

# 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.

January 2nd, 2021



## Parish Staff

### Parish Administrator

Fr. Joe Koyickal, SAC ext. 1  
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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 encourage everyone to wear masks in the building, regardless of vaccination status.

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



## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage.

Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. - Mt 2:10-11

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

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### 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

*Any changes to the hours are listed inside.*



In his Apostolic Exhortation, The Joy of the Gospel, Pope Francis references a thought from Pope Benedict XVI: “Being a Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction.” Today we celebrate an encounter with the Person of Jesus Christ! This simple but holy event in time dramatically changes human life, pointing it toward a new horizon and giving it a decisive direction. This is a message and truth that is not meant to be shared with only a select few who qualify but with the entire world. Pope Francis continues saying, “Thanks solely to this encounter or renewed encounter with God’s love, which blossoms into an enriching friendship, we are liberated from our narrowness and self-

absorption. We become fully human when we become more than human, when we let God bring us beyond ourselves in order to attain the fullest truth of our being.”

Look around at people. Where is life heading for them? What gives them direction? Even we who are people of faith can get distracted and lose our focus. God, in all of His fullness, is revealed in Jesus Christ and we can encounter Him! God is tangible, real, vulnerable, poor, and full of wonders, surprises, and opportunities. For those who are struggling and lost, today is a day of great joy. All they have to do is reach out and touch the truth of Christ. This presence is revealed in the poor, exploited, and vulnerable ones who cry out for compassion and love. But it is also found in the faithful ones who see in the Epiphany of God a liberation from structures and systems that hurt us, a narrowness of mind and heart that constricts us, and an absorption in our self-agenda that prevents us from seeing anything other than ourselves as important.

We have been given the charge of preaching this Good News. If only we could find a way to be more effective, it might stand a chance of doing what God intended it to do. There is always tomorrow and our memory of that bright new light that shone so brilliantly that Bethlehem night pointing us to truth and reminding us that we are loved. ©LPi

### Time to Update Our Prayer List

It’s time to update our prayer list. It is our privilege to pray for others, especially those who are going through a difficult time, are sick and suffering, or who have a special need. If you have submitted a name and would like it to remain on the prayer list, please contact Heather Goeden in the Parish Office by January 3rd by phone, email, or US mail. Thank you!

### Donate a Sanctuary Candle or Schedule a Mass Intention in Memory of a Loved One

Please consider donating the sanctuary candle (that burns in front of the tabernacle) in memory or honor of a loved one or for a special intention. The cost is \$10 per month. The following months in 2022 are currently open: May, June, and September. Months will be assigned on a first come, first served basis. Or consider donating a mass intention. To donate, please contact Heather Goeden in the Parish Office.



### Many Thanks to All!

We have so many people to thank for a very successful Cookie Sale. Thank God for good weather and the bakers of St. Therese. Thank you to our 25 bakers. You outdid yourselves contributing 300 pounds of deliciousness. Thank you to our buyers. One buyer told us it was the best selection ever. It was our best sale ever and final numbers will be posted in a future bulletin. About half of our orders were online preorder, another quarter were in church orders and the remaining quarter was sold out in 20 minutes.

Thank you to the Journal Sentinel for the extra publicity this year. Thank you to Nancy, Christine and Rosina-the cookie committee. Thank you to Jim, Lloyd, Shari, Laura and Gloria for helping with set-up and packing. Finally, thank you to Heather for handling all of the technology: on-line orders, website, sign, phone orders, eBoard. Finally, an apology. We had to turn away at least 50 people who did not preorder. Yeah, we are that good. Blessings to all of you.

### Donation Opportunity

- Disposable Masks: \$10/box or \$50 for 5 boxes
- New Christmas Decorations for the Church: \$65

### Snow and Weather Closings

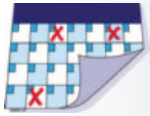
In the event of snow or weather closings for the parish, please check Channel 12 WISN-TV or WISN.com (WISN website) for closures. Please also note to look for “St. Therese–Milwaukee” in Milwaukee County. (Sometimes there is confusion with “St. Theresa” and “St. Therese” other cities and counties of the archdiocese.)



#### CHURCH SUPPORT

Envelopes & Offertory – All Saints	\$ 73.00
Envelopes & Offertory – Imm. Conc.	\$ 93.00
Envelopes & Offertory – Dec. 11/12	\$13,012.00
Envelopes & Offertory – Dec. 18/19	\$ 7,052.00
Sharing Weekend	\$ 747.00
Maintenance Donations	\$ 140.00

Please remember St. Therese in your will!



# Parish Events for the Week

## Sunday, January 2nd

9:00AM Mass – Also Live Streamed on Facebook

## Monday, January 3rd

No Meetings Scheduled

## Tuesday, January 4th

6:30PM Parish Pastoral Council (MC)

## Wednesday, January 5th

No Meetings Scheduled

## Thursday, January 6th

7:00PM Group 100 AA (MC)

## Friday, January 7th

No Meetings Scheduled

## Saturday, January 8th

### Sharing Weekend

4:00PM Mass

## Sunday, January 9th

### Sharing Weekend

9:00AM Mass – Also Live Streamed on Facebook

10:00AM Sunday Morning Catechesis Preschool –  
Grade 8 Program (ATRIUM)

10:00AM High School Program (MC)

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

## Monthly Maintenance Collection

This weekend, January 1st/2nd, 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.
- 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. 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.

## Sharing Weekend is Next Weekend: January 8th/9th

The mission of Eras Senior Network is to engage and support seniors, adults with disabilities, and family caregivers in leading meaningful lives. Eras provides 680 clients in Waukesha County and 1954 clients in Milwaukee County with transportation to medical appointments, the pharmacy, and grocery stores, as well as assistance with grocery shopping, wellness calls, and yard cleanup. All services are provided at no cost to clients thanks to the support provided by our caring volunteers. To learn more about Eras, please visit our website at [www.eras.org](http://www.eras.org).

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 Eras Senior Network. Thank you for your generosity.

## From the Earth Ministry: Eco-Friendly Deicing



Winter in Wisconsin means snow and ice. We try to keep our driveways and walkways clear to avoid slips and falls. However, salt can damage concrete and is harmful to the environment. The chloride that is contained in rock salt can wash into lakes and streams and even seep into our water table. The concentration can build over the winter and reach levels harmful to plankton and fish. Salt can be harmful to pets by irritating their paws or making them sick if they ingest it by licking their paws. Salt spray can also harm plants and shrubs by causing them to lose their cold hardiness. Many municipalities are reducing their use of salt by diluting the brine with organic things such as beet juice, beer waste and pickle brine.



Here are some eco-friendly things you can do at home:

**Shoveling** - The best deterrent to ice is to shovel as soon after a snowfall as possible to allow the sunshine to dry out surfaces and avoid ice build-up.

**Organic Salt-free Deicers** – These can be found at Outpost, hardware or big box stores and do not contain rock salt. They are a bit pricier but do the job safely.

**Sand or Kitty Litter** – Provide traction and for sand, a great way to use up excess from a sandbox.

**Wood By-products** – Wood shavings and sawdust from your workshop provide traction. So does ash from last night's fire. Ash also darkens the snow, attracting heat from the sun for melting.

**Coffee Grounds** – Sprinkling used grounds will help speed melting and provide some traction. This does not work very quickly so it is best done when temperatures aren't too low and the sun is shining.



## Rising Stars Volunteer Tutors Needed

Help at-risk students in Milwaukee schools strengthen reading and math skills. Tutors are needed during the school day, after school and on Saturday morning. Orientation is provided.

Please contact: **Laura Harvancik**  
262-787-1018 • [risingstars@ssndcp.org](mailto:risingstars@ssndcp.org)

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## Catechesis Corner

- Greetings! A blessed Christmas and Happy New Year to all of our dedicated Catechists/Aides and Families in our Religious Education program! There are NO CLASSES on Sunday, January 2nd. We observe this Holy Christmas season and allow extra time for our families to participate in family gatherings and Church services. May all enjoy the Holidays and REJOICE in the GIFT of OUR SAVIOR, JESUS!



# Intentions & Readings for the Week



## January Sanctuary Candle

†Mary Ann Monville

### Sunday, January 2nd

*Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12*

### Monday, January 3rd

*1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25*

### Tuesday, January 4th

*1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mk 6:34-44*  
8:30AM Barbara Hegler & Family

### Wednesday, January 5th

*1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/Mk 6:45-52*

### Thursday, January 6th

*1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17/Lk 4:14-22a*

### Friday, January 7th

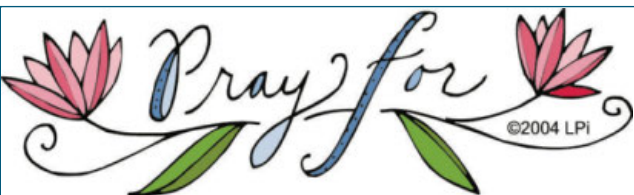
*1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 5:12-16*

### Saturday Mass, January 8th

*1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b/Jn 3:22-30*  
4:00PM St. Therese Parish Community

### Sunday Mass, January 9th

*Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/Acts 10:34-38/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22*  
9:00AM †Imogene McShane



Matt Bell, Alyce Breitweiser, Brandon Choe, Michael Czarnecki, Kylie Doyne, Ashley DeLuca & Family, Gayle Falk, Ethel Forster, Mary Jane Holck, Diane Janosch, Judy Johnson, Ronnie Kerchowski, Pete Lovinus, Kathy Manthe, Kim McGee, Rich Sanger, Kaity Shields, Edward Smith, Mary Beth Stabo, Robert Szablewski, JoAnne Van de Castele, Crystal Webb, Duwayne Wing

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

—2 Cor 5:17 (ESV)



May God's peace be upon you and remain with you throughout the year.

## St. Elizabeth Ann Seton | January 4

The patron saint of Catholic schools, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (August 28, 1774 – January 4, 1821) was born in New York City to a prominent family of the Episcopal faith. When she turned 19, she married a wealthy businessman with whom she had five children. He later died of tuberculosis in 1803, leaving her a young widow. After discovering the Catholic faith in Italy, where her husband had died, she returned to New York and converted to Catholicism in 1805.



After several years struggling as a single mother, Elizabeth moved in 1809 to Emmitsburg, Maryland, where she founded the Sisters of Charity of St. Joseph, the first community for religious women established in the United States. She also began St. Joseph's Academy and Free School, which started a chain reaction of Catholic-based education in the United States that continues today.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton was canonized September 14, 1975 in St. Peter's Square by Pope Paul VI and was the first citizen born in the United States to be given the title of "saint." ©LPI



*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.*

### Attention: Committees, Groups, Ministries

If you haven't already done so, please submit meeting dates and reserve rooms for committee, group, and ministry meetings for 2022. Meeting dates must be submitted each year (there is no "automatic" listing on the parish calendar or room reservations). Make sure your 2022 dates are submitted to Heather in the Parish Office no later than January 3rd.

### Have you taken Communion to the Sick or Homebound?

If you used a pyx from the sacristy to bring Communion to the Sick or Homebound, please be sure to bring it back so that another parishioner can use it. If you take Eucharist to someone on a regular basis, you are welcome to keep one to use.

### Prayer Materials and Informational Brochures

If you have prayer materials or informational brochures to put out in the church, please remember that the items must be approved first by the parish office. There are a number of reasons why we can and cannot put certain items out. If you have any questions, please contact Heather in the Parish Office.

### Take a GYFT on your way out of Mass

Stop by the Grow Your Faith Table (GYFT) by the Bluemound entrance and pick up Table Topics for families. It has discussion and prayers for each season of the church year. There is one topic and prayer for each season. Start with the Epiphany. You are welcome to any of the additional items on the table as well.

### The Light of the Moon

If you own a television that has been turned on at any point in the last month or so, chances are you've caught at least a scene or two of the 1946 classic film "It's a Wonderful Life." If you're not familiar with the movie, it follows the life of George Bailey from childhood through adulthood. A dreamer by nature, George has big plans for himself that involve world exploration and adventure — but family and community obligations keep him tethered to the same spot on the map, leading an altogether ordinary life.

One of the most memorable scenes from that movie is of George dancing with his sweetheart Mary while they sing "Buffalo Gals — Won't you come out tonight/And dance by the light of the moon?" That lyric always catches my ear. Of course, the moon doesn't have any light of its own. All the moon has is the ability to reflect the light that shines upon it. The same holds for us, doesn't it? Our stewardship is purely a reflection of the grace granted to us by another. "Upon you the LORD shines," writes Isaiah, "and over you appears his glory." Every good action we will ever take begins in the mind of God. The fact that we have the honor of carrying it out on His behalf is a beautiful gift. It is God that makes our ordinary lives extraordinary.

In the end of the movie, George Bailey realizes that he had a far greater life because, instead of being the hero of his own story, he allowed himself to reflect goodness onto others. Remember — the magi didn't chart their own course. They merely followed the star.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

### Flower/Candle Memorial Donations for the Christmas Season

In this season of giving, please consider remembering a loved one or honoring a special intention by donating a memorial toward the cost of flowers and candles for our church environment that enhance our worship during the Christmas Season. Please complete the form below, include your donation of any amount, and return both in the collection basket at any mass or send it to the Parish Office. Thank you for your generosity!

### 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

### 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

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### 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](http://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.

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