layton Blvd., Milwaukee). Make the season bright with this wonderful family Advent event. All are welcome Wednesday through Friday 12:00PM to 3:00PM and Sunday 1:00PM to 3:00PM. Creches and other gift items are available for purchase in the Cultural Gift Shop. The exhibit continues through January 13th, 2013. For more information, please visit [www.sssf.org/gallery](http://www.sssf.org/gallery) or call 414-385-5273.

## Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Do we live our lives so that others will see Jesus in us? Let God strengthen, renew and rekindle your marriage sacrament so that it may reflect the Love of Jesus. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends are January 25th–27th in Brookfield, WI; February 8th–10th in Crystal Lake, IL and April 5th–7th in Madison, WI. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at: [alifetimeoflove.org](http://alifetimeoflove.org) or call (888) 574-5653.

# Intentions & Readings for the Week



**December Sanctuary Candle**  
Sahar Safavi

**Sunday, December 23rd**

*Mi 5:1-4a/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45*

**Monday, December 24th**

*2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Lk 1:67-79*

4:00PM †James McGee

10:00PM †Garnet Jankowski

**Tuesday, December 25th**

*Is 52:7-10/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18*

9:00AM †Ruth & †Fred Retzlaff &

†Joseph and †Gertrude Kohlmann

**Wednesday, December 26th**

*Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Mt 10:17-22*

**Thursday, December 27th**

**Liturgy of the Word with Communion**

8:00AM *1 Jn 1:1-4/Jn 20:1a, 2-8*

**Friday, December 28th**

*1 Jn 1:5--2:2/Mt 2:13-18*

**Saturday Mass, December 29th**

*1 Jn 2:3-11/Lk 2:22-35*

5:00PM †Gregory Enderson

**Sunday Mass, December 30th**

*Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Col 3:12-21/Lk 2:41-52*

8:00AM St. Therese Parish Community and

†Dennis Nee

10:30AM †Henry Kender

## Liturgical Ministers Scheduled for December 29th/30th

	5:00PM	8:00AM	10:30AM
<b>Lectors</b>	Castelaz, D. Stetter, G.	Coughlin, Sr. L. Gorak, G.	Mickey, M. Rickert, P.
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Balliet, J.	Holmes, J.	Hartay, A.
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Gill, Jane – 1 Gritzmacher, B. – 2 Johnson, G. – 3 Pavleje, M. – 4 Hubrich, K. – 5	Armstrong, T. – 1 Jagemann, C. – 2 Kennedy, A. – 3 Krebs, J. – 4	Okruhlica, L. – 1 Safavi, P. – 2 Anderson, L. – 3 Hartay, Mary – 4 Brown, A. – 5
<b>Greeters</b>	Graf, V. Clark, F. Touchett, P.	Jagemann, S. Webb, C. Reiter, V.	Bernards, R. Andrews, K. DelVecchio, B.
<b>Ushers</b>	Gritzmacher, D. Lemke, D. Gill, Jim	Webb, W. Seidl, C. Holmes, B.	Hartay, Matt Szablewski, N. Nowak, G. Nowak, J.

### Dear St. Therese Members,

Thank you so very much for your donation of \$869 to the Sharing Sunday at St. Therese! We will soon provide our 30,000th patient visit since opening our doors. This free medical care is the result of the generosity and inspirational support of all of our donors and volunteers.

The award winning Greater Milwaukee Free Clinic (GMFC) has been serving low income, uninsured, and unemployed adults of the Milwaukee metropolitan area for 17 years through a mission that provides a philosophy combining compassion and medical services as a delivery technique for health assistance.

We are seeing people who have been without their medicine for hypertension and diabetes for months because they lost jobs and their health insurance. Treatment for these diseases helps to prevent strokes, kidney failure, and blindness in the long run and our skilled physicians can do this in a cost effective manner. Unnecessary visits to Emergency Rooms and loss of income due to illness decline in the patients who have access to healthcare in settings like our fee clinic. Health care provided in a timely manner saves a great deal of money for everyone.

Funding from benefactors help provide for this very successful and productive effort while the volunteers continue to provide quality care to the GMFC patients. Although the time and talents are volunteered, the costs are still present and we can't do it without you! God Bless you for your support!

Most Gratefully Yours,

*Kathleen A. Schneider*—Executive Director, GMFC

### Dear Dr. Guliano and St. Therese Congregation,

Thank you so much to everyone at St. Therese Congregation for your Faith in Our Future donations of \$19.68 to Greater Tosa Interfaith. You are all such a blessing to us and to the older adults that we help. Your continued support is greatly appreciated. God's blessings on all of you! Please keep us in your prayers. Warm Regards,

*Diane Euting*—Director, Greater Tosa Interfaith



Baby Grady, Mimi Albano, Lenore Black, Judith Bolton, Gene Brah, Alyce Breitweiser, Kathryn Brinn, Dolores Brunner, Terri Brunner, Helen & Larry Bugni, Joan Butler, Tim Dondlinger, Gertrude Dushek, Kaylin Dushek, Leonard Dushek, Mary Ehrmann, Barbara Fischer, Mary Fischer, Ethel Forster, Doris Griger, Andy Grosch, Wally Hesselbein, Andy Islo, M. Rose and Michael Jules, Chuck Kestner, Ken Knollenberg, Joe Landry, Shirley Leinss, Ann Leys, Pete Lovinus, Mary Jane Lucas, Neil Massey, Lori Mikula, Karen Nycz, Rachel Ragatz, Judy Rahn, Barb Redzich, Barbara Schmitz, Harriet Schnarsky, Terry Shinn, Carlene Siever, Joel Simpson, Marion Sinks, Susan Sinks, Marion Stabo, Mark Stabo, Salvatore Vallone, Pius Vetter, Don Wackholz, David White



### Holiday/Holyday Mass Schedule

- ♦ Christmas Eve Intergenerational Family Mass—Monday, December 24th at 4:00PM
- ♦ Christmas Eve Night Mass—Monday, December 24th with a 10:00PM Choir Concert followed by Mass
- ♦ Christmas Day Mass—Tuesday, December 25th at 9:00AM
- ♦ New Year's Day (Solemnity of Mary/World Day of Prayer for Peace)—Tuesday, January 1st at 9:00AM

Sign-up sheets for liturgical ministers are in the sacristy. Thank you for taking the time to sign up to minister during these high holydays!

### Christmas Holiday Parish Office Hours

During the week of Christmas, the Parish Office Hours will be as follows:

- ♦ Monday, December 24th - The Parish Office will be open from 8:30AM until 10:30AM
- ♦ Tuesday, December 25th - The Parish Office will be closed for the Christmas Holiday
- ♦ Wednesday, December 26th - The Parish Office will be closed
- ♦ Thursday, December 27th - The Parish Office will be open from 8:30AM until 4:00PM
- ♦ Friday, December 28th - The Parish Office will be closed
- ♦ Monday, December 31st - The Parish Office will be open from 8:30AM until 10:30AM
- ♦ Tuesday, January 1st, 2013 - The Parish Office will be closed for the New Year Holiday.

Regular Office Hours will resume on Wednesday, January 2nd, 2013 at 12:00PM (noon).

### Please Note—One Mass Only on Sunday, January 6th

We will celebrate only one mass on Sunday, January 6th at 9:00AM due to our priests' availability. Rev. Tom Witliff will be our help-out presider on Saturday, January 5th at 5:00PM and Sunday, January 6th at 9:00AM. Our regular Sunday mass schedule of 8:00AM and 10:30AM masses will resume on Sunday, January 13th.

### 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

### New Hymnal Donations

Donations are still being accepted for pew versions of the hymnals. Please fill out the form below and return it with your donation to Elterine in the office or put it in the collection basket during mass.

### Order Form for the GATHER Hymnals – Please Print

Pew Hymnals: \$15.50    Quantity \_\_\_\_\_    Total amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

A Gift from: \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

AND/OR

A Gift form: \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

If you are ordering more than one hymnal please use a separate form for each.

### Parish Council

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

#### Chairperson

Jim Holmes (414) 258-9195

#### Vice-Chairperson

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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 Heather Goeden 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 Heather in the Parish Office.

### Need Prayer?

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

**Bulletin deadline:**  
The deadline for the  
December 30th bulletin has  
passed. Next available  
bulletin is January 6th, 2013.  
All submissions  
writing; email preferred.