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.

September 26th, 2021

Parish Staff

Parish Administrator
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Ministers – All the Members of the Parish

Parish Emergencies
(414) 771-2500 – Push 0

Mass Schedule

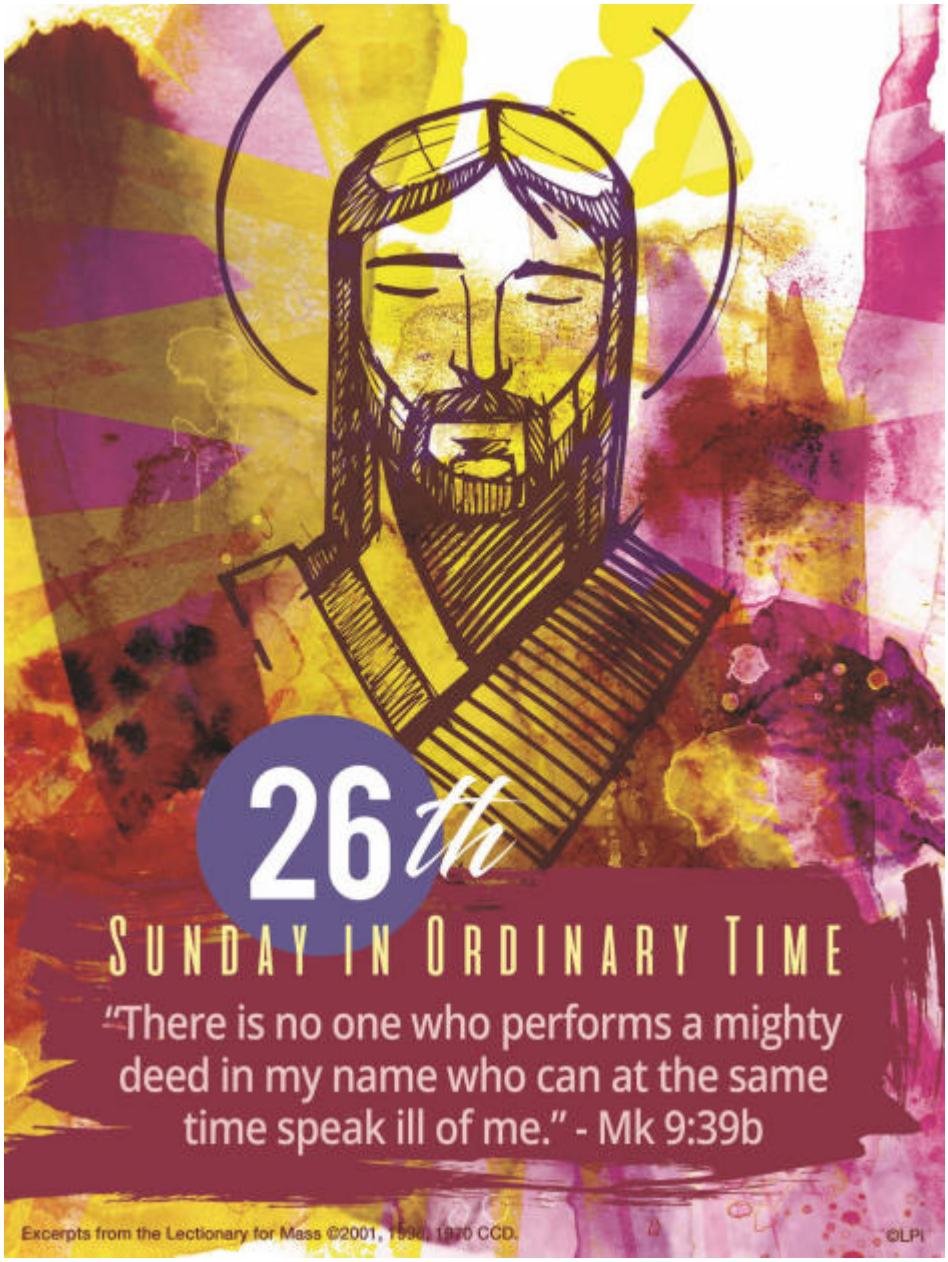
Saturday: 4:00PM
Sunday: 9:00AM
Holiday & Holyday Masses Listed Inside

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

Per CDC guidance, we strongly encourage everyone to wear masks in the building, regardless of vaccination status.

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: Closed

Sunday: 10:00AM–11:30AM Onsite

What are the little ones? They are the poor, the marginalized, the women and men at the well, the Zacchaeus' looking for Jesus from a tree, those mired in sin, the blind who want to see, and the lame who want to walk. They are the lepers and the different ones who have been told that they are unclean, and the ones who suffer from abuse and grave injustices and oppression. They are children who want nothing more than to be loved and enjoy celebrating their innocence. These are all the little ones and they are all vulnerable. Life already brings them burdens, we don't need to add to them.

St. Oscar Romero said, "When the church hears the cry of the oppressed it cannot but denounce the social structures that give rise to and perpetuate the misery from which the cry arises." Why are so many people still so gravely hurting? We have the resources and the means to make things better. We choose not to. There are still those things called greed, pride, lust, apathy, jealously, gluttony, and anger that prevent us from seeing each other and people to be loved and not objects to be used. Is this how God intended things to be?

God loves what is good and upright. It doesn't matter who did it or where it came from. In God's eyes, the end result is always faith, hope, and love. Those will always unite a person with God. We fill our lives with many things that are not good either for ourselves or for others. All of us have to work to discover what it is, exactly, that leads to the world's brokenness. There are people, systems, and ideologies in place that foster oppression and injustice rather than equity and fairness. Sadly, our complacency can be the greatest evil. Turning a blind eye, ignoring the truth, and believing that we are helpless to fix so great a problem, does little to move us closer to the kingdom of God. As members of the Body of Christ, we cannot condone anything that keeps people in misery.

As it is said, charity begins at home. Perhaps a good place to start is with our own households and making sure their foundations are properly laid. ©LPi

Thank You

Thank you to the Hesselbein family for the donation of the Holy Thursday banner in honor of Fr. Hugh's 65th Anniversary of Profession of Vows.

Bible Study – Tuesdays After Morning Mass

Come and see what the Book of Revelation is really all about. Anyone interested can attend Tuesday 8:30AM Mass with prayerful reflection to follow. Questions? Contact Sister Ann Christine.

Attention All Parishioners!

Are you looking for a way to become more involved in the parish? Do you have an hour and a half each month to give to St. Therese?

If yes, then I have the answer for you!! The Prayer and Worship Committee is looking for new members. We meet the 4th Tuesday of the month at 6:30PM. One of the things that the Committee works on is helping our Liturgical Ministry Coordinators to grow their ministries. Another is we help plan special weekend liturgies like the Feast of St. Therese. These are just a couple of examples of what our Committee works on.

If interested or questions, please contact Kathy Hubrich at (414) 839-2669.

Church Support

Envelopes & Offertory	$ 1,408.00
Mission Weekend Collection	$ 500.00
Maintenance Donations	$ 32.50

Please remember St. Therese in your will!

Pet Blessing – October 4th

Bring your pets for a special blessing on the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi on Monday, October 4th at 6:00PM. Please meet in the parking lot near the St. Therese Statue. Remember to bring your pet on a leash, in a carrier, or in your arms. All pets are welcome!

Prayer Shawls Available

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.

- New Funeral Sacramental Register: $150
- New Art & Environment Reusable Summer Décor: $280
- Four New Committee Mailboxes for Sacristy: $20 each or $80
- New Shelving for Art & Environment Room: $45

Schedule a Mass Intention

All of the Masses are scheduled for 2021, but we can schedule into August of 2022. Contact Heather Goeden in the Parish Office if you'd like to schedule a Mass intention in honor or memory of a loved one or special event.

Parish Events for the Week

Sunday, September 26th
9:00AM Mass – Also Live Streamed on Facebook
10:00AM Sunday Morning Catechesis Preschool – Grade 8 Program (ATRIUM)
10:00AM Sunday Morning Catechesis Preschool – Grade 8 Parent Meeting (LOBBY)

Monday, September 27th
No Meetings Scheduled

Tuesday, September 28th
No Meetings Scheduled

Wednesday, September 29th
No Meetings Scheduled

Thursday, September 30th
7:00PM Group 100 AA (MC)

Friday, October 1st
No Meetings Scheduled

Saturday, October 2nd – Feast of St. Therese
Maintenance Collection
4:00PM Mass
5:00PM Feast of St. Therese Hospitality (OUTSIDE)

Sunday, October 3rd – Feast of St. Therese
Maintenance Collection
9:00AM Mass – Also Live Streamed on Facebook
10:00AM 1st Reconciliation Preparation (STR)
10:00AM Sunday Morning Catechesis Preschool – Grade 8 Program (ATRIUM)
10:00AM High School Program (MC)
10:30AM Feast of St. Therese Hospitality (OUTSIDE)

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

Visit the Parish Library!

In honor of the feast day of St. Therese, would you like to learn more about her early life and her years as a Carmelite nun? Visit the parish library after mass and choose a DVD or book on the counter display. Books may be checked out for 3 weeks and DVDs for 2 weeks.

55+ Social Club: Christmas Party

In order to have our 55+ Social Club Christmas party at Alioto's this December 3rd, we need to have a minimum of 25 attendees. If you are interested in attending or would like more information, please contact Pat at (414) 509-8119 or Rosina at (262) 782-1966.

The deadline to reserve the room at Alioto's is September 30th. Let's see if we can continue this fun get together!

Monthly Maintenance Collection

Next weekend, October 2nd/3rd, we have our separate Monthly Collection to replenish our parish Maintenance Fund. Since we are not taking up a collection during Mass, please consider doing one of the following:

- Drop your donation in the collection basket at the Bluemound entrance if you attend Mass.
- Donate online at https://saintthereseemilwaukee.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. 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.

Liturgical Ministers...We Need You!

Sign up now to serve as a Lector, Hospitality Minister, Altar Server or Eucharistic Minister for the months of September and October. Let's fill all these positions quickly through the Sign-Up Genius link on the parish website or contact Heather in the Parish Office.

There are written instructions, as well as mentors, for those who are new to these ministries. We are grateful for those who sign up and minister often - but they need your help! All six positions are vital to assist in celebration of Mass.

Children's Liturgy of the Word Resumes

Attention parents and young parishioners, after an 18 month COVID hiatus, Children's Liturgy of the Word has returned during the 9:00AM Mass. Children's Liturgy of the Word offers St. Therese's youngest members the opportunity to participate in age appropriate catechesis based on Sunday's Gospel. Dedicated volunteer catechists unpack the Gospel in a child-centered manner designed to engage and grow the knowledge and faith of St. Therese's children, ages 3 - 11.

To ensure the health and safety of the children, catechists, and families participating in Children's Liturgy of the Word, a list of guidelines and procedures have been developed. Said guidelines and procedures are outlined and available for all parishioners to read via the St. Therese website at https://www.saintthereseemilwaukee.org/clow/

For questions regarding the Children's Liturgy of the Word Guiding COVID Document, please contact Christine Reinders, Coordinator of Children's Liturgy of the Word through email at creinders@sttheresemke.org or by leaving a message at the Parish Office.

Catechesis Corner

- In person Religious Education classes began on September 19th, Catechetical Sunday! The Children, Catechists and Aides were happy to gather together in person and begin our year of Religious Education. We are taking all the necessary safety and health precautions given Covid-19 and the Delta variant. Masks are required along with social distancing, no snacks and proper behavior during these challenging times. Our first classes went very well and our children were extremely well behaved and respectful of rules.
- This Sunday, September 26th there will be a Parent Meeting at 10:15 AM while the children have classes. Please assemble in the parish lobby. We will answer questions about our Religious Ed Program and how our Parents and Guardians can assist with faith formation.
- Please pray for our Catechists and Aides, children and families during these challenging times.

Intentions & Readings for the Week

September Sanctuary Candle
†Anna & †Albert Dietz

Sunday, September 26th
Nm 11:25-29/Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14 [9a]/Jas 5:1-6/Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

Monday, September 27th
Zec 8:1-8/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23 [17]/Lk 9:46-50

Tuesday, September 28th
Zec 8:20-23/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7 [Zec 8:23]/Lk 9:51-56
8:30AM †Dick Nee

Wednesday, September 29th
Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5 [1]/Jn 1:47-51

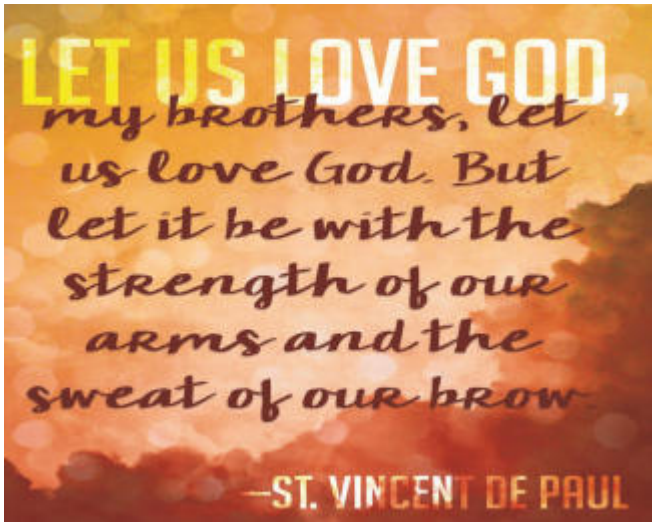
Thursday, September 30th
Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11[9ab]/Lk 10:1-12

Friday, October 1st
Bar 1:15-22/Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9 [9]/Lk 10:13-16

Saturday Mass, October 2nd
Bar 4:5-12, 27-29/Ps 69:33-35, 36-37 [34]/Mt 18:1-5, 10
4:00PM †Mary Ann and †Wally Hesselbein

Sunday Mass, October 3rd
Gn 2:18-24/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 [cf. 5]/Heb 2:9-11/Mk 10:2-16
9:00AM St. Therese Parish Community

Bella Arndt, Tom & Todd Batzler, Mary Ann Brahm, Alyce Breitweiser, Michael Czarnecki, Kylie Doyne, Jan Eno, Gayle Falk, Ethel Forster, Greg Gorak, Mary Jane Holck, The Johnson Family, Ronnie Kerchefski, Max Knight, Pete Lovinus, Kathy Manthe, Kim McGee, Mary Ellen Nenning, Drew Rutz, Kaity Shields, Edward Smith, Mary Beth Stabo, Robert Szablewski, Crystal Webb, Brandon Wing, Duwayne Wing



From the Earth Ministry:

From the Earth Ministry: A 2020 study by the Rochester Institute of Technology estimated that 22 million pounds of plastic gets dumped into the Great Lakes each year. Over half of this ends up in Lake Michigan, enough to fill about 100 Olympic-sized swimming pools.

Plastic never goes away even after decomposing into small microplastic fibers. A study conducted by Friends of the Chicago River found that 93% of the fish tested had some form of plastic present in them. Microplastic fibers pass through water filtrations systems and enter the air through evaporation, traveling by winds to the ends of the earth, even to be found in snow at the top of Mt. Everest. Linked to several forms of cancer, microplastics are also ingested by humans. A World Wild Life Fund study says the average person consumes 5 grams of microplastics per week. That's the equivalent of a credit card. So "don't leave home without it" is an unnecessary precaution!

Our Earth Ministry encourages you to do your part in reducing the plastic problem. An easy way to start is to stop using plastic bags when shopping, and to use refillable containers instead of purchasing plastic water bottles. Recycle any plastic items that you can't eliminate all together.

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Sincerely,

Mike Bauer
Vice President - Mission & Advancement

Jubilee Celebration

Couples celebrating their 25th and 50th wedding anniversary, as well as couples married over 50 years, are invited to join us for Mass and a photo opp with the Bishop to follow on Saturday, October 9th at 10:00AM at St. Mary Parish in Hales Corners. Register by October 4th at https://archmil.regfox.com/2021-jubilee-mass or call Emily at (414) 758-2213 with questions.

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.

Feast of St. Therese Celebration

Join us for fellowship and fun after both Masses on October 2nd and 3rd. On Saturday, October 2nd, we will provide a picnic dinner around the campfire after Mass. Tim Schwaller will provide music. On Sunday, October 3rd, we will provide a picnic lunch, grab bags for the kids, and lawn games starting at 10:30AM. Please bring a chair.

Please let us know if you plan to attend and if you have any food allergies/restrictions. Call the Parish Office or use the sign up genius link that is on the parish website at www.sttheresemke.org.

Please RSVP by September 26th.

Save the Date: An Evening of Remembrance

An Evening of Remembrance is being planned for Tuesday, November 2nd at 7:00PM. Any interested parishioners who have lost a loved one during the past year are invited to participate. Please contact the parish office by October 25th to register.

Bringing Up the Gifts During Mass

We will resume bringing up the Gifts of Bread and Wine during the offertory starting the weekend of October 2nd/3rd. Before Mass begins, one of the Hospitality Ministers will ask someone in the congregation to bring up the gifts. If you are asked to bring up the gifts, please follow this procedure:

- At the appropriate time, come to the center aisle by the Gift Table.
- Please sanitize your hands (There will be hand sanitizer available).
- Carry the gifts to the foot of the altar.
- Bow, then bring them up to the altar and place them where the presider indicates.
- Then, pause at the foot of the stairs again, bow together, and return to your seat.
- You are welcome to use the sanitizer on the Gift Table again if you wish.

If you have any questions, please contact Heather in the Parish Office.

A Stewardship Moment

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - September 25th/26th

St. James warns us about accepting the standards of the world and assuming that what is normative in society needs no countercultural challenge. The temptation to hoard riches and make sharp bargains at the expense of the powerless is pervasive because these things are generally done and look respectable enough. St. James points to God's judgment on these attitudes and actions of amassing wealth and comfort at the expense of others. How might we be better stewards of the material blessings we have been given? How might we use our wealth with compassion toward others?

Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help

with Bishop Schuerman – Saturday, November 6th from 8:30AM–6:00PM

Join Most Reverend James Schuerman, Auxiliary Bishop of Milwaukee, on a pilgrimage day trip to the National Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help in Champion, WI. After fueling up with fresh coffee and tasty muffins, our luxury bus will leave the Cathedral of St John the Evangelist at 8:30AM and journey to the site where the Blessed Virgin appeared to Adele Brise in 1859. Marvel at the only Marian apparition in the United States approved by the Catholic Church. Once at the Shrine, opportunities abound for prayer, recitation of the Rosary, confession and guided tours. A private Mass for our group, led by Bishop Schuerman, will be held in the chapel located above the oratory. A box lunch is included.

Don't miss this chance to recharge your spiritual batteries! Price: $75 per person

For reservations and information, please contact Amy Nikolai at 414.276.9814, ext. 306 or amynikolai@stjohncathedral.org

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 or leave a message for them in the parish office.

Chairperson
Tim Schwaller

Vice Chairperson
TBD

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(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/prayer list 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.

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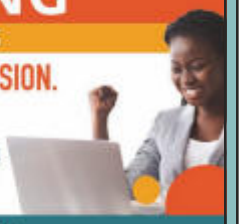

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