



# 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 22nd, 2013

## Parish Staff

### Parish Director

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

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Sterling Biggers, Parish Musician

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### Ministers

All the Members of the Parish

### Parish Emergencies

(414) 771-2500 – listen for instructions



## The Nativity of the Lord

The angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger." *Lk 2:10-12*

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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

Advent and Christmas blessings to you!

This week we observe the last days of Advent and the great feast of Christmas. Welcome to all who are celebrating these days with us! Please know that you are always welcome at St. Therese. If you are a visitor, please make sure you sign our guest book.

This year the fourth "week" of Advent is a short one—only two days. Try to keep the Advent spirit these remaining days with moments of quiet and prayer. Make your preparations a prayer.

Amid all the gift giving and receiving, the traveling, visitors, and festivities, may we keep our focus on Christ who has come to be with us—God With Us—Emmanuel. And, let us remember all those who are hurting in any way this Holy Season.

Thanks to all who gave extra this Advent through the giving trees, Sharing Sunday, Catholic Charities, and so many other outreach efforts to share our blessings.

May Jesus, whose birth among us we celebrate, bless us all!

Blessed and Merry Christmas!

*Dr. Alexandra Guliano*

## Sign Our Guest Book

We would like to welcome all guests to St. Therese Parish. Thank you for sharing in our liturgy. Please sign our Guest Book at the Bluemound (main) entrance before you leave us today.

## Pictures from the Wall of Remembrance

Pictures from the Wall of Remembrance can be picked up in the sacristy—on the table near the sound system cabinet.

## 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.

## Prayer Books for Those Who Bring Communion to the Sick and Shut-In

Prayer books for those who bring Holy Communion to the Sick and Shut-In are available in the sacristy. The books include the Gospel reading for the day and the prayers for Communion to the Sick. These were donated by a parish member. Please take one for you and another for the person you visit.



### CHURCH SUPPORT

Totals will be published in the next bulletin.

Please remember St. Therese in your will!

## Congratulations

To Mary Grace and Don Washburn who will celebrate their 55th Wedding Anniversary on December 27th. May God bless their union!



## Advent Poster Activity and Drawing

Just a reminder to all children and families...completed Advent posters are due by Sunday, January 5th. Please return these to Dr. Guliano. An Advent gift will be given each child/youth who completes a poster. All completed posters will be entered into a drawing at the 9:00AM mass on the Epiphany for three winners of a Christmas prize.

## 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.

## Christmas and Holyday Mass Schedule

- Christmas Eve, December 24th—Intergenerational Family Mass at 4:00PM
- Christmas Eve, December 24th—Choir Concert and Night Mass at 10:00PM
- Christmas Day, December 25—9:00AM Mass During the Day
- Solemnity of Mary/World Day of Prayer for Peace, January 1st, 2014 at 9:00AM



## Office Closings for Holidays/Holydays

Please note the following changes to the Parish Office hours:

- Monday, December 23rd—8:30AM to 12:00PM
- Christmas Eve: Tuesday, December 24th—Office Closed
- Christmas Day: Wednesday, December 25th—Office Closed
- Thursday, December 26th—Office Closed
- Friday, December 27th—Office Closed
- Monday, December 30th—8:30AM to 12:00PM
- New Year's Eve: Tuesday, December 31st—Office Closed
- New Year's Day: Wednesday, January 1st, 2104—Office Closed

## Altered Bulletin Deadlines—Holiday Season

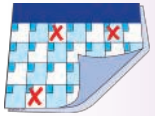
Please note the following changes to the bulletin deadlines:

- January 5th Deadline: Thursday, December 26th at 8:30AM

## Parish Financial Update

July 1st, 2013—September 30th, 2013

	Actual	Budget	Variance
Envelopes & Offertory	\$ 80,765.84	\$ 90,570.00	\$ (9,804.16)
Other Income	\$ 26,881.01	\$ 23,050.00	\$ 3,831.01
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 107,646.85</b>	<b>\$ 113,620.00</b>	<b>\$ (5,973.15)</b>
Expenses	\$ 101,198.03	\$ 113,619.75	\$ (12,421.72)
<b>Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>\$ 6,448.82</b>	<b>\$ 0.25</b>	<b>\$ 6,448.57</b>
Less Air Conditioning Donations—Restricted	\$ 1,155.00		\$ 0
<b>Adjusted Surplus</b>	<b>\$ 5,293.82</b>		<b>\$ 6,448.57</b>



# Parish Events for the Week

## Sunday, December 22nd—Fourth Sunday of Advent

### Library Advent/Christmas Display

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

## Monday, December 23rd

8:30AM – 12:00PM Altered Office Hours

## Tuesday, December 24th – Parish Office Closed

- 4:00PM Intergenerational Christmas Mass (CH)
- 10:00PM Choir Concert and Night Mass (CH)

## Wednesday, December 25th – Parish Office Closed

9:00AM Christmas Day Mass (CH)

## Thursday, December 26th – Parish Office Closed

7:00PM Group 100 AA (MC)

## Friday, December 27th – Parish Office Closed

No Meetings Scheduled

## Saturday, December 28th

No Meetings Scheduled

## Sunday, December 29th

9:00AM 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

## 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.

## 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.

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

- The music of my parish helps me celebrate. The use of a parish director fits with how I see the near future of the church."
- "Life giving community."



## Catholic Charities Collection

During this season of giving, we have received a request from Catholic Charities to prayerfully consider helping them with their outreach burden. Last year they provided services for over twenty three thousand people, most of whom earned less than twelve thousand dollars per year. The second collection this weekend, December 21st and 22nd, will be taken to aid Catholic Charities in their mission of providing service to those in need and advocating for justice.

## Bag It: Is Your Life Too Plastic?

Are plastic bags taking over your home? Is plastic taking over your life? Join your Green Team for a matinee showing of *Bag It: Is Your Life Too Plastic?* an award winning documentary film on the effects of plastic on land ecosystems, the marine environment and the human body. The movie will be shown in Heck Hall on Saturday, January 4th, 2014 at 3:00PM. As should be with movies, popcorn will be served. If you have any doubt about the movie, catch the movie trailer being shown after masses on December 28th and 29th.

## Snow/Weather Closings for the Parish

Snow and/or inclement weather closings for the parish will be listed on WISN Channel 12, parish website ([www.sainttheresemilwaukee.org](http://www.sainttheresemilwaukee.org)), and the Channel 12 website, [www.wisn.com](http://www.wisn.com). Please remember that our parish is listed as St. Therese-Milwaukee in Milwaukee County. There are other St. Therese or St. Theresa Parishes in the Archdiocese, so please look for St. Therese-Milwaukee.

## COLD ❄️ SNOW ❄️ SLEET

The winter months are upon us and we begin to deal with all the unpredictable elements that the weather gives. We try to plan for these things in our budget but as we all know the best laid plans can go awry. So for us to be prepared, the Finance Council has decided to again have a special collection to help defray some of these expenses. In the January 18th and 19th bulletin, there will be a special maintenance collection envelope that will be used for snow plowing of the parking lot, clearing of the sidewalks and salting these areas. Your contributions can be returned and placed in the collection basket the weekend of January 25th and 26th. We thank you in advance for your generosity.

## 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](mailto:heather@sainttheresemilwaukee.org).

## 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 22nd

Is 7:10-14/Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24

## Monday, December 23rd

Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Lk 1:57-66

## Tuesday, December 24th

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

4:00PM †James McGee

10:00PM †Theodor Schmidt

## Wednesday, December 25th

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

9:00AM †Joseph & †Gertrude Kohlmann

## Thursday, December 26th

### Liturgy of the Word with Communion

8:30AM Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Mt 10:17-22

## Friday, December 27th

1 Jn 1:1-4/Jn 20:1a and 2-8

## Saturday Mass, December 28th

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

5:00PM †Dennis Nee

## Sunday Mass, December 29th

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Col 3:12-21/Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

9:00AM St. Therese Parish Community and  
†Gregory Enderson



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

Born to Eternal Life: †Kenneth Rojahn

## St. Vincent Pallotti Christmas Concert

The St. Vincent Pallotti Christmas Concert will be held on Sunday, December 22nd at 2:00PM on the West Side (201 N. 76th St). There is a \$10 free will donation. Help us celebrate the Season through music and song.

## Dear Friends,

Greetings and thank you for your recent very generous donation of \$846.00 to Hearts with Haiti. Your donation will support the operations of the St. Joseph Family. Thank you for your friendship in mission and your generosity of spirit.

In 2012, we were able to do outstanding and exciting things through your support - including the dedication of the new dormitory building at St. Joseph's Home for Boys, which was rebuilt just two years following its destruction during the earthquake of 2010; the initiation of rebuilding efforts for Wings of Hope in Jacmel, Haiti; recovery from a devastating tropical storm; a newly operational bakery in Jacmel; expanding programming; a successful RDTH tour; a new chapel at St. Joseph's; and, much more.

With tremendous gratitude and blessings,

*Geoffrey Hamlyn*, Executive Director—Hearts with Haiti, Inc.

## St. Therese Parish Community:

I would like to thank all of you for your continued support of and donation of \$175 to Greater Tosa Interfaith. Our outreach ministry to frail and isolated older adults continues because of the generosity of sponsoring congregations such as yours. Thank you, again, for your kind donation. Many blessings on all of you.

Warm Regards,

## *Diane Euting*

Program Director - Greater Tosa Interfaith

## Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Christ is the reason for the Season. Is Christ in your marriage? Worldwide Marriage Encounter can help you make your marriage Christ-centered. Sign up today for the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend on January 17th–19th in Crystal Lake, IL; February 14th–16th in Madison, WI or March 7th–9th in Brookfield, WI. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at: [alifetimeoflove.org](http://alifetimeoflove.org) or call (888) 574-5653.

## Reach Out Reach In

Reach Out Reach In will be held July 13th through the 18th, 2014. It is for teens ages 15 through 18, who have completed 9th grade and who want to be involved in direct service and social action. The sites, located around the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, include homeless shelters, adult day care, community organizations, meal programs, family/organic farms, child care and more. The experience includes community, simple living, prayer, and justice education.

For more information or to download the registration form, visit the Reach Out Reach In webpage at [www.johnpaul2center.org/RORI.htm](http://www.johnpaul2center.org/RORI.htm)

The program is local. The cost is reasonable (\$235) and Scholarships are available.

Space is limited and registrations are due by February 28th, 2014. Youth may participate in Reach Out Reach In more than once.

Questions? Contact Mary Osep, Administrator of Reach Out Reach In at [osepm@archmil.org](mailto:osepm@archmil.org) or 414-541-9470, x15.

We are also in need of adults to serve as worksite leaders who accompany youth to their service sites, supervise during the week, and help young people reflect on their experience. Contact Mary Osep to learn more.

### 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. Thank you!



### Archdiocesan Synod Online Survey

You are invited to take a very brief survey that includes watching a three minute video and giving input for the future planning of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. The archdiocese is holding a "Synod" in June 2014. Your feedback will help in this renewal and planning process. The Synod Survey can found on the archdiocesan website at: <http://goo.gl/0cy9kQ> or [www.archmil.org/synod-survey.htm](http://www.archmil.org/synod-survey.htm) and will not take long to complete. The survey *must* be completed by January 1st, 2014. Thank you for being willing to be part of the important process.

### Christmas Masses for the Homebound

Archbishop Listecki will be the main celebrant and homilist for the Christmas Day Mass on local radio and TV stations, for homebound Catholics unable to attend Mass at their respective parishes:

- Midnight Mass at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist—Milwaukee (with closed captioning) at 12:00AM on WISN TV, Channel 12
- 4:30AM on Fox6 TV, Channel 6
- 6:00AM, 1:00PM, and 8:30PM on Relevant Radio – 100.1 FM
- 7:00AM on The Big 920 AM Radio
- 8:30AM on WCGV-TV, Channel 24

### A Stewardship Moment

#### Fourth Sunday of Advent – December 21st/22nd

In today's Gospel we hear of the coming of Emmanuel, which means "God is with us." We celebrate three Advents: the birth of Christ, his Second Coming, and his presence in the world today. Our daily lives are attended by God's presence in the world today. Our daily lives are attended by God's presence. Indeed, "God is with us." The Good News of Christ's Incarnation is that we are the sign, "sacrament," of Christ's presence in the world. People are supposed to see us, see how we love one another, see how we treat the stranger among us, give comfort to the poor and afflicted, share the Good News with joy. They see how good stewards are the light of Christ. And there can be no possible response except to say: "God is here!"

### 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](mailto: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).

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Name (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Info (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

### Parish Council

1st Monday of Month at 7:00PM  
[council@sainttheresemilwaukee.org](mailto:council@sainttheresemilwaukee.org)

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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](http://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.

