



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 28th, 2014

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

*"For my eyes have seen your salvation,
which you prepared in sight of all the peoples,
a light for revelation to the Gentiles,
and glory for your people Israel."*

- Lk 2:30-32



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Parish Emergencies

(414) 771-2500 – listen for instructions

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

• The Christmas Season continues with our celebration of the Feast of the Holy Family (this weekend), Epiphany (next weekend), and the Solemnity of the Baptism of the Lord (January 10th/11th). Even though people are already taking down their Christmas trees and stores are already advertising “after Christmas sales,” in the church we are just beginning the Christmas Season!

No matter what type your family is, today’s feast calls us to follow the example of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph—to listen for the voice of God who comes to us in many ways.

For the Holy Family, life was sometimes very challenging, as it is for us. What we learn from them is to be faithful to God and to pray for God’s guidance especially during the difficult times. In fact, the first two years of their life as a family was fraught with problems—the baby was born when they were on a journey; they had to flee their home shortly afterward; and they had to put their faith and trust in God to sustain them. Fleeing to safety is risky, and doing so with an infant or toddler is even more scary!

Let us look to the Holy Family for inspiration this weekend!

Continued Merry Christmas!

God is With Us...Emmanuel!

Dr. Alexandra Guliano

Parish Director

End of the Year 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.

Link to the Report on the Apostolic Visitation of Sisters in the U.S.

After several years of investigation and apostolic visitation on religious sisters in the United States (American nuns), the report is available. To view the report in video form, use this direct link to the video conference on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zq0N35X8ckI>.

CHURCH SUPPORT

Envelopes & Offertory : Dec. 13th/14th	\$ 4,324.52
Sharing Weekend	\$ 893.50
Maintenance Donations	\$ 185.00
Air Conditioning Donations	\$ 520.00
Fr. Heck Organ Fund Donations	\$ 410.00

Please remember St. Therese in your will!

Congratulations



To Don and Mary Grace Washburn on their 56th Wedding Anniversary celebrated on December 27th.

Weekday Mass Schedule and Liturgy of the Word with Communion Update

Per Father Hugh’s request, the Wednesday evening 6:30PM mass and the Friday morning 8:30AM mass will be suspended from December 26th through February 19th. The Friday morning mass will resume on Friday, February 20th, and the Wednesday evening 6:30PM mass will resume on Wednesday, February 25th. The Tuesday morning 8:30AM mass will continue as usual. The Thursday morning 8:30AM Liturgy of the Word with Communion will continue with no interruption.

Christmas Resources for Children and Adults “Grow In Your Faith” Table

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

Altered Office Hours

Please note the following changes to the Parish Office hours:

- 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

Stewardship Update



Currently 171 families have pledged \$279,310.00 toward our \$400,000.00 goal. The Stewardship Committee, along with the Finance Committee and Pastoral Council have been making follow-up phone calls encouraging families who have not submitted a Stewardship form to consider the needs of our parish and commit to sustain it, by making an intentional, planned and proportionate gift of time, talent, and treasure. Your parish needs you.

Information on Snow and Weather Closings for the Parish

In case of snow or inclement weather closing for the parish, the information will be reported on WISN Channel 12, WISN.com, and radio stations 96.5 WKHL, 102.9 “The Hog,” Jammin 98.3, and Big Buck Country 106.9. **Please look for St. Therese in Milwaukee for our information.** In the past there has been confusion since there several “St. Therese” and “St. Theresa” parishes in the archdiocese.

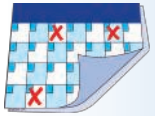
Donations Needed

- 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.

Account Totals – As of December 15th

- Air Conditioning Account: \$34,954.57
- Fr. Roger Heck Memorial Organ Fund: \$15,267.58



Parish Events for the Week

Sunday, December 28th

9:00AM Children's Liturgy of the Word (CH)

Monday, December 29th

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

Tuesday, December 30th

8:30AM – 12:00PM Altered Office Hours

Wednesday, December 31st – Parish Office Closed

No Meetings Scheduled

Thursday, January 1st, 2015 – Parish Office Closed

9:00AM Solemnity of Mary/World Day of Prayer for Peace Holyday Mass (CH)

7:00PM Group 100 AA (MC)

Friday, January 2nd – Parish Office Closed

No Meetings Scheduled

Saturday, January 3rd

SCRIP Order Weekend

No Meetings Scheduled

Sunday, January 4th

SCRIP Order Weekend

8:15AM Saint Therese Choir (CH)

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

A Hugh Thank You...

To all who helped our record high success for December's SCRIP program. Our December SCRIP order hit a record \$13,624! The net profit for our parish is approximately \$800 for the month.

A big thank you to all of you who made this holiday a "Gift Card Christmas." The next SCRIP order is next weekend, January 3rd/4th. Don't forget those regular purchases of groceries, gas, movies and restaurants. Let's continue building our parish!

Thank You from the Cookie Sale Organizers

A huge thank you to every baker (did you ever see such a variety of cookies?!?), and buyer during the cookie sale. You helped raise over \$1,100 for St. Therese. That's about 160 pounds of donated cookies and we just about sold out. Your donations mean so much.



Special thank you to Nancy Szablewski (weren't those aprons cute!), Rosina Sorvari, Anne Nee, Kathy Hubrich and Christine Jensen. And this couldn't have happened without the St. Therese staff who set up, baked, bought, and counted. Thanks to all.

Sunday Morning Catechesis Program

The Sunday morning Catechesis Program is on a two week Christmas break. The children are getting practical experience in giving and receiving! As a parish, we have worked to make the religious meaning of the holy days the solid center around which the secular aspects of the holidays spin. Many children will be celebrating Christmas and the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God with family and friends in other parishes. We will welcome them back on January 11th, as the new semester begins.

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 Stewardship Moment

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph – December 27th/28th

When Jesus is presented in the Temple, our Blessed Mother formally offers him to God's service without reservation. It is a service that Simeon prophetically foretells: a service to God that will turn the old laws and cultural norms upside down. Are we destined to hold on to old habits and customs tightly, or like Jesus, are we willing to serve the Lord and proclaim the Gospel in new and creative ways?

Questions Regarding the Air Conditioning Project?

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the Air Conditioning Project, please contact the following—for funding, a member of the Finance Council; for the bid and installation process, Denise Dostalek or Dan Goeden. Members of the Finance Council are Richard Hopefl, Chairperson; Janet Krebs, Secretary; Mari Pavleje; Jim Balliet, Trustee-Treasurer; Kathy Hubrich, Trustee-Secretary; Dave Drozdowicz, Joel Simpson, Kathy Sincere, and Lisa Vallone, Bookkeeper.

Peace Prayer Service

The St. Therese Choir and Sacred Heart Croatian Choir will host a Peace Prayer Service on Thursday, February 5th at 7:00PM. It will be held here, at St. Therese Parish. Hospitality is a big part of that celebration. We are in need of a Hospitality Coordinator for this event. Could that be you? If so, would you please fill out the form below, or send an email to Elterine Jankowski-Biggers at: jankowe@sainttheresemilwaukee.org or leave a message at: (414)-771-2500 x15. Thank you very much!

Peace Prayer Service Hospitality Coordinator

Volunteer Name _____
Phone () _____
Email: _____

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 28th

Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3/Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19

Monday, December 29th

1 Jn 2:3-11/Lk 2:22-35

Tuesday, December 30th

1 Jn 2:12-17/Lk 2:36-40

8:30AM †Kathleen Oates

Wednesday, December 31st

1 Jn 2:18-21/Jn 1:1-18

Thursday, January 1st, 2015

Solemnity of Mary/World Day of Prayer for Peace

Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

9:00AM †John, †Edward, & †Richard McShane

Friday, January 2nd

1 Jn 2:22-28/Jn 1:19-28

Saturday Mass, January 3rd

1 Jn 2:29-3:6/Jn 1:29-34

5:00PM St. Therese Parish Community and
†Erik Nielsen

Sunday Mass, January 4th

Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

9:00AM †John Brahm



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, Evelyn Shaw, Robert Shaw, Carlene Siever, Joel Simpson, Marion Stabo, Mark Stabo, Mary Beth Stabo, Jane Tindal, Patrick Trainor, Joyce Versnik, Pius Vetter, Duwayne Wing, Kathleen Zastrow, Bill Ziegler

Search for Longest Married Couple

Worldwide Marriage Encounter is sponsoring the annual Longest Married Couple Project in the U.S as well as each of the 50 states and territories. If you know a couple with a long marriage, please nominate them for this honor. The deadline is January 9th, 2015 and nominations must include: Names of the couple, Wedding Date, Current address, Name and phone number or email address of the person who is nominating the couple. More information can be found at wwme.org.

Merry Christmas

The Office for World Mission and the Society for the Propagation of the Faith extend our heartfelt gratitude for your support throughout the year. We wish you and yours an abundance of blessing as you work alongside as we answer God's call to "Build My Church." May you and yours be blessed with the peace of the Lord and the protection of our Holy Mother now in the New Year.

Merry Christmas,

Antoinette, Beth, and Bashawn

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your generous gift of \$152.00 to St. Ben's Community Meal. We are grateful. We know you are busy preparing for the Christmas Season, yet you have taken the time to remember those who are lacking the basic necessities of life. Many of our guests are struggling to find enough to eat as well as many other basic needs while living outdoors. Thanks to you we are able to provide much more than just the hot meal at St. Ben's.

May you and your loved ones experience the Joy, Peace and Love of the Season. May your lives be gifted by our love and concern for others. On behalf of the staff and guests, we wish you a Merry Christmas! May others be as good to you this season. Thanks to all at St. Therese! Blessings in this Advent season of Joy!

Peace,

Br. Rob ~ Br. Rob Roemer, Capuchin – Meal Director

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.



Change her life
with education and health care

We continue to improve healthcare, education and clean water systems for the children and families of La Sagrada Familia, our sister parish in the Dominican Republic. And you can help.

Your \$25 gift provides one month of food and education for a child. A \$50 gift covers blood work for people facing chronic illness. With \$100, you give a family a pump for clean water.

Learn more about La Sagrada Familia—united at the heart with the Archdiocese of Milwaukee for more than 30 years. And please give today at worldmissions.archmildonate.org

OFFICE FOR WORLD MISSION



One Church. One Community. One Love.



Thank You

Thank you to all who made our celebrations of Advent and Christmas so meaningful, prayerful, and beautiful:

- Thanks to the following families for presenting the figure of the Infant Jesus in our Christmas procession to the crèche—4:00PM Christmas Eve, The Pinto Family in memory of †John Brahm; 10:00PM Christmas Eve, Pat and Jacque Nook in memory of †Steve Nook; and 9:00AM Christmas Day, the Hubrich Family, in memory of †Dan Hubrich.
- Our liturgical ministers—Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers, Greeters, Altar Servers, Sacristans, and Lay Presiders, the Liturgical Ministry Coordinators, and the Prayer and Worship Committee, who with our priest presiders, Father Hugh and Father Norm, and our Parish Director, Dr. Guliano, assure fitting worship each liturgy.
- Deanna Sullivan (and her assorted helpers), who cares for our candles, altar bread, and wine; and prepares the holy oils for the monthly Anointing of the Sick.
- Our talented and dedicated music ministers, led by Elterine Jankowski-Biggers, our Pastoral Musician, and Sterling Biggers, Accompanist; instrumentalists, cantors, Canticle Choir, St. Therese Choir, and Cherub Choir.
- Our Human Concerns Committee and Advent Giving Committee.
- Our Art and Environment Committee for the design and decoration of the church and to Barb Holmes (assisted by her husband Jim) for the Advent and Christmas altar and table appointments (cloths).
- Cheryl Brunner for faithfully maintaining the altar cloths in both the church and the chapel.
- All who participated in the Advent wreath lighting during the four weekends of Advent, and to Kathy Hubrich for coordinating this special part of our liturgy.
- Our Sound Board ministers, especially for their extra help during this time.
- Our competent and reliable Parish Staff: Heather Goeden, Administrative/Pastoral Assistant; Denise Dostalek, Building Services Coordinator; Elterine Jankowski-Biggers, Pastoral Musician; Sterling Biggers, Musician, Accompanist, and AV minister; Lisa Vallone, Bookkeeper. and Dr. Alexandra Guliano, Parish Director, for the uncountable number of things they do to support all the ministries of our parish community.
- Those who gave the parish a special “Christmas gift” donation.
- All who attended and participated in our liturgical celebrations and outreach ministries of this Holy Season.

May all we do be for the greater honor and glory of God, and may we live in such a way that leads all to Christ, our Emmanuel!



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

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

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:

The deadline for the January 4th bulletin has passed. The next available bulletin is January 11th.

All submissions must be in writing; email preferred.