



Saint Theresese Parish

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We are St. Theresese Catholic Church, a community of believers, who walk together by faith in Christ Jesus, and minister in the Little Way of St. Theresese, as we strive hand-in-hand to live as God's people.

December 1st, 2013

Parish Staff

Parish Director

Dr. Alexandra Guliano ext. 14
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Ministers

All the Members of the Parish

Parish Emergencies

(414) 771-2500 – listen for instructions

First Sunday of Advent

“Two men will be out in the field; one will be taken, and one will be left. Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken, and one will be left. Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come.” – Mt 24:40-42



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Mass Schedule

Saturday: 5:00PM
Sunday: 9:00AM
Tuesday: 8:30AM

Liturgy of the Word with Communion:
Thursday: 8:30AM

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

- Pope Francis has done something truly remarkable in calling an Extraordinary Synod to be held in October 2014 on the topic of Marriage and Family. What is noteworthy is that, at the pope's request, the General Secretary of the Synod, Archbishop Lorenzo Baldisseri distributed a preparatory document and survey, not only for the bishops of the world, but for all who would like to respond.

The preparatory document summarizes the current Church's teaching on marriage and family while acknowledging the pastoral challenges of our current culture and social milieu. The preparatory document can be accessed at the following address:

http://www.vatican.va/roman_curia/synod/documents/rc_synod_doc_20131105_iii-assemblea-sinodovescovi_en.html

All of us are encouraged to complete the survey that will be sent to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) as they prepare for the Extraordinary Synod. Here is a chance to voice your concerns for marriage and family. The pope is asking for our input! The following survey address was meant for pastoral staffs and leaders. We have been told that a different survey on the same topics will be sent to the parishes so that the link can also be listed in the bulletins.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/ExtraordinarySynodSurvey-Archmil>

Because the USCCB is asking that responses be submitted to them by the end of December, our archbishop is asking that all our surveys be completed and submitted by December 15th.

Here is an opportunity to give voice to our concerns. Please take the time to do so.

- Advent begins this weekend. Special Advent calendars entitled "Do Advent" are being distributed to our children and families at our masses this weekend. Let's "do Advent" and have some fun as a parish community. Every child who completes the "Do Advent" calendar (with a parent or guardian listing or signing off on what particular actions the child has done) will receive a special "Advent treat." All completed calendars will be entered into a drawing, and three names will be drawn for the "Advent prize."

(Directions are stapled to the calendar.)

- Next Sunday, December 8th, is usually the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. Because the feast falls on a Sunday this year, the feast is moved to Monday, December 9th. So it remains a holyday, but not one of obligation. Mass will be offered on Monday, December 9th at 8:30AM in the Chapel. All are welcome.

We have begun our four-week preparation for Christmas. Come, Lord Jesus!

Dr. Alexandra Guliano
Parish Director

Thank You

To Bill and Crystal Webb for donating the cost of the Guest Welcome Book.



St. Therese Family Dinner

Plan now to attend the St. Therese Family Dinner on Sunday, February 9th at 5:00PM. Get to know more members of the parish community, and invite others to join us as well. Reservation form will be in future bulletins. If you would like to serve on the Family Dinner Committee, please leave your name and contact information with Heather Goeden in the Parish Office.

Change to Tuesday Morning Mass Schedule

Because Christmas Eve falls on Tuesday this year, there will be no 8:30AM Tuesday morning mass on Tuesday, December 24th. Tuesday morning Mass will resume on Tuesday, December 31st at 8:30AM.

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.



CHURCH SUPPORT

Totals will be published in next bulletin.

Please remember St. Therese in your will!

Office Closings for Holidays/Holydays

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

- 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

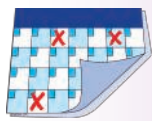
Altered Bulletin Deadlines—Holiday Season

Please note the following changes to the bulletin deadlines:

- December 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, December 1st – First Sunday of Advent

Scrip Order Drop-off After Mass

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

Monday, December 2nd

- 6:00PM Saint Vincent de Paul Society (HH)
- 7:00PM Parish Council (MC)

Tuesday, December 3rd

No Meetings Scheduled

Wednesday, December 4th

- 11:30AM SVdP Meal Program–Cook (KIT)
- 4:30PM SVdP Meal Program–Serve (OFFSITE)
- 7:00PM Music Ministry (CH)
- 7:30PM Saint Therese Choir (CHP)

Thursday, December 5th

- 7:00PM Group 100 AA (MC)

Friday, December 6th

- 5:00PM Art & Environment Committee (MC)

Saturday, December 7th

Sharing Weekend

No Meetings Scheduled

Sunday, December 8th – Second Sunday of Advent

Sharing Weekend

- 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.

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."

Scrip For Christmas!

We all buy Christmas gifts, right? Well, here is an easy way to spread cheer while helping St. Therese at the same time—and with no additional cost to you. Just purchase gift cards through the Scrip program. There are over 70 of your favorite department stores, grocery stores, restaurants, gas stations, and more to choose from. You will receive the actual store card, as if you purchased it from the store itself. Come to the Bluemound entrance after mass and fill out an order form. It's quick and easy. Thanks for your support!

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!

Christmas Cookie Fundraiser



Don't forget that the St. Therese Christmas Cookie Sale will be December 14th/15th. Please tell your neighbors and friends to stop by and pick up some holiday cookies as well! Call Mary Sanger with any questions at (414) 425-2028.

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.

It is Advent Giving Time!

Trees are located at the entrances to the church. If you would like to purchase a gift for someone in need, please take a tag from the tree, buy the gift and return it to church with the tag securely attached to it on or before Sunday, December 15th! Gifts will benefit the following charities: VA Hospital, Penfield's Children's Center, St. Vincent de Paul Myanmar Refugees and House of Peace.

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

Intentions & Readings for the Week



December Sanctuary Candle

†Robert Clark

Sunday, December 1st

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

Monday, December 2nd

Is 4:2-6/Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday, December 3rd

Is 11:1-10/Lk 10:21-24

8:30AM For Our All Souls Day Remembrances

Wednesday, December 4th

Is 25:6-10a/Mt 15:29-37

Thursday, December 5th

Liturgy of the Word with Communion

8:30AM Is 26:1-6/Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday, December 6th

Is 29:17-24/Mt 9:27-31

Saturday Mass, December 7th

Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Mt 9:35--10:1, 5a, 6-8

5:00PM St. Therese Parish Community and

†Anthony Damato

Sunday Mass, December 8th

Is 11:1-10/Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12

9:00AM †Bernard McShane



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, Chuck Kestner, Cheryl Klass, Joe Landry, Shirley Leinss, Travis Lerchen, Ann Leys, Mary Jane Lucas, 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, Pius Vetter, Don Wackholz, B.J. Walters, Bill Ziegler

Born to Eternal Life: †Christine Cosimi, grandmother of Gregory and Daniel Cosimi

Dear St. Therese Church:

Thank you for the beautiful prayer shawl. I like the colors. It makes me feel good and warm. You are good people. God bless you!

Grace

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!

From Sr. Ann Christine:

All New Christmas cards and all seasonal materials should be donated no later than December 8th. The catholic school, VA Hospital, and shelters appreciated these items. ALL calendars, new and old ones can be donated any time. Don't forget the Campbell's Labels for Education and General Mills Box Tops for education are always accepted for the Catholic Schools. Thank you!

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.

Dear St. Therese Parishioners and Visitors:

I want to thank you for your generous donation to Food for the Hungry, Inc. and letting me speak as part of Sharing Sunday. Irene and I are very honored to be members of St. Therese and all of the support that our fellow parishioners, along with Dr. Guiliano, Fr. Birdsall, Fr. Oswald and the Sharing Sunday Committee have given to our ministry since it started. I am proud to be a member of St. Therese as you continue to reach out to all who are in need.

God bless you always,

Mike Czarnecki,
Coordinator

The Catholic Stewardship Appeal thanks you for your generosity!

Our parish goal is \$32,000
We received \$28,033.18
from 144 parishioners. To date
47% of our parishioners have contributed.

If you haven't contributed already, please return your Catholic Stewardship Appeal pledge card today, or give online at www.catholicappeal.org.

Catholic Stewardship Appeal

Archdiocese of Milwaukee

www.catholicappeal.org

Vatican's Extraordinary Synod on Marriage and Family: October 2014

You may have read or heard about the Extraordinary Synod called by Pope Francis for October 2014. The focus of the Synod is Marriage and Family. Archbishop Lorenzo Baldisseri, General Secretary of the Synod, distributed to the bishops of the world, a preparatory document which concludes with a series of questions. Bishops were encouraged to seek consultation on these questions. You are encouraged to read the preparatory document for the context of the questions. It can be accessed at this link: http://www.vatican.va/roman_curia/synod/documents/rc_synod_doc_20131105_iii-assembly-sinodo-vescovi_en.html.

It is important for you to note that this document, in addition to providing summaries of the Church's teaching on marriage and family, also acknowledges the pastoral challenges which the current culture and social milieu impose on the presentation of these teachings.

The questions in the preparatory document have been set up in a "user friendly" survey form. You may access the survey at this link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/ExtraordinarySynod-LaitySurvey>. This survey link is also available on the archdiocesan website at www.archmil.org.

A short response time has been given to us. In order for the Archdiocese to gather the information and forward it to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, the deadline for responding to the survey is December 15th.

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.

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.

Advent Reflection Books

The Little Blue Books are again available for our use in the coming liturgical season. You will find them on the tables by the church entrances. The Blue Books contain 6 minute reflections on the Sunday gospels for the seasons of Advent and Christmas. As the introduction says "Each 24-hour day has 240 'six minute' packages. During the Advent and Christmas seasons, you're asked to give one of those to the Lord." These books have become a tradition in many St. Therese households. After your first 6 minute session with one of the booklets, you'll feel like adding a 30 second prayer for the parishioner who has been providing these for years.

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

Chairperson

Christine Jensen (262) 391-1851

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

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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.

Bulletin deadline:
Monday, 8:30AM

Announcement deadline:
Thursday, 1:00PM

All submissions must be in writing; email preferred.