Parish Mission Statement

We, the parishioners of St. Therese, are committed to continue the ministry of Jesus Christ through prayer, worship, faith, and charity. We believe that the Eucharist should be at the center of our lives; that we are to be the stewards of God, sharing our time and talents to promote our spiritual development as individuals and a community. May St. Therese assist us that we might imitate her life of prayer, simplicity and obedience to God’s will.

24th Sunday

IN ORDINARY TIME

“There will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need of repentance.” - Lk 15:7b
Reading I
Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14
The LORD said to Moses, “Go down at once to your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt, for they have become depraved. They have soon turned aside from the way I pointed out to them, making for themselves a molten calf and worshiping it, sacrificing to it and crying out, ‘This is your God, O Israel, who brought you out of the land of Egypt’” I see how stiff-necked this people is, ” continued the LORD to Moses. Let me alone, then, that my wrath may blaze up against them to consume them. Then I will make of you a great nation.”

But Moses implored the LORD, his God, saying, "Why, O LORD, should your wrath blaze up against your own people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with such great power and with so strong a hand? Remember your servants Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, and how you swore to them by your own self, saying, "I will make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky; and all this land that I promised, I will give your descendants as their perpetual heritage.” So the LORD relented in the punishment he had threatened to inflict on his people.

Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 51: 3-4, 12-13, 17, 19
I will rise and go to my father.
Have mercy on me, O God, in your goodness;
in the greatness of your compassion wipe out my offense.
Thoroughly wash me from my guilt and of my sin cleanse me.
I will rise and go to my father.

A clean heart create for me, O God,
and a steadfast spirit renew within me.
Cast me not out from your presence,
and your Holy Spirit take not from me.
I will rise and go to my father.

O Lord, open my lips,
and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.
My sacrifice, O God, is a contrite spirit;
a heart contrite and humbled, O God,
you will not spurn.
I will rise and go to my father.

Reading II
1 Timothy 1:12-17
Beloved: I am grateful to him who has strengthened me, Christ Jesus our Lord, because he considered me trustworthy in appointing me to the ministry. I was once a blasphemer and a persecutor and arrogant, but I have been mercifully treated because I acted out of ignorance in my unbelief. Indeed, the grace of our Lord has been abundant, along with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. This saying is trustworthy and deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. Of these I am the foremost. But for that reason I was mercifully treated, so that in me, as the foremost, Christ Jesus might display all his patience as an example for those who would come to believe in him for everlasting life. To the king of ages, incorruptible, invisible, the only God, honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

Gospel
Luke 15:1-10
Tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to listen to Jesus, but the Pharisees and scribes began to complain, saying, “This man welcomes sinners and eats with them.” So to them he addressed this parable.
“’What man among you having a hundred sheep and losing one of them would not leave the ninety-nine in the desert and go after the lost one until he finds it? And when he does find it, he sets it on his shoulders with great joy and, upon his arrival home, he calls together his friends and neighbors and says to them, ‘Rejoice with me because I have found my lost sheep.’ I tell you, in just the same way there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need of repentance.
’Or what woman having ten coins and losing one would not light a lamp and sweep the house, searching carefully until she finds it? And when she does find it, she calls together her friends and neighbors and says to them, ‘Rejoice with me because I have found the coin that I lost.’ In just the same way, I tell you, there will be rejoicing among the angels of God over one sinner who repents.’”
Everyday Stewardship  
Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

Rise, and Go to Your Father

“If you pull into my driveway and honk, you better be dropping off a package, because you're sure not picking anything up.”

I first read these words in the pages of W. Bruce Cameron’s “8 Simple Rules for Dating my Teenage Daughter,” (that’s Rule No. 5, by the way).

There’s a certain respect that is shown by someone who takes the time to come to the door, ring the bell and wait to be greeted. Being willing to go through the niceties for the sake of appearances is a small act of deference on the part of the person doing the picking-up, even if it’s not for a date. Without it, the whole scenario becomes entitled.

I want you to think of something that you want or need, but do not have. Is it peace? Is it financial stability? Is it strength? Is it friendship?

The brother of the prodigal son had a lot of unexpressed desires. He sees his brother heaped with gifts and favors, feasting on the fattened calf, and he is enraged. I haven’t been given half of that, he thinks, and I’ve worked so hard.

But for all his faithfulness, one has to wonder — did this son ever simply ask for what he needed? Did he get out of the car, so to speak, and ring the bell? Or did he sit in the driveway leaning on the horn?

God wants us to come before Him. He wants us to ask. He wants us to be like Moses — sure enough of our Father’s indulgence to boldly ask for it.

Think again about what you need but do not have, and ask yourself: Have I approached the door and rung the bell?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Patriot Day

Heavenly Father, Creator of All,  
You have created the human person as good.  
You have placed us in the world as one human family, as sisters and brothers.  
We pray today for all victims of violence across the world, for the healing of their mind and body, for their mourning family members, for the repose of their souls.  
Jesus, You have told us to love our enemies, and to pray for those who persecute us.  
Give us the strength and courage to forgive.  
Remove all lingering desire for revenge.  
Holy Spirit, reveal to us the mercy of God.  
Give us the gift of Your peace that surpasses all understanding.

Amen.

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Gospel Meditation  
Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture  

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Since God created human beings, we have struggled to keep our focus on God. We wrestle with the question of “who is God” and foolishly believe some of God’s job description can be better completed by us. We wander in different directions, lose our way, think that happiness can be found elsewhere and even construct golden calves to worship. Are we simply too independent or just blatantly stubborn? It’s a good question to ask. Even with all of our silliness and distractions, God compassionately and patiently waits. He lets us assert our wills and knows that perhaps one day we will actually wake up and realize how lost we are.

“Since happiness is nothing other than the enjoyment of the highest good and since the highest good is above, no one can be made happy unless he rises above himself, not by an ascent of the body but of the heart. But we cannot rise above ourselves unless a higher power lifts us up … Divine aid is available to those who seek it from their hearts, humbly and devoutly; and this means to sigh for it in this valley of tears, through fervent prayer (St. Bonaventure).” One of the biggest human struggles is discerning what, exactly, is the highest good. We are ordered to achieve it but if we pursue it with clouded vision, we will never truly find it.

One of the greatest obstacles to God’s power and love is a stubborn, closed heart of stone. When we are fiercely determined to set our sights elsewhere for happiness or simply ride the popular currents of the day, we will never satisfy the deep ache and longing within. We know that ache well. It is precisely why we scurry all over the place, attempting to find the next best thing to take away its pain. Nothing in the created world ever can or will. We continue our journey. One day, people may wake up and realize that they are grazing in the wrong pasture and putting themselves in harm’s way. When this awakening occurs, it will be a most joyous day as we will see God’s wide-open arms waiting to receive us. “Lead me, Lord, in your path, and I will enter in your truth. Let my heart rejoice that it may fear your name (St. Bonaventure).”

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Saint John Chrysostom | September 13
Born in Antioch in the 4th century, and raised by his widowed mother, Saint John received a rigorous classical education. He was first called to the ascetic life, even spending time as an anchorite living in a cave near Antioch. However, this life of extreme mortification was hard on his physical body, and he eventually returned to the city to recover.

Saint John was ordained in 298. He spent the next 12 years preaching in the Cathedral of Antioch, and it was most likely during this time that he earned the name Chrysostom which means “golden-mouthed.”

In 397 or 398 he was made archbishop of Constantinople against his will. This post placed Saint John in the midst of imperial politics. But he would not be drawn in. He kept a modest household without extravagance and refused to serve the sumptuous suppers for political supplicants that predecessors in the position had. He preached against corruption and decadence and fought for the reform of clergy even deposing corrupt bishops.

Unfortunately, this high moral stance made enemies of powerful people at court and in the Church. They conspired against him and eventually Saint John was exiled to Armenia. He died in exile in 407. He was made a Father of the Church at the Council of Chalcedon in 451 and declared a Doctor of the Church in 1568.

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Live Stream Sunday 10 a.m. Mass
Live-streamed on the St. Therese Facebook page and our website so you can join in spiritually from your home.

SAINT JOHN CHRYSOSTOM 
FEAST DAY SEPTEMBER 13

Live-streaming of St. John Chrysostom Mass

Eucharistic Adoration will take place
Tuesday - Thursday from 9 am to 8 pm.
Friday 9 to noon.

The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be said every Friday at noon.

If you are in need of pastoral or spiritual assistance, please contact the parish office or Father Albert.
Office: (715)359-2421
Fr. Albert: 1-715-897-3570

Please remember to pray for the members of Saint Therese Parish, those who have recently passed, those who are sick, and those who are in the hospital. Also, please remember to pray for the terminally ill and homebound.

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What is the Liturgy of the Hours, and How Can I Benefit from Doing Them?

Chris Carstens, Director of the Office of Sacred Worship of the Diocese of La Crosse, will answer those questions - and more - at a free, deanery-wide talk at St. Peter’s Parish 800 Fourth Avenue, Stevens Point, WI 54481 on Thursday, September 22 at 6:30 p.m.

All are invited to attend and learn how the Liturgy of the Hours can enhance your life, as he leads listeners step-by-step through this Sacred Liturgy.

St. Peter Parish will begin to offer communal Vespers on Sunday nights at 7 p.m. starting September 25. Material will be provided. You’re invited to participate as we’re led in Gregorian chant, or just sit back and listen.

Park in the rear parking lot of St. Perter Parish and enter through the SW doors of the Faustina Room. Come join us for this age-old liturgy.

Knights of Columbus

Knights of Columbus Council 4628 Sacred Heart will be meeting Tuesday, September 13 at 7 p.m. in the St Therese council chambers. The new financial secretary is Brother Mike Ausloss and the new treasurer is Brother Roman Eggebrecht. A light luncheon to follow the meeting. If you have any questions, contact Grand Knight Mark Schaefer 262-225-3258.

Reading the Catechism

Getting to know Jesus Christ in a deeper way. Reading the Catechism in 10 months We grow in our love for someone as we get to know them better. Would you like to grow in your love for Jesus Christ through coming to know Him better? Reading the Catechism, a few pages each day, will help you deepen your understanding of His incredible love for you. A modest schedule of 15 paragraphs per night (roughly 3 pages) has been arranged that will take about 10-15 minutes of reflective reading, 5 nights a week over 38 weeks. A schedule is emailed to participants every two weeks. To sign up, email Ann Lankford at alankford@diloc.org with the word Catechism in the subject line. There are usually more than 100 people who participate each year and they express that the fruits are well worth the effort. Invite your friends to join.

March for Life Wisconsin

Join us for the second annual March for Life Wisconsin on Saturday, September 24, from 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. at the State Capitol! Hear from inspirational pro-life leaders, march, and pray for an end to all abortion. Pro-Life Wisconsin will once again provide buses from various Wisconsin cities for $30/rider. Registration is not necessary if you are securing your own transportation. Whether riding the bus or driving yourself, please bring a pack of diapers to be donated to local pregnancy resource centers. For more information, visit: ProLifeWI.org/marchforlife

Little Flower Council

I hope to see ALL ladies that are members of St. Therese parish at our first meeting on Monday, Sept. 12th. We will meet in the church basement at 6:45. Since this is our “kick-off” meeting for the fall we have a fun evening planned. Please join us for a chance to win some prizes and get to know other women of the parish.

Fall Breakfast

St. Joseph Galloway
Sunday, October 9
Buffet Style Breakfast 9:30 a.m.-12 p.m. - Adults $10 - 6-12 $6 - 5 & Under Free - 50/50 and Cash Raffle After 8:30 a.m. Mass

Not Just Another Car Show

St. Mary Catholic Church, Marion, is hosting their 12th annual, “Not just Another Car Show! Motorcycle! Tractor Show!” on Sunday September 18 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the grounds of St. Mary’s, State Hwy 45, Marion. This event is helping us to raise funds for our church improvement fund. Along with the Car Show, we will be serving food all day, having a bake sale, 50/50 raffles, bucket raffles and a silent auction. For more information, call 715-754-2028, 715-754-5083 or 715-250-0702.
St Therese is looking for your Cooking and Serving talents….

St Therese has volunteered to prepare and serve a meal at Jubilee House for those less fortunate on September 29 at 3:30pm. Karen Morehouse is leading this and is looking for some help to prepare a menu, cook the food, and serve the food. There will be a meeting on Thursday, September 15 at 6 p.m. to put the menu together and assign tasks. Please call or email Karen Morehouse at 715-573-5564 or kmorehouse13@hotmail.com if you can help. Many hands make light work!

Church Cleaners Needed

We are in need of someone to vacuum the church one Monday out of the month. This would only take 2 - 2 1/2 hours. Please call Ellen at 715-359-4643.

Calendar Raffle News

and the winners are...

Tuesday, September 6th - Chris Manteufel
Thursday, September 8th - Andrew Skarbek

PARISH FINANCES

September 3-4

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Capital Improvement Expenditure (CAPEX): current total to date $75,705 this total includes three anonymous donations equaling $41,000.

PARISH FINANCES

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% of Families that Tithed for the month: 34%

Current Inspired by the Spirit 2022

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Bulletin article deadline: Tuesday by noon

Mass Schedule
4:30 p.m. (Sunday Liturgy)
8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m. Sunday
8:00 a.m. Tuesday - Friday

Eucharistic Adoration
Tuesday - Thursday 9 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Friday 9 - Noon
Reconciliation
Tuesday - Friday at 7:30 a.m.
Saturday at 3:30 p.m.
Sunday before Masses

Anointing of the Sick
Call the Parish Office if you are ill and in need of healing. Also, call if you would like to be on the list for weekly Communion at home.

Baptism
Baptisms are celebrated on the first Sunday of the month.
To register for a preparation class, call Father Albert at the Parish Office.

Marriage
Call the Parish Office as soon as possible after you are engaged for the initial interviews, arrangements, and preparations.

Couples Preparing to Celebrate the Sacrament of Marriage
In the Diocese of La Crosse (as in all the dioceses in Wisconsin), there are expectations that couple's participate the Natural Family Planning class, Foccus program and the diocesan marriage preparation retreat. To be considered for marriage, a couple must complete the engaged class, Foccus, and the diocesan marriage preparation retreat. The diocesan retreat entitled, Married Love: Two Becoming One would be completed 4-6 months before the celebration of the sacrament. Retreat date: 10/15/2022. Cost: $100.00 per couple. The retreat is presented by Fr. Al Sloyiak, please call him at 715-359-5206 to register for this retreat.
Do you have a business that you would like to advertise here? A small black and white ad costs under $5.00 per week. A color ad is under $7.00 per week. Call the Parish Office at 715-359-2421.

Pray to Protect Life

www.priestsforlife.org
www.prolifewi.org
www.wisconsinrighttolife.org

St. Therese Church

Knights of Columbus
Meetings on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm.
Contact Mark Schaefer 1-262-225-3258

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