



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

East Church

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Milwaukee, WI 53208

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Milwaukee, WI 53213

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

January 25, 2026



3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Matthew 4:12-23

I was 22 years old, lying in bed one night while on a pilgrimage, when I suddenly sensed an idea in my mind: “Go to the seminary.” There was no voice, no vision, but a gentle and unmistakable clarity. I simply prayed, “Lord, if that’s from you, let me find great joy in it.” Three days later, my heart was bursting with joy. I dropped everything and entered the seminary. The older I get, the stranger my rather careless and hasty departure seems to me. I followed not because it made sense, or because I was especially brave. I went because the Lord called me.

Something like this happens in today’s Gospel. Jesus walks by Simon, Andrew, James, and John and says, “**Come after me**” (Matthew 4:19). And immediately they leave their nets and follow. There’s no explanation, no hesitation . . . just movement. Why? As St. John says, “**In this is love: not that we have loved God, but that he loved us**” (1 John 4:10). They do not leave their nets because his call made perfect, calculable sense. They left them because they were called. And Jesus’ call is powerful.

Take a moment this week to remember when Christ first called you. However small or quiet it was, recall it, and give thanks. The more we marvel that Christ has called us personally, the more passionately and freely we will follow him. — *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.

Chairperson

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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

Bulletin Deadline:

Monday, 8:00AM

Announcement Deadline:

Thursday, 8:00AM

All submissions must be in writing to either Parish Office; email preferred.

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

Fr. Thomas Pulikkeel Chacko, SAC
ext. 1 at St. Therese and ext. 102 at St. Vincent Pallotti
fr.thomaspc@stvpc.org
(414) 308-6238

St. Therese Parish Office (414) 771-2500
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

Tuesday: 8:30AM–3:30PM

Wednesday: Remote

Thursday: 8:30AM–12:00PM REMOTE; 12:00PM–3:30PM

Friday and Saturday: Closed

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Carrie Sanders

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Contact the St. Therese Parish Office

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Office Hours:

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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.

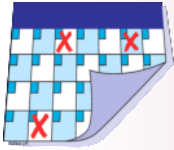
Funerals

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, January 25

SVP Birthday/Library Weekend & SVDP Collection

- 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
- 9:15AM Children’s Liturgy of the Word at STP
- 10:00AM Fourth Sunday Formation 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 Fourth Sunday Formation at SVP-W

Monday, January 26

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

Tuesday, January 27

- 8:45AM Morning Mass at STP
- 12:00PM Afternoon Mass at SVP-W
- 6:30PM STP Finance Council at STP

Wednesday, January 28

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

Thursday, January 29

- 11:30AM Adoration at SVP-W
- 12:00PM Afternoon Mass at SVP-W
- 1:00PM Bible Study at STP
- 4:00PM Choir Rehearsal at SVP-W
- 7:00PM Group 100 AA

Friday, January 30

- 6:25AM Morning Mass at SVP-E
- 9:00AM Church Cleaning at SVP-W

Saturday, January 31

St. Blaise Blessing at Both Parishes/Prayer Shawl Blessing at SVP

- 3:15PM Confessions at SVP-W
- 3:15PM Rosary at SVP-W
- 4:00PM Mass at SVP-W

Sunday, February 1

St. Blaise Blessing at Both Parishes/Maintenance Collection Weekend at STP/Prayer Shawl Blessing at SVP

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



Intentions & Readings for the Week



January Sanctuary Candle at STP

†Marcelline Valdovinos Hale

Sunday, January 25

Observance: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time; Celebrate Catholic Schools Week
Readings *Is 8:23-9:3/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/1 Cor 1:10-13, 17/Mt 4:12-23*

Monday, January 26

Observance: *Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops*
Readings *2 Tm 1:1-8/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10, 21-22, 25-26/Mk 3:22-30*
6:25AM (SVP-E)

Tuesday, January 27

Observance: *St. Angela Merici, Virgin*
Readings *2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Mk 3:31-35*
8:45AM (STP) St. Therese Parish Community
12:00PM (SVP-W) Blessings for Ryan Wiechmann (Czaplewski Family)

Wednesday, January 28

Observance: *St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church*
Readings *2 Sm 7:4-17/Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30/Mk 4:1-20*
6:25AM †David Piotrowski (Family)
6:00PM St. Therese Parish Community

Thursday, January 29

Readings *2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29/Ps 132:1-2, 3-5, 11, 12, 13-14/Mk 4:21-25*
12:00PM (SVP-W)

Friday, January 30

Readings *2Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6a, 6b-7, 10-11/Mk 4:26-34*
6:25AM (SVP-E)

Saturday, January 31

Observance: *St. John Bosco, Priest*
Readings *2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Mk 4:35-41*
4:00PM †Mary Winard (Family)

Sunday Mass, February 1

Observance: 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Readings *Zep 2:3; 3:12-13/Ps 146:6c-7, 8-9a, 9b-10/1 Cor 1:26-31/Mt 5:1-12a*
7:30AM (SVP-E) Deacon Don & †Toni Borkowski
9:00AM (STP) †Don Castelaz and the St. Therese Parish Community
10:30AM (SVP-W) Parishioners

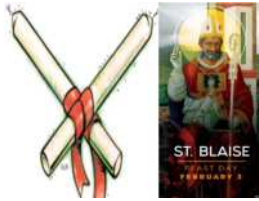


To be included, please call either Parish Office.

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

Town Hall Meetings Rescheduled!

Join us on Saturday, February 7 after the 4:00PM Mass at St. Vincent Pallotti-West or on Sunday, February 8 after the 9:00AM Mass at St. Therese Parish! See you there!



St. Blaise Blessing

On Saturday, January 31 and Sunday, February 1 we will have the Blessing of the Throats in honor of St. Blaise after all weekend Masses. St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr, was a physician that saved the life of a young boy who was choking from a fish bone in his throat. This blessing is an occasion to pray for healing of all illnesses but especially those that affect the throat.

This will be in lieu of our normal Blessing of the Sick for February. At the end of Mass, please line up in the center aisle if you wish to receive the blessing. All are welcome to participate in this blessing.



Join Us for St. Therese Birthday Sunday

Birthdays are not just a celebration of another year of life; they are a moment to reflect on our journey, our faith, and the blessings bestowed upon us.

Our next celebration will be Sunday, February 8. Everyone having a February birthday will be invited to stand for a blessing during Mass. We will have refreshments available after Mass to continue the celebration.



LOSE SOMETHING?

Lost and Found items will be set out on tables at the back of the St. Vincent Pallotti West Church from Saturday, January 31 through Sunday, February 15.

Please check the table for any items you may have left in the church in 2025.

All unclaimed items will be donated or disposed of after February 15.

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.

Schedule a Mass Intention in Memory of a Loved One

Please consider donating a Mass intention in memory of a loved one or in celebration of a special event. To donate, please 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.



Our first blood drive for 2026 will be on Saturday, February 7 in the St. Vincent Pallotti Parish Center from 8:00AM until Noon. All donors receive breakfast! You can register on the St. Vincent Pallotti website or call Cathy Healey at (414) 412-7940.



New for 2026!

Each taxpayer can deduct \$1,000 of charitable contributions. So a married couple filing jointly can deduct \$2,000 of charitable contributions.

Note this is only for taxpayers who take the standard deduction (and that's about 90% of us!). There are some limits, so check with your tax advisor to see if you can claim this benefit.

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" in other cities and counties of the archdiocese.)



St. Therese Parish Love One Another Update – Balance as of 8/31/2025

Distribution Date	Quarter Ending	Total Collected	Distributed to Parish	Retained by Trust
8/9/2023	6/30/2023	\$38,808.75	23,285.25	15,523.50
11/13/2023	9/30/2023	\$16,577.50	9,946.50	6,631.00
2/15/2024	12/31/2023	\$10,997.88	6,598.73	4,399.15
5/29/2024	3/31/2024	\$9,370.00	5,622.00	3,748.00
		75,754.13	45,452.48	30,301.65
	Interest Earned:		3.03	
Balance 6/30/2024			45,455.51	
8/16/2024	6/30/2024	11,560.00	6,936.00	4,624.00
11/21/2024	9/30/2024	14,860.00	8,916.00	5,944.00
2/21/2025	12/22/2024	4,060.00	2,436.00	1,624.00
5/23/2025	3/31/2025	1,660.00	996.00	664.00
Total FY 2024/25		32,140.00	19,284.00	12,856.00
Interest			5.74	
Balance:		107,894.13	64,745.25	43,157.65
8/22/2025		10,210.00	6,126.00	4,084.00
Total FY 2025/26		10,210.00	6,126.00	4,084.00
Interest 9/25			1.69	
Balance 9/30/2025		118,104.13	70,872.94	47,241.65
12/11/2025		2,160.00	1,296.00	864.00
Interest 12/27/25			1.79	
		120,264.13	72,170.73	48,105.65

Standing Committee Monthly Reports

Christian Formation Committee

- Fourth Sunday Formation continues with a 10-15 minute video after Saturday and Sunday liturgies
- Children’s Liturgy of the Word is available on the second and fourth Sundays of the month
- Our Lenten Mission will be on Sunday, March 15 at St. Vincent Pallotti and on Monday, March 16 at St. Therese from 6:30PM to 7:30PM both days. The theme for this year is “Be Angry and do not Sin...”
- Our annual plan was approved by Parish Council with the addition of a family event to encourage Confession during Advent and Lent

You’re Invited: Men of Christ Conference

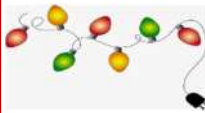
As mentioned in previous bulletins, the MEN of CHRIST conference is returning to a large in person event this year. The date is March 14, the place is the Milwaukee Theater downtown (the old auditorium), the site for more information and registration is menofchrist.net.

Now you've got the what, where, and when. The why? Have you heard the news lately? We are in need of men standing up and living their faith! The who is YOU and anyone else you can bring along with you. Your family needs you to attend. Our parish needs you to attend. Our Church needs you to attend. Our country needs you to attend. Bring your sons, fathers, brothers, uncles co-workers, friends and see what a band of brothers can do.

Register at menofchrist.net and then let me know so we can organize carpools.

Call me with any questions and when you have registered; Mike Griffin (414) 248-3653.





**From The Earth Ministry:
Thank You for Outstanding
Response**



Our Ministry wishes to thank all who turned in non-working or no-longer-needed holiday lights for recycling. The attached pictures show just how responsive you were. Hats off to all contributors in keeping these items out of landfills!



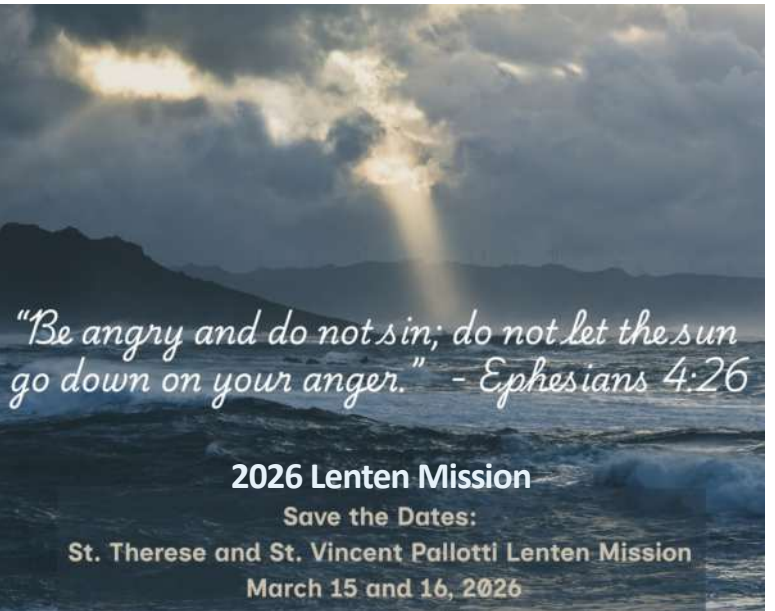
ADULT FORMATION *Opportunities*

Fourth Sunday Formation

Our next Fourth Sunday Formation sessions take place this weekend – January 24/25 after all Masses at both parishes. The topic will be *Can a Christian Believe in Evolution?* Please plan to join us!

Bible Study

Thursday Bible Study with Heather Warner continues on Thursday, January 29 at 1:00PM at St. Therese. All are welcome to join at any time!



"Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger." - Ephesians 4:26

2026 Lenten Mission

Save the Dates:

St. Therese and St. Vincent Pallotti Lenten Mission

March 15 and 16, 2026

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A Men's Shed is a place where men can get together, stay active, and share what they know. It's not a literal shed, but a relaxed gathering space shaped by what participants want to do—so the final location will be chosen based on the group's needs. Some days might involve a project or repair; other days, a guest speaker.



Why should you join?

- Use your skills (or learn new ones)
- Meet great people and share stories
- Give back to your community

When & Where?

Wednesday, January 21st

10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Wauwatosa Library



Calling all Catholic Scouts ages 15 to 17!

Pope Pius XII Emblem Retreat
March 13-15, 2026
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Learn more about prerequisites, cost and timeline at <https://qrco.de/bgYXsH>

R.S.V.P. by February 15, 2026.
Please direct questions to Bill Korducki at (262) 210-6171 or email Bill.Korducki@gmail.com



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Winter 2026

10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. in the Firefly Room
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- YouTube Browser - Tuesday, January 27th
- Intro to Language Learning Apps – Languages & The Arts- Wednesday, February 4th
- Introduction to Translation Tools- Tuesday, February 24th
- Smartphone Camera Uses Beyond Photography- Tuesday, March 10th
- Wearables at a Glance- Tuesday, March 24th

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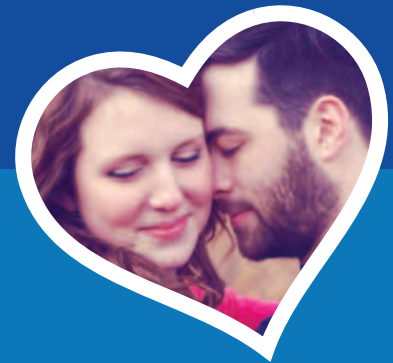
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