



Saint Theresia Parish

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

January 12th, 2014

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(414) 771-2500 – listen for instructions



The Baptism of the Lord

After Jesus was baptized, he came up from the water and behold, the heavens were opened for him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming upon him.

And a voice came from the heavens, saying, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." Mt 3:16-17

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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

- We complete the Christmas Season with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord this weekend. The Gospel writer Matthew identifies Jesus by the words addressed to the crowd at the Jordan River, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."

We enter the life of the Church through baptism. It is the first of the sacraments of initiation. (The other two, Confirmation and Eucharist, comprise the three sacraments of initiation.)

There is a personal and communal aspect to the sacraments, especially baptism. One of the most challenging pastoral issues is communicating that baptism is not simply something that happens to the baby/child/adult receiving the sacrament; it is also a communal celebration.

In baptism, a commitment is made to carry on the mission of Christ that has been entrusted to the church. Parents and godparents make the commitment to assure that the child is raised in the practice of the faith, which means learning the faith, living the faith, and celebrating the faith. All this is done in the context of the church and the worshipping community.

Preparation for baptism is essential so that parents and godparents understand what commitment they are making for the child and for themselves. The community, too, makes the commitment to help the newly baptized learn, live, and celebrate the faith.

Baptism is much more than a ritual. It is a commitment.

- Our pre-school through 8th grade catechesis resumes this weekend. Our Sunday morning catechesis is one way in which our faith community passes on the faith to our youngest members. Thanks to Sterling Biggers, our Coordinator; our catechists, Catherine Pinto, John and Sue Gritzmacher, Sister Marilyn Metz, Kathy Chudy, and Jim and Barb Holmes and substitutes, Mary Rose Sanger and Pat Safavi. Thanks to our Christian Formation Committee, chaired by Jan Eno, for all their efforts to ensure a comprehensive ministry. Thanks to Tim Schwaller for the "whole community" presentations at our weekend masses. And thanks to our youth volunteers—Jessica Watters, Cassandra Watters, and Sarah Drozdowicz.
- Finally, we "un-decorate" the church after the 9:00AM mass this weekend. If you can, please stay after mass and help. Many hands do make lighter work.

New Year blessings to you and yours!

God be with you!

Dr. Alexandra Guliano

Donate a Sanctuary Candle in Memory of a Loved One

Please consider donating the sanctuary candle (that burns in front of the tabernacle) in memory or honor of a loved one or for a special intention. The cost is \$10 per month. The months of February, May, July, October, and December 2014 are still available. 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).

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.

St. Joseph Sunday Missals Available

Prepare for the Scripture readings each week and/or review them afterward. St. Joseph Sunday Missals are available on the tables at the entrances to the church. Donation is \$2.

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.

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.

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), and the Channel 12 website, 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.



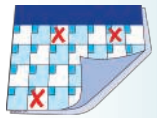
Archdiocesan Respect Life Mass

Archbishop Jerome Listecki will preside at the Archdiocesan Respect Life Mass Wednesday, January 22 at 7:00PM at Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Church (2224 45th St, Kenosha), in observance of the National Day of Penance and Prayer and the 41st anniversary of the Roe v. Wade decision. Join in fellowship with Catholics from around the archdiocese for a 6:30PM rosary and 7:00PM Mass.

CHURCH SUPPORT

Envelopes & Offertory (Christmas)	\$ 7,542.25
Envelopes & Offertory (December 28th/29th)	\$ 6,368.38
Envelopes & Offertory (January 1st)	\$ 1,014.00
Envelopes & Offertory (January 4th/5th)	\$ 6,848.27
Sharing Weekend (January 4th/5th)	\$ 983.18
Maintenance Donations	\$ 287.00

Please remember St. Therese in your will!



Parish Events for the Week

Sunday, January 12th

Scrip Order Pick-up/Girl Scout Cookie Sale/Hospitality

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

Monday, January 13th

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

Tuesday, January 14th

- 2:00PM Canticle Choir (CHP)
- 7:00PM Christian Formation (STR)

Wednesday, January 15th

- 7:00PM Music Ministry (CH)
- 7:30PM Saint Therese Choir (CHP)
- 7:30PM Sharing Weekend Committee (MC)

Thursday, January 16th

- 9:00AM-6:00PM Prayer Day (CHP)
- 7:00PM Prayer & Worship (HH)

Friday, January 17th

No Meetings Scheduled

Saturday, January 18th

- 4:00PM Canticle Choir (CH)

Sunday, January 19th

- 9:00AM Children's Liturgy of the Word (CH)
- 10:00AM Preschool-8th Grade Catechesis (GLP, GN, RR)

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

Prayer Day - January 16th

Our next prayer day will be on Thursday, January 16th following the 8:30AM Liturgy of the Word with Communion until 6:00PM. Stop by and spend some quiet time reflecting and praying in the chapel.

Stewardship Update



Stewardship

James Earl Jones the voice behind "This is CNN," and to many of us, the voice of Darth Vader in the Star Wars films, has a picture in his office of a turtle sitting on the top of a wall. It is there to remind him that the turtle, could not have achieved that without help. He overcame poverty and a lisp with help from others as well as from his own gifts and blessings. This applies to us all. We need each other. No matter how much we have done, we are indebted to others. It is often easy to think that we deserve the gifts and blessing we have, that we earned them. Let us never forget the Giver. Without Him, we could never be that turtle. Our stewardship totals seem to have taken the Christmas season off. Since our last report we have \$297,533.50 from 197 households.

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.

Making Waves for Water

Please join the Interfaith Earth Network on Sunday January 26 from 1:00PM-4:00PM at the Milwaukee Community Sailing Center, 1450 N Lincoln Memorial Drive. At "Making Waves for Water" you will encounter practical, spiritual and educational ideas in a beautiful space, surrounded by the waters of Lake Michigan. Learn how you can be a good steward of this most valuable resource - water.

Retreat for Parents

Have you wondered what made your children do and say such hurtful things to you? How should you respond to these hurtful words and actions? What you can do to let your children know the door is open for their return?

Chaplain Steven Stern is offering a one-day retreat for wounded parents on February 8th from 9:00AM to 3:00PM at Cedar Valley Retreat Center near West Bend, WI. Chaplain Steven Stern has been a parish pastor for nineteen years and a hospital chaplain at Froedtert Hospital in Milwaukee for twenty-seven years. He is also married and the father of four children. In his role as father, parish pastor, and hospital chaplain, he has had many conversations with wounded parents "who wonder."

Cost of the retreat which includes snacks and lunch is \$25 per person. Space is limited. Questions can be directed to Chaplain Stern via email at stern.s@sbglobal.net or by phone at (414) 258-9701.

A Stewardship Moment – Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

Saint Matthew's story of the baptism of Jesus is an appropriate scripture reading to reflect on our own baptism. Jesus' baptism has been understood as a symbol of his death. Baptism is the sacrament by which we die to an old life of sin and enter a new life of grace. We "put on Christ." To be a good steward of one's baptism means to accept that one has new life in the risen Lord and is willing to be guided by the life of Jesus. As the new year begins to unfold, reflect on the meaning of your own baptism, and how you might make an even deeper commitment to a new life in Christ Jesus.

SUPPORT INTERFAITH OLDER ADULTS PROGRAMS
THURSDAY | JANUARY 16
5 PM - 9 PM

25% of sales will benefit this organization in our community. Money raised from flyers brought in will help support our older neighbors get to their medical appointments and to the grocery.

Downtown Wauwatosa
State St at Harwood | 414-443-9300
Dine In or Take Away - Please bring in flyer or mention Interfaith Older Adults Programs

We proudly support local organizations

Intentions & Readings for the Week



January Sanctuary Candle

†Steven Nook

Sunday, January 12th

Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Acts 10:34-38/Mt 3:13-17

Monday, January 13th

1 Sm 1:1-8/Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday, January 14th

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

8:30AM †Doris A. Halbert

Wednesday, January 15th

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

Thursday, January 16th

Liturgy of the Word with Communion

8:30AM *1 Sm 4:1-11/Mk 1:40-45*

Friday, January 17th

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

Saturday Mass, January 18th

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

5:00PM St. Therese Parish Community and
†Joan Butler

Sunday Mass, January 19th

Is 49:3, 5-6/1 Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34

9:00AM †Dr. Kayvon Safavi



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

Taizé Prayer Service

Join us for a taize service on Saturday, January 19th at 6:30PM at St. John the Evangelist Cathedral (812 N. Jackson St, Milwaukee). Bishop Hee-Soo Jung, Bishop of the Wisconsin Methodist Conference, will reflect on this year's theme: *Has Christ been Divided?* cf. 1 Corinthians 1:13. This event is part of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. More information and events can be found at www.wiprayingtogether.org.

Thank You!

The Myanmar refugees would like to thank the Giving Tree Committee and all parishioners for your generous gift donations and support. We enjoyed a morning of song, prayer, gift opening and a hula hoop contest. The children and parents were so excited and happy knowing that you care about them.



Dear St. Therese Prayer Ministry,

Thank you and the intercessory prayer ministry at St. Therese for the prayer shawl. What a blessing to know prayers have been said for me. Thank you!!! Merry Christmas. Hope you are well.

Penny S.

Dear Members of St. Therese Parish Prayer Ministry

What wonderful and timely gifts. Your prayers have been extremely powerful in "hurrying" the healing following my knee replacement. And the wonderful, warm prayer shawl came when I most needed it. I am truly grateful.

At this holy season (and cold) it is such a comfort to know that others are praying with one - enlarging and joining that prayer community which does more good "than we can ask or imagine."

May each and all of you know many graces and blessings always.

Gratefully,

Sr. Ida, CSJ

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. The cost is \$235 and scholarships are available. Space is limited and registrations are due by February 28th, 2014. Contact Mary Osep, Administrator of Reach Out Reach In at osepm@archmil.org or (414) 541-9470, x15 with any questions.

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.

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

- "It's our parish and a great celebration of Catholic community."
- "Members for over 30 years, and we like it here. Know lots of fellow parishioners."

Christmas Flower and Candle Donations

In Memory

Emilie Bartha
Barbara Heinz
Billy Buffington
Adrianna Buffington
Dr. Carrie A. Castelaz, M.D.
Don & Beverly Castelaz
Anthony Damato
Joan Damato
Albert Dietz, Sr.
Judith Dietz
Claire Dufour
Anonymous
Art, Fran, & Mary Ehrmann
Anonymous
Anna Gill
Jim & Jane Gill
The Gocel Family
Marcey Gocel
Andy & Maria Grosch
The Grosch Family
Jerry Heinz
Barbara Heinz
Mary Ann Hesselbein
Karen & Mike Derdzinski
Jagemann Grandparents
Jagemann Family
Anne Lemanski
Jim & Jane Gill

Eldon McGraw

Anonymous

My Family

Donna Schmidt

Barbara Pezacki

Marcey Gocel

Our Parents

Wiley & Mary Vivians

Sherock & Guliano Families

Mrs. Lucy Sherock

Mary Stoke

Therese Wissing

Strzyzewski Grandparents

Jagemann Family

Eugene Weckwerth

Betty Weckwerth

Walter & Emily Zastrow

Barbara Heinz

Clement Zipperer

Anonymous

In Thanksgiving

Dr. Guliano, Fr. Hugh, & Fr. Norm

Anonymous

Steve & Sharon Marquardt

**Many thanks to all whose
donations helped to beautify
our Church this Christmas
Season.**

Parish Council

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

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(414) 453-5750

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(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.

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) _____

Bulletin deadline:

Monday, 8:30AM

Announcement deadline:

Thursday, 1:00PM

All submissions must be in writing; email preferred.