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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.

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

May 24, 2026



RECEIVE
THE HOLY SPIRIT.

— JOHN 20:22 —

PENTECOST SUNDAY

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Pentecost Sunday

John 20:19-23

“He breathed on them and said to them, ‘Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained.’” (John 20:22–23)

For those of us who go to confession regularly, there is often a familiar frustration: “Why do I keep confessing the same sins?” It can feel like a loop, cleansed but unchanged. Pentecost reveals a hopeful perspective. When the Risen Jesus breathes on His ashamed and fearful disciples and gives them the Holy Spirit, He echoes Genesis, when God breathes life into Adam. This is not just primarily the removal of guilt, but new creation.

In confession, we receive more than forgiveness. We receive a fresh outpouring, the breath of the Spirit, and a renewed mission. Jesus does not say to us, “You’re forgiven, now go back to your old life.” He says, so to speak, “**As the Father has sent me, so I send you.**” (John 20:21) That is why penance is not just saying a few prayers. It is reorientation. It is the Spirit summoning us to live differently: with mercy and healing. Just as Adam was sent into the world, and the Apostles were sent out after Pentecost, so too we are sent from the confessional — not just clean, but consecrated.

Pentecost Challenge: After your next confession, ask the Holy Spirit for one way you can participate in Christ’s healing will for you. Then take one small, concrete step, and do not look back. — *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

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

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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

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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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 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 OCIA

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

Funerals

Contact either Parish Office to plan.

Parish Membership / Support

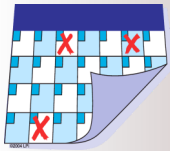
Anyone over age 18 is invited to register as an adult member.

Please call either Parish Office for more information.

Bulletin Deadline:

The deadline for the May 31 Bulletin has passed. The next available bulletin is June 7.

either Parish Office, or



Events for the Week

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

Sunday, May 24 – Pentecost

STP 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



Monday, May 25 – Memorial Day

Both Parish Offices Closed

Tuesday, May 26

STP Parish Office Closed

- 8:45am Morning Mass at STP
- 12:00pm Afternoon Mass at SVP-W
- 6:30pm St. Therese Finance Council at STP

Wednesday, May 27

STP Parish Office Closed

- 6:25am Morning Mass at SVP-E
- 8:15am SVP School Mass at SVP-W

Thursday, May 28

STP Parish Office Closed

- 11:30am Adoration at SVP-W
- 12:00pm Afternoon Mass at SVP-W
- 4:00pm Choir Rehearsal at SVP-W
- 6:30pm Prayer & Worship Meeting at SVP-W
- 7:00pm Group 100 AA

Friday, May 29

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

Saturday, May 30

- 3:15pm Confessions at SVP-W
- 4:00pm Mass at SVP-W
- 5:00pm Rosary at SVP-W

Sunday, May 31 – Trinity Sunday

STP Parish Office Closed

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

Intentions & Readings for the Week



May Sanctuary Candle at STP

For the Beitzel and Makowski Families

Sunday, May 24

Observance: Pentecost Sunday

Readings Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1 and 24, 29-30, 31 and 34/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13/Jn 20:19-23

Monday, May 25

Observance: Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church; Memorial Day

Readings Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14/Ps 87:1-2, 3 and 5, 6-7/Jn 19:25-34

Tuesday, May 26

Observance: St. Philip Neri, Priest

Readings 1 Pt 1:10-16/ Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/ Mk 10:28-31

- 8:45am (STP) The St. Therese Parish Community
- 12:00pm (SVP-W) Health of a Friend (Czaplewski Family)

Wednesday, May 27

Observance: St. Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop

Readings 1 Pt 1:18-25/ Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/ Mk 10:32-45

- 6:25am (SVP-E)
- 8:15am (SVP-W) SVP School Mass

Thursday, May 28

Readings 1 Pt 2:2-5, 9-12/ Ps 100:2, 3, 4, 5/ Mk 10:46-52

- 12:00pm (SVP-W) †Don Davis (Church Cleaning Crew)

Friday, May 29

Observance: St. Paul VI, Pope

Readings 1 Pt 4:7-13/ Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13/Mk 11:11-26

- 6:25am (SVP-E) †Jackie Porubsky (M Feedar)

Saturday, May 30

Readings Jude 17, 20b-25/ Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6/ Mk 11:27-33

- 4:00pm (SVP-W) Special Intention of Louise Faragallah

Sunday Mass, May 31

Observance: The Most Holy Trinity

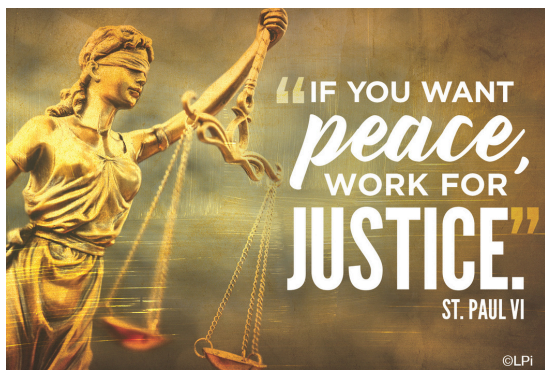
Readings Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/2 Cor 13:11-13/Jn 3:16-18

- 7:30am (SVP-E) Parishioners
- 9:00am (STP) The St. Therese Parish Community
- 10:30am (SVP-W) †John Andereg (Joan Andereg)



To be included, please call either Parish Office.

- Alexandra Guliano, Dorothy Ash, Mark B., Fr. Hugh Birdsall, Peter Carlis, Brandon Choe, Irene Czarnecki, Michael Czarnecki, Nancy Dineen, Berni Doberstein, Dean Doberstein, Kylie Doyne, 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, Collette Massey, Hanna Miroslaw, Bob O'Neil, 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





Office Hours

- The St. Therese Parish Office will be closed through Sunday, May 31.
- The St. Vincent Pallotti Parish Office will be closed on Monday, May 25.

Altered Bulletin Deadlines

- Deadline for the June 28 Bulletin is Wednesday, June 17 at 8:00AM.
- Deadline for the July 5 Bulletin is Thursday, June 18 at 8:00AM



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

Thank you to all that attended our prayer service last weekend. Our next prayer service is scheduled for June 21 following the 9:00am Mass at St. Therese. Mark your calendars!



During the summer, the St. Therese Parish Office will also be closed on Sunday morning. The rest of the hours will remain the same. This begins on June 1.

The summer hours for St. Vincent Pallotti will start on June 15:

- Monday through Thursday: 8:30am to 3:30pm
- Friday: 8:30am to Noon

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 either 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.



There is **NO 6:25am Mass** at St. Vincent Pallotti-East on Monday, May 25 due to the Memorial Day holiday.

Instead, consider attending the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and Auxiliary Annual Memorial Day Outdoor Mass that morning at 10:00am at Milwaukee's Historic Calvary cemetery (5503 W. Bluemound Rd.)

Bishop James Schuerman is the main celebrant. The outdoor Mass is followed by a Patriotic Program. For more information, call 414-712-4655 or email lt.col.sm@gmail.com.

In case of inclement weather, ceremonies will be inside St. Vincent Pallotti East Church at 5424 W Bluemound Rd.

"No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends." Christians are no strangers to sacrifice. Jesus lays down his life for our redemption, martyrs remain faithful to the end, and every believer faces "deaths" in the spiritual life when love requires a re-ordering of preference and priority.

On Memorial Day, we honor those who laid down their lives for their nation and for the values we espouse - freedom, justice, and a better world for our children. In a day that often fills with barbeques and boat launches, remember to take some time in prayer! Intercede for those who have died and for the loved ones they left behind, and pray for peace on earth.

Memorial Day Prayer

Dear Lord, on this day, we remember those who have served us by protecting our freedoms. When we celebrate our long weekend with our friends and family, help us remember, that our freedom to speak of you, and our freedom to worship you, and our freedom to do that which we ought to do, have all been bought at the price and sacrifice of many lives. Your Son died for our eternal life in heaven. So too, your children died protecting us here on earth. Help us be mindful this weekend and always of the sacrifices made by those in uniform for all our freedoms. Amen.

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.

Committee Reports

Christian Formation Committee

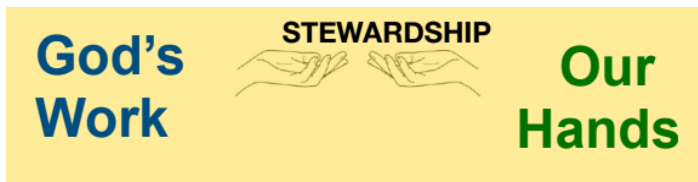
- Fourth Sunday Formation continues with a 10-15 minute video after Saturday and Sunday liturgies
- Children’s Liturgy of the Word will return in September after a summer break
- Grow Your Faith Table (GYFT): Rosary info for May, Prayer aids, Directions for a Trinity Pinwheel
- Registration for Kindergarten through High School catechesis and sacramental programs will be available

St. Therese SCRIP Gift Card Program Needs You!

Just about everything you purchase in your everyday life can help St. Therese. Purchase gift cards through SCRIP from over 80 of your favorite vendors and services – products you buy and use every day – and St. Therese receives with a percentage of your purchase amount.

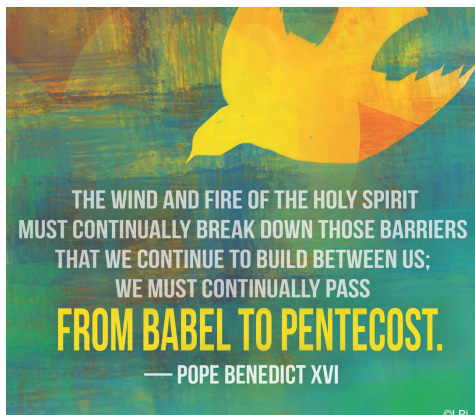
We all buy groceries and gasoline, go to restaurants, shop at department stores and drug stores. Ordering just one or two gift cards is an easy way to help the Parish. There are no fees and lots of choices!

An order form will be available in next Sunday’s bulletin. Or you may download one from the St. Therese website. Help us increase participation and place an order! Thank you for your support!



May is a month in which we honor Mother Mary. She dedicated her life to obedience, humility and complete trust in God. That’s a tall order for us as flawed human beings. Since this is also the month associated with Spring and new life, it could be a time for us to begin anew as well. We can reevaluate our commitment to the time and treasure we give to the Parish, pray for the well-being of our parish members, and support the decisions ahead.

There is much to appreciate during spring time. There are the flowers that are beginning to come up, the grass that is turning greener and the buds on the trees. Inspired by the beauty and rebirth in spring time, we should try to do as Mary did. We can trust the Lord and say “yes” to the new opportunities around us.



From The Earth Ministry:

What Bamboo Products are Available?

Bamboo linen is a mechanical fiber produced with natural enzymes (like linen is produced from flax.) It is



hypoallergenic, soft and durable. It resists molds, mildew and bacteria. It is often used for bed linens and clothing.

Bamboo lyocell fabric is produced in an eco-friendly closed-loop process using a non-toxic solvent that is recycled at greater than 99%. It is used for clothing.

Bamboo viscose for clothing is a semisynthetic fabric produced using harsh chemicals. This is where certifying organizations (GOTS, Fair Trade, Better Cotton, Blue Sign) are very important because they evaluate the growth, harvesting, production and transportation of the products for ethical practices and environmental safety.

Bamboo is used for cutting boards, kitchen utensils, cutlery, plates, bowls, cups and saucers. It is used for flooring, and furniture such as tables and chairs.

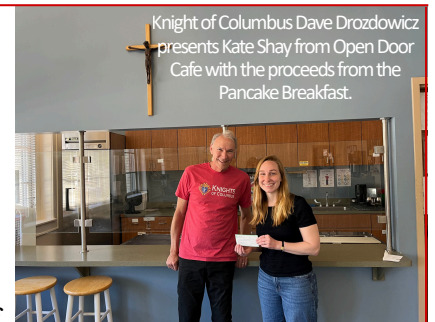
Bamboo is used for toilet paper, tissues and paper towels. Some brands to look for include ecoHiny, Who Gives a Crap (donates 50% of profits to help build toilets in underserved communities), Save Trees, Betterway, and Reel Paper (sold locally at Target stores.)

Safe Environment Program: Did You Know?

In the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, a Diocesan Review Board reviews allegations against clergy involving abuse of a minor and serves as an instrument to help hold our diocese accountable.

Thank You!

The Knights of Columbus would like to thank everyone who helped make the April 19 Pancake Breakfast a success. We were able to net \$750.00 after all expenses. We are donating 100% of the proceeds to the Cathedral of Saint John the Evangelist Open Door Café. This ministry serves up meals six days a week for those in need and we are proud and thankful to be able to help support this ministry.



We would also like to offer thanks for being able to raise \$502 for the Special Olympics through our Tootsie Roll fundraising campaign after the Mother’s Day weekend Masses.



Catholic Ministries in the United States
SPRING COMBINED COLLECTIONS
JUNE 6-7, 2026



- Retirement Fund for Religious
- The Black and Indian Mission Collection
- The Catholic Communication Campaign
- Catholic University of America
- Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa

Twice per year, the Archdiocese of Milwaukee participates in the USCCB National Collections, which we refer to as “Combined Collections.” The faithful are encouraged to support this wonderful initiative this June: archmil.givingfuel.com/combinedcollections



SAINT PHILIP NERI PRAY FOR US

Saint
PHILIP NERI

St. Philip Neri was an Italian priest who served both the rich and poor of Rome with a jovial spirit. He founded The Congregation of the Oratory, a secular order which includes priests and brothers and does not bind them under religious vows, but instead by a bond of charity.

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Devotions, Explained! – Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Our Lady of Perpetual Help refers both to a title conferred upon the Blessed Mother as well as to a corresponding icon that dates to the late Middle Ages.

Painted on wood, the original icon has a Byzantine style and depicts the Blessed Mother holding the Christ Child. She is flanked by St. Michael and St. Gabriel, who hold the instruments of Christ’s passion, including a spear, nails and the Crown of Thorns. In the image, Christ seemingly leans into His mother’s embrace for comfort and strength as He contemplates these objects.

The icon is thought to have originated in Crete, but for 300 years was venerated in the Church of San Matteo in Merulana in Rome. Blessed Pope Pius IX entrusted the image to the Order of Redemptorists, who moved it to the Church of St. Alphonsus. He later established the Feast of Our Lady of Perpetual Help on June 27. ©LPi



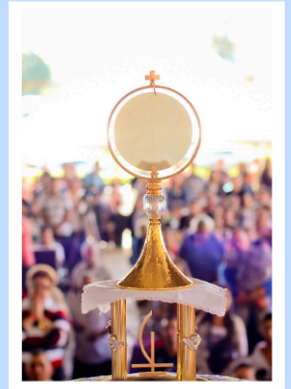


ST. VINCENT PALLOTTI
AND ST. THERESE

Eucharistic Procession

Celebrating the Feast of Corpus Christi

Sunday June 7, 2026



- ◆ Holy Mass Celebrated at 10:00am (Outside)
St. Vincent Pallotti-East (5424 West Bluemound Road, Milw)

Please note: The 10:00am Mass is the **ONLY** Mass that day.
There is **NO** 7:30am, 9:00am (at St. Therese) or
10:30am Mass!!!

- ◆ Outdoor Eucharistic Procession
around the neighborhood to follow
*Join us at any point, for any
length of time*

- ◆ Prayer concluding the
Procession in the church

- ◆ Join us at the Annual
Parish Picnic after!

ST. VINCENT PALLOTTI PARISH
Annual Picnic
AT THE EAST SITE

Sunday, June 7

10:00am - Outdoor Mass, followed by a Eucharistic
Procession to celebrate the Feast of Corpus Christi

PICNIC WILL FOLLOW

Silent Auction – Five Card Bingo – Games – Kids Art Contest
BIG MONEY RAFFLE
1st - \$1,000 2nd - \$500 3rd - \$250 4th - \$250 5th-9th - \$100/each
BIG MONEY RAFFLE DRAWING: June 7, 2026 at 3pm at the Picnic
(You do NOT need to be present to win Big Money Raffle)

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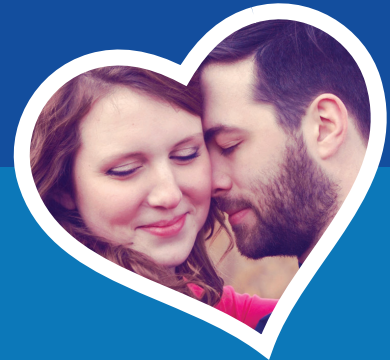
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