



## 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.*

February 1, 2026



### 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Matthew 5:1-12a*

A priest I know was once falsely accused of a terrible crime. The claim was wild and easily disproved, but for a while, it didn't matter. In the atmosphere shaped by the abuse crisis of the early 2000s, the public assumption was guilty until proven innocent. His name was dragged through the mud, and his ministry placed on hold. I had the privilege — and the burden — of walking closely with him during that time.

He was angry. He was confused. He felt abandoned and deeply disoriented. The last thing on his mind was the words of Jesus in today's Gospel: **“Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you falsely because of me ... Rejoice and be glad” (Matthew 5:11-12).** Rejoice? He felt anything but.

And yet... something holy slowly grew in him. Not overnight, and not without pain. But as the truth came to light and his name was cleared, I watched him become more Christlike — more patient, more compassionate, more detached from human approval.

Maybe you haven't faced something so dramatic. But where do you feel judged? Misrepresented? Overlooked? Maybe someone else got the credit or the promotion. Maybe someone you love isn't getting their due. In those moments, the Cross of Jesus is near. When we feel accused, that's when we ask him for the grace not just to endure, but somehow, mysteriously, to rejoice and be glad

— *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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**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.*

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**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  
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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**

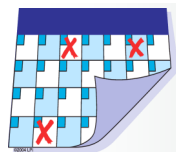
Please call either Parish Office. Preparation can take nine months or more.

**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, 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

## Monday, February 2

- 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, February 3

- 8:45AM Morning Mass at STP
- 12:00PM Afternoon Mass at SVP-W
- 4:00PM Guest House Meal Prep and Serve (OFFSITE)

## Wednesday, February 4

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

## Thursday, February 5

- 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
- 6:30PM Knights of Columbus Meeting at SVP-E
- 7:00PM Group 100 AA

## Friday, February 6

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

## Saturday, February 7

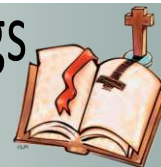
- 8:00AM – NOON Blood Drive at SVP-W
- 3:15PM Confessions at SVP-W
- 3:15PM Rosary at SVP-W
- 4:00PM Mass at SVP-W
- 5:00PM Town Hall Meeting SVP-W

## Sunday, February 8

- 6:45AM Reconciliation at SVP-E
- 7:30AM Mass at SVP-E
- 9:00AM Mass at STP – Live Streamed on Facebook
- 9:15AM Children's Liturgy of the Word at STP
- 10:00AM Middle & High School Catechesis Program at St. Jude
- 10:30AM Mass at SVP-W – Live Streamed and Posted
- 10:45AM Children's Liturgy of the Word at SVP-W



# Intentions & Readings for the Week



**February Sanctuary Candle at STP**  
†Mary Ann and †Wally Hesselbein

## Sunday, 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*

## Monday, February 2

Observance: The Presentation of the Lord, World Day for Consecrated Life  
Readings *Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40*  
6:25AM (SVP-E) †Irene Thomas (J Thomas)

## Tuesday, February 3

Observance: St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr; St. Ansgar, Bishop  
Readings *2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mk 5:21-43*  
8:45AM (STP) The Special Intentions of Sr. Pavana & Her Family  
12:00PM (SVP-W) †Peggy Heiden (Czaplewski Family)

## Wednesday, February 4

Readings: *2 Sm 24:2, 9-17/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7/Mk 6:1-6*  
6:25AM  
8:15AM SVP School Mass  
6:00PM St. Therese Parish Community

## Thursday, February 5

Observance: St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr  
Readings *1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/1 Chr 29:10, 11ab, 11d-12a, 12bcd/Mk 6:7-13*  
12:00PM (SVP-W)

## Friday, February 6

Observance: St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs  
Readings *Sir 47:2-11/Ps 18:31, 47 and 50, 51/Mk 6:14-29*  
6:25AM (SVP-E)

## Saturday, February 7

Readings *1 Kgs 3:4-13/Ps 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14/Mk 6:30-34*  
4:00PM Josh Paul (H Paul)

## Sunday Mass, February 8

Observance: 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Marriage Day  
Readings *Is 58:7-10/Ps 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/1 Cor 2:1-5/Mt 5:13-16*  
7:30AM (SVP-E) Parishioners  
9:00AM (STP) †Jane Tindal and the St. Therese Parish Community  
10:30AM (SVP-W) Healing Blessings for Emily Seastrand (MJ Gorecki)



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

AG, Dorothy Ash, Fr. Hugh Birdsall, 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, Mary G, Family G, Sue Grignon, Edwin Gunther, Matthew Harrison, Dan Heinz, Josette Jaeger, Andrew James, Janice Kandziora, Mary Kirchner, Helen Klister, Julie Kross, Ellen Lemkuil, Rachel Lund, Kathy Manthe, Debbie Martin, Loretta Merz, Robert Metrey, Hanna Mirosław, 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 Are Next Weekend!

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



### Masses with Distribution of Ashes

Ash Wednesday is February 18. Our Mass schedule is as follows:

- 6:25AM at SVP-E
- 8:00AM – Mass with Archbishop Grob at Pius XI High School
- 12:15PM at STP  
*(Please note that we will NOT have evening Adoration or Mass that day.)*
- 6:30PM at SVP-W

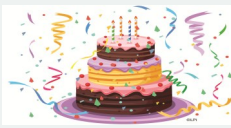
All are welcome to attend any of these Masses!

### St. Therese Monthly Maintenance Collection

This weekend is our separate Monthly Collection to replenish our parish Maintenance Fund. Please consider putting a donation in the collection basket, donating online using the QR Code on the right, mailing a donation to the Parish Office. You can make a donation any of the ways listed above at any time. Thank you for your continuing support.



We hope to see you at our blood drive next 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.



### St. Therese Birthday Sunday: **Changed Date!**

Our next celebration will be **Sunday, February 15**. 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.



Lost and Found items are on tables at the back of the St. Vincent Pallotti West Church through Sunday, February 15. Please check the table for any items you may have forgotten. All unclaimed items will be donated or disposed of after February 15.

### Wedding Anniversary Blessing

On the weekend of February 14/15, all married couples will receive a special blessing at each of the Masses. If this is a special anniversary for you (Any multiple of 5 years) please call the Parish Office by February 10 to let us know.



### Donate a Sanctuary Candle at St. Therese

Please consider donating the sanctuary candle (that burns in front of the tabernacle) in memory or honor of a loved one or for a special intention. The cost is \$10 per month. All months in 2026 are currently open except for April and June. Months will be assigned on a first come, first served basis. To donate, please contact Heather Goeden in the Parish Office.

**The St. Therese Parish Office will be closed on Monday, February 16.**

### 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.

### St Therese Reuniting Us As "...One Nation, Under God..." Prayer Service

Our next Prayer Service is scheduled for February 15 after the 9:00AM Mass at St. Therese. Please mark your calendars.

### 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.

### 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.)



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.**

God's  
Work



Our  
Hands

The Stewardship Committee wishes to thank all those who responded to St. Therese's Parish Stewardship Commitment for 2026. Time in prayer, talent in ministry, and sharing your financial treasure helped us reach out as "God's Work, Our Hands."

Approximately 40% of 150 stewardship letters sent were returned! This was 82% of the responses received last year. And financial commitments were 83% of last year's. 30% increased their pledge of treasure. Growth in ministries increased; especially with altar servers.

Contact the office anytime if you need information or encouragement to go beyond what you are currently doing. Thank you for your continued and faithful stewardship as St. Therese develops a budget to assist our ministries.

### Food Collection: Thank You

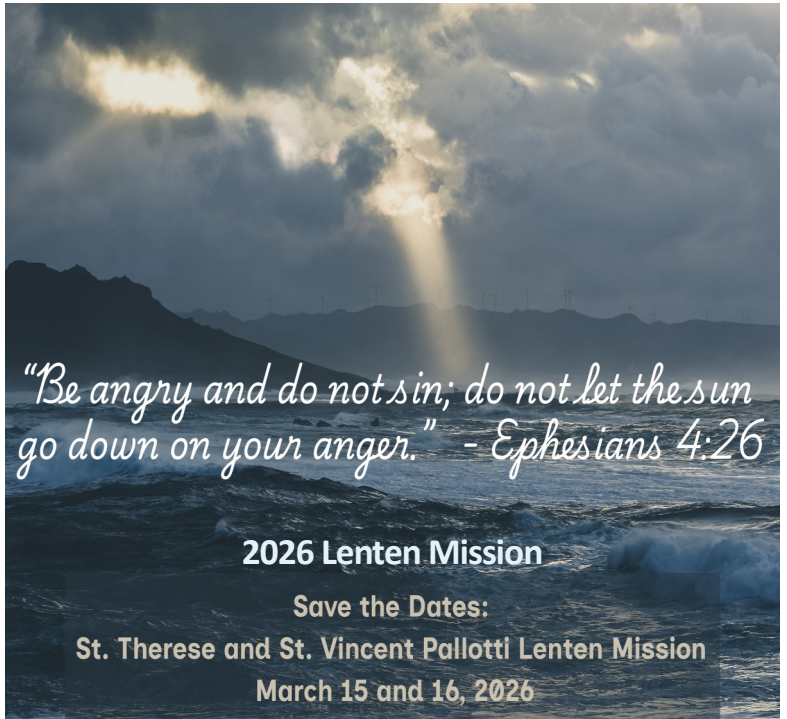


We thank everyone who has donated food and hygiene products for the Food Pantry at the Holy Assumption Church Site of the St. Barnabas Congregation. When donating food, do NOT bring fresh produce or any perishable items.

The Food Pantry will accept cash or check donations to purchase things like milk, eggs, fresh produce, and milk.

If you would like to donate by cash or check, please make out your check to "St. Barnabas Congregation" with Food Pantry Donation on the memo line. Place it in an envelope with the words "St. Barnabas Congregation Food Pantry Donation" and drop it in the collection basket at Mass.

A list of the kinds of food or hygiene products that are needed will be available on the table with the donation boxes inside the church doors. Once again, many thanks for your help in the collection of food and hygiene products for those in need of food assistance. "I was hungry and you gave me something to eat. I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink." God Bless Us All.



*"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



## ADULT FORMATION Opportunities

### Fourth Sunday Formation

Thank you to those who joined us for our Fourth Sunday Formation session on Can a Christian believe in evolution? If you missed it but want to watch the video, go to [https://youtu.be/XXM5Qk\\_XsXk](https://youtu.be/XXM5Qk_XsXk) or you can contact the Parish Office for the link.

Please **mark your calendars for our next Fourth Sunday Formation session on February 21/22.** All are welcome!

### Bible Study

Thursday Bible Study with Heather Warner continues on Thursday, February 5 at 1:00PM at St. Therese. All are welcome to join at any time!



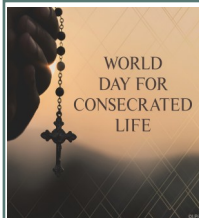
### From The Earth Ministry:

#### Caution When Purchasing "Pet Friendly" Deicers

In a previous article, we suggested environmentally friendly alternatives to sodium chloride (i.e., salt based) deicers. In addition to the run off from salt deicers being harmful to plants, streams, and lakes, deicers containing salt can be very harmful to pets. The two most prevalent chloride compounds harm pets by irritating their paws or making them sick if they ingest the chlorides by licking their paws.



Be careful when purchasing deicers that are advertised as being "pet friendly." Some of them still contain salt, so check labeling carefully! Deicers that use Magnesium Chloride are available at most hardware and big box stores and are far safer for plants and animals. Calcium magnesium acetate (CMA) is considered the best overall choice for safely melting ice. Although more difficult to find, CMA-based products are non-toxic, and the minerals they contain can actually fertilize the plants they come into contact with. Good brands include Kind Melt, Safe Paw, Snow Joe MeltzGo and Natural Rapport Pet-Friendly Ice Melt.



## World Day for Consecrated Life February 2, 2026

God of all goodness, You have called people to follow you faithfully. Humans have heard that call and many choose to follow Your call in varied and faith-filled lives.

Some follow Your call in private, silent lives as hermits; some choose to follow You with lives lived as virgins and widows; while others choose public lives of vowed men and women as religious brothers and sisters.

Abundantly give to these men and women the courage to follow their call as witnesses to Your gifts and faith and service to the world.

We ask this in faith, through the name of Jesus our Savior.  
Amen.

### St. Blaise

St. Blaise is a bishop and martyr who lived in the Fourth century in Turkey and Armenia during a time of intense persecution of Christians. Blaise is believed to have been born to wealthy and noble parents and became a physician before he was made a bishop.



According to legends, he possessed the power of healing both people and animals. Stories say he was instructed by the Lord to flee to a cave in the woods to escape persecution where he became a friend to wounded and ill animals. It was here that he was seized for his Christian beliefs. On his way to jail, he was approached by a woman whose son was choking on a fish bone. Blaise miraculously cured the boy with a prayer and the sign of the cross. On his feast on February 3, we recall this miracle cure and celebrate the blessing of the throats.

### Candles

Candles are an important part of the feast of St Blaise and the blessing of the throats. A woman for whom Blaise performed a miracle presented him with candles to light the darkness in his jail cell. The Saint also said that anyone who lit a candle in his memory would be free of infection. According to tradition, on the feast of St. Blaise, two candles fastened in the shape of a cross are held to the throat of those seeking healing from ailments or mishaps of the throat and a special blessing is said.

*St. Blaise, pray for us!*

### Presentation of the Lord

Luke's Gospel is the only one to mention the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple. What is Luke trying to communicate here and what connection does it have with Mary?



February 2 is exactly forty days after December 25, the nativity of Jesus. Jewish law (Ex 13:2, 12) dictated that Jesus, as the firstborn, be consecrated to God. This was done by the parents as they presented their Son in the Temple.

Jewish law further specified (Lv 12:2-8) that a mother was ritually impure after giving birth, and that she had to wait a set period of time (forty days for a boy) before she was to offer a sacrifice to the Lord for purification.

The convergence of these two Jewish regulations occasions Luke's account of both the Presentation of the Lord and the Purification of Mary. These days the liturgical emphasis is more on the Presentation of Jesus. Luke highlights the role of Simeon and Anna, two righteous Jews who recognized Jesus as the long-awaited Messiah and praised God for being able to see and experience such a marvel in their lifetimes.

Simeon's prayer concerning the special role of Jesus states that Jesus is "a light for revelation to the Gentiles." This phrase eventually originated the custom of blessing candles on this day which were to be used in the ceremonies, rituals, and processions throughout the church year. Thus February 2 is also known as Candlemas Day. This day is indeed a rich feast to be savored. ©LPi

### Virtues, Explained!

#### Kindness

In the modern lexicon, the quality of "kindness" is often equated with politeness — but real, virtuous kindness is so much more. Virtuous kindness is a way of seeing others through the eyes of God.

God is not polite — God is kind, and His kindness is abundantly evident in all of creation. It was suspicion of this divine kindness that precipitated the fall of Adam and Eve (CCC 214), and it was this unfailing kindness that facilitated our own adoption as God's children, conformed to the image of His son (CCC 257).

Also known as benevolence or beneficence and derived from the theological virtue of charity, kindness is a fruit of the Holy Spirit (Galatians 5:22) and is a central theme in the famous parable of the Good Samaritan. In practicing kindness and seeking the good of another without prejudice or condition, the Samaritan reflects God's own plan of loving kindness for us. ©LPi



**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](http://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 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](http://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.



*Join us*  
**FOR A CELEBRATION OF  
CONSECRATED LIFE!**

A prayer service led by a combined choir of men and women religious, lay members and associates, and priests of the archdiocese.

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1 • 2 P.M.**

**SCHOOL SISTERS OF ST. FRANCIS  
ST. JOSEPH CHAPEL  
1501 S. LAYTON BLVD., MILWAUKEE**

Parking is available in the parking lot next to the motherhouse on Lapham St.

**Presider and Homilist:**

*Auxiliary Bishop James Schuerman*

Free and open to the public. A reception in St. Joseph Hall will immediately follow the service.

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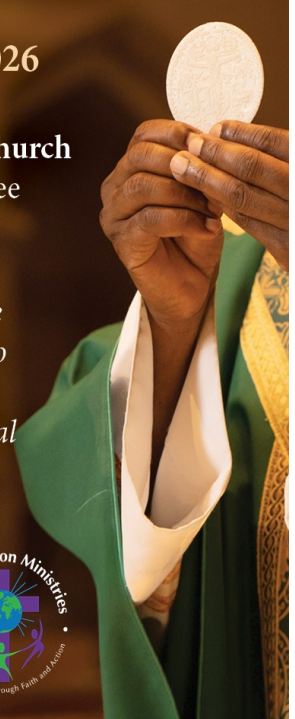
**MASS OF**  
*Thanksgiving*

**Black & Catholic: Celebrating  
African Heritage and Giving Thanks**

**Sunday, February 8th, 2026  
9 a.m.**

**St. Martin de Porres Catholic Church  
3114 N. Second St., Milwaukee**

*Light breakfast and fellowship immediately following Mass. Free will offering greatly appreciated to support local ministry, including: non-perishable food items, personal care items, cleaning supplies, etc.*



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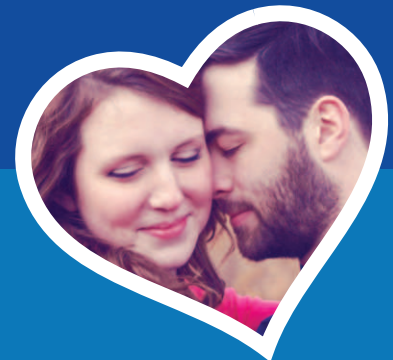
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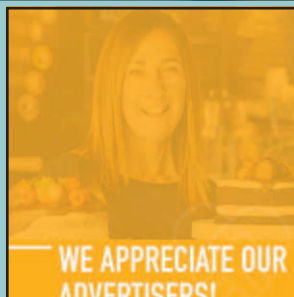
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