



# 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 14th, 2014

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent

John answered them, "I baptize with water; but there is one among you whom you do not recognize, the one who is coming after me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to untie." - Jn 1:26-27



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### Parish Staff

#### Parish Director

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

Rev. Hugh Birdsall, SDS

#### Help-out Priest

Rev. Norm Oswald

#### Administrative/Pastoral Assistant

Heather Goeden ext. 13  
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#### Bookkeeper

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#### Pastoral Musician

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Sterling Biggers, Parish Musician

#### Building Services Coordinator

Denise Dostalek ext. 16  
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#### Volunteer Coordinator of Sunday Catechesis Program

Sterling Biggers ext. 20  
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#### Ministers

All the Members of the Parish

#### Parish Emergencies

(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

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 we celebrate the Third Sunday of Advent, traditionally known as “Gaudete” Sunday. Because the second reading begins with the word “rejoice and because the first reading contains the admonition to rejoice,” and the Latin word for “rejoice” is “gaudete,” we have the name for today’s celebration.

It is significant to note some background for that first reading from the Prophet Isaiah Chapter 61. The people of Israel had just returned to Jerusalem, the Holy City, from years in captivity. They came back to a city in ruins! Yet, it was precisely in the midst of upheaval all around them that they could see God’s action in their lives and could rebuild both their lives and the Holy City.

I can’t help but think of the construction area currently on two sides of our property. In many ways, it does look like ruins! Trucks, earth-moving vehicles, front-loaders, piles of rubble, “road closed” signs, and barriers all around are not pleasant sights. Yet, amid all this, is our parish, a place of faith and life, celebration and joy, care and spiritual nurturance.

This year, we are physically living Advent all around us. We can let the construction be another way to God, as our patron St. Therese of Lisieux would advise, or we can complain about it.

Thanks to all who are faithfully attending our parish liturgies throughout this construction time. Thanks also to those who are providing rides. The new Bluemound Bridge will be completed by June 1st, so we have roughly six more months of road closure to the west of 95th St. But good things are happening as well. Since we have received our air conditioning proxy approval, we are planning for the installation process to be complete in time for our celebration of Easter.

• Our Finance Council sent out an informational brochure on Christmas and End of the Year Giving. Please take the time to read it. And please remember St. Therese Parish in your Christmas giving list.

Advent blessings!

*Dr. Alexandra Guliano*

### CHURCH SUPPORT

Envelopes & Offertory – December 6th/7th	\$ 9,742.98
Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception	\$ 134.00
Maintenance Donations	\$ 167.00
Air Conditioning Fund Donations	\$ 450.00
Fr. Heck Memorial Organ Fund Donations	\$ 100.00

Please remember St. Therese in your will!

## Air Conditioning Proxy Approval Received

We received the Air Conditioning Proxy approval from Archbishop ListECKI and Bishop Hying, which means that our Parish Corporate Board (consisting of the archbishop, vicar general, two parish trustees, and parish director) has unanimously voted to proceed with the project. We will sign the accepted bid and plan for the installation process to be completed before Easter! If you have any questions regarding the project, please contact Denise Dostalek or Dan Goeden.

## Thank You

- To Father Norm Oswald for donating the special stole representing “All God’s Children.”
- To Pat Safavi for donating the Little Blue Books for Advent.

THANK YOU  
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THANK YOU

## 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).

## Additional Advent Opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Penance) – Individual Confessions

In preparation for the Solemnity of Christmas, an additional opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be held on Saturday, December 20th at 4:15PM. Thanks to Father Norm Oswald who has agreed to celebrate this sacrament with us.

## Mass of Thanksgiving for Bishop Donald Hying Bishop Elect of Gary, IN

In gratitude to God for the appointment of the Most Reverend Donald J. Hying as Bishop of the Diocese of Gary (Indiana), a Mass of Thanksgiving will be celebrated on Sunday, December 21st, at 11:00AM at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist, with a reception in the Cathedral atrium honoring Bishop Hying following Mass. All are welcome to join in the celebration.

## Altered Bulletin Deadlines for December

Please note the following changes to the bulletin deadlines. These deadlines are **firm** due to publishing deadlines:

- **December 28th Bulletin** – Wednesday, December 17th at 8:30AM
- **January 4th Bulletin** – Monday, December 22nd at 8:30AM

## 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.

## Donations Needed

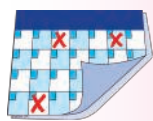
- For 10 copies of Catholic Handbook for Visiting the Sick and Homebound 2015 – \$63 (Cost for each book is \$6.30. Please consider donating one or more books in memory of a loved one or in honor of a special occasion.)
- Two sets of Advent candles for CLOW (Children’s Liturgy of the Word) – \$50 (\$25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

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

## Fund Totals – As of December 14th

- Air Conditioning Fund: \$34,434.57
- Fr. Roger Heck Memorial Organ Fund: \$14,857.58





## Parish Events for the Week

### 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)

### Monday, December 15th

- 6:00PM Saint Vincent de Paul Society (MC)

### Tuesday, December 16th

- 6:30PM Finance Council (MC)

### Wednesday, December 17th

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

### Thursday, December 18th

- 7:00PM Group 100 AA (MC)

### Friday, December 19th

No Meetings Scheduled

### Saturday, December 20th

#### Library Christmas Display

- 4:15PM Individual Confessions (CH)

### Sunday, December 21st – 4th Sunday of Advent

#### Library Christmas Display

- 8:15AM Saint Therese Choir & Canticle Choir (CH)
- 9:00AM Children's Liturgy of the Word (CH)
- 10:15AM Preschool-8th Grade Catechesis (UPSTAIRS)
- 10:15AM Preschool-8th Grade Catechesis Parent Meeting (MC)
- 11:05AM Cherub Choir Rehearsal (CH)
- 11:15AM Catechist Meeting (STR)

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

## A Stewardship Moment

### Third Sunday of Advent – December 13th/14th

In today's second reading Paul concludes his letter to the Christian community at Thessalonica by providing it with actions to take as its members wait for the return of the Lord. The first action is to rejoice always and give thanks in all circumstances. This sounds easy but it's not. The two words that make this task difficult are "always" and "all". This means giving thanks and rejoicing even when our circumstances are not always moments of joy and thanksgiving, or when we are confronted with a broken world. Prayerful stewards rejoice and give thanks in all circumstances because they are people of hope. A good reflection this week would be how the season of Advent can give you reason to hope.

## This Weekend is Sharing Weekend

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.

## 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.

## 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.

## Monthly Special Eucharistic Adoration—Please Note

Due to concerns about construction, weather, and participation, the monthly third Thursday special Eucharistic Adoration is cancelled throughout the winter months. This prayer practice will be reviewed and reconsidered at a later date, depending on interest and commitment to coordinate and participate in the prayer.

## Advent Giving

The tags are gone from the Advent Giving Trees and now there is a wealth of gifts under, near and around the trees. There are gifts for the Myanmar Refugees, The Parenting Network, patients at the V A Hospital, and Catholic Charities. If you haven't yet returned your gift, remember: the gifts must be returned to the church by 11:00AM this Sunday, December 14 in order to reach the recipients in time for Christmas.

## Communion Ministers Needed at Froedtert Hospital

The Spiritual Services Department of Froedtert Hospital is seeking additional volunteer Communion Ministers. Being a regular Communion Minister requires approximately one to two hours per week. We are also seeking substitute Communion Ministers. If you would like to become a part of this fulfilling ministry, please contact Sister Helen Harry at (414) 805-4663.

## 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 14th

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

## Monday, December 15th

Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Mt 21:23-27

## Tuesday, December 16th

Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Mt 21:28-32

8:30AM †Matt Palazzolo

## Wednesday, December 17th

Gn 49:2, 8-10/Mt 1:1-17

6:30PM †Allan Haas

## Thursday, December 18th

### Liturgy of the Word with Communion

8:30AM Jer 23:5-8/Mt 1:18-25

## Friday, December 19th

Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Lk 1:5-25

8:30AM All the Homeless in the City of Milwaukee

## Saturday Mass, December 20th

Is 7:10-14/Lk 1:26-38

5:00PM St. Therese Parish Community and  
All of the People on Our Prayer List

## Sunday Mass, December 21st

2Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38

9:00AM †Jack Keating



Gene & Bernice Brah, Deacon Gene Brah, Alyce Breitweiser, Christine Castelaz, Marjorie Corak, Brian Daewel, 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

## 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.

## Dear St. Therese Parish:

I received the soft pink blanket/shawl on a day when being wrapped in the warmth of prayers was needed and felt. Thank you and all your parish members. I will join you in prayer. Best wishes to you!

*Donna Smith*

## BoxTops for Education and Labels for Education

Many thanks for all the Christmas items that have been passed on to Catholic Schools, shelters, and the VA Hospital. They appreciate your kindness. Please DO NOT leave any more Christmas items. However, please save/donate BoxTops for Education and Labels for Education. These items are give to St. Al's grade school since they do not get any assistance. Have a Blessed Christmas.

*Sr. Ann Christine, SSND*

## ARISE Updates

ARISE (Association for Religious Instruction, Special Education) offers classes geared to meet the special learning needs of children, teens and adults who are cognitively disabled, learning disabled or emotional disabled. Classes are held on Monday evenings, starting up again on January 12th for the youths and adults at St. Gregory the Great Parish (60th and Oklahoma Avenue, Milwaukee). Parent orientation for new child/teen and adults will be held on the first night of classes. This is a specialized one-on-one program. Small group classes as well as RCIA preparation will be offered for adult with disabilities.

As of now we have 18 students with two on a waiting list. ARISE needs volunteer catechists to be substitutes to work 1:1 with students. Catechist orientation and materials are provided. The 14 week spring session runs from January 12th – May 4th with a two week spring break. This is a wonderful opportunity for someone who wants to make a difference in a child's life! If you are interested in enrolling your child in ARISE or becoming a volunteer catechist, please leave your name and phone number at (414) 810-3702 or e-mail at [ariseprogram@gmail.com](mailto:ariseprogram@gmail.com).

## Retrouvaille Marriage Retreat: January 16th-18th, 2015

Need Marriage Help? – Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue ... or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. For confidential information and/or to register for the upcoming weekend at the Redemptorist Retreat Center in Oconomowoc January 16th-18th, 2015, call (800) 470-2230 or visit [www.retrouvaille.org](http://www.retrouvaille.org).



How would you live without  
*clean water?*

Faith and creativity help our spiritual brothers and sisters in the Dominican Republic live with joy despite incredibly harsh conditions.

You can increase hope in La Sagrada Familia, the sister parish of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. Even a small \$25 donation helps provide food for hungry children, access to clean water for a family, and education for those working hard to improve their lives.

Learn more about the blessings shared between our archdiocese and our sister parish—united at the heart for more than 30 years. And make your gift today at [worldmissions.archmildonate.org](http://worldmissions.archmildonate.org).

OFFICE FOR WORLD MISSION



One Church One Community One Love

## Midnight Mass at Cathedral to Broadcast LIVE

The Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist, Milwaukee is pleased to announce that Midnight Mass, celebrated by Archbishop Jerome E. ListECKI, will air LIVE on WISN, Channel 12 at 12:00AM, December 25th. It will include closed captioning.



### 2nd Annual Christmas Cookie Fundraiser



Stop in to the best Christmas Cookie Sale in town after Mass this weekend! Christmas cookies make great gifts for friends, coworkers and family. Remember how good they were last year? Even better this year.

### Continuing the Journey of Parish Stewardship



As of December 8th, 165 families have returned their stewardship commitment forms with pledges totaling \$273,080.00. If you haven't returned your form, please do so as soon as possible.

### Christmas and Year End Giving

If you plan to donate stock to St. Therese by December 31st, please contact our Bookkeeper, Lisa Vallone for our brokerage information. Her contact information is on the front of the bulletin. Please note the altered office hours to ensure adequate time to get the brokerage information and to complete the donation by December 31st.

### Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, and Holyday Mass 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

### Christmas Mass for Homebound Catholics

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

Relevant Radio – 100.1 FM/1640 AM at 6:30AM, 1:30PM, and 8:30PM; WCGV-TV, Channel 24 at 7:00AM; WISN, Channel 12 at 12:00AM (*Midnight Mass at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist, Milwaukee, with closed captioning*); The Big 920 AM at 8:00AM; and Fox6 TV, Channel 6 at 7:00AM.

### 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

### Altered Office Hours in December

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

- 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

### 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

#### Chairperson

Jim Holmes (414) 258-9195

#### Vice-Chairperson

Pat Touchett (414) 257-0221

#### Secretary

Mary Rose Sanger (414) 425-2028

#### Trustees

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Kathy Hubrich (414) 259-1961

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Jean Marie Weber (414) 778-0025

Linda Warpechowski (414) 469-0976

**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:

The deadline for the  
December 21st Bulletin has  
passed. Next available  
bulletin is December 28th.

All submissions  
writing; email preferred.