

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 16th, 2022



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(414) 771-2500 – Push 0



2nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding. When the wine ran short, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine."

- Jn 2:1-3

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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.

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.

Welcome to Saint Therese Catholic Church, Milwaukee, Wisconsin



God delights in you. How do you feel when you hear that? Delight usually comes with an exuberant flow of joy that seemingly arises from one's toes with the expression of great glee. Reflecting upon the deep measure of joy God has in us can be a source of joy for ourselves. Delight is infectious. A very young brother and sister were playing on the beach when the all too familiar ice cream truck made its daily rounds. The boy shook with excitement and delight as he took his sister's hand and exclaimed, "The ice cream man is here, isn't it great!" As they ran off toward the truck, one could hear the girl reply, "Yeah, I can't wait!" The experience of a child's delight in something so simple as ice cream, lifts our spirits from our burdens and transports us to the lighter, more innocent side of life.

Life is not meant to be a burden. Believe it or not, God actually wants us to be happy! In fact, the wedding feast at Cana shows us that God even puts His blessing on our happiness. It is okay to celebrate the wonder of ourselves and others. Life is good. It is always interesting to note that Jesus saves the good wine until last. You would think it would be the other way around. The superb quality of Jesus' wine points to the superior quality of life we find in Christ. It is not a life of burdens but a life of wonder and delight! In Christ, we are lifted from the superficial and mundane to a life of purpose, hope, and love.

God is with us through the long haul, through the challenges and sorrows as well as the successes and accomplishments. In spite of the fact that we often wander from the path, God's celebratory delight in us remains. As spouses are asked to remain faithful to each other through whatever life brings, God remains faithful too. This promise remains through this life and into the next. All we have to do is take the advice of Jesus' mother to heart when she says, "Listen to him." This wisdom saves us from foolishly giving in to the illusion that we can make better wine than Jesus. ©LPi

Ministers Needed

We thank the group of dedicated ministers who help out each weekend and encourage you to join them! Please consider either rejoining or joining one of our Liturgical Ministries: Altar Servers, Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, or Hospitality Ministers. Some of the ministries have been reconfigured to work for our current needs. Training is provided. Contact Heather Goeden in the Parish Office for more information.

Lenten Giving - Help Needed

Are you looking for a way to serve St. Therese that won't take up a lot of your time? Please consider chairing Lenten Giving. For more information call Mary Sanger at (414) 425-2028 as she would co-chair with you this year.



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.

Schedule a Mass Intention

Please consider scheduling a mass intention in memory of a loved one or in honor of an anniversary or special event. Most weekend Masses are full for 2022. Please contact the Parish Office to see what dates are open. There are still quite a few weekday Masses open. Please contact Heather Goeden in the Parish Office to schedule your Mass intentions.

Donation Opportunity

- Disposable Masks: \$10/box or \$50 for 5 boxes

Snow and Weather Closings

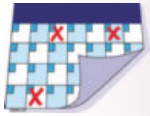
In the event of snow or weather closings for the parish, please check Channel 12 WISN-TV or WISN.com (WISN website) for closures. Please also note to look for "St. Therese-Milwaukee" in Milwaukee County. (Sometimes there is confusion with "St. Theresa" and "St. Therese" other cities and counties of the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



CHURCH SUPPORT

Envelopes & Offertory	\$ 5,562.00
Sharing Weekend	\$ 317.00
Maintenance Donations	\$ 388.00

Please remember St. Therese in your will!



Parish Events for the Week

Sunday, January 16th

- 9:00AM Mass – Also Live Streamed on Facebook
- 10:00AM Sunday Morning Catechesis Preschool – Grade 8 Program (VIRTUAL)

Monday, January 17th

No Meetings Scheduled

Tuesday, January 18th

- 6:30PM Finance Council (VIRTUAL)

Wednesday, January 19th

No Meetings Scheduled

Thursday, January 20th

- 6:00PM Stewardship Committee (VIRTUAL)
- 7:00PM Group 100 AA (MC)

Friday, January 21st

No Meetings Scheduled

Saturday, January 22nd

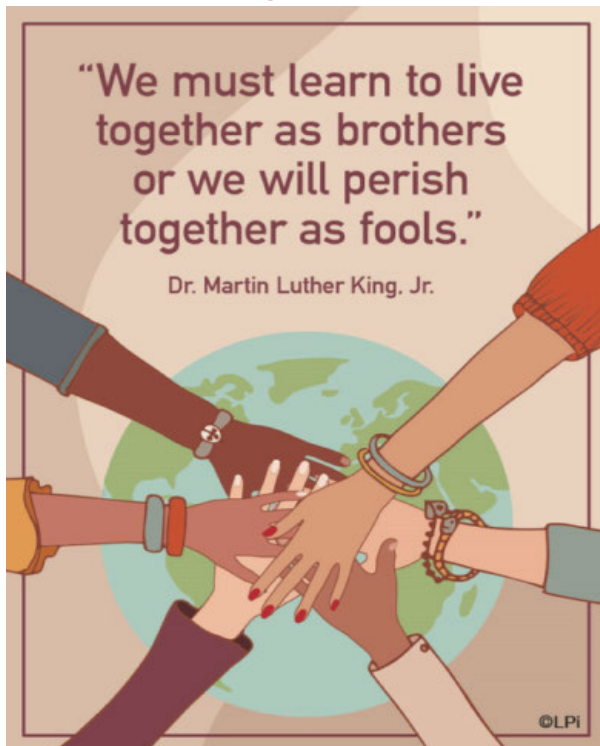
- 4:00PM Mass

Sunday, January 23rd

- 9:00AM Mass – Also Live Streamed on Facebook
- 10:00AM Sunday Morning Catechesis Preschool – Grade 8 Program (VIRTUAL)
- 10:00AM High School Program (VIRTUAL)

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

Martin Luther King Jr. Day – January 17th



Earth Stewardship Ministry: Introduction to PFAS

This is the first in a series of articles on PFAS. As we learn more about the health risks of these “forever chemicals,” we will hear of them more frequently. The Earth Ministry team wants to prepare you to understand PFAS. The letters stand for Per- and Poly-Fluoro Alkyl Substances. Some of these manufactured chemicals have been used since the 1940's.



They are found in and associated with the making of firefighting foam, Teflon, and liquid repellents like Scotchguard, Stainmaster and Gore-Tex. They are not currently regulated by the federal government or the state of Wisconsin.

We are now realizing that they can cause serious health problems, such as decreased fertility, high blood pressure, developmental delays, cancers (prostate, kidney, and testicular), reduced ability to fight infections, interference with the body's natural hormones, increased cholesterol, and increased risk of obesity. The PFAS can be found in water, soil, air, food, and many materials found in homes and workplaces. They breakdown very, very slowly and so they have been building up in people, animals and the environment since the 1940's.

Year of Service for Young Adults

The Riverwest Food Pantry is seeking Young Adults ages 21-26 with any background of study and open to Catholic Spiritual teaching to serve at our Community Food Center. Mission interns live full year rooted in faith and social justice through prayer, community, and service in the Catholic tradition. For more information, check out: <https://www.riverwestfoodpantry.org/mission-house> or contact Samantha Vosters at: samantha@riverwestfoodpantry.org

Do you know someone over 30 who might have a vocation?

Some men mistakenly assume priesthood is not an option because they had been married, had children, lacked a college degree, or thought they were “too old” or “not good enough.” Sacred Heart Seminary and School of Theology has been forming men over age 30 since 1970, and is hosting Zoom “Meet & Greets” for anyone that might want to learn more. Join one of our informal conversations: <https://www.shsst.edu/vocation/>. Contact Deacon Steve Kramer for more information: skramer@shsst.edu or (414)858-4767.

Catechesis Corner

- Due to the uptick in COVID-19 cases in the area, we have moved our Sunday Morning Age 3 through Grade 8 program virtual through January 30th. Materials and login information have been sent to the families. Anyone with questions should contact Heather in the Parish Office.
- We will reevaluate the numbers at the end of the month to determine if we will resume meeting in person or continue meeting virtually.



Intentions & Readings for the Week



January Sanctuary Candle

†Mary Ann Monville

Sunday, January 16th

Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 [3]/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11

Monday, January 17th

1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday, January 18th

1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28/Mk 2:23-28
8:30AM John "Jack" Keating

Wednesday, January 19th

1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Mk 3:1-6

Thursday, January 20th

1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13/Mk 3:7-12

Friday, January 21st

1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11/Mk 3:13-19

Saturday Mass, January 22nd

2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-3, 5-7/Mk 3:20-21
4:00PM St. Therese Parish Community

Sunday Mass, January 23rd

Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/1 Cor 12:12-30/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21
9:00AM †Paul Warpechowski



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

WINTER WEEKEND
A RESTFUL RETREAT FOR YOUNG ADULTS

Take a weekend to explore the deeper questions of life within a dynamic community of young adults who are going through the same things you are.

ARRIVING AT 6 PM. **FRIDAY JAN 21, 2022**
DEPARTING AT 12 PM. **SUNDAY JAN 23, 2022**

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Dear Friends,

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Thank You,

Voluntary Service

Dear Parishioners of St. Therese:

Thank you so much for your wonderful and generous donation of so many thoughtful gift cards and donation to Clement Manor from the special Advent giving. You cannot imagine how wonderful it is to be able to share these gifts. What a blessing each of you are for helping to make the residents feel special and enhancing our vision of a Life Enriched community – inspiring a supportive community of friends and families.

Your support at this time of the year during this time of COVID of the Clement Manor mission to provide services that enrich the lives of elders on our campus and in our community when they really need it is very much appreciated. We truly thank everyone at St. Therese for giving to the residents and staff of Clement Manor.

Warm Regards,

Dennis Fenger, CEO

Summer Youth Missionaries - Apply Today!

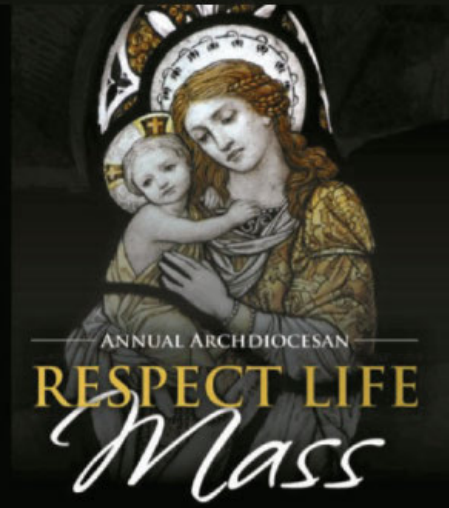
Are you interested in spending your summer getting paid to evangelize, grow spiritually, and make life-long friends? Apply to serve with one of our summer youth programs - Love Begins Here and Totus Tuus - today!

Both positions receive a weekly stipend, room and board while working. Must be 18 and a full year removed from high school to apply. Learn more about both programs and apply at <http://www.brewcitycatholic.com/summer-opportunities.html>

Living our call as SSND: Transformative Education on the Margins

The School Sisters of Notre Dame (SSND) invite single women ages 18-45 to an online presentation Wednesday, January 19th at 7:00PM to learn more about SSND and their ministry with and among those who are poor and marginalized. More information and registration for the Zoom link is available at ssnd.org/events/1-19-22.

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.



ANNUAL ARCHDIOCESAN
RESPECT LIFE
Mass

Saturday, January 22, 2022, 9 a.m.

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST PARISH
8500 W. Cold Spring Road | Greenfield, WI 53228

All are invited to the annual Archdiocesan Respect Life Mass to observe the National Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children. Celebrated by Archbishop Jerome E. Listcki, let's come together and pray in penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion, and for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life – from conception to natural death.

Questions? Deacon Jim Matthias, Director of the Office for Respect Life Ministry | matthiasj@archmil.org | 414-769-3454

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Stewardship Update

The Stewardship Committee wishes to thank all those who responded to St. Therese's Parish Stewardship Commitment for 2022. The Time in prayer, Talent in Ministry, and your financial Treasure were steps in Embracing the Little Way More.

This year's responses were less than last year at 80%. However, financial commitments were 90% of last year's. 26% Embraced the Little Way More with their pledge of treasure. A few pledged their talents in ministry as well. Thank you for your continued and faithful stewardship as St. Therese makes a Catholic Comeback from the pandemic.

A Stewardship Moment

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time – January 15th/16th

In today's second reading, Saint Paul makes a list of gifts dispensed to members of the Christian community by the Holy Spirit. Each gift bestowed has a specific purpose for the person for whom it is intended: wisdom, knowledge, faith, healing, mighty deeds, prophecy, discernment, tongues, and interpretation. Good stewards know these gifts are not meant to be kept hidden by the recipient but to be shared with the community and beyond. As we begin a new year, let us reflect on the gift the Holy Spirit has given to each of us. Do we recognize this gift? How was it intended that we use this gift? Are we being good stewards of this gift?

St. Sebastian | January 20

Not much is known about the life of St. Sebastian (256 – 287), except that he was a Roman martyr whose name has been mentioned throughout history since early 350.

We see St. Sebastian many times in art, especially from iconic paintings from Guido Reni, Andrea Mantegna and Hendrick ter Brugghen. Historical scholars now agree that a spiritual story has the beloved saint entering the Roman army because only there could he assist Christian martyrs without arousing suspicion on himself. Eventually he was found out, brought before Emperor Diocletian and delivered to Mauritanian archers to be shot to death. Pierced with arrows, he was left for dead, but managed to survive. He recovered from his wounds but still refused to leave.

One day, St. Sebastian took up a position near where the emperor was to pass. He confronted the emperor, condemning him for his cruelty to Christians. This time the sentence of death was carried out, and St. Sebastian was beaten to death with clubs. Today he is the patron saint of athletes. ©LPi



Week of Prayer for Christian Unity – January 18-25

"We saw the star in the East, and we came to worship Him." - Matthew 2:2



The theme for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in 2022 was selected by the Middle East Council of Churches and originates from the churches in Lebanon. The theme expresses the Eastern Churches' tradition of joining Epiphany to the mystery of the Baptism of Christ, a baptism all Christians hold in common as testimony to their faith in the Son of God. Present times in Lebanon are extremely difficult and economically disastrous. All this combined with the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic have made the situation quite stressful. The power of prayer in solidarity with those who suffer is a demonstration of Christian unity and a sign of communion. *(from the website of the Graymoor Ecumenical and Interreligious Institute)*

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity has a history of over 100 years, in which Christians around the world have taken part in an octave of prayer for visible Christian unity. In preparation for the WPCU, ecumenical partners in a particular region were asked to prepare a basic text on a biblical theme. By annually observing the WPCU, Christians move toward the fulfillment of Jesus' prayer at the Last Supper "that they all may be one." (cf. John 17:21)

<https://www.usccb.org/committees/ecumenical-interreligious-affairs/week-prayer-christian-unity-2022>

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

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Sr. Marilyn Metz Linda Okruhlicka
Art Nenning

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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 saintheresemilwaukee.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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