



## 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 21, 2025



## Fourth Sunday of Advent

*Matthew 1:18-24*

A priest friend recently told me a remarkable story. One of his cousins reported having a vivid dream in which an angel told him the family needed to exhume their grandmother's body from a cemetery in New York and return it to her birthplace in Romania. She had been dead nearly 10 years. As you might expect, the family thought it was, well, crazy. But astonishingly they exhumed her body. It was incorrupt, showing no signs of decomposition. That experience sparked healing, faith, and reconciliation throughout the family.

In this Sunday's Gospel, Joseph also receives a dream. He's confused, afraid. But in the quiet of sleep, God speaks: "Do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home" (Matthew 1:20). When he wakes, Joseph acts. He doesn't overanalyze or dismiss the message. He trusts, and acts.

God still speaks — not necessarily through literal dreams but through those deeper intuitions of the heart. St. Ignatius of Loyola taught that God's voice draws us into peace, courage, and love. But we have to listen to it. Advent is a time for stillness. As we prepare for Christ's coming, we're invited to enter that quiet space where God's voice can be heard.

When and how do you become most receptive to God? Is it in silence? In prayer? In nature? At Mass? This week, go there. Be still. Listen. And like Joseph, have the courage to act on what God shows you. — *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](mailto:council@sttheresemke.org) or leave a message for them in either parish office. Meeting minutes are available in the parish offices.

**Chairperson**

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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

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For Parish Emergencies After Hours, Push 0

**Office Hours**

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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.

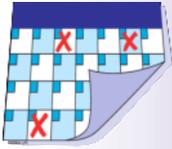
**Funerals**

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.

*The deadline for the December 28 bulletin has passed. The next available bulletin is the January 4 bulletin.*



# Events for the Week

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

## 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

## Monday, December 22

- 6:25AM Morning Mass at SVP-E
- 5:00PM Christmas Novena at SVP-E
- 6:00PM St. Vincent de Paul Society Meeting at STP

## Tuesday, December 23

- 8:00AM – 2:00PM St. Vincent Pallotti Office Hours
- 8:45AM Morning Mass at STP
- 12:00PM Afternoon Mass at SVP-W
- 5:00PM Christmas Novena at SVP-E

## Wednesday, December 24 – Christmas Eve

**Both Parish Offices Closed**

- 6:25AM Morning Mass at SVP-E
- 1:00PM Christmas Novena at SVP-E
- 4:00PM Christmas Eve Mass at STP
- 4:00PM Christmas Eve Mass at SVP-W

## Thursday, December 25 – Christmas Day

**Both Parish Offices Closed**

- 7:30AM Christmas Morning Mass at SVP-E
- 10:00AM Christmas Morning Mass at SVP-W
- 7:00PM Group 100 AA

## Friday, December 26

**Both Parish Offices Closed**

- 6:25AM NO Morning Mass
- 9:00AM Church Cleaning at SVP-W

## Saturday, December 27

- 3:15PM Confessions at SVP-W
- 3:15PM Rosary at SVP-W
- 4:00PM Mass at SVP-W
- 5:00PM Fourth Sunday Formation at SVP-W

## Sunday, December 28

**St. Therese Parish Office Closed**

- 6:45AM Reconciliation at SVP-E
- 7:30AM Mass at SVP-E
- 8:15AM Fourth Sunday Formation at SVP-E
- 9:00AM Mass at STP – Live Streamed on Facebook
- 10:00am Fourth Sunday Formation at STP
- 10:30AM Mass at SVP-W – Live Streamed and Posted
- 11:30AM Fourth Sunday Formation at SVP-W



# Intentions & Readings for the Week



## December Sanctuary Candle at STP

For Travelers and Explorers

## Sunday, December 21

*Readings Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 (7c, 10b)/Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24*

## Monday, December 22

*Readings 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Lk 1:46-56*  
6:25AM (SVP-E) †Clifford Wiberg (Family)

## Tuesday, December 23

**Observance: St. John of Kanty, Priest**

*Readings Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14/Lk 1:57-66*  
8:45AM (STP) St. Therese Parish Community  
12:00PM (SVP-W)

## Wednesday, December 24 – Christmas Eve

**Observance: Christmas Eve**

*Readings: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13 (Lk 2:11)/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14*  
6:25AM (SVP-E)  
4:00PM (STP) †Claire Dufour and the St. Therese Parish Community  
4:00PM (SVP-W) †Mary Winard (Nowak Family)

## Thursday, December 25 – Christmas Day

**Observance: The Nativity of the Lord**

*Readings Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13 (Lk 2:11)/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14*  
7:30AM (SVP-E) Parishioners  
10:00AM (SVP-W) Rosemary Martin & Family

## Friday, December 26

**Observance: St. Stephen, First Martyr**

*Readings Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17/Mt 10:17-22*

## Saturday Mass, December 27

**Observance: St. John, Apostle and Evangelist**

*Readings 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Jn 20:1a, 2-8*  
4:00PM (SVP-W) The Anderegg Family (J Anderegg)

## Sunday Mass, December 28

**Observance: The Holy Family**

*Readings Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 (see 1)/Col 3:12-21/Mt 2:13-15, 19-23*  
7:30AM (SVP-E) Parishioners  
9:00AM (STP) †Quinn Shields and the St. Therese Parish Community  
10:30AM (SVP-W) †Annie, †Hope, †Matthew (Griffin Family)



*To be included, please call either Parish Office.*

AG, Dorothy Ash, Fr. Hugh Birdsall, Peter Carlis, Brandon Choe, Irene Czarneci, Michael Czarneci, 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, Art Nennig, Fr. Norm Oswald, Celeste Rau, Jacob & Jaxson Rivera, Kaity Shields, Michael Sullivan, Robert Szablewski, Beverly T., Rosann Thate, Terry Valdovinos, Mary Vanderbunt, John Wachowiak, Chris Wehausen



Please extend a warm welcome to our new parishioners at St. Therese:

- Thomas & Le Caldwell
- Mark Engel



### Bakers! Shoppers! Volunteers!

The St. Vincent Pallotti Cookie and Craft Sale was a great success! What a variety! The crafts were amazing, the ham was good and Santa was fun! It could not have been done without you. Thank You!

### 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.



**Reuniting Us As "One Nation, Under God" Rosary Prayer Service: This Sunday – 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.**

### 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 December 29 by phone, email, or US mail. Thank you!

### 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 2026 by December 29. Meeting dates must be submitted each year (there is no "automatic" listing on the parish calendar or room reservations).

### 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.

### Mass Cancellations

**Please Note:** There will be no Adoration and Evening Mass at St. Therese on Wednesday, December 24, no Adoration or Noon Mass at St. Vincent Pallotti-West on Thursday, December 25, and no 6:25AM Mass at St. Vincent Pallotti-East on Friday, December 26. Please join us at our holiday Masses. All are welcome!



### 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

- Wednesday, 12/24 through Sunday, 12/28 - Closed
- Monday, 12/29 – Closed AM; Noon to 3:30PM
- Tuesday, 12/30 - 8:30AM to Noon; Closed PM
- Wednesday, 12/31 through Sunday, 1/4 - Closed

### Altered Bulletin Deadlines for Holiday Season

Please note the following altered bulletin deadlines:

- 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 \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Select one:  In Memory  In Honor  In Thanksgiving  
 Intention \_\_\_\_\_  
 Publish in bulletin?  Yes  No  Print intention, not donor

**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.**

## Standing Committee Monthly Reports

### Parish Pastoral Council

The Parish Pastoral Council December 3 Meeting Summary:

- Updated Parish Council on the Ad Hoc Communications Committee meeting with the Archdiocese related to the delay in the Town Hall Meetings with Parishioners.
  - Father Nathan Reesman was recently named Vicar for Parish Administration, Planning, and Priest Placement. He asked Fr. PC to delay the Town Hall Meetings until he had a better understanding of our collaboration and an opportunity to provide input.
  - Fr. Nathan provided additional information and suggested additional preparation for the Town Hall Meetings which he will also attend.
  - The new dates for the Town Hall meetings are February 7 after the 4:00PM Mass at SVP-W and February 8 after the 9:00AM Mass at STP.
- Discussion about presenting information about the next steps of collaboration to the parishioners and how to present it.
  - Reviewed parishioner feedback received so far.
  - Parish Council agreed to complete additional analysis suggested by Fr. Nathan before the Town Hall Meetings.
- Discussed what needs to be completed for the combining of the Parish Office Staffs, including revising all job descriptions, and putting an updated cost sharing agreement in place.
- Fr. PC agreed with the Parish Council recommendation for some new messages on the outdoor electronic message boards. This will start soon.
- Next meeting is January 7 at 7:00PM in the Pallotti House Upper Room

### Prayer & Worship Committee

This is the time of great preparation as we await the celebration for the birth of Christ. During Advent, as we light the candles on the wreath, we focus on the themes of Hope, Love, Joy and Peace which only Jesus can bring to us. You are encouraged to reflect on these themes daily during the season of Advent. We also remembered Our Blessed Mother on the feast of the Immaculate Conception on December 8. We are looking forward to the joyful Christmas Masses at each site and the New Year Mass on December 31 at St. Vincent Pallotti and January 1st at St. Therese. Times for these are in the bulletin.

Starting January 1 and continuing to Easter, we hope to commit to some form of the Emmaus 90 program designed to bring us closer to Jesus. We are currently looking for an opportunity to show the formation sessions for Emmaus 90 some weekends after Mass. We will keep you up to date when this will happen.

Don't forget the St. Vincent Pallotti feast day celebration on January 18. Mark your calendars for a great time.

Christmas blessings from our committee to all.



### 13-Day Holy Land Pilgrimage

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### From The Earth Ministry: Reduce / Recycle Holiday Refuse

Between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day, American household waste increases by more than 25



percent! Cartons and boxes, other packaging material, gift wrap and greeting cards account for most of this.

Cardboard-based boxes and cartons are recyclable, but Styrofoam and similar packaging used to secure items inside them is not. Gift wrap (excluding foil) and cards are also recyclable, but you must first remove any glitter, bows, ribbons or adhesives. As an alternative to purchased gift wrap, some families put their artistic talents to work by decorating wrap made from paper bag material. Others actually use the colorful Sunday funnies as their preferred wrapping paper.

Better yet, avoid wrapping gifts entirely by placing small gifts (gift cards purchased through our SCRIP program are perfect!) in Christmas stockings, or conceal them within a scarf or Holiday-themed dishtowel. Also, you can re-use purchased gift bags you've received and saved (the epitome of "re-gifting"! ). Some creative folks also make "Christmas Bags", personalized for friends and family members. Over the years, the reuse and exchange of these bags becomes part of their Christmas tradition.

### 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 by December 31, please contact Christine at St. Therese or Susana at St. Vincent Pallotti for our brokerage information.



# Merry CHRISTMAS

My Dear Parishioners of St. Vincent Pallotti and St. Therese,  
Grace and Peace be with you this blessed Christmas season!

As the beautiful, holy season of Christmas dawns upon us, we pause with hearts full of gratitude and anticipation to celebrate the most extraordinary gift of all: the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. This year, as a community, we have walked together in faith, supported one another through challenges, and shared countless moments of joy. St. Vincent Pallotti and St. Therese Parishes are truly vibrant, welcoming homes where the light of Christ shines brightly through each one of you.

In the midst of the holiday cheer—the carols, the lights, and the gatherings—let us remember the core of this sacred feast:

- **The Gift of Hope:** The infant Jesus reminds us that God is with us (Emmanuel), bringing light into the darkness of the world.
- **The Call to Love:** Inspired by St. Vincent Pallotti's and St. Therese's spirit, may we embrace the boundless love God has shown us and share that love generously with our families, neighbors, and all those in need.

This time of year often rushes by, filled with preparations, travel, and celebrations. I urge you, amidst the beautiful chaos, to pause for a sacred moment and contemplate the miracle we celebrate: the Incarnation. God, in His infinite love, chose to dwell among us, vulnerable and humble, in the form of a child, Jesus Christ.

*"She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, because He will save His people from their sins."*  
(Matthew 1:21)

This verse is the very heart of Christmas. It is a reminder that the greatest gift we can receive is not under a tree, but within the manger—a gift of unending love, reconciliation, and hope. As we gather around the crib, let us recommit to living out His vision:

- **To Share the Joy:** May the joy of the Nativity overflow from our own hearts and be a source of warmth and comfort to those in our neighborhood who might be lonely, struggling, or hurting.
- **To Practice Hospitality:** Just as Mary and Joseph sought shelter, let us ensure our parish remains a place of genuine welcome, offering spiritual and practical support to all who enter our doors.

Thank you, dear parishioners, for your unwavering commitment to our faith, your generous spirit, and the vital role you play in making our parishes a true beacon of Christ's love. Your participation, your prayers, and your dedication are the living stones of these parishes. May the Holy Family inspire your own families. I pray that the eternal Son may shine into your life, your heart and your family. May His light, which no darkness can overshadow, fill you with peace, joy and freedom that the world cannot give.

Wishing you all a truly Blessed and Merry Christmas and Prosperous New Year in 2026.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tom PC SAC".

Fr. Tom PC SAC

### The Bethlehem Star

With so many stars  
Up in the sky,  
I cannot tell  
Where your star lies.

But I know  
That it's up there,  
I know that I see it.  
So happy birthday to you,

Oh sweet baby Jesus.

*Poem written by Phillip Brich Jr.*



### Christmas and Holy Day Mass Schedule

There will be a Christmas Concert Prelude before each of the Christmas Masses this year.

- **Christmas Eve – Wednesday, December 24**
  - o 3:40PM Prelude Concert, 4:00PM Mass at St. Therese Parish
  - o 3:40PM Prelude Concert, 4:00PM Mass at St. Vincent Pallotti - West
- **Christmas Day Mass – Thursday, December 25**
  - o 7:15AM Prelude Concert, 7:30AM Mass at St. Vincent Pallotti - East
  - o 9:45AM Prelude Concert, 10:00AM Mass at St. Vincent Pallotti - West
- **Solemnity of Mary/World Day of Prayer for Peace**
  - o Wednesday, December 31 at 4:00PM at St. Vincent Pallotti - West  
*Adoration before Mass at 3:30PM*
  - o Thursday, January 1 at 9:00AM at Saint Therese Parish



CHRISTMAS 2025

Hello Everyone —

After a season of watching and waiting, at the Christmas Midnight Mass we hear the wonderful words:

*“The people who have walked in darkness have seen a great light.”*

*Isaiah 9:1*

Can you imagine for a moment being a part of the nativity scene? Forget the sanitized view born from nativity plays — beautiful though they are — the stable is a dark and muddy place. It is quaint and almost forgotten. In this humble place a cry pierces the night: an infant is born and swaddled in rags. For all intents and purposes, this could be any baby in any place in the world. But what unfolds in this scene is a miraculous birth that forever changed the world. The Savior of the world is not a king born in a grand palace with finery, but an infant born of poor parents in a modest stable.

It's hard for us to imagine who would take offense at a baby born in a manger — a defenseless infant in such a lowly place. Yet even then, some did. And still today, many turn away. But God holds nothing back. He enters our darkness, our “stables,” our forgotten places. Jesus comes to us not as a princely dignitary who rules with power and decree, but as one meek and humble of heart, bringing light to our darkness and inviting us into a life of humility, gentleness and grace.

Through his miracles and mercy, Jesus shows us that everyone — especially those pushed to the margins — is worthy of dignity and love. He continues to invite us to see his presence: in the beauty of creation, in the love of family and friends, and most profoundly, in the presence of Christ in the Eucharist.

My hope and prayer for you this Christmas is that your heart will be filled with the light of God's inbreaking love — that the eternal Son may shine into your life, your heart and your family. May his light, which no darkness can overshadow, fill you with peace, joy and freedom that the world cannot give.

May God bless you, and Merry Christmas!

**Most Reverend Jeffrey S. Grob**  
Archbishop of Milwaukee

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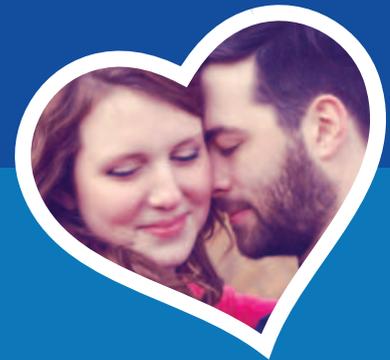
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