



St. 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.

St. Vincent Pallotti Parish

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A Community of disciples, nourished by the Eucharist, caring for each other and reaching out to others.

December 14, 2025



Third Sunday of Advent

Matthew 11:2-11

When I was 11, I was riding my bike on a Friday night in Scottsdale, Arizona. I saw giant spotlights swirling in the sky. Something amazing had to be happening. I pedaled after them with excitement. Sweaty and tired, I arrived, only to find a used car lot. Bright lights, flapping banners, inflatable balloon men swaying wildly in the wind. I stood there, heart sinking. All that spectacle, and all my effort ... for this?

As life proceeds, we learn what it is like to pursue promising but fruitless searches. This week we hear Jesus ask the crowds regarding John the Baptist: "What did you go out to the desert to see? A reed swayed by the wind?" (Matthew 11:7). He's not just describing the crowd's mis-aimed pursuit. He's naming our tendency to chase after what's flashy but flimsy.

What are our swaying reeds? For me, it is endless video reels on my phone, worldly pleasures, entertainment in sports, and the good opinion of others. Inflated distractions that bend whichever way the wind blows. But they can't satisfy my soul. What are your flimsy reeds?

John the Baptist wasn't a swaying reed. He was rooted, grounded, unafraid to speak the solid truth. The people went to see him because, deep down, they were starving for something real.

This Advent, the Church asks us to reassess: What are we really looking for? Are we chasing the dazzling but hollow? Or are we seeking what is solid and lasting — that which points to Christ? — *Father John Muir* ©LPi

Parish Pastoral Council

1st Wednesday of the Month at 7:00PM

To contact a Parish Pastoral Council Member, send an email to council@sttheresemke.org or leave a message for them in either parish office. Meeting minutes are available in the parish offices.

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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 either 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 contact either Parish Office.

Need Prayer?

Call the Prayer Network at
(414) 810-9844

Need Holy Communion?

Call either Parish Office

The deadline for the December 21 bulletin has passed. The next available bulletin is the December 28 bulletin.

Pastor of St. Vincent Pallotti Parish & St. Therese Parish

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For Parish Emergencies After Hours, Push 0

Office Hours

Sunday: 10:00AM to 11:00AM
Monday: 8:30AM–12:00PM; 12:00PM–3:30PM Remote
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Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: 3:15–3:45PM - St. Vincent Pallotti - West
Sunday: 6:45–7:15AM - St. Vincent Pallotti - East
First Sunday of the Month: 8:15AM - St. Therese
Or by appointment on weekdays

Blessing of the Sick

After Mass on the First Full Weekend of the Month.
You can also contact either Parish Office or Fr. Tom PC on his cell phone at (414) 308-6238 to arrange a visit.

Baptism, Marriage and RCIA

Please call either Parish Office. Preparation can take nine months or more.

Funerals

Contact either Parish Office to plan.

Parish Membership / Support

Anyone over age 18 is invited to register as an adult member.
Please call either Parish Office for more information.

Events for the Week

STP = St. Therese Parish SVP-E = St. Vincent Pallotti East Church
SVP-W = St. Vincent Pallotti West Church

Sunday, December 14

Sharing Weekend/SCRIP Pick-Up Weekend at STP

- 6:45AM Reconciliation at SVP-E
- 7:30AM Mass at SVP-E
- 8:30AM Cookie Sale at SVP-E
- 9:00AM Mass at STP – Live Streamed on Facebook
- 9:15AM Children's Liturgy of the Word at STP
- 10:00AM Advent/Christmas Library Display at STP
- 10:00AM Christmas Eve Children's Choir Rehearsal at STP
- 10:30AM Mass at SVP-W – Live Streamed and Posted
- 10:45AM Children's Liturgy of the Word at SVP-W
- 11:30AM Cookie Sale at SVP-W

Monday, December 15

- 6:25AM Morning Mass at SVP-E
- 6:00PM Gr 1-6 Catechesis Program at St. Jude
- 6:00PM Kindergarten Catechesis Program at St. Jude

Tuesday, December 16

- 8:45AM Morning Mass at STP
- 9:15AM Bible Study at STP
- 12:00PM Afternoon Mass at SVP-W
- 5:00PM Christmas Novena at SVP-E
- 6:30PM SVP Finance Council Meeting at SVP-W

Wednesday, December 17

- 6:25AM Morning Mass at SVP-E
- 8:15AM SVP School Prayer Service at SVP-W
- 5:00PM Christmas Novena at SVP-E
- 5:30PM Adoration at STP
- 6:00PM Evening Mass at STP

Thursday, December 18

- 11:30AM Adoration at SVP-W
- 12:00PM Afternoon Mass at SVP-W
- 4:00PM Choir Rehearsal at SVP-W
- 5:00PM Christmas Novena at SVP-E
- 6:30PM Stewardship Committee via ZOOM
- 7:00PM Group 100 AA

Friday, December 19

- 6:25AM Morning Mass at SVP-E
- 9:00AM Church Cleaning at SVP-W
- 5:00PM Christmas Novena at SVP-E

Saturday, December 20

Birthday Weekend, Library Weekend, and SvDP Collection at SVP

- 1:00PM Christmas Novena at SVP-E
- 3:15PM Confessions at SVP-W
- 3:15PM Rosary at SVP-W
- 4:00PM Mass at SVP-W

Sunday, December 21

Birthday Weekend, Library Weekend, and SvDP Collection at SVP

- 6:45AM Reconciliation at SVP-E
- 7:30AM Mass at SVP-E
- 9:00AM Mass at STP – Live Streamed on Facebook
- 10:00AM Christmas Eve Children's Choir Rehearsal at STP
- 10:00AM Rosary Prayer Service at STP
- 10:30AM Mass at SVP-W – Live Streamed and Posted
- 1:00PM Christmas Novena at SVP-E

Intentions & Readings for the Week



December Sanctuary Candle at STP

For Travelers and Explorers

Sunday, December 14

Readings *Is 35:1-6a, 10/Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10 (see Is 35:4)/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11*

Monday, December 15

Readings *Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/Mt 21:23-27*
6:25AM (SVP-E)

Tuesday, December 16

Readings *Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 and 23/Mt 21:28-32*
8:45AM (STP) †Gary Gradisnik
12:00PM (SVP-W) Blessing for the health for Julie Martens (Czaplewski Family)

Wednesday, December 17

Readings *Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17/Mt 1:1-17*
6:25AM
6:00PM †Ruth Stueckroth

Thursday, December 18

Readings *Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19/Mt 1:18-25*
12:00PM (SVP-W) Special Intentions of Louise Faragallah

Friday, December 19

Readings *Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17/Lk 1:5-25*
6:25AM (SVP-E) †Sr Ellen Lorenz & †Sr Jean Raymond McBride (K. Schleicher)

Saturday Mass, December 20

Readings *Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 1:26-38*
4:00PM Sr Jeanne Marie Moran (A. Moran)

Sunday Mass, December 21

Observance: 4th Sunday of Advent

Readings *Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 (7c, 10b)/Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24*
7:30AM (SVP-E) Parishioners
9:00AM (STP) †Claire Dufour and the St. Therese Parish Community
10:30AM (SVP-W)



To be included, please call either Parish Office.

AG, Dorothy Ash, Peter Carlis, Brandon Choe, Irene Czarnecki, Michael Czarnecki, Shirley Diciaula, Nancy Dineen, Berni Doberstein, Dean Doberstein, Kylie Doyne, Dick Dufour, Elizabeth and Elijah, Theresa Gamsky, Family G, Sue Grignon, Edwin Gunther, Matthew Harrison, Dan Heinz, Josette Jaeger, Andrew James, Mary Kirchner, Helen Klister, Julie Kross, Ellen Lemkuil, Rachel Lund, Kathy Manthe, Debbie Martin, Loretta Merz, Robert Metrey, Hanna Miroslaw, Celeste Rau, Jacob & Jaxson Rivera, Kaity Shields, Michael Sullivan, Robert Szablewski, Beverly T., Rosann Thate, Terry Valdovinos, Mary Vanderbunt, John Wachowiak, Chris Wehausen



Christmas Office Hours

St. Vincent Pallotti

- Tuesday, 12/23 - 8:30AM to 2:00PM
- Wednesday, 12/24 through Friday, 12/26 - Closed
- Monday, 12/29 - 8:30AM to Noon
- Tuesday, 12/30 - 8:30AM to 1:30PM
- Wednesday, 12/31 through Friday, 1/2 - Closed

St. Therese Parish

- Monday, 12/1 - Closed
- Wednesday, 12/24 through Sunday, 12/28 - Closed
- Tuesday, 12/30 - 8:30AM to Noon; Closed PM
- Wednesday, 12/31 through Sunday, 1/4 - Closed

Sharing Weekend is This Weekend: December 14 at STP

The December Sharing Weekend recipient at St. Therese is Sojourner Family Peace Center. Sojourner Family Peace Center was founded in 1975 in response to a critical need in our communities. The need is just as great now, 50 years later.

Though Sojourner is best known for emergency shelter and restraining order advocacy, advocates also serve survivors seeking safety and healing in a myriad of other ways. Current programming includes outreach in response to law enforcement and health care referrals, as well as family activities and prevention programming for youth.

Donations can be made at Mass, mailed to the Parish Office or by using the QR code to donate online. If you are writing a check, please make it out to Sojourner Family Peace Center. Thank you for your generosity.



Christmas Mass Schedule



- Christmas Eve – Wednesday, December 24
 - 4:00PM at St. Therese Parish
 - 4:00PM at St. Vincent Pallotti - West
- Christmas Day Mass – Thursday, December 25
 - 7:30AM at St. Vincent Pallotti - East
 - 10:00AM at St. Vincent Pallotti - West
- Solemnity of Mary/World Day of Prayer for Peace
 - Wednesday, December 31 at 4:00PM at St. Vincent Pallotti - West
Adoration before Mass at 3:30PM
 - Thursday, January 1 at 9:00AM at Saint Therese Parish

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.



Altered Bulletin Deadlines for Holiday Season

Please note the following altered bulletin deadlines:

- December 28 Bulletin – Articles due December 16 at 8:00AM
- January 4 Bulletin – Articles due December 22 at 8:00AM
- January 25 Bulletin – Articles due January 12 at 8:00AM

Sunday Masses Live-Streamed and Recorded!

- The 9:00AM Sunday Mass at St. Therese Parish is live-streamed on their Facebook page and posted on their website after Mass.
- The 10:30AM Sunday Mass at St. Vincent Pallotti is live-streamed and posted on their website and is also available on YouTube.

Flower/Candle Memorial Donations for the Christmas Season at St. Therese Parish

Consider remembering a loved one or honoring a special intention by donating a memorial toward the cost of flowers and candles for the Christmas Season. Complete the form below and return with your donation in the collection basket or send it to the Parish Office.



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

ST. THERESE CHURCH SUPPORT

Envelopes & Offertory – Nov 30	\$ 950.06
Envelopes & Offertory – Nov 23	\$ 2,067.00
Envelopes & Offertory – Nov 16	\$ 8,993.58
Envelopes & Offertory – Nov 9	\$ 1,922.00
Envelopes & Offertory – Nov 2	\$ 1,768.00
Maintenance Donations	\$ 1,165.00
Sharing Weekend (November 9)	\$ 1,835.50

Please remember St. Therese in your will!

Schedule a Mass Intention

Consider donating a Mass intention in memory of a loved one or in celebration of a special event. To donate, contact Heather Goeden in the Parish Office.

Looking to donate online? Go to either Parish website to make a contribution on our online giving websites. Thank you for your generosity.

The Stewardship Parish Support tables with each parish’s collection totals will be reported on the second weekend each month showing the entire previous month’s contributions. Thank you for your support!

Please remember St. Vincent Pallotti and St. Therese Parish in your will.



"Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever." -

Psalm 107:1

During this season of gratitude, please consider a year-end gift to the Catholic Stewardship Appeal. Your support allows the Church to put faith into action by serving parishes, schools, seminarians, and ministries across the Archdiocese. Gifts can be made online at www.catholicappeal.org. For questions, contact Jenny Mendenhall, CSA Director, at 414-769-3320.



Reuniting Us As "One Nation, Under God" Rosary Prayer Service:

December 21

Join us after the 9:00AM Mass at St. Therese. We will pray the rosary and end with a short meditation. The service lasts about 25 minutes.



Cookies and Craft and Book Sale – This Weekend!

The Choir Cookie Sale is this weekend after the 4:00PM Mass on Saturday and after the 7:30AM and 10:30AM Masses on Sunday.

Choose your own homemade cookies for \$13.00 per pound. (\$12.00 for each subsequent pound) Prepared wrapped plates of assorted cookies will also be available.

The Craft Circle will present lovely craft items for sale each day.

There will be a used book sale. New to the sale this year – books on CD, CDs, DVDs, and gifts for book-lovers. Nothing over \$2!

Also after the 10:30AM Mass ham sandwiches will be available for purchase. Of course Santa will be there...willing to chat and pose for a picture. Ho Ho Ho!

Thank you for your support.

St. Therese Cookie Sale – December 20

Place your orders online at www.sttheresemke.org, by using the QR Code, or call Jennifer Poethig at (414) 217-3376 by December 15.



Cookies are \$13 for a 1lb box and \$25 for a 2 lb box. New this year- 2025 Cookie Book Recipes for \$5.

Bakers please remember to drop off your cookie donations on December 19 between 2:00–7:00PM, so your yummy holiday treats can be boxed up!

Pick-up will be on December 20 from 10:00AM to 2:00PM. Extra packages will also be available for purchase after Mass on December 21.



St. Therese Advent Giving 2025

We are still accepting cash donations for Down Syndrome Association of Wisconsin, ERAS Senior Network, St. Vincent de Paul Society, and the VA Hospital **through today – December 14**. If you write a check, make it out to St. Therese with the organization in the memo line. *Please clearly indicate how you would like your donation allocated. If it is not indicated, we will divide your donation equally among the organizations.*

We are also collecting **hats, mittens and gloves for men, women and children to be distributed through Capuchin Community Services**, as well as **cash donations for St. Joseph Apache Mission in the Diocese of Las Cruces**. There are special envelopes on the table by the bulletins you can use for your donations to that group **through December 21**. Thank you for your generosity.

St. Vincent Pallotti Advent Giving Tree

The Giving Tree this year is for the Capuchins and the people they serve. Their guests need gloves, scarves, hats and other winter clothes. Their homeless guests are in need of warm blankets. Additionally, we are collecting unwrapped toys for the children such as playdoh sets, hot wheel cars & track, music head/earphones, coloring sets & easel, action figures, jumbo character stuffed plush animals, Etch a Sketch, children's books, basketball, football, baseball or soccer balls, scooters, and other toys for children birth to 10 years of age.

The drive goes through December 21. Gift lists can be found at the Giving Tree. Help decorate the tree by hanging your warm gloves and scarves on the tree or taking an ornament from the basket and hanging it on the tree. Thank you for your generosity.

2025 Almsgiving Opportunity for Both Parishes – St Joseph Apache Mission Church in Las Cruces, NM

Last December, Fr. PC traveled with the Catholic Extension Society on an immersion trip to the St Joseph Apache Mission Church in Las Cruces, NM where he met with the pastor and some parishioners. Franciscan friars built the stone church in 1920 to bring comfort, hope and renewed faith to the indigenous community that lived on the reservation that serves as the church's home. Its mission continues today with a food bank, faith outreach, and social services for the local families, many of whom live well below the poverty line.

Please prayerfully consider supporting the St Joseph Apache Mission this Advent. Your investment will help to raise more missionaries and mission communities over the coming year. Flyers and envelopes for your donations are available on the table in the back of church. The envelopes can be placed in the collection basket or turned into the Parish Office by **December 21**.



**From The Earth Ministry:
Sign up for the 2025 County
Grounds Christmas Bird Count**



This is a wonderful outdoors event that is supported by our Earth Ministry. The annual bird count will take place on Saturday, December 20 at 8:00AM for two hours. You don't have to be a full-fledged birder (pun intended) to help out – beginners are most welcome.

The County Grounds is a major Migratory Bird Route or Flyway for southeastern Wisconsin, following the Menomonee River with supportive forests and open fields. Loss of habitat and development continue to impact wildlife in the County Grounds. Identifying and counting bird populations is important to document the diverse treasures that we have.

Registration is requested. Sign up at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MWLJ6DX> Dress for the weather. There is an App for novice birders: <https://merlin.allaboutbirds.org/> Sponsored by Friends of Co. Grounds Park, The Monarch Trail, Forest Exploration Ctr.

Year End Giving & Contribution Statements

All final 2025 contributions must be placed in the collection basket the weekend of December 27/28 or postmarked no later than Wednesday, December 31, 2025 to be recognized as a 2025 contribution. Online contributions must be received no later than Friday, December 26 so they have time to process before the end of the year.

Year End Contribution Statements will be generated in early January. The statements will include contributions from all sources, including WeShare. However, only weekly envelopes, stock contributions, and maintenance donations are included. Advent Giving, Mission Contributions, and Sharing Sunday are pass through; that is, the donation goes to the recipient charity, not to the Parish.

If your address has changed, please let the Parish Office know. The information can be updated prior to mailing the statements.

If you plan to donate stock to by December 31, please contact Christine at St. Therese or Susana at St. Vincent Pallotti for our brokerage information.

Advent Prayer Materials

The Grow Your Faith Table(GYFT) has daily reflection booklets for Advent through Christmas to support your faith life. Each day offers a new perspective to reflect, meditate, and pray on. So take one today as Advent, the new Church year, is here. Be prepared in the best way for our Savior.

Ministers and Volunteers Needed!

Birthday Weekend Bakers Needed – East Church

We would like to thank Ginny Hay & Jean Ann Stone for their many years of dedication to Birthday Sunday at the East Church. After decades of baking, Ginny has decided to retire although Jean Ann will continue. We are looking for a baker or bakers to help bake for Birthday Sunday at the East Church. Please contact Lenny Schaefer at (414) 534-1450 if you can help. Thank you!

Liturgical Ministers Needed

St. Vincent Pallotti

St Vincent Pallotti is always interested in finding more people who would be willing to assist at weekend Masses. We currently have a DESPERATE need for Eucharistic Ministers at the 4:00PM Mass on Saturdays. On most Saturdays, we have two or three open positions out of six needed. If you have questions or think you may be interested, please contact Father PC, a sacristan, another Eucharistic minister or usher. You can also call the Parish Office or email Tom Barth at tbarth@stvpc.org. Unfortunately, if we can not fill these positions, we will have to remove some communion stations.

St. Therese

Sign up now to serve as a Lector, Hospitality Minister, Altar Server or Eucharistic Minister during December at St. Therese Parish. 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!

If you are interested in joining a ministry at either parish, please contact Heather in the Parish Office.



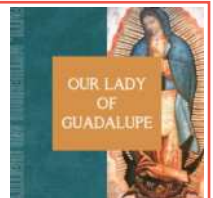
Fourth Sunday Formation

Our next Fourth Sunday Formation sessions will take place on December 27/28 after all Masses at both parishes. The topic will be about How to Celebrate Christmas (or the holidays in general) when life is hard. Please plan to join us and bring a friend!

Devotions, Explained!

Our Lady of Guadalupe

The four apparitions of Our Lady of Guadalupe took place in December 1531, when Juan Diego, an indigenous convert to the Catholic faith, encountered a woman dressed as an Aztec princess on Tepeyac Hill in present-day Mexico City. The woman, who was pregnant, spoke to him in his native language. She identified herself as the Mother of God.



Over the next four apparitions, Our Lady requested that Juan Diego implore the local bishop to build a church on the hill, and performed miracles to prove her identity. Through one of the miracles, she imprinted her image onto Juan Diego's tilma, or cloak; the tilma bearing that image can still be viewed today at the basilica which now stands on the site of the apparition.

Our Lady of Guadalupe is venerated as the Patroness of the Americas, and she is beloved worldwide as a symbol of motherhood, faith and identity. Her feast day is December 12. ©LPi

A Note from the St. Therese Finance Council...

As we approach the end of 2025, this is a friendly reminder that for many, this is the time to make your final 2025 contribution to St Therese for the year! If you have an Individual Retirement Account (IRA), consult your IRA adviser about possibly making a contribution to St Therese directly from your IRA. If you don't have an IRA, you can simply make a contribution to St Therese by cash or check.

The other reason for this friendly reminder is to inform everyone that we are falling short of our budgeted Envelope and Offertory Collections this year. Any additional contributions would be most appreciated to help get us back on track with the budget. The budget had already built in a loss for the year, and if Envelope and Offertory contributions continue to short fall, we potentially will have a larger loss.

Thank You for your continued support of our parish!



JUBILEE OF PRISONERS
December 14, 2025

Pope Francis has designated this Sunday as a Jubilee of Prisoners.

In honor of this Jubilee, below are three ministries that bring Christ's compassion to those in prison:

Thrive for Life / Joseph House

A house of studies for highly motivated individuals who want to continue their education after returning from incarceration. Their work opens pathways to healing, education, community and lasting transformation.



Info: thriveforlife.org/milwaukee • Donate: thriveforlife.org/donate

Dismas Ministry

Through free Bibles, prayer books, catechisms and Scripture-based study courses, Dismas Ministry supports chaplains, volunteers and our brothers and sisters in prison nationally. Their mission is to restore dignity, offer hope and nurture spiritual healing through God's Word.



Info: dismasministry.org • Donate: dismasministry.org/light

Friends with Pens

A transformative pen-pal ministry that connects volunteers with incarcerated men and women through handwritten letters. A small gesture of friendship can ease isolation, encourage personal growth and remind someone that they are not forgotten.



Learn more: bit.ly/friends-through-pens

God's Work



Our Hands

As 2025 winds down, how are we living out our current stewardship theme: "God's Work, Our Hands?"

Our hands have served at Holy Mass; our hands prepared and served food for homeless men at the Guest House, and to fellow parishioners at our parish picnic; our hands carried banners as we accompanied Jesus through the streets in our Corpus Christi procession; our hands created prayer shawls and other gifts to share; our hands have been folded in prayer, and have reached out to invite, to welcome, to serve, and to comfort those around us. It isn't too late to return your stewardship form and pledge your hands to more of God's work.

God's work is Love; He fills our hands with love and blessings to share wherever we go. As you thank God for your blessings, please consider your offering to the parish to be placed at the service of God.

We thank you for your continued support of our parish communities.

May God bless you.

The Stewardship Committee



Standing Committee Monthly Reports
Stewardship Committee

The stewardship committee met on November 20. The committee made plans for handling the forms returned by parishioners in the "God's Work Our Hands" campaign. As of November 20, there were 39 forms returned to St. Vincent Pallotti and 56 forms returned to St. Therese. The committee will ensure that everyone who returned a form receives a thank you card and that there is a follow-up with anyone who expressed an interest in something new.

The committee looked ahead as we updated our annual plan. A decision was made to increase our focus on the following:

- 1) How to become more welcoming to non-parishioners and to visitors.
- 2) We need to improve our follow-up with new parishioners and with those who sign the guest book.
- 3) Find ways to express gratitude toward our parish volunteers.

The committee also discussed our need for new members with creative and fresh ideas. Anyone who thinks they might enjoy this kind of work is encouraged to contact Father PC or one of our committee members.

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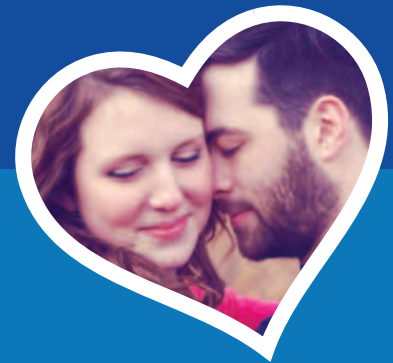
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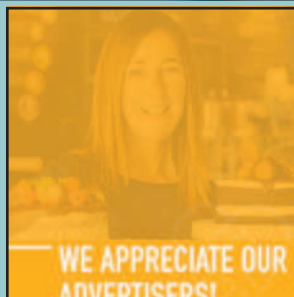
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