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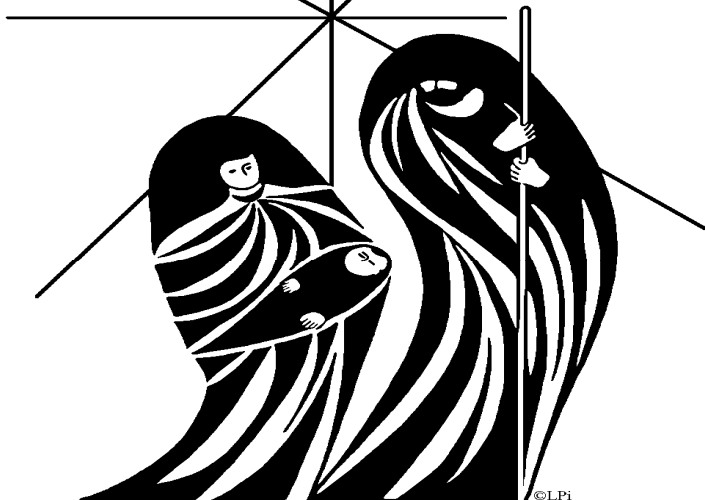
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CATHOLIC CHURCH

EMMANUEL.

Because
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ALLELUIA!

2020 91st STREET
KENOSHA, WI 53143
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PARISH WEBSITE:
www.st-therese-kenosha.org

OUR PARISH MISSION

*We are a welcoming
Christian family
committed to Catholic
values, responding
to the call of Christ
revealed in the diversity
of human need. We
practice a conscious,
living, active faith
in a community whose
source of strength is
the Eucharist.*



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December 7, 2008 · Second Sunday of Advent

COMING EVENTS

Education Events and News

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Come share the sights and sounds of the holiday season, next Sunday, December 14th, 12:30 p.m. in church.



Our students from preschool to grade 6 have been practicing their songs. All parishioners, family and friends are invited to join us

afterwards for cookies and punch in the downstairs hall.

The meatball is back! On January 17 from 5-8 PM, the Home and School Association will be serving a scrumptious Spaghetti Dinner! Pricing is \$7.00 Adults (\$6.50 in advance) \$6.50 Seniors (\$6.00 in advance) \$4.50 Kids (\$4.00 in advance). Tickets will be on sale soon.

"Death Bites the Gold Dust", a wild west themed mystery dinner, will take place at the Parkway Chateau on February 21. The Catholic Order of Foresters will sponsor this event to benefit St. Therese School. More details will be upcoming. Shine your spurs and mark your calendar!



God grades on the cross, not on the curve.

Holiday Shopping With SCRIP

Why not give money back to the church by shopping for your Christmas gifts with SCRIP? As you make your shopping lists, make a list of all the SCRIP you can use to shop. There is no additional cost to you to buy or use SCRIP. The church receives a percentage of all SCRIP purchases.

Shopping at Kmart or Toys 'R Us for children's toys- don't forget the SCRIP.

Electronics on the list for your spouse—don't forget the Best Buy SCRIP.

New to SCRIP---Hallmark gift cards. If you shop Hallmark for holiday cards, gift wrap, and ornaments, here's another opportunity to use SCRIP.

Attention Bulletin Contributors!!

Please take note of the due dates for bulletin announcements during December:

- For the Dec.21 bulletin - items due Mon., Dec. 8
- For the Dec. 28 bulletin - items due Mon., Dec. 15
- For the Jan. 4 bulletin - Items due Mon., Dec. 22

Announcements are due by 9 AM each day.

Major Christmas Church Cleaning



is planned for this Saturday, December 13th at 8:00 AM for ALL TEAMS.

We're all preparing our homes and hearths for the coming holiday season, so why not our God's House? All Team Members current and past are urged to help prepare our church for the Christmas Liturgies.

If you've never been part of the Church Cleaning Team before, this is a great opportunity to meet some terrifically dedicated St. Therese parishioners and do some needed work.



Many folks want to serve God, but only as advisors.



Thanks For Another Great Bazaar!

We would like to thank all of the generous people who donated their white elephant & raffle items, crafts, baked goods & food, and especially their time to the bazaar this year. We netted \$3,194.34. We are truly blessed to have such dedicated parishioners. Thanks again.

Parish Bulletin Board

To be included in the bulletin for the Fourth Sunday of Advent (the Sunday before Christmas), envelopes for the Christmas Memorial Flower Fund must be in the Parish Office by Noon, Wednesday, December 10th.

SCRIP is now available for sale on-line. For further information, please call the Parish Office at 694-4695. SCRIP IS AVAILABLE FOR SALE AFTER ALL WEEKEND MASSES AT THE KIOSK.

Call the Parish Office for further information or contact our website at www.st-therese-kenosha.org

Some thoughts to help you . . .
Along Your Journey in Faith

Advent is a season of joyful anticipation and patient expectation.

But what significance does Advent have for our Journey in Faith today?

Certainly not for the birth of the Christ child! That occurred more than 2,000 years ago. This season links us with all those who lived in the era of longing for the coming of the Messiah. But he has come and lived among us.

Then what are we joyfully anticipating and expecting?

Some are joyfully anticipating the many gifts that they will buy and share with others, along with the many gifts they will receive in return. Others enter into the overblown commercialism – decorating, partying, writing cards and all the endless customs that go with the season.

What if the anticipation and expectation were to focus on how we can continue to make present the living Christ in each and every moment of our daily lives?

Yes, Jesus came among us 2,000 years ago.

But how do we continue to make that presence real in our world?

Jesus himself set the agenda for us. We are to proclaim the good news to the poor, liberty to captives, sight to the blind, provide food for the hungry, shelter for the homeless, freedom for those who are oppressed and abused.

What would the Advent season look like if this, rather than materialism, was the main focus of our joyful anticipation and patient expectation?

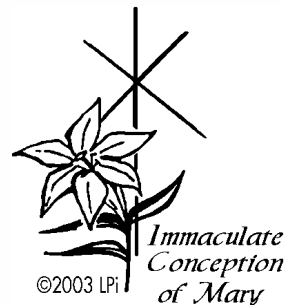
Try it and see what results! It may surprise you!

Father Mike



Parish Life-Long Faith Formation

Monday is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception and a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses on Monday are at 8:00 AM and 7:00 PM.



Liturgical Ministers, please refer to last week's bulletin to see if you are scheduled.

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Crossroads Life Teen

11th Grade Confirmation: Small Group: Dec. 7th; 7-8:30 PM at St. Mary's Parish Center

Confirmation Retreat forms and payments are due no later than December 15th!

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Mandatory Altar Serving Training Planned

A mandatory altar server training will be held on Thursday, December 11th in the church from 6:30 to 8:30 PM. All altar servers who attend public school or St. Joseph's Junior High or High School should be in attendance. There are a substantial amount of position and rubric changes in serving at the altar. Mr. Stacey Mia is the coordinator of altar servers and will be doing the training.

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"Living Our Faith" with Archbishop Timothy Dolan Is televised each Saturday morning at 11 AM on WISN TV 12 and Time Warner Cable's "Wisconsin On Demand."

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The Catholic Women's Club Christmas Luncheon will take place on Monday, December 15th at the Fireside Restaurant with a Social Hour beginning at 11:30 AM; luncheon at 12:30 PM. Initiation of new members and mitten collection will take place. Call Eileen Frederking at 654-4137 or Esther Morley at 697-7205 for reservations. Deadline: 6:00 PM, Monday, December 8th.

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Letters To God



Dear God,
 Of all the people who work for you,
 I like Noah and David the best.
 Robbie



City-wide Penance Services are scheduled for

- Tuesday, December 16 at 12 Noon
St. Elizabeth Parish
- Thursday, December 18 at 7:00 PM
St. Therese Parish
- Saturday, December 20 at 10:00 AM
St. Mark's Parish

Additional Confessions will be heard at St. Therese on Saturday, December 6, 13 and 20 from 3:00 to 3:30 PM.

Christmas Eve

4:00 PM
Vigil Mass

10:00 PM
Mass During The Night

Christmas Day

8:30 AM
Mass At Dawn

10:30 AM
Mass During The Day



St. Therese Parish Office will be closed on Thursday and Friday, December 25 and 26 and on Thursday and Friday, January 1 and 2.



Please submit bulletin announcements in writing to the Parish Office or e-mail to bogaczl@tds.net by 9:00 AM Friday of the week before publication.

PRIVACY LAWS: Please notify the Parish Office if you or a family member is in the hospital, nursing home, hospice, etc. With the new privacy laws, medical institutions will not call unless you ask them to notify the Parish. If you would like a home visit, please call the Parish Office or Homebound Ministry.

Parish Directory

Weekend Masses	Saturday Evening	4:00 PM
	Sunday Morning	8:30 & 10:30 AM
Weekday Masses	Monday, Tuesday, Friday	8:00 AM
	Thursday	5:00 PM
	No 8 am Mass on Wednesday or Saturday	
Holy Day Masses	Please consult Sunday bulletin.	
Reconciliation	Saturday	3:00 to 3:30 PM
First Fridays	12 Hour Adoration	
	Contact: John & Sharon Kirsch 694-4688	
Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions	Thursday	5:30 PM
Parish Telephones	Parish Office	262-694-4695
	Fax	262-694-7284
	Religious Education	262-694-0118
	Youth Ministry	262-694-6018, ext. 133

St. Therese Little Flower Preschool & St. Therese Elementary School 262-694-8080
St. Joseph Interparish Jr. High & High School 262-654-8651

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 Parish Custodian Thomas Bruneau
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Parish Council

Chairperson, Paul Gillespie	Buildings & Grounds, David Becraft
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Recording Secretary, Lori Bogacz	Prayer & Worship, Louise Meyer
	Social Justice Ministries, Patricia Laken
	Stewardship, J. R. Roberts

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) Adults interested in baptism, receptions into the Catholic Church, Confirmation and/or First Communion, children age seven and over not yet baptized; please contact the Parish Office.

Baptism 1st Sunday each month at 11:45 am & 3rd Sunday each month at the 10:30 am Mass. Please call the Parish Office for class registration.

Marriage
Please call the Pastor at least six months in advance to make arrangements.

Home Visitation Anyone who cannot attend Mass and receive the Sacraments, because of sickness or age, please contact the Parish Office or Homebound Ministry.

Estate Planning Please keep St. Therese in mind when planning your estate. This is a wonderful gift that will last many years.

For the Weekend of
December 13-14



4:00 PM Megan Irving-John Zenzola-Kaitlyn Keel
8:30 AM Ethan Ehlers-Melissa & Laura Thurber
10:30 AM Sean & Ryan Kjerulf-Kayla Diesner

Eucharistic Ministers

4:00 PM (B) Lori Bogacz-Carol Bruneau-Roger McPhaul
(C) Barbara Clark-Craig & Christina Anderson-Karen Smith
8:30 AM (B) Bob & Jean Ramsdell-Mary Andrichik
(C) Jeffrey & Debbie Sexton-Julia & Lon Yeary
10:30 AM (B) Rob Jenewein-M. Van Guyse-N. Campagna
(C) Eric Antrim-Rob & Jean Fredrickson-Sue Kaeppler

Lectors

4:00 PM Kimberly Arnett
8:30 AM Pat Puhr
10:30 AM Bruce Havrilak

Ushers

4:00 PM H. Adamson-Ron Lingvay-Joe Struino-John Stancato-Alix Stangas
8:30 AM C. Cajka-W. Doherty-T. Peltier-Paul Ehlers-Joe Hebior
10:30 AM T. Stader-J. Hauke-Laura Thomsen-Dan Balmes-Douglas Johnson

Parish Council News

The Parish Council approved the following motions at their December 1st meeting:

- Charlie Cajka moved and Mark Van Guyse seconded the motion that the Parish Council accept the Buildings and Grounds Committee's recommendation to proceed with the bid from Access Elevator Inc. of Cudahy, Wisconsin and submit the contract to the Finance Committee. Motion was passed unanimously with no abstentions.



Monday, December 8 Feast of Immaculate Conception
8:00 AM † Innocenza Zicarelli (Kosecki Family)
7:00 PM † For All The Members Of Our Parish
Tuesday, December 9
8:00 AM † Gloria Tenuta (Richard & Felicia Arnold)
Wednesday, December 10
NO MASS
Thursday, December 11
5:00 PM † Kay Lucas (Rose Santarelli)
Friday, December 12
8:00 AM † Eugene Irving (Robert & Laura Irving)
Saturday, December 13
4:00 PM † John Seggiaro Anniv. (Yolanda Seggiaro)
Sunday, December 14
8:30 AM † For All The Members Of Our Parish
10:30 AM † Jean Barnett (Dick & Terri Stader))

Parish Events for this Week

Sunday, December 7
7:00 PM 11th Gr. Confirmation Class (St. Mary's)
Monday, December 8
9:00 AM Dec. 21 Bulletin Announcements Due
7:00 PM St. Vincent de Paul Mtg. (Hall)
Tuesday, December 9
6:15 PM Parish School Com. Mtg. (Hall)
7:00 PM Prayer & Worship Mtg. (Hall)
Wednesday, December 10
6:30 PM Gr. 5-8 Religious Ed.
Thursday, December 11
3:45 PM Market Day Pick-Up (Hall)
6:30 PM Altar Server Training (Church)
Saturday, December 13
8:00 AM All Cleaning Teams (Church)
10:00 AM Gr. K-4 Religious Ed.
Sunday, December 14
~ 12:00 Noon School Christmas Concert (Church & Hall)

Pray for our Parish Family

For all who are ill, hospitalized or homebound due to illness or age,

For requests placed in our Prayer Basket,

For the petitions requested with the lighting of candles,

For the success of the Faith in Our Future Campaign,

We Pray To The Lord.

**Readings of the Week
of December 7**

Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8
Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38
Tuesday: Is 40:1-11/Mt 18:12-14
Wed'sday: Is 40:25-31/Mt 11:28-30
Thursday: Is 41:13-20/Mt 11:11-15
Friday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Lk 1:26-38 or 1:39-47
Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Mt 17:9a, 10-13

**Parish Support for the Week
of November 30**

Adult Envelopes \$7,911.00
Offertory.....\$391.47
Church income..... \$8,302.47

Weekly Envelope Budget ... \$7,030.00
Actual Envelope Income..... \$7,911.00
Weekly Difference \$881.00

Fifth Sunday Second Collection to benefit our Social Justice Ministries
\$1,039.01