



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 30th, 2014

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(414) 771-2500 – listen for instructions

Mass Schedule

Saturday: 5:00PM
Sunday: 9:00AM
Tuesday: 8:30AM
Wednesday: 6:30PM
Friday: 8:30AM

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

See inside for Holy Day Schedules

1st Sunday of Advent

“Watch, therefore; you do not know when the Lord of the house is coming, whether in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or in the morning. May he not come suddenly and find you sleeping.” - Mk 13:35-36



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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

- Advent, our “four week preparation” for Christmas begins this weekend. Amid all the commercialism of the season, Advent calls us to quiet, reflection, and care for both ourselves and others.

In last weekend’s bulletin, there was an insert on Advent with a suggestion for how to “live Advent” each day. If you didn’t get a bulletin last week, there are extra Advent inserts on the Advent Resources Table by the holy oils (ambry). Our children will be given a special poster entitled “Do Advent.”

During Advent we remember the coming of Christ in history and the coming of Christ at the end of time. The Scripture readings we will hear these weeks of Advent should remind us of both “comings” of Christ.

We have some very special things happening during this short season:

- Our Cherub (children’s) Choir will begin rehearsing for our Christmas Eve 4:00PM Intergenerational Family Mass (see this bulletin for more information on the Cherub Choir).
- Our St. Therese Choir is preparing for their Christmas Eve Night Concert at 10:00PM and the Night Mass of Christmas following
- We celebrate the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, a holyday of obligation, with our parish mass on Monday, December 8th at 8:00AM in the Church.
- There are two opportunities for receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation/Penance through Individual Confessions—Saturday, December 6th and Saturday, December 20th, both at 4:15PM.
- Our Art and Environment Committee will be decorating the church for Christmas.
- Our tradition of Advent Giving continues. Please take a tag from one of the trees in church to give a special gift this holy season.
- Families and individuals from the parish community will light the Advent wreath at each of our Advent masses.
- On another note, we will have a special presentation at next weekend’s masses (December 6th/7th) on our Air Conditioning Project. David Borst and Dan Goeden will update the parish on the timeline and funding of the project.

Advent peace and blessings to you! Let us pray:
Come, Lord Jesus!

Dr. Alexandra Guliano
Parish Director

Thank You

- To Leona and Lee McGraw for donating the 2015 Ordo in memory of †Eldon McGraw.
- To Barb Heinz for donating the 2015 Daily Mass Record Book in memory of †Emilie Bartha.

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Altered Office Hours in December

Please note the following changes to the Parish Office hours during the month of December:

- Monday, December 1st – 8:30AM to 12:00PM (no afternoon hours)
- Monday, December 8th – Closed (Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception)
- Tuesday, December 23rd – 8:30AM to 12:00PM (no afternoon hours)
- Wednesday, December 24th – Closed (Christmas Eve)
- Thursday, December 25th – Closed (Christmas Day)
- Friday, December 26th – Closed
- Tuesday, December 30th – 8:30AM to 12:00PM (no afternoon hours)
- Wednesday, December 31st – Closed (New Years Eve)
- Thursday, January 1st – Closed (New Year’s Day/Solemnity of Mary/World Day of Prayer for Peace)
- Friday, January 2nd – Closed


Altered Bulletin Deadlines for December

Please note the following changes to the bulletin deadlines due to the upcoming Christmas and New Year Holidays:

- **Sunday, December 21st Bulletin** – Due Date is Wednesday, December 10th at 8:30AM
- **Sunday, December 28th Bulletin** – Due Date is Wednesday, December 17th at 8:30AM
- **Sunday, January 4th Bulletin** – Due Date is Monday, December 22nd at 8:30AM

These deadlines are **firm** due to publishing deadlines. Thank you for noting these changes.

Pictures from the Wall of Remembrance

 This weekend marks the end of our Month of Remembrance. Pictures from the Wall of Remembrance will be available in the sacristy in a bin marked accordingly beginning next weekend, December 6th/7th. Thank you for sharing pictures of your loved ones with our parish community.

Liturgical Ministry Sign Up for Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, and New Year’s Day Masses

Liturgical Ministers are asked to please sign up in the sacristy for the masses of Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, and New Year’s Day (Solemnity of Mary/World Day of Prayer for Peace).

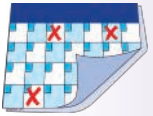
Reminder to Altar Servers

Please help keep the Altar Server Alb Closet in good order. After serving at mass, please hang your alb and cincture on the appropriate hanger (each hanger has a size label) and in proper order. If your alb needs laundered, is torn, or needs any type of repair, please do not place it back in the closet. Please write a note, pin it to the alb, and place it in the laundry basket. Thank you for your attention and cooperation.



CHURCH SUPPORT

Totals Will Be Published in the Next Bulletin
Please remember St. Therese in your will!



Parish Events for the Week

Sunday, November 30th – First Sunday of Advent

- 8:15AM Saint Therese Choir (CH)
- 9:00AM Children's Liturgy of the Word (CH)

Monday, December 1st

- 8:30AM – 12:00PM Altered Office Hours
- 6:00PM Saint Vincent de Paul Society (MC)

Tuesday, December 2nd

No Meetings Scheduled

Wednesday, December 3rd

- 11:30AM SVdP Meal Program–Cook (KIT)
- 4:30PM SVdP Meal Program–Serve (OFFSITE)
- 6:00PM High School Catechesis (STR)
- 7:00PM Music Ministry (CH)
- 7:30PM Saint Therese Choir (CHP)

Thursday, December 4th

- 7:00PM Prayer & Worship Committee (HH)
- 7:00PM Group 100 AA (MC)

Friday, December 5th

No Meetings Scheduled

Saturday, December 6th

SCRIP Order Weekend/SvdP Society Hospitality
No Meetings Scheduled


Sunday, December 7th – Second Sunday of Advent

SCRIP Order Weekend/SvdP Society Hospitality

- 8:15AM Saint Therese Choir (CH)
- 9:00AM Children's Liturgy of the Word (CH)
- 10:10AM Confirmation Preparation (STR)
- 10:15AM Preschool–8th Grade Catechesis (UPSTAIRS)
- 11:05AM Cherub Choir Rehearsal (CH)

CH=Church, CHP=Chapel, GLP=God's Little 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

Cherub Choir Rehearsal Begins in December

 All children ages 3–10 are invited to join the Cherub Choir. The Cherubs will be singing for the Intergenerational Christmas Eve Mass at 4:00PM on Wednesday, December 24th. Rehearsals will be from 11:05AM until 11:30AM on the following Sundays: December 7th, December 14th, and December 21st. The final rehearsal will be at 3:15PM on Christmas Eve, December 24th. We will meet in the sanctuary. For further information, contact Elterine (Dusty) or Sterling after Mass at the organ.

Catholic I.D. Weekly Video Blog

Get inspired for a life of Catholic intentional discipleship by viewing these engaging "Gospel-in-a Minute" weekly videos. You can find them simply by searching "Catholic I.D." on You-Tube!

Thank You

I would like to thank all who contribute to and support the St. Vincent de Paul Meal Program through giving of your time cooking and serving, donating cans of corn and mushroom soup, donating cookies, collecting bread for donation, monetary donations and any other way you contribute. We couldn't do this without you. – *Jim Gill*

Craft Fair Results

The 2014 Craft Fair had income of \$3,058.80, expenses of \$129.13, and profit for the parish of \$2,929.67. Thanks to the many people who donated, volunteered, and shopped to make the sixth annual Harvest Craft Fair a success.



Fundraising Results

Thanks to the efforts of five parishioners, St. Therese earned \$1,233 working in concessions at Miller Park during the 2014 Brewers season. We're planning to do it again during the 2015 season, and it would be great to have more people involved. Watch the bulletin for more information, but if you just can't wait until January to find out more, you can contact Mari Pavleje (414) 545-2733 any time.



SCRIP – Order Next Weekend: December 6th/7th

Next weekend is your last chance to order SCRIP gift cards for Christmas. Who doesn't love receiving a gift card to a favorite restaurant, department store or movie theatre? Your gift cards will be available the weekend of December 13th/14th. Let's make this a "gift card" Christmas! When you order through the SCRIP program, a percentage of each card purchased supports our parish.

Liturgical Ministry Sign-Up

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. Sign up sheets will be available through Sunday, December 7th. 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: Jim Balliet, Altar Server coordinator, at (414) 651-4425; Ann Maher, Lector Coordinator, at (414) 453-4437; Judy Dietz, Eucharistic Minister Coordinator, at (414) 607-0681; Audrey Wright, Greeter Coordinator, at (414) 771-2140; or Mari Pavleje, Scheduler, at (414) 545-2733.

2nd Annual Christmas Cookie Fundraiser

 Last year we had the best Cookie Sale in town and this year's will be even better! Come and see on December 13th/14th. Cookies are \$7 per pound or 3 pounds for \$20 and make great Christmas gifts for friends, family or Santa. Saturday from Noon to 6:30PM or Sunday from 10:00AM to Noon. Tell your friends. Call Mary Sanger, (414) 425-2028 with questions or pre-orders.

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

†Dan Hubrich

Sunday, November 30th

Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37

Monday, December 1st

Is 2:1-5/Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday, December 2nd

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

8:30AM For Our All Souls Day Remembrances

Wednesday, December 3rd

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

6:30PM All the Names on Our Prayer List

Thursday, December 4th

Liturgy of the Word with Communion

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

Friday, December 5th

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

8:30AM All the Names on Our Prayer List

Saturday Mass, December 6th

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

5:00PM St. Therese Parish Community and
†Mary Ann Hesselbein

Sunday Mass, December 7th

Is 40:1-5, 9-11/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8

9:00AM †Bernard McShane

Camp Gray Fits into Advent Preparation

Retreat from the secular world of shopping, decorating, and mall music. Two days at Camp Gray will allow the sacred to become the focus of your Christmas preparation. The mission of Camp Gray is to help us more deeply know, love and serve God and neighbor. Join other families from St. Therese. Being a family of one is all the more reason to share this retreat opportunity. The dates are Friday, December 12th and Saturday, December 13th. Contact Sterling Biggers at (414) 303-0943 with questions. Sterling will be available at the organ after mass to take forms and arrange payment.

Parking Lot Helpers

So far we have only one parking lot helper, and we need a few more! It's a much-appreciated ministry for those who need help getting into our church and who are unable to use the ramp. The parking lot helper would come to mass twenty minutes early to assist people and stay after mass to help anyone who needs assistance getting to their car. Please help build up this ministry! With enough people willing to assist, the commitment would be once or twice per month.

St. Therese Parish Community:

Your gift of prayer shawl and prayer for healing is so generous and helpful. I am doing well and hope to hear from the doctor that I am cancer free. If I can go by feelings I would say I am.

Linda S.

A Stewardship Moment – First Sunday of Advent

The season of Advent is upon us, and in today's Gospel Jesus delivers a simple message through the pen of Saint Mark: "Be watchful! Be alert!" Christian stewards understand what Jesus meant when he said, "It's like a man going away: He leaves his house and puts his servants in charge, each with his assigned task." Good stewards realize that to each one a task is assigned by God. They have been set in a particular place and station in life, and have been gifted with unique relationships. How do we respond to the tasks or cultivate our relationships in a way that keeps us alert for the return of Christ?

Used Musical Instruments and Accessories Needed

North Division High School Alumni is helping to organize a youth orchestra at North Division High School (1011 West Center Street, Milwaukee). The school music department is in need of used or new musical instruments and accessories to formulate this orchestra. It has been over fifty years since North Division has had a school orchestra. We have students interested in becoming members of this talented group. These students are presently sitting in their music class without instruments. We want to give these students a chance to succeed. The assigned music teacher has exhausted her personal funds to help her students. We need your help. Please donate your used equipment. Musical instruments can be picked up or just call our office for more information at (414) 267-5101.

BELIEVE: An Advent Mission

All are welcome to join Father Domenic Roscioli and singer/songwriter, Anna Nuzzo, for a special Advent Mission of inspirational stories and songs. Fr. Dom brings an enlightening approach to being a Catholic priest and relates his experiences to those of everyday people. Anna performs faith-filled music that you can purchase on CD and enjoy throughout the season. You will laugh. You will cry. You will be inspired to believe with a newness of faith! Two FREE presentations daily from December 8th through December 10th; morning 9:00AM to 10:00AM and evening 7:00PM to 8:00PM at St. Anne Catholic Church (9091 Prairie Ridge Blvd., Pleasant Prairie). For information, call (262) 942-8300.



Gene & Bernice Brah, Deacon Gene Brah, Alyce Breitweiser, Christine Castelaz, Marjorie Corak, Brian Daewel, Loretta Dobert, Charles Dufek, Ethel Forster, Jackie Kaczynski, Scott Kopischke, John Kowalski, Elizabeth Kreuter, Mary Jane Lucas, Liliana Maass, Neil Massey, Kim McGee, Andy Nitka, Jim Noel, Judy Rahn, Carlene Siever, Joel Simpson, Marion Stabo, Mark Stabo, Mary Beth Stabo, Jane Tindal, Patrick Trainor, Pius Vetter, Duwayne Wing, Kathleen Zastrow, Bill Ziegler

Christmas Concerts to Benefit Catholic Charities

You are invited to attend two Christmas concerts to benefit Catholic Charities this holiday season:

- December 13th at 7:30PM at St. John the Evangelist Parish (8500 W. Cold Spring Road, Greenfield)
- December 14th at 3:00PM at The Church of the Immaculate Conception (1023 E. Russell Ave., Milwaukee)

Featuring the All Saints Gospel Choir, Masonic Wonders and soloists, attendees are encouraged to sing along – come hear these wonderful choirs sing your favorite Christmas Carols!

Stewardship Update



Stewardship

Our lives, our talents and abilities, our financial resources, everything we value, are given to us by God. God trusts that we will care for these gifts and share them. Are you willing to share these with St. Therese? The stewardship committee is asking all parishioners to share their gifts and return your stewardship form ASAP. We are at 61% of our financial goal of \$400,000 with 142 responses for \$240,911 committed.

Advent Giving

As in years past, St. Therese parishioners will be given the opportunity to share with others who have less material wealth. The Sharing Sunday committee has chosen four groups: the Myanmar Refugees, patients at the VA Hospital, The Parenting Network, and Catholic Charities. Gift tags are available on the trees in church beginning Saturday, November 29th. All gifts must be returned by Sunday, December 14th at 11:00AM. Attach the tags firmly to the gifts and return the gifts to the area near the trees. Please know that the tags for the Myanmar people and those at the Parenting Network have been designated for a particular person. With all the gifts, please pray a heartfelt prayer for the recipient. For questions call Ann Maher (414) 698-7016 or Pat Safavi (414) 477-5616.



Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception Holy Day Mass

Monday, December 8th

We will celebrate the holyday mass for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception on Monday, December 8th at 8:00AM in the Church. Liturgical Ministers are asked to please sign up to minister at that mass. Sign-up sheet is in the sacristy.

Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, and Holyday Schedule

- December 24th, Christmas Eve – 4:00PM Intergenerational Family Mass
- December 24th, Christmas Eve – 10:00PM Choir Concert followed by Night Mass
- December 25th, Christmas Day – 9:00AM Christmas Day Mass
- January 1st, Solemnity of Mary/World Day of Prayer for Peace – 9:00AM Mass

For Info, Questions, and Concerns on the Zoo Interchange Project

- **Construction Communication Contact** Heather Weber (414) 704-6422 or heatherweber@gmoxie.com
- **Facebook** – /wizoointerchange
- **twitter** – @WIZooIC

Air Conditioning Donation Easy Form—PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY



Name: _____
 Address: _____ Zip: _____
 Phone () _____ Email: _____
 In Memory of: _____
 In Honor of: _____
 Amount Enclosed \$ _____ May we publish this donation? Yes/No

Father Roger Heck Memorial Organ Fund Easy Form PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY



Name: _____
 Address: _____ Zip: _____
 Phone () _____ Email: _____
 In Memory of: _____
 In Honor of: _____
 Amount Enclosed \$ _____ May we publish this donation? Yes/No

Parish Council

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

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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 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.