



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.

November 24th, 2013

Parish Staff

Parish Director

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Rev. Norm Oswald

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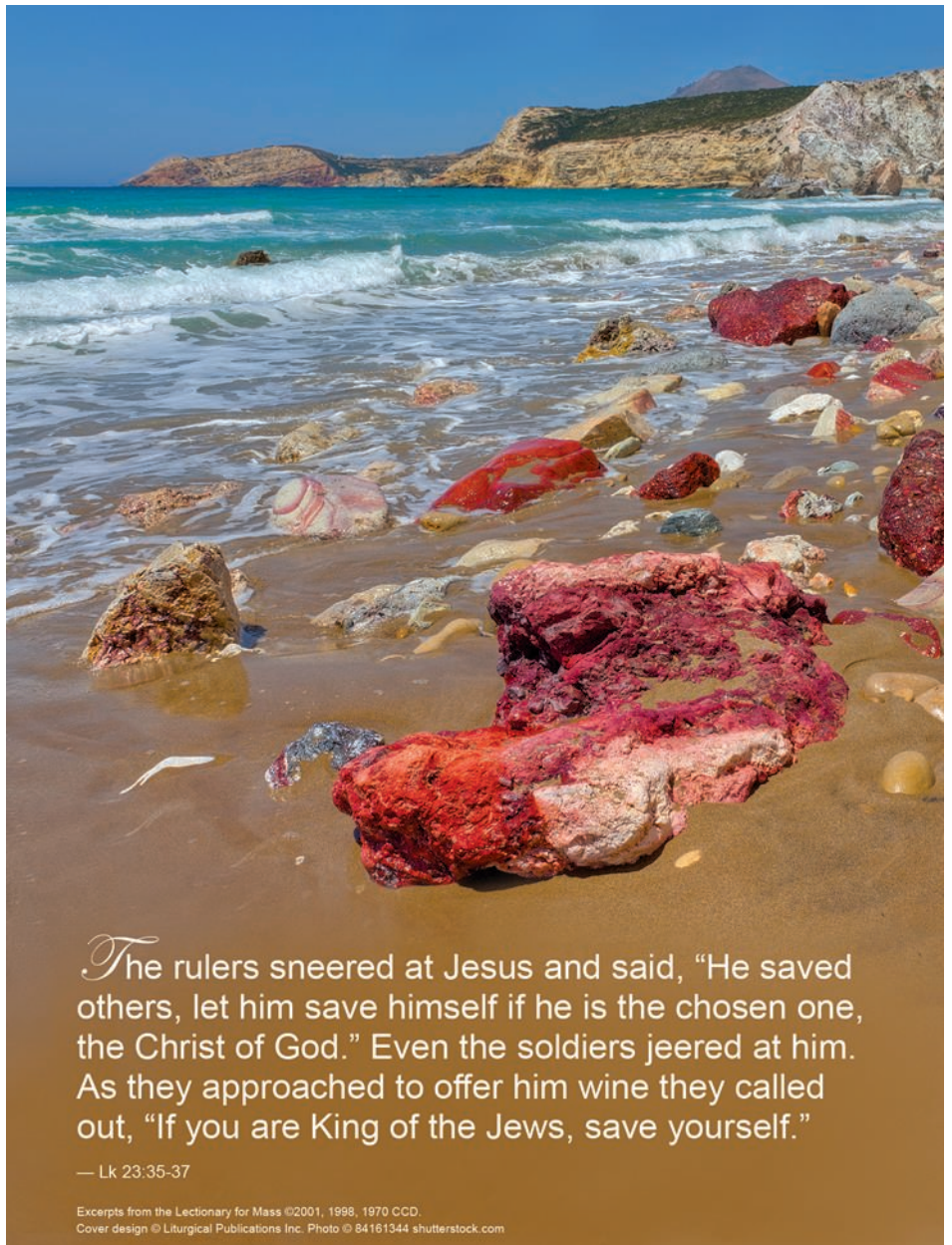
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Ministers

All the Members of the Parish

Parish Emergencies

(414) 771-2500 – listen for instructions



The rulers sneered at Jesus and said, "He saved others, let him save himself if he is the chosen one, the Christ of God." Even the soldiers jeered at him. As they approached to offer him wine they called out, "If you are King of the Jews, save yourself."

— Lk 23:35-37

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Mass Schedule

Saturday: 5:00PM
Sunday: 9:00AM
Tuesday: 8:00AM

Liturgy of the Word with Communion:
Thursday: 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

- Each year, the Archdiocese of Milwaukee releases the priest statistics. Our Parish Pastoral Council and Prayer and Worship Committee will be reviewing and discussing these at their next meetings. If you would like hard copy of the statistics report, please request one from Heather Goeden in the Parish Office.

The highlights of the report follow (statistics effective October 31st, 2013):

- There currently are 328 archdiocesan priests.
- Of these 328 priests, 179 are active, and 149 are retired.
- Of the 179 active priests, only 131 are in parishes. (The remaining 48 priests are in special ministries, are on sick, medical, personal, or administrative leave, or awaiting assignment.)

Currently, there are approximately 200 parishes in our archdiocese. The number of available priests is less than the number of parishes.

- 96 priests are under 60 years old.
- 153 priests are between the ages of 60 years and 80 years.
- 57 priests are over 80 years old.

The above statistics prompted the document *Parishes and Pastoral Leadership 2020*, the planning document which is the guideline for the pastoral leadership of parishes so that all viable parishes can remain so.

Given these statistics, our upcoming archdiocesan synod is an opportunity for Catholics in our archdiocese to express our concerns and suggestions regarding the ongoing priest shortage.

- We celebrate Thanksgiving Day this week with our Thanksgiving Day Mass at 9:00AM on Thursday, November 28th.
- As we celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King this weekend, let us recommit our lives to Christ—His teachings, His way of life, and His Spirit.

Many blessings to you!

Dr. Alexandra Guliano



CHURCH SUPPORT

Envelopes & Offertory	\$ 6,220.55
Maintenance Donations	\$ 116.00

Please remember St. Therese in your will!

Ushers Meeting—Monday, December 16th

Ushers please meet on at 7:00PM in Church.

State of the Parish Presentation

This Weekend—November 23rd/24th

The presentation on the State of the Parish was given at all masses on October 19th/20th. If you were not here for the presentation, or if you would like to view it again, please plan on staying after mass on this weekend—November 23rd/24th. Parish Council members will be available with Dr. Guliano to receive any feedback, concerns, or to answer your questions.

Office Hours For the Week Of Thanksgiving



Please note the following changes to the parish office hours:

- Monday, November 25th, Tuesday, November 26th & Wednesday November 27th: 8:30AM to 4:00PM, closed 12:00PM to 12:30PM for lunch
- Thursday, November 28th and Friday, November 29th: Closed for the Thanksgiving Holiday

Wednesday Evening Mass - November 27th

Our 6:30PM Wednesday Evening Mass on November 27th will be canceled so that our parishioners can attend the Ecumenical Prayer Service at Martin Luther Church at 7:00PM. Join our choir and our parishioners in giving thanks with our Lutheran and Mennonite neighbors.

Thanksgiving Day Mass



Plan now to attend mass on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 28th at 9:00AM in the church. All are welcome! Liturgical Ministers are needed for this mass. Please sign up in the sacristy.

Office Closings for Holidays/Holydays

Please note the following changes to the Parish Office hours for the upcoming holidays/holydays:

- Thanksgiving Day: Thursday, November 28th—Office Closed
- Friday, November 29th—Office Closed
- Thursday, December 5th—Office open from 12:30PM to 4:00PM only.
- Christmas Eve: Tuesday, December 24th—Office Closed
- Christmas Day: Wednesday, December 25th—Office Closed
- Thursday, December 26th—Office Closed
- Friday, December 27th—Office Closed
- New Year's Eve: Tuesday, December 31st—Office Closed
- New Year's Day: Wednesday, January 1st, 2104—Office Closed

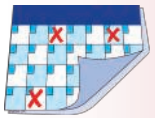
Altered Bulletin Deadlines—Holiday Season

Please note the following changes to the bulletin deadlines:

- December 1st Bulletin Deadline has passed.
- December 22nd Bulletin Deadline : Thursday, December 12th at 8:30AM
- December 29th Bulletin Deadline: Thursday, December 19th at 8:30AM
- January 5th Bulletin Deadline: Thursday, December 26th at 8:30AM

Donations for Typhoon Relief

If you would like to donate to the relief effort for the people of the Philippines and Vietnam who were devastated by the super typhoon, please send your monetary donations directly to Catholic Relief Services, with the notation "typhoon relief." The address is P.O. Box 17090, Baltimore, MD 21297-0303 or donate online at www.crs.org. Please join with those around the globe in praying for those who have died, been injured, or are in need of relief.



Parish Events for the Week

Sunday, November 24th—Catechesis Weekend

Scrip Order Pick-up After Mass/Christmas Cookie Sale Sign-Up

- 8:15AM St. Therese Choir (CH)
- 9:00AM Children's Liturgy of the Word (CH)
- 10:00AM Preschool–8th Grade Catechesis (GLP, GN, RR)
- 10:00AM Christian Formation Hospitality

Monday, November 25th

No Meetings Scheduled

Tuesday, November 26th

No Meetings Scheduled

Wednesday, November 27th

- 8:30AM–4:00PM Altered Parish Office Hours
- 7:00PM Ecumenical Prayer Service (MARTIN LUTHER CHURCH)

Thursday, November 28th—Parish Office Closed

Happy Thanksgiving!!!!

- 9:00AM Thanksgiving Day Mass (CH)

Friday, November 29th—Parish Office Closed

No Meetings Scheduled

Saturday, November 30th

Advent Giving Begins

No Meetings Scheduled

Sunday, December 1st – First Sunday of Advent

- 8:15AM St. Therese Choir (CH)
- 9:00AM Children's Liturgy of the Word (CH)
- 10:15AM Children's Christmas Choir (CHP)

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

Liturgical Ministry Schedule

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 preferences and special requests in the spaces provided. Schedules will be ready the following weekend. If you are interested in joining one of the ministries, please contact Heather in the Parish Office.

Questions? Contact: Server Coordinator—Jim Balliet at (414) 257-0339, Lector Coordinator—Ann Maher at (414) 453-4437, Eucharistic Minister Coordinator—Judy Dietz at (414) 607-0681, Greeter Coordinator—Audrey Wright at (414) 771-2140, or Scheduler—Mari Pavleje at (414) 545-2733.

Attention: All Groups/Committees

If your group/committee has an event, fundraiser, hospitality, or display after mass, please kindly make sure that all lights are turned off before you leave the Church.

St. Therese 55+ Club Christmas Party

You are invited to the St. Therese 55+ Christmas party at Alioto's Restaurant on Friday, December 13th. Eat at 12:00PM. Menu choices: Swiss Steak, Chicken Normandy, Baked Cod \$17.50. Absolute deadline for reservations and money is December 2nd. Call Gladys 476-1356, Pat 771-4194 or Judy 475-6809. If you would like to donate an item for door prize give them to a committee member, or bring that day.

SVdP Meal Program Needs Corn

The St. Vincent dePaul Meal Program is in need of more cans of whole kernel corn. Please bring cans of any size to mass and put them on the labeled table near the sacristy for the St. Vincent de Paul Meal Program through December 1st. Please do not bring the donations to the Parish Office, and please check the expiration dates. Any size, any brand!

Attention! Children's Christmas Choir!

The Children's Christmas Choir will begin rehearsals on December 1st through December 22nd at 10:15AM in the Chapel. Rehearsals will be a half an hour long. The choir is open to all children, youth, and teens. We will be preparing for the Intergenerational Christmas Eve Mass. Any older students who play instruments, sing solos, or are willing to help guide the little ones should share their special gifts. Remember: The Religious Education Program's first semester is finished on November 24th. This is an easy way to share your gifts of time and talent and enrich your faith life. Please join us!

The Saint Therese Canticle Choir

The Canticle Choir serves a very special ministry for our parish. It provides sung prayer leadership at mass of Christian Burial and memorial services which are times when members of our congregation are most vulnerable and in need of support. In addition the canticle choir also leads music at some weekend liturgies. The choir needs additional members in order to continue to be a strong and vibrant ministry. There are no auditions. All you need is a love of singing and a willingness to share that love.

The Canticle Choir rehearses on the second Tuesday of each month, at 2:00PM in the chapel.

Christmas Cookie Fundraiser



Please sign up to donate cookies for the St. Therese Christmas Cookie Sale (December 14th/15th) after mass at the Bluemound entrance. Drop off instructions are on the sign up table. Call Mary Sanger with any questions at (414) 425-2028.

St. Vincent de Paul Society Secretary Position

The St. Therese Conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society is looking for a new secretary. Our present secretary, Jessica Hubbard has done an outstanding job over the past few years; however, she has decided to resign this coming March. The secretary job responsibilities consists of taking notes during our bi-weekly meetings, writing SVDP event bulletin announcements, updating or keeping current member roster, and keeping track of SVDP service hours. If you are interested in this important SVDP volunteer position, then please contact Dave Chudy at 414-453-5574 or Dick Lemke at 414-475-7734.

What is the #1 reason you celebrate Mass at St. Therese?

- "Warm. Friendly. Keep up with changes in church."
- "Been member for 29+ years. I feel very welcomed and enjoy being a part of our church."

Intentions & Readings for the Week



November Sanctuary Candle

†Eldon McGraw

Sunday, November 24th

2 Sm 5:1-3/Col 1:12-20/Lk 23:35-43

Monday, November 25th

Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday, November 26th

Dn 2:31-45/Lk 21:5-11

8:00AM †Everett Brown

Wednesday, November 27th

Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/Lk 21:12-19

Thursday, November 28th – Thanksgiving

9:00AM †Anne Lemanski

Friday, November 29th

Dn 7:2-14/Lk 21:29-33

Saturday Mass, November 30th

Rom 10:9-18/Mt 4:18-22

5:00PM †Ted Schmidt

Sunday Mass, December 1st

Is 2:1-5/Rom 13:11-14/Mt 24:37-44

9:00AM St. Therese Parish Community and

†Eldon McGraw

Help Decorate the Church for Christmas!

The Art and Environment Committee would like to extend an invitation to all parishioners who would like to help with our Christmas Decorating. We will begin at 10:15AM on Sunday, December 22nd. If you are interested in helping, it is important to *please* contact Denise Dostalek (her contact information is on the front of the bulletin) by Wednesday, December 18th so proper planning can be done in advance. We would like to be as organized as possible to ensure it remains a fun event. The Art and Environment Committee will provide snacks and beverages for those participating. See you in December!

Christmas Ornaments

Yes, it's that time again to start planning a fun family afternoon with your children or grandchildren to make an ornament for our Christmas trees. These ornaments will be hung at the trees Christmas Eve and Christmas Day masses. If you are unable to attend one of these masses but would like to participate you may drop off your ornaments the 3rd and 4th weekends of Advent for the Art and Environment Committee to hang for you. Drop-off basket locations will be at the Bluemound gathering space and at the Chapel entrance. We are looking forward to seeing your creations!

St. Therese Congregation,

Please accept my gratitude for your organizations gift to Hunger Task Force of 44 pounds of donated food from your Harvest Craft Fair. Thanks to your generous gift, local families will stay safe and have a special Thanksgiving. On behalf of Hunger Task Force and the families we serve, thank you again for your gift!

Sincerely,

Sherrie Tussler, Executive Director–Hunger Task Force

Dear St. Therese Parish Prayer Shawl Ministry,

The blanket/shawl you sent was a delightful surprise. Thank you! The prayer ministry in your parish is so meaningful. It is beautifully made, and is much appreciated. The surgery was successful and I'm recovering on schedule. I'm grateful for the care and concern I've received. Again, I want to thank you for that special shawl. You may never know how much it means.

Sincerely,

Joan Lampton

Dear Friends,

I am most grateful for your thoughtfulness of me. Your prayer shawl is so lovely. I feel your nearness when I cover myself with it. Thank you so much for remembering me. Lovingly,

Sr. Marie Damien

A Stewardship Moment

Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe - November 23rd/24th

In today's Gospel we hear of the rulers who sneered at Jesus, the soldiers who jeered at him, the criminal who reviled him, and the people who just stood by. At our own parish church the cross stands high. Yet, every Sunday there are those who sit in front of it and are not moved by it. There are people who walk right by the cross, unmoved by it. Perhaps they've walked by it so many times they no longer give it a second thought. Could it be they are unmoved because the heart of the unbelieving thief is in them? Good stewards walk by the cross, notice it and ask themselves: "All this you did for me, what have I done for you?"



Mimi Albano, Lenore Black, Judith Bolton, Gene Brah, Alyce Breitweiser, Marjorie Corak, Rachel Corak, Jean and Karl Deutscher, Loretta Dobert, Tim Dondlinger, Kaylin Dushek, Leonard Dushek, Ethel Forster, Doris Griger, M. Rose and Michael Jules, Chuck Kestner, Cheryl Klass, Joe Landry, Shirley Leinss, Travis Lerchen, Ann Leys, Mary Jane Lucas, Kimberly Martin, Neil Massey, Mary McHugh, Susan Monyette, Bill Murray, Andy Nitka, Karen Nycz, Lois Preston, Gerald Rademacher, Rachel Ragatz, Judy Rahn, Barb Redzich, Barbara Schmitz, Jim Selke, Terry Shinn, Carlene Siever, Joel Simpson, Marion Sinks, Susan Sinks, Stanton Smith, Marion Stabo, Mark Stabo, Gina Stone, Andrew Sullivan, Deena Sullivan, Pius Vetter, Don Wackholz, B.J. Walters, Bill Ziegler

Eat at Bluemound Gardens, Donate to SVDP

During the month of November, Bluemound Gardens restaurant (11703 W. Bluemound Road, Wauwatosa) will donate up to 20% of your purchases to the Milwaukee St. Vincent de Paul Society. In order for the SVDP Society to receive the donation, parishioners need to bring in the St. Therese bulletin with this announcement to the restaurant. Eat delicious food and donate to a worthy cause!

Celebrate Thanksgiving and Catch the Spirit of Ecumenism

Give thanks and praise for all we have been given. Everyone is invited to join the choirs and parish members of St. Therese, Milwaukee Mennonite Congregation and Martin Luther Lutheran Church in their Ecumenical Celebration of Thanksgiving on Wednesday, November 27th at 7:00PM at Martin Luther Lutheran Church. Hospitality will follow. Non-perishable food will be collected at the service for Tosa Cares. Please join us!



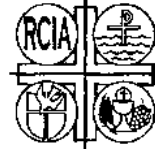
Christian Formation Update



A sincere thank you to all of you who have made our volunteer Religious Education Program a success! Sunday, November 24th, marks the close of our 1st semester. Classes resume on January 12th, 2014. We look forward to your continued support of this vital program for the children of our parish.

RCIA Catechists Needed

We have been blessed with an adult candidate who has inquired about becoming a fully initiated Catholic and who will receive the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil. We are in need of catechists and group discussion members. If you are interested in helping with the RCIA Process, please contact Heather Goeden in the Parish Office.



Wall of Remembrance—Month of November



Bring pictures of your deceased loved ones for our Wall of Remembrance. Please kindly write your name and phone number on the back of the picture. We will remember these loved ones during the month of November, the month of all saints and all souls.

Please Help Us Keep Our Prayer List Current

It is our privilege to pray for those who ask our prayers, especially those who are sick or have a special need. While we get many requests for adding names to our list, we also need to know when to remove a name from our list. If you have submitted a name and wish to keep it on our list, please contact Heather Goeden in the parish office or send an e-mail to her at heather@sainttheresemilwaukee.org.

We will be redoing our list by the 1st Sunday of Advent--November 30th/December 1st. Please kindly let us know if you would like any names you submitted kept on the list.

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!

Your Thoughts for the Synod

As we work toward the Archdiocesan Synod next year, we will continue to gather your input. If you have any thoughts or comments that you believe the synod should consider, please fill out the response form below and drop it in the collection basket, email Jim Holmes at jimbarb68@gmail.com, or call Jim at (414) 258-9195. Your input is needed as we will attend district synod meetings in February, and move on to the Synod in June.

Response Form – Archdiocesan Synod

Please list issues, concerns, suggestions, and questions for the upcoming Archdiocesan Synod on June 7th/8th, 2014. If you would like a Council member to contact you, please list your name and contact information (e-mail or phone).

Name (optional) _____
Contact Info (optional) _____

Parish Council

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

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Vice-Chairperson

Richard Hopefl (414) 455-3586

Secretary

Mary Rose Sanger (414) 425-2028

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Tim Graf (414) 543-3193

Jim Holmes (414) 258-9195

Sr. Marilyn Metz (414) 727-9055

Tom Molosky (773) 551-1752

Pat Touchett (414) 257-0221

**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 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 or call Heather in the Parish Office.

Need Prayer?

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

Need Holy Communion?

Call Heather in the Parish Office at (414) 771-2500.

