

# 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.

July 4th, 2021



## Parish Staff

### Parish Administrator

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Liturgy of the Word

**Ministers** – All the Members of the Parish

### Parish Emergencies

(414) 771-2500 – Push 0

## Mass Schedule

Saturday: 4:00PM

Sunday: 9:00AM

*Holiday & Holyday Masses Listed Inside*

Tuesday: 8:30AM in the Chapel  
*Limit of 12 People*

Per CDC guidance, fully vaccinated individuals are no longer required to wear masks in the building.

9:00AM Sunday Morning Mass is streamed via Facebook Live.

Contact Heather in the Parish Office with questions.



### Reconciliation:

3:15PM – First Saturday of the Month

### Anointing of the Sick:

After Both Masses on the First Full Weekend of the Month

### All Other Sacraments:

Please call the Parish Office  
*Preparation can take six months or more*

## Office Hours

**Mon, Tues, Wed, & Thurs:**

8:00AM–12:00PM Onsite  
12:00PM–4:00PM Remote

**Friday, Saturday, & Sunday:**  
Closed

# Welcome to Saint Theres Catholic Church, Milwaukee, Wisconsin



It's all so ordinary that we can easily miss it. The seagulls hunting and diving for mollusks at the beach offer a display of determination and precision as they gather their food for the day. It's simply what these creatures do. Yet, there's a magical artfulness and skill to their work that speaks volumes about the One who breathed life into their being. This is pretty much the way it is with God's presence. God comes in common ways through common things and ordinary people. Sadly, we are so engulfed in our little worlds of order and ideas to notice the beauty and wonder of it all. Many have numbed themselves to the Divine spark at the essence of all life because that's just the way it is. What's so special about it? A sunset is a sunset and a seagull is a seagull. That's precisely what they thought about

Jesus too. After all, isn't he just the carpenter's son? What merit can his words possibly have?

If we're looking for God to come in an event that is so dramatic and intense that it knocks our socks off, then think again. When pondering God's relationship with His people and God's action in our lives, we have to go back to the stable and the recurring, creative, unending power of God's presence. It was a quiet, run of the mill kind of night. There was nothing spectacular or extraordinary. To the naked eye, a woman gave birth to a child and there wasn't anything extraordinary to see. We have a hard time understanding God's ordinary-ness. Jesus grew up in an ordinary town, had neighbors and did normal human things. Perhaps that's why we don't always like the Gospel. It doesn't dazzle us with extraordinary things but simply challenges us to take a different look at our ordinary stuff. That makes us uncomfortable. We prefer things as they are. Our lack of faith can even cause us to take offense at what Jesus says and does, dismissing it as folly.

God's life-giving presence continues to sustain that seagull in flight and keep all things in being regardless of whether we have the faith to see and understand this. Our personal agendas, preconceived ideas, misconceptions, and expectations can often cause us to be hardened and blinded to what God is doing or desiring to do. While God continues to do what he has done for all eternity, faith is needed for God's presence to bear fruit. The blinders we wear and the expectations we bring to life can often prevent us from seeing graced moments that radiate with God's graceful presence. They also prevent God's transforming, healing, and hope filled vision for our world from being realized. Without faith, God won't be able to do much for us either. ©LPi



## 4th of July Holiday Office Hours

We will be closed on Monday, July 5th in celebration of the 4th of July holiday. Normal office hours will resume on Tuesday, July 6th.

## Attention: Committees, Groups, Ministries

If you haven't already, please submit meeting dates and reserve rooms for committee, group, and ministry meetings for July 2021 through June 2022. Or let me know the dates of your Zoom meetings. Meeting dates must be submitted each year (there is no "automatic" listing on the parish calendar or room reservations). Chairpersons and secretaries of committees, groups, and ministries, please make sure your 2021-2022 dates are submitted to Heather Goeden in the Parish Office no later than July 31st.



## Schedule a Mass Intention

All of the Masses are scheduled for 2021, but we can schedule into June of 2022. Contact Heather Goeden in the Parish Office.



### CHURCH SUPPORT

Envelopes & Offertory	\$ 1,882.00
Sharing Donations	\$ 390.00
Maintenance Donations	\$ 10.00

Please remember St. Theres in your will!

## Thank You!

To Tim McCormick for the donation of the spring and summer entrance banners.

## Lenten Giving Coordinator Needed

For those of you looking to serve in a capacity that doesn't involve a lot of time or meetings, Lenten Giving can be designed from home in a few hours or expanded to special groups and activities. It would be up to you. Get a friend involved and share the fun. For more information call Mary Sanger at (414) 425-2028.

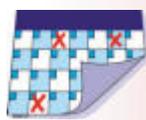
## Prayer Shawls

Prayer Shawls are available for anyone who needs to feel comforted. If you have medical issues, stress due to COVID, or any other situation, please feel free to request one for you or a loved one. For more information or to request a prayer shawl, please contact Christine Jensen (cjensen729@yahoo.com or 262-391-1851). Color or size preference will be honored if possible.

## Donation Opportunities

Please contact Heather in the Parish Office if you'd like to donate an item listed below. Also let her know if the donation is in honor or in memory of someone and if we may print an acknowledgement in the bulletin.

- Entrance Banner for Holy Thursday: \$35
- New Funeral Sacramental Register: \$150



# Parish Events for the Week

**Sunday, July 4th – Happy 4th of July**

**Maintenance Collection Weekend**

9:00AM Mass – Also Live Streamed on Facebook

**Monday, July 5th – Parish Office Closed**

No Meetings Scheduled

**Tuesday, July 6th**

No Meetings Scheduled

**Wednesday, July 7th**

No Meetings Scheduled

**Thursday, July 8th**

7:00PM Group 100 AA (MC)

**Friday, July 9th**

No Meetings Scheduled

**Saturday, July 10th**

**Sharing Weekend**

4:00PM Mass

**Sunday, July 11th**

**Sharing Weekend**

9:00AM Mass – Also Live Streamed on Facebook

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

## Association for Religious Instruction, Special Education

The ARISE Program serves children, teens and adults who are challenged with disabilities by providing religious education programs such as Reconciliation, First Communion, Confirmation, and Post Confirmation (The Life of Jesus) that are adapted to their needs.

Starting on October 11th we will have 1:1 sacrament preparations and small groups for The Life of Jesus every Monday from 6:30PM-7:00PM in assigned classrooms. There will also be Gathering Prayer Services from 7:00PM-7:30PM in the church. This is held at St. Gregory the Great School on 60th and Oklahoma Avenue. There are winter and spring breaks and session ends on April 25th, 2022.

Looking for something rewarding to do on Monday evenings? Volunteer as a catechist! No teaching experience is needed – simple prepared materials and resources available to guide you plus orientation. Ask the 15+ volunteers that have continued to be a part of ARISE!

No charge for the lessons, but will accept donations payable to ARISE. Thanks to Knights of Columbus - West Allis for their continued financial support for over 30 years.

Interested? To get an Arise Registration Form you can contact Tom and Sue Klawien, ARISE Coordinators at ariseprogram@gmail.com or stgregmil.org website under Formation and Sacraments.

## Next Weekend is Sharing Weekend: July 10th/11th

Our Sharing Weekend recipient for July is St. Catherine Residence.

St. Catherine Residence's mission is to ensure safe, affordable, and supportive housing to women with limited income who have diverse talents and needs and aspire to maximize their person growth and employment opportunities. Founded by the Sisters of Mercy in 1894, St. Catherine Residence originally helped young women moving from rural areas to Milwaukee for jobs or schooling by providing them with safe, affordable housing. However, in recent years, the residence has responded to changing needs in the community and it now primarily serves women transitioning out of substance abuse programs or abusive domestic situations, single mothers, and women who have been homeless.

In its over 125 year history, St. Catherine Residence has helped more than 20,000 low-income women overcome poverty and become more economically self-sufficient. Since 2013, St. Catherine's has been sponsored by Mercy Housing Lakefront, one of the nation's leading not-for-profit developers of program-enriched, affordable housing for low-income families, seniors, and individuals with special needs.

Mercy Housing Lakefront is a regional nonprofit organization of Mercy Housing, Inc., which was also originally founded by the Sisters of Mercy. Mercy Housing Lakefront currently provides affordable, program-enriched housing for over 8,000 low-income individuals at 52 properties in Illinois, Indiana, and Wisconsin, with over 900 individuals housed at nine affordable housing communities in Wisconsin in total.

At St. Catherine's, up to 160 women at a time live in suite-style apartments with shared baths and community kitchens and flexible month-to-month leases. Some women stay for only a few months – just enough time to get back on their feet and return to independent living – while others stay for several years as they work to address significant mental health, addiction, educational, or other challenges. Regardless of tenure, all residents, with the help of case managers, work towards achieving personal goals and, ultimately, becoming more self-sufficient.

Onsite, supportive services are critical to helping the women increase their self-sufficiency and move on to more independent housing. The service strategy is to provide workshops and group-based support in areas that are common challenges for women, allowing them to learn together and support each other; to provide individualized case management to women with higher levels of need; and to partner with other agencies for additional resources and specialized services.

Donations can be made at Mass, by mailing to the Parish Office or by going to <https://sainttheresemilwaukee.weshareonline.org/sharing>. If you are writing a check, please make it out to St. Catherine Residence.

Thank you for your generosity.



## Catechesis Corner

- If you know of a family who could be invited and benefit from our Religious Education program, please call the parish office and we will contact them.
  - We are in need of Aides for our Religious Education program. Training is provided according to the Safe Environment requirements for the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. Our classes are small and our children are grateful for this Catholic Faith Formation. We anticipate an in person program starting September 19th. Call the Parish Office if you can serve as an Aide.
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# Intentions & Readings for the Week



## July Sanctuary Candle

†Kathy Marinello

### Sunday, July 4th

*Ez 2:2-5/Ps 123:1-2, 2, 3-4 [2cd]/2 Cor 12:7-10/Mk 6:1-6a*

### Monday, July 5th

*Gn 28:10-22a/Ps 91:1-2, 3-4, 14-15 ab [cf. 2b]/Mt 9:18-26*

### Tuesday, July 6th

*Gn 32:23-33/Ps 17:1b, 2-3, 6-7ab, 8b and 15 [15a]/Mt 9:32-38*  
8:30AM †Kathy Kern Biederman

### Wednesday, July 7th

*Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a/Ps 33:2-3, 10-11, 18-19 [22]/Mt 10:1-7*

### Thursday, July 8th

*Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21 [5a]/Mt 10:7-15*

### Friday, July 9th

*Gn 46:1-7, 28-30/Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40 [39a]/Mt 10:16-23*

### Saturday Mass, July 10th

*Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7 [cf. Ps 69:33]/Mt 10:24-33*

4:00PM St. Therese Parish Community & †Irene Enderson

### Sunday Mass, July 11th

*Am 7:12-15/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 [8]/Eph 1:3-14/Mk 6:7-1*  
9:00AM †Kathy Marinello



Bella Arndt, Tom & Todd Batzler, Alyce Breitweiser, Michael Czarnecki, Jan Eno, Gayle Falk, Ethel Forster, Greg Gorak, Mary Jane Holck, Ronnie Kerchowski, Pete Lovinus, Kathy Manthe, Kim McGee, Kaity Shields, Edward Smith, Mary Beth Stabo, Robert Szablewski, Crystal Webb, Brandon Wing, Duwayne Wing

## Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends

Join us for a virtual WWME experience from the comfort of your home. The Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend offers married couples an opportunity to get off the treadmill of life and focus on each other. It is a chance to look deeply into your relationship with each other and with God.

Upcoming in-person Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends are August 20th-22nd in Madison, WI; and September 17th-19th in Geneva, IL. There are also virtual experiences on September 13th to October 4th and November 13th-14th. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at: [alifetimeoflove.org](http://alifetimeoflove.org) or call (888) 574-5653.

## A Stewardship Moment

### Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – July 3rd/4th

Today's Gospel reveals Jesus being amazed that the people in his hometown of Nazareth do not accept his teaching and ministry; he is amazed at their lack of faith (Mk 6:6). Good stewards recognize and participate in Christ's teaching, reconciling and healing presence in their community. Are we good stewards of our family of faith? Do we value and support the ministries that take place in Christ's name? Are we attentive to the movement of the Holy Spirit in our parish and encourage those who work to enhance our life of faith?

## Monthly Maintenance Collection

This weekend, July 3rd/4th, we have our separate Monthly Collection to replenish our parish Maintenance Fund. Please consider doing one of the following:

- Drop your donation in the collection basket at the Bluemound entrance.
- Donate online at <https://sainttheresemilwaukee.weshareonline.org>
- Mail your donation to the parish office.

Since inception, this separate collection has provided critical monetary resources for repairing and improving our parish's buildings and grounds such as extensive boiler system repairs and replacing our leaking hot water heater. If you can't contribute to this important program next weekend, you can make a donation any of the ways listed above at any time. Thank you for your continuing support.



## From the Earth Ministry:

### Toxic Residue in Food – “The Dirty Dozen”

Here's a list of top 12 foods to consider buying organic



- **Strawberries:** 99% of non-organic strawberries have detectable pesticide residue.
- **Spinach:** 76% of samples contain traces of neurotoxic pesticides.
- **Kale, Collard Greens, Mustard Greens, Nectarines and Apples:** Frequently treated with diphenylamine, a chemical restricted in Europe.
- **Grapes, Peaches, Cherries, Pears, Bell and Hot Peppers:** Contain concerning levels of residue from Acephate and Chlorpyrifos (organophosphate pesticides).

A study conducted in 2019 found “significant positive outcomes associated with greater organic intake, including reduced risk of infertility, allergies, birth defects and certain diseases.” Some grocery stores specialize in organics (e.g., Outpost Natural Foods, Whole Foods) while most traditional stores are also offering and expanding their selection of organically grown products. If you're price-conscious, try Aldi's organics.

## Cor Unum - Master's Degree in Systematics

Sacred Heart Seminary and School of Theology offers a master's degree in systematics - theology for laity. Completed in 22 months, it is designed for busy people. Twelve applicants are accepted and go through the program together, meeting Monday evenings and 3 Saturdays per semester. This is not just an academic degree; spiritual, human and pastoral formation is also incorporated into this program, with the goal that you take what you learn out in service. The seminary generously supplements the tuition, charging only \$8,500 from the cost of \$20,460. Contact Monica Misey to set-up a Zoom Meet and Greet with Dr. Mike Brummond, director of the program. Learn more at <https://www.shsst.edu/cor-unum/>.

*St Therese follows a no weapons policy inside the facility at all times. If you are a conceal carry permit holder please secure your weapons in your vehicle, using proper law enforcement guidelines, prior to attending mass and or other events in the facility.*



On July 4th, throughout the United States, we celebrate our freedom. Our rights are protected and opportunities abound. We recognize that freedom has a cost, one we celebrate and honor on days such as this. It's good to honor

those who fight for our country, who may well pay the ultimate price for the liberties we're afforded. As faithful Catholics, we recognize that there is more to freedom than simply being at liberty to make our lives what we want them to be. St. John Paul II reminds us: "Freedom is not just doing what we can, it is doing what we ought." We become freer within ourselves and within our relationships when we choose what is right and good. When we choose sin, we become trapped in egoism- less free, not more. This Independence Day, let's continue to pursue virtue and good character and encourage others to do this same.

### Blessing for Independence Day

There is a saying, "To those whom much is given, much is expected." That saying is from "Uncommon Wisdom of John F. Kennedy: A Portrait in His Own Words." That saying should sum up our thoughts as we celebrate the founding of our country. As we look at our history, we may easily see that much has been given to this country, and many have sacrificed to make sure we have kept those gifts. However, our faith informs us that a gift reaches its ultimate good only when it is given away freely. Let us pray for this great country of the United States of America:

God our Father, from whom all good gifts come, we are thankful for rest and food. Grant that, in all we do or say, we keep your goodness always in our thankful hearts. We entreat you to bless all those who work to keep us safe, and ask your blessings on all those who work to share our blessings with others around the world. We ask all this in the name of our brother and Savior, Jesus. Amen.

### St. Therese Needs You!

Our parish has always had a strong commitment to service, and parishioners have always stepped forward to help out when the need arises. The Parish Pastoral Council would like to thank all those who give of their time and talents to serve on committees and help out in so many ways.

At this time, as we are coming back from COVID-19, we have identified a number of essential needs, and we are asking for your help. The Parish Pastoral Council has five (5) openings; Five (5) classroom aids are needed for the Catechesis program, and there are a number of other ministry positions that are currently vacant. For further information, see the job board at the Bluemound entrance or the parish website at [www.sttheresemke.org/jobs21](http://www.sttheresemke.org/jobs21).



What have you missed most during the past year's pandemic? If you are like most people, it's the connections we have with friends, family and our parish. Stewardship is a Way of Life that embraces those connections. God granted you a life that includes time but also everything you are, including your talents. Most are usually taken for granted because of the little ways they are present in everything you do or say. Reflect on all your God-given abilities because there is also a call to incorporate them in ministry of Christ's Church. Every ministry and committee of St. Therese needs and welcomes your faith and talents. When you embrace a committee or liturgical ministry, the blessings for you and others enhance the connections we've been missing.

**Parish Pastoral Council**  
*1st Tuesday of the Month at 6:30PM*  
 To contact a Parish Pastoral Council Member, send an email to [council@sttheresemke.org](mailto:council@sttheresemke.org) or leave a message for them in the parish office.

**Chairperson**  
 Tim Schwaller

**Vice Chairperson**  
 Kevin Stannis

**Secretary**  
 Joe Schlater

**Trustees**  
 Dennis Feger  
 Kathy Hubrich (414) 839-2669

**Members-At-Large**  
 Richard Hopefl Catherine Pinto

**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 [sainthteresemilwaukee.org/prayerlist](http://sainthteresemilwaukee.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.

**Deadline:**  
 The deadline for the July 11th bulletin has passed. Next available bulletin is the July 18th bulletin.

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