



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 7th, 2014

Parish Staff

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(414) 771-2500 – listen for instructions

Mass Schedule

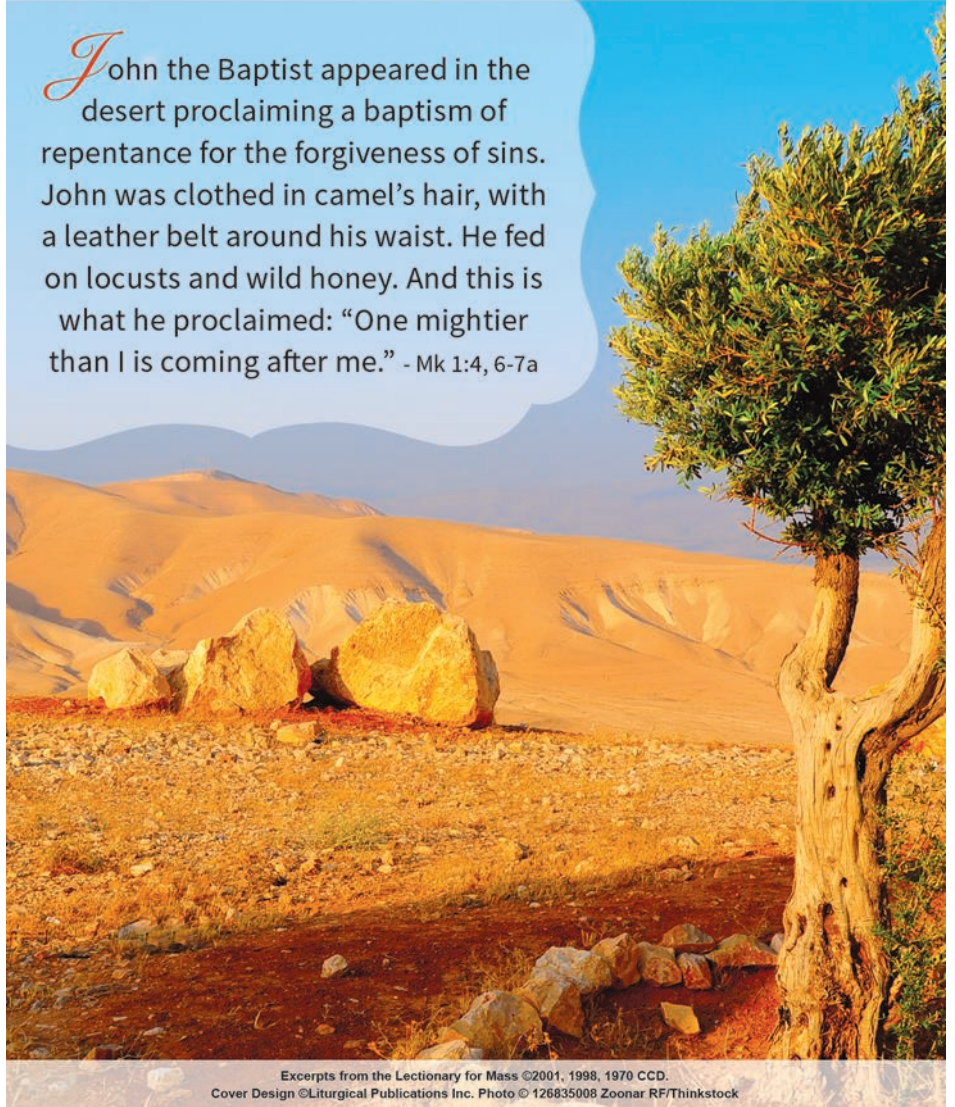
Saturday: 5:00PM
Sunday: 9:00AM
Tuesday: 8:30AM
Wednesday: 6:30AM
Friday: 8:30AM

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

See inside for Holy Day Schedules

2nd Sunday of Advent

John the Baptist appeared in the desert proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. John was clothed in camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist. He fed on locusts and wild honey. And this is what he proclaimed: "One mightier than I is coming after me." - Mk 1:4, 6-7a



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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

This weekend, Dan Goeden and David Borst are giving a presentation and update on our Air Conditioning Project. Dan serves as Chairperson of our Building and Grounds Committee who will explain the bid chosen by our Finance Council, and David Borst will give the final pitch for funding.

The option for traditional air conditioning was chosen and fortunately, we received an excellent price (much lower than anticipated) for that option. After careful consideration, the options for geothermal and mini-slips were simply not possible for our current building.

At this writing, a proxy request has been sent to the archbishop's office for our acceptance of the bid and funding the project. When the Air Conditioning Fund was initiated in the summer of 2012, our goal was to have the air conditioning installed by the time the Zoo Interchange Project construction would prevent our the church windows during the construction phase due to noise and dust. We are on target.

As soon as we get a response to the proxy request, we will inform the parish. Assuming we do get the proxy, installation will begin in March and be completed by Easter.

If you have any questions regarding the Air Conditioning Project, please contact Dan Goeden or Denise Dostalek.

Thanks to all who have contributed to the Air Conditioning Fund and to the Denise Dostalek, Dan Goeden, David Borst, the Building and Grounds Committee, the Finance Council, and the Parish Pastoral Council for working on this project for the improvement of our parish.

Advent blessings to you!

Dr. Alexandra Guliano
Parish Director

Advent and Christmas Resources for Children and Adults

"Grow In Your Faith" Table

Excellent Advent and Christmas resources are available for children and adults, and they are free! Visit the table near the ambry (holy oils container).

CHURCH SUPPORT	
Envelopes & Offertory – Nov. 22nd/23rd	\$ 5,024.00
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Sharing Weekend – Nov. 22nd/23rd	\$ 1,612.00
Maintenance Donations	\$ 60.00
Air Conditioning Fund Donations	\$ 1,125.00
Fr. Heck Memorial Organ Fund Donations	\$ 510.00

Please remember St. Therese in your will!

Thank You

To Marion Stabo for donating the cost of a full color bulletin for Christmas in memory of †Michael Stabo.



Archbishop Listecky's Christmas letter

Copies of Archbishop Listecky's Christmas letter are available on the tables at the entrances to the church. Please feel free to take one.

National Vigil for Victims of Gun Violence

December 14th, 2014 marks the second anniversary of the mass shooting at the Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, CT. The Newtown Foundation and Faiths United to Prevent Gun Violence have invited our congregation to join the National Vigil to End Gun Violence.

Our parish community will participate in this vigil by doing the following: 1) we will light a candle at the St. Therese Shrine in the church in remembrance of all victims of gun violence; 2) we will ring our church bells during mass after the Advent Wreath lighting the weekend of December 13th/14th in remembrance; 3) we will intercede for victims of gun violence in our prayers of intercession.

Altered Office Hours in December

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

- 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. These deadlines are **firm** due to publishing deadlines:

- **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

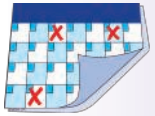
Donations Needed

- For 10 copies of Catholic Handbook for Visiting the Sick and Homebound 2015 – \$63 (Cost for each book is \$6.30. Please consider donating one or more books in memory of a loved one or in honor of a special occasion.)
- Two sets of Advent candles for CLOW (Children's Liturgy of the Word) – \$50 (\$25 per set)

Contact Heather Goeden in the Parish Office if you wish to donate one or more items.

Fund Totals – As of December 1st

- Air Conditioning Fund: \$33,982.02
- Fr. Roger Heck Memorial Organ Fund: \$14,757.05



Parish Events for the Week

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)

Monday, December 8th – Parish Office Closed

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

- 8:00AM Holyday Mass (CH)
- 6:30PM Library Committee (LIB)
- 7:00PM Parish Pastoral Council (MC)

Tuesday, December 9th

- 2:00PM Canticle Choir (CHP)

Wednesday, December 10th

- 7:00PM Music Ministry (CH)
- 7:30PM Saint Therese Choir (CHP)

Thursday, December 11th

- 6:30PM Stewardship Committee (STR)
- 7:00PM Group 100 AA (MC)

Friday, December 12th

- 11:30AM 55+ Christmas Party (ALIOTO's)

Saturday, December 13th

Sharing Weekend/SCRIP Pick-Up Weekend

- 10:00AM – 7:00PM Christmas Cookie Sale (LIB)

Sunday, December 14th – Third Sunday of Advent

Sharing Weekend/SCRIP Pick-Up Weekend

- 8:15AM Saint Therese Choir (CH)
- 9:00AM Children's Liturgy of the Word (CH)
- 10:10AM High School Catechesis (STR)
- 10:15AM Preschool-8th Grade Catechesis (UPSTAIRS)
- 10:15AM – 1:00PM Christmas Cookie Sale (LIB)
- 11:05AM Cherub Choir Rehearsal (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

Advent Giving

The Sharing Sunday committee gratefully acknowledges those of the parish who have accepted the opportunity to share and chosen tags from the Advent Giving Trees in church. If you missed the trees last week, please check them out! A reminder to all: The gifts must be returned to the church by 11:00AM, next Sunday, December 14th in order to reach the recipients in time for Christmas. Attach the tags firmly to the gifts and place them in the area near the trees. 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.



Next Weekend is Sharing Weekend – December 13th/14th

This month, our Sharing Weekend recipient is Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. Founded in 1920, Catholic Charities has a nearly century long legacy of reaching out and serving people in the community. Their mission is "Inspired by Christ's call to serve, our mission is to serve those in need, to advocate for justice and to call upon others to do the same." Catholic Charities offers Behavioral Health Services and Counseling, Outreach & Case Management, Adoption Services, Pregnancy Support & Birth Parent Counseling, Supported Parenting, Adult Day Services, In-Home Support, Legal Services for Immigrants, and Refugee Resettlement Services. Catholic Charities employs 92 people and have 251 volunteers who help in many difference capacities and programs. In 2013, 27,647 individuals were served and impacted by Catholic Charities. Please be as generous as you can in supporting Catholic Charities.

It's SCRIP weekend

Gift cards make great Christmas gifts. Choose from a wide selection of department stores, restaurants, movie theaters and much more. And don't forget those regular food and gas purchases. Place your gift card order today at the Bluemound entrance. Your gift cards will be available next weekend. The next SCRIP gift card order will be the first weekend in January. Thanks for your support!

A Note From the Prayer Shawl Ministry

Thanks to all who have so generously given of time and talent to make the lovely prayer shawls that are so appreciated! However, due to a change in policy, we are no longer able to accept fleece shawls. Knit or crocheted shawls will continue to be accepted. If you have any questions, please contact Christine Jensen at (262) 391-1851.

Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, and Holyday Schedule

- December 8th, Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception – 8:00AM
- 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

Pictures from the Wall of Remembrance

Pictures from the Wall of Remembrance are available in the sacristy in a bin marked accordingly to be picked up. Thank you for sharing pictures of your loved ones with our parish community.

2nd Annual Christmas Cookie Fundraiser

Come purchase some delicious cookies on December 13th/14th. Cookies are \$7 per pound or 3 pounds for \$20. 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, December 7th

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

Monday, December 8th

Gn 3:9-15, 20/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38

8:00AM For the people of Ferguson, MO

Tuesday, December 9th

Is 40:1-11/Mt 18:12-14

8:30AM †Tom Schmitz

Wednesday, December 10th

Is 40:25-31/Mt 11:28-30

6:30PM †Marie Cusack

Thursday, December 11th

Liturgy of the Word with Communion

8:30AM *Is 41:13-20/Mt 11:11-15*

Friday, December 12th

Zec 2:14-17/Lk 1:26-38

8:30AM †Abby Bunzel

Saturday Mass, December 13th

Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Mt 17:9a, 10-13

5:00PM †Donna Wulff

Sunday Mass, December 14th

Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

9:00AM St. Therese Parish Community and
†Fred Sachse



Gene & Bernice Brah, Deacon Gene Brah, Alyce Breitweiser, Christine Castelaz, Marjorie Corak, Brian Daevel, Loretta Dobert, Charles Dufek, Ethel Forster, Dorothy Gredler, Jackie Kaczynski, Fr. Jack Kern, John Kowalski, Elizabeth Kreuter, Mary Jane Lucas, Liliana Maass, Matt Maccani, 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

Cherub Choir Rehearsal Begins This Sunday

If you are a child aged 3–10 and are still interested in joining, please see Elterine after mass by the organ.

Liturgical Ministry Sign-Up

This is the last weekend for Liturgical Ministers to sign-up for the January through April schedule. Please sign-up in the sacristy and indicate your Mass preferences and special requests in the spaces provided. Schedules will be ready December 13th/14th.

Dear St. Therese Parish:

Please thank everyone in the St. Therese Prayer Ministry for the beautiful prayer shawl. Thank you all especially for your prayers. I greatly appreciate your thoughtfulness! God Bless You All!

Carolyn Gunn Mathews

Dear St. Therese Parish Community:

On behalf of the Board of Greater Tosa Interfaith, I would like to thank you for your congregation's continuing support of our program. Thank you for the recent donation of \$175. As we strive to meet the needs of our older neighbors in Wauwatosa and Western Milwaukee, we appreciate your willingness to partner with us. God bless all of you, and thanks again for the donation. You are such a blessing to our program and the folks we serve. Warm Regards,

Diane Euting – Director, Greater Tosa Interfaith

A Stewardship Moment

Second Sunday of Advent – December 6th/7th

Today's second reading is about Christ's coming again, "The day of the Lord," Peter calls it, but that day isn't December 25th. It's that other day, that second-coming-day about which Peter is concerned. He waits with great hope and anticipation for God to remake the earth into a place of perfect justice and peace. And he sets some demanding goals for the Christian community as it awaits that final day of accounting and reconciliation: strive to be at peace, without spot or blemish. Christian stewards work for peace. As we await the coming of Christmas, what can we do to promote peace in our homes, workplaces, community and world?

Communion Ministers Needed at Froedtert Hospital

The Spiritual Services Department of Froedtert Hospital is seeking additional volunteer Communion Ministers who would like to be involved in the sacred and meaningful work of bringing Communion to Catholic patients. Being a regular Communion Minister requires approximately one to two hours per week. We are also seeking substitute Communion Ministers who would fill in for those who are away. If you would like to become a part of this fulfilling ministry, please contact Sister Helen Harry at (414) 805-4663. Thank you.

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. 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.



For more than 30 years, the Archdiocese of Milwaukee and the parish of La Sagrada Familia have been united at the heart.

You can help our brothers and sisters. A \$25 gift provides one month of food and education for a child, \$125 provides a micro-loan to start a small business. Make your gift at worldmissions.archmidonate.org

And you're invited to visit the parish, to experience the faith, joy and friendship of this special bond for yourself!

Learn more today. Help your family today!



Camp Gray Parish Retreat

Many families from the parish are meeting next weekend, December 12th/13th at Camp Gray in Reedsburg, WI to share in a vibrant Catholic community and be challenged to more fully appreciate each other and all of God's creation. For two days, they will eat in community, enjoy nature, and deepen their appreciation for all of God's creation.

Stewardship Update



Stewardship

The Stewardship Committee is happy to report that 154 families have returned their stewardship form. Many who responded choose to renew their current ministry commitments. Some choose to add an additional ministry commitment, and others found inspiration to participate for the first time. We all benefit from each other's response to the call for stewardship. If you haven't returned your Stewardship Form, please complete it today. We are currently at 66% of our financial goal of \$400,000 with \$263,710 committed to date. We have a long way to go on our journey of financial stewardship. Please help us keep St. Therese vital and viable. A place we call our spiritual home.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This morning, Pope Francis announced that Bishop Donald J. Hying has been appointed as the 4th Bishop of the Diocese of Gary, Indiana. His installation will take place on January 6th, 2015.

We will truly miss Bishop Hying's spiritual and administrative leadership. While we are sad to see him leave, we are grateful for his service and know that he will continue to be a blessing for the people of Gary, just as he has been a blessing for the faithful in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee.

Since his appointment as an auxiliary bishop of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee in May, 2011, Bishop Hying has demonstrated his unceasing commitment to evangelization in southeastern Wisconsin. He has also worked tirelessly in support of youth and adult Catholic organizations and has been a living example and compassionate advocate for the sanctity of life. There's no doubt that he has earned the admiration and respect of the clergy and faithful of the archdiocese. He is truly a fitting successor for the retiring Bishop Dale Melczek. As he embarks on this new journey, I ask that you pray for Bishop Hying as well as for the people of the Diocese of Gary and the Archdiocese of Milwaukee.

Very truly yours in Christ,


Jerome E. ListECKi

Most Reverend Jerome E. ListECKi – Archbishop of Milwaukee

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

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

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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Interfaith**

(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.