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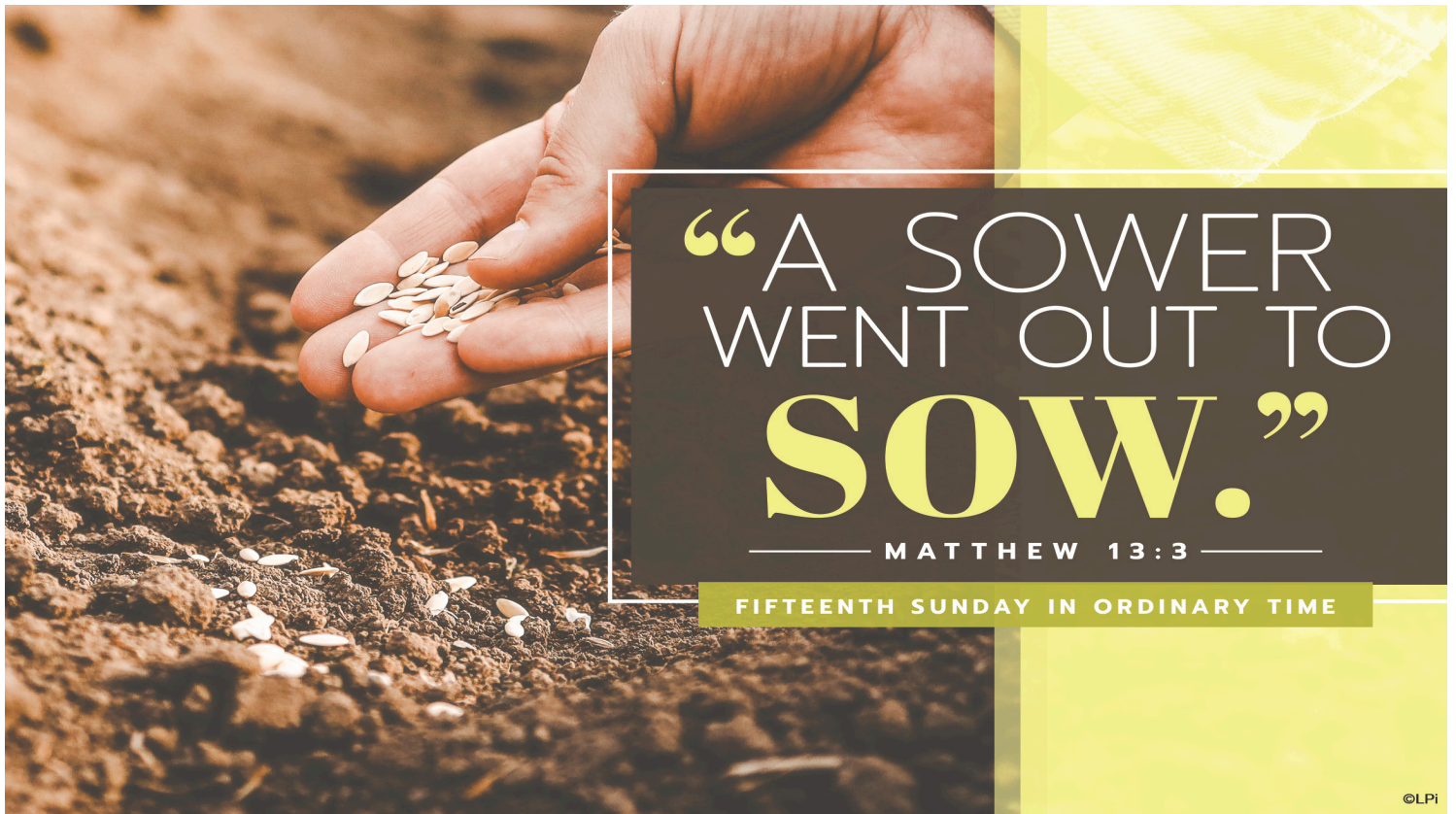
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We are St. Therese Catholic Church, a community of believers, who walk together by faith in Christ Jesus, and minister in the Little Way of St. Therese, as we strive hand-in-hand to live as God's people.

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

July 12, 2026



“A SOWER
WENT OUT TO
SOW.”

MATTHEW 13:3

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Matthew 13:1-23

Sometimes I feel capable of absorbing almost anything except God's Word. My mind soaks up song lyrics, sports trivia, and endless online content. But what was the reading at Mass this morning? I struggle to recall. That realization discourages me, and it leads to an uncomfortable question. What is my heart really for? Is it shaped for constant information and distraction, or is it truly designed for God? Am I capable of deeply receiving His Word?

Jesus speaks directly to this today with a simple image. **“The seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it.”** By comparing the Word of the Kingdom to a seed, Jesus reveals something hopeful about us. The human heart is made for that seed. Soil and seed belong together. No matter how compacted, rocky, or overgrown the ground has become, the Sower never stops sowing.

God loves our hearts. He sees them as a farmer sees his fields, full of potential. Human hearts can indeed **“understand the Word.”** Understanding does not mean mastering information. It means letting the Word sink in, interacting with it, and giving it a home. It means trusting that, beneath the surface, God is at work in quiet and hidden ways.

When we allow the Holy Spirit to loosen the soil of our hearts through prayer, repentance, and simplicity, the same Word that created the universe begins to bear fruit in us, 30, 60, even a hundredfold.

Lord Jesus, Sower of life, soften the soil of my heart. Let Your Word take root in me again, and bring forth the fruit You desire. Amen. — 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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Saint Vincent de Paul
(414) 462-7837

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 (414) 308-6238 fr.thomaspc@stvpc.org
 ext. 1 at St. Therese and ext. 102 at St. Vincent Pallotti

St. Therese Parish Office (414) 771-2500
 For Parish Emergencies After Hours, Push 0

Office Hours

As of July 1, we have no regular onsite office hours at St. Therese. Please contact staff directly to set up a time to meet or come to the St. Vincent Pallotti Parish Office during posted office hours for assistance.

Director of Administrative Services

Heather Goeden ext. 2
heather@sttheresemke.org

Finance Director

Christine Jensen ext. 4
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Choir Director

Carrie Sanders

Organist

Kathy Luty

Catechesis Ministry

Contact the St. Therese Parish Office

St. Vincent Pallotti Parish Office
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Summer Office Hours:

Monday through Thursday: 8:30am-3:30pm
 Fridays: 8:30am - Noon

Director of Admin & Development

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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

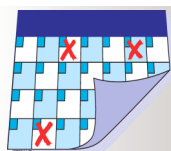
Please call either Parish Office. Preparation can take nine months or more.

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.



Events for the Week

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

Sunday, July 12

Birthdays at STP

- 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

Monday, July 13

- 6:25am Morning Mass at SVP-E
- 6:00pm St. Vincent de Paul Society Meeting at STP

Tuesday, July 14

- 8:45am Morning Mass at STP
- 12:00pm Afternoon Mass at SVP-W

Wednesday, July 15

- 6:25am Morning Mass at SVP-E

Thursday, July 16

- 11:30am Adoration at SVP-W
- 12:00pm Afternoon Mass at SVP-W
- 7:00pm Group 100 AA

Friday, July 17

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

Saturday, July 18

Mission Weekend at Both Parishes

Birthdays Weekend and St. Vincent de Paul Society Collection at SVP

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

Sunday, July 19

Mission Weekend at Both Parishes

Birthdays Weekend and St. Vincent de Paul Society 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 Rosary Prayer Service at STP
- 10:30am Mass at SVP-W – Live Streamed and Posted



2026 Catholic Stewardship Appeal

St. Therese Parish Update: We have reached 77% of our goal.

St. Vincent Pallotti Parish Update: We have reached 48% of our goal.

Please prayerfully consider a donation to support the Catholic Stewardship Appeal and help our parishes reach our goals.

Your gift to the Catholic Stewardship Appeal plants seeds of hope for a bountiful harvest.



Your gift of any size will impact countless lives. To donate, visit www.catholicappeal.org, text **APPEAL2026** to 414-348-8380 or mail your check to the Catholic

Stewardship Appeal, 3501 S. Lake Drive, St. Francis, WI 53235.

Intentions & Readings for the Week



July Sanctuary Candle at STP

For People Intentionally Living a Frugal Lifestyle

Sunday, July 12

Observance: 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings *Is 55:10-11/Ps 65:10, 11, 12-13, 14/Rom 8:18-23/Mt 13:1-23*

Monday, July 13

Observance: St. Henry

Readings *Is 1:10-17/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mt 10:34-11:1*

6:25am (SVP-E) †Sylvia Pahule (J Thomas)

Tuesday, July 14

Observance: St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin

Readings *Is 7:1-9/Ps 48:2-3a, 3b-4, 5-6, 7-8/Mt 11:20-24*

8:45am (STP) Kevin and Ann Gengler

12:00pm (SVP-W) Special Intention of Louise Faragallah

Wednesday, July 15

Observance: St. Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Readings *Is 10:5-7, 13b-16/Ps 94:5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 14-15/Mt 11:25-27*

6:25am (SVP-E) †Al Krukowski (J Badura)

Thursday, July 16

Observance: Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Readings *Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19/Ps 102:13-14ab and 15, 16-18, 19-21/Mt 11:28-30*

12:00pm (SVP-W) Blessings for Joshua Griffin & Nyah Parker (M/P Griffin)

Friday, July 17

Readings *Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8/Is 38:10, 12abcd, 16/Mt 12:1-8*

6:25am (SVP-E) Special intention of Maggie Feedar

Saturday, July 18

Observance: St. Camillus de Lellis, Priest

Readings *Mi 2:1-5/Ps 10:1-2, 3-4, 7-8, 14/Mt 12:14-21*

4:00pm (SVP-W) †Charles & †Mary Moran (A Moran)

Sunday Mass, July 19

Observance: 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings *Wis 12:13, 16-19/Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16/Rom 8:26-27/Mt 13:24-43*

7:30am (SVP-E) Parishioners

9:00am (STP) †Genna Dufour and the St. Therese Parish Community

10:30am (SVP-W) †Fred Koller (Family)



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, 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 Lemkuiel, Rachel Lund, Kathy Manthe, Debbie Martin, Loretta Merz, Collette Massey, Bob O'Neil, Celeste Rau, Jacob & Jaxson Rivera, Kaity Shields, Michael Sullivan, Robert Szablewski, Beverly T., Rosann Thate, Terry Valdovinos, Mary Vanderbunt, John Wachowiak, Chris Wehausen

Proposed Merger Approved

The proposed merger of St. Therese Parish and St. Vincent Pallotti Parish was presented to the Archdiocese of Milwaukee Presbyteral Council. There were no objections and they recommended that Archbishop Grob encourage our parishes to continue to work our way through the merger planning process. The Archbishop accepted this recommendation.

Our parish leadership will continue with the merger planning process and provide an update to the Archbishop in September.

I ask for your continued prayers and support.



Fr. Thomas Pulikkeel Chacko, SAC – Pastor



Congratulations to Matthew and Teresa Czaplewski on the baptism of their children, Karol Benedict and Agnieszka Faustina. May God's blessings shine upon them as we welcome Karol and Agnieszka into our Catholic Community.

Our St. Vincent de Paul Conference Needs Your Help!

Our St. Vincent de Paul Conference (SVdP) reserves have been depleted in order to help the people of our community purchase food, rent, beds, and other necessities. This has happened quicker than normal due to rising costs. Can you help your neighbor in need?

Please consider making a donation to support our SVdP Conference. Checks should be made out to St. Vincent de Paul Society. Thank you for your generosity.

St. Therese Parish Church Support	
Env/Off – 7/5	\$1,419.00
Env/Off – 6/28	\$1,475.00
Env/Off – 6/21	\$2,427.00
Env/Off – 6/14	\$8,796.00
Env/Off – 6/7	\$1,004.00
Maintenance Donations	\$927.00
Sharing Weekend (June 14)	\$824.00

Office Changes Began July 1

As of July 1, all staff members are working out of the St. Vincent Pallotti Parish Office. You can still reach staff using either office phone number and everyone's email remains the same. **The Mass schedule at St. Therese REMAINS THE SAME!**

For those who do not know where the St. Vincent Pallotti Parish Office is, from St. Therese:

- Take Bluemound Road East to 76th Street.
- Turn right onto 76th Street heading South.
- Turn right onto Stevenson Street and immediately turn right into the St. Vincent Pallotti - West parking lot.
- The Parish Office entrance is located between the parish center and the school entrance.
- Ring the bell for assistance.

Any questions, please contact Heather.



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. Most weekend Masses are scheduled for 2026, but there are many weekday Masses open. 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.

Thank you for your support!
Please remember St. Vincent Pallotti and St. Therese Parish in your will.

A Note from the Craft Circle and Prayer Shawl Ministry

This is a day that I'm crocheting a border around the edge of a prayer shawl. I ask God to bless my work and to give peace and comfort to the person receiving the shawl. Images drift across my mind of Linda, a friend who had a brain tumor. She's lying on her recliner covered with a prayer blanket. Marion, another friend with Parkinson's, enfolded in a prayer shawl; and Christine, who sent a picture of her blanket on her hospital bed before receiving a chemotherapy treatment. Linda and Marion have passed away. Christine is living her life as a testament to the power of prayer. There are hundreds more of similar stories. Blankets are also made and given at baptisms and other joyful occasions.

We take time to reflect on our ministry. We consider how to distribute the items and how to cover the cost of materials. We also consider the members of the craft circle who do the work. "Thank you" to Erna, Audrey, Shirley, Leann, Cathy H., Sharon and her grandchildren, Marilyn B., Candyce, Fran and others who contribute to this ministry to make it work. We always welcome new members to use their talents and make a difference. We distribute the shawls on the 1st weekend of the month when we have the blessing of the sick. (You can also call the office to request a shawl during normal business hours.)

Shawls are given to anyone in need without cost or restrictions. Over the years we have given away several hundred items. To cover the cost we depend on a generous budget from the parish, donations, and money made at the Christmas craft fair. We have also received yarn and material. We rely on your generosity to continue this mission. God blesses those who give and receive.



FAITH FORMATION

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Faith Formation Registration is now open!

We are so excited to learn and grow with you in faith this year! We continue to partner with St. Jude Parish to provide our Faith Formation and Sacramental Preparation classes.

Tuition & Fees are due at time of registration. This year we are asking families to register directly with St. Jude at www.stjudeparishwauwatosa.org/new-page-4. Tuition and fees are listed below.

If the fees listed create a hardship for your family, please contact Heather in the Parish Office. No family will be turned away.

Faith Formation Tuition:

- 1 student - \$170
- 2 students - \$240
- 3 or more students - \$325

Sacrament Process Fees:

- 1st Reconciliation & 1st Eucharist (2nd Grade): \$50 (in addition to class fee)
- Youth Confirmation: \$75 (preparation and retreat in addition to class fee)

If you have any questions, you can contact Heather in the Parish Office or Deanna Muñoz, Director of Faith Formation at St. Jude at (414) 258-8821 x231 or dmunoz@stjudetheapostle.net

God's Work



Our Hands

“According to the gift that each has received, administer it to one another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God” 1Peter 4:10

God has worked to create you as well as all your experiences. Your experiences have revealed to you your talents. Yes, in your eyes, they might seem small and imperfect talents. In God's eyes and plan, your discipleship (volunteering) becomes a complement and completion in your creation.

Reach out with heart, soul, mind and body to make the “kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven.”

Try being a part of committees and ministries because that helps our worship and parishes to be complete. Say yes and engage with your fellow parishioners. God's work is hand in hand with us as we merge and become one.

St Therese Reuniting Us As

“One Nation, Under God” Prayer Service



Please join us for our monthly rosary prayer service after Mass on July 19. The service is about 25 minutes. We say the rosary and ask Blessed Mary to intervene for us with the Lord in seeking His help to reunite us as “...One Nation, Under God...” We end with a short meditation to remind us that while we are all different, we need to Love and respect one another. We hope you join us.

News From St. Vincent de Paul Conference

The St. Jude-St. Therese-St. Vincent Pallotti conference served 8 families between April 1 and June 8, 2026. We were forced to stop taking requests for assistance on June 8 because we did not have enough funds in our checking account.

Our conference does not have a regular income stream. We rely on the Poor Box at the church entrances, a few generous benefactors and our members. We pass the hat among our members during each meeting. With our limited funds we were able to help three families with furniture, two families with clothing, four families with household items, one family with food, one family with rent and one family with appliances. We will begin accepting referrals when we have sufficient funds to do so.

We are asking if you can find it in your hearts to help us help those in need. Thank you in advance for your generosity and may God bless you. Thank you.

St. Therese Feast Day Planning Begins!

The St Therese Feast Day Celebration Committee is beginning the planning for the October 4 celebration for “The Little Flower’s” feast day. We will have a speaker, luncheon, raffles, silent auctions and a 50/50 raffle.

With this in mind, we are seeking donations of new and unused items that can be used for the raffles and the silent auction. Examples of silent auction items are quilts, gift cards from your favorite store or restaurant, a golf package from your favorite course, Bucks, Brewers, Green Bay Packer, theater, symphony, or concert tickets, and memorabilia items. For those that like to cook or bake, consider hosting a dinner where you make your favorite meal for a predetermined number of guests at a future date, or donate a favorite dessert or your famous pickles or other canned favorites.

For raffle baskets, themes could include games and toys for children, a basket for a movie or game night for teens, or a care package for college students. Adult baskets could include food, wine, coffee, tea, picnic items, gadgets, books, lottery tickets, or more!

You may contact Art Nennig (mnennig1@wi.rr.com), Mary Ellen Nennig (me2@wi.rr.com), or Christine Jensen (christine@sttheresemilwaukee.org) if you have questions. Please notify Art if you would like to make a donation.

All items should be delivered to the St. Therese Parish Office by September 28. Please contact Heather Goeden to set up a time to drop them off. Food items should be delivered on October 4, the day of the celebration.

Thank you for your generous involvement in advance!



*“I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in.”
(Matthew 25:35)*



From the Earth Ministry:

Our Earth Ministry invites all in our Parish to join us at Tricklebee Café (4424 W. North Ave, Milwaukee) on Saturday, July 18 at 11:00AM to get acquainted with our Earth Ministry members and to share a meal. Tricklebee is a community café that offers healthy meals, food-service training, and spiritual nourishment. You can see the day's menu at their website: tricklebeecafe.org. The cost is “pay what you can”. It is open until 2:00PM. If you are interested in joining us, please let Dianne Dagelen know at (414) 232-3208.

While there, you can check out their community fridge. People may donate unexpired and unopened food items and fresh produce to the fridge. Those in need may take food from the fridge during business hours, 11:00 AM – 2:00PM, Wednesday through Saturday. Drop off hours for fridge donations are Wednesday through Saturday, 8 AM – 3:30 PM

Mission Weekend is Next Weekend: July 18/19

Pallottine Fathers and Brothers is an international missionary religious order with communities on all of the continents. Currently there are more than two thousand members. Together with lay ministers, we try to spread faith in these areas and to the people who are poor and underprivileged. Our mission appeal is for the support of mission activities of the Nagpur Province (India). The missionaries of this province are engaged in the missions of North East India, the areas bordering China and in Zambia (Africa).

In India, the mission is centered in the North East part of the country; in the areas bordering China – the hill region of Arunachal Pradesh, Nagaland and Meghalaya. It is a very new mission in need of support. New Christian communities are being formed. New places of worship, educational institutions, medical clinics, and boarding schools are being built. Opportunities for self-employment are a necessity. There are dozens of missionary priests along with religious sisters engaged in these missionary activities. It is a fast-growing mission. There are also new vocations coming from this area so we need to build a seminary and house of formation. Through your support of the Mission Cooperation plan we can carry on and increase our engagement in the missions.

We also have missionaries that are actively involved in many parts of Africa: South Africa, Tanzania, Kenya, Rwanda, Congo, Nigeria, Ivory Coast, Cameroon, Malawi, Mozambique, and Zambia all the way to Uganda.

This year, our appeal is for India and Zambia. The funds raised will go to build up basic Christian communities, chapels and churches, schools, boarding, medical clinics, self-employment projects, promoting vocations and formation houses and creating better living standards for the people.

Thank you for your generous support.

Fr. Joe Dominic, SAC – Provincial Rector



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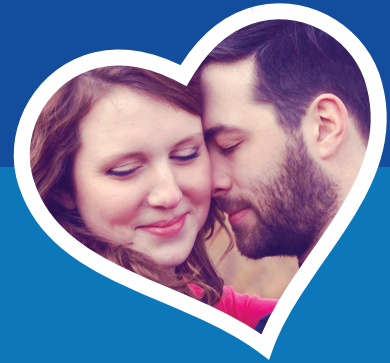
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