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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 19, 2026



16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Matthew 13:24-43

A man recently told me he was losing patience with the Church. **“It’s supposed to be God’s Kingdom on earth,”** he said, **“but it’s full of contradictions and hypocrisy. Why can’t the Church just be better?”** That last word landed with a judgmental thud. It hurt. Because at times the Church can look painfully ordinary, even disappointing.

But Jesus’ parables in today’s Gospel meet that frustration head-on. He says, **“The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a man who sowed good seed in his field,”** yet the weeds grow up with the wheat, and the master allows both to grow together until harvest. To his listeners, this sounded strange, even offensive. They expected God’s reign to be pure, powerful, and glorious, anything but mixed up, hidden, or small.

Jesus is showing us something essential. The Kingdom always begins small and grows amid imperfection. Grace and weakness exist side by side until the harvest. That is why the Church often looks messy. Yet within that mess, God’s quiet work continues. The weeds do not stop the wheat from growing.

When we see the Church’s flaws or our own, it helps to remember that this is exactly the field in which Christ chose to plant. The miracle is not that everything looks perfect, but that his Word keeps taking root anyway.

Lord, give me patience with Your field, the Church. Help me see Your hidden life growing even among the weeds. 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.

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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

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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

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Carrie Sanders

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Kathy Luty

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Contact the St. Therese Parish Office

St. Vincent Pallotti Parish Office
(414) 453-5344

Summer Office Hours:

Monday through Thursday: 8:30am-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 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.

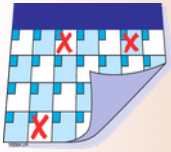
Funerals

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 19

Mission Weekend at Both Parishes

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

- 6:45am Reconciliation at SVP-E
- 7:00am Rosary 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

Monday, July 20

- 6:25am Morning Mass at SVP-E

Tuesday, July 21

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

Wednesday, July 22

- 6:25am Morning Mass at SVP-E

Thursday, July 23

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

Friday, July 24

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

Saturday, July 25

Grandparent's Blessing

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

Sunday, July 26

Grandparent's Blessing

- 6:45am Reconciliation at SVP-E
- 7:00am Rosary 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



July Sanctuary Candle at STP

For People Intentionally Living a Frugal Lifestyle

Sunday, 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

Monday, July 20

Observance: St. Apollinaris, Bishop and Martyr

Readings Mi 6:1-4, 6-8/Ps 50:5-6, 8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mt 12:38-42
6:25am (SVP-E) †Paul Thomas (J Thomas)

Tuesday, July 21

Observance: St. Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Readings Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 85:2-4, 5-6, 7-8/Mt 12:46-50

8:45am (STP) St. Therese Parish Community

12:00pm (SVP-W) Deacon Don & †Toni Borkowski

Wednesday, July 22

Observance: St. Mary Magdalene

Readings Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

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

Thursday, July 23

Observance: St. Bridget, Religious

Readings Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13/Ps 36:6-7ab, 8-9, 10-11/Mt 13:10-17

12:00pm (SVP-W) Birthday Blessings for Daniel Griffin (Family)

Friday, July 24

Observance: St. Sharbel Makhlūf, Priest

Readings Jer 3:14-17/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13/Mt 13:18-23

6:25am (SVP-E)

Saturday, July 25

Observance: St. James, Apostle

Readings 2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/Mt 20:20-28

4:00pm (SVP-W) †Loretta Catt (J Dlouhy)

Sunday Mass, July 26

Observance: 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130/Rom 8:28-30/Mt 13:44-52

7:30am (SVP-E) †Jerry Jarmusz (Jean Jarmusz)

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

10:30am (SVP-W) †John Gamsky (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 Lemkuil, 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

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FAITH FORMATION

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Register for Faith Formation

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

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.

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Pray for and Support Venezuela

In the wake of the devastating earthquakes that have impacted Venezuela, please pray for our brothers and sisters affected by this tragedy. We are encouraging all faithful who wish to donate to Venezuela relief efforts to do so using Catholic Relief Services, so funds will reach those in need most quickly. Go to www.crs.org/donate/venezuela-earthquake



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.

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

Prayer & Worship

Although the Prayer and Worship Committee will not be meeting formally until the end of August, we thought we'd take this opportunity to remind you that as you enjoy the summer months and your vacation time, Jesus does not take a vacation. He is always there for you. So, take some time to talk to Him in prayer.

Remember, August 15 is the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Be sure to attend Mass that day.

Our next update will be in September. Enjoy your summer.



"And you shall wash your clothes on the seventh day, and be clean;" – Exodus 19:14



From the Earth Ministry:

In 2023 we encouraged use of eco-friendly alternatives to popular liquid or powdered laundry detergents. Waste water from popular-brand detergents contain several harmful chemicals, microfibers, plastic residue, and other nasty residues. Besides that, we mentioned that sustainable alternatives like laundry sheets or tablets (new since we last wrote) are packaged in biodegradable or recycled paper instead of non-recyclable plastic jugs some of which are like small barbells to lift from store and laundry room shelves.

When laundry sheets first came out, testing found that they didn't work as well as traditional detergents on stains or heavily soiled materials. However, this was not the case if these problem areas were sprayed with a pretreatment. More recently, testing laboratories have found no difference in cleaning power of some laundry sheet brands and the newer laundry tablets versus popular liquid or powder detergents.

We have recently switched from laundry sheets to tablets made by Blueland (www.blueland.com). It's amazing that such a small thing (about the size of two quarters on top of each other) can create clean clothes just as well as any of the commercially advertised detergents. Blueland products are available at Costco and other retail stores. Blueland also makes dishwasher and toilet cleaning tablets.

Laundry sheets and tablets are wonderful for travel. They are compact and won't accidentally soak items in your suitcase.

**God's
Work**

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**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



This is the third weekend of the month and we invite you to join us for our monthly prayer service in the Chapel after Mass.

During this 25 minute service, we pray the rosary and ask Blessed Mary to intervene with the Lord for His help to make us "...One Nation, Under God..." with love and respect for all as we attempt to become an undivided nation! We conclude with a short meditation to help us prepare for the week ahead.

Please join us in prayer.

Reading Buddies Needed

If you enjoy working with children and are looking for a way to make a lasting difference in a child's life, this could be the perfect volunteer opportunity. The Seton Catholic Schools Happy Reader program is seeking caring adults to serve as reading tutors at seven schools for the coming school year. No experience is necessary.

Volunteer tutors give two hours a week, working one-on-one with the same students throughout the school year so meaningful relationships can develop. Training is provided. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Beth Driscoll at mbdathome@gmail.com.

If you would like to learn more and register, please visit: <https://tinyurl.com/SetonHappyReadersFall26>



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!

Summer Spiritual Day Trips

Make a trip to Holy Hill at 1525 Carmel Road in Hubertus. Recite the Rosary and walk the stations. Just think of the efforts by so many, prior to modern machinery, who constructed this church.

It remains a religious attraction for the entire Midwest.

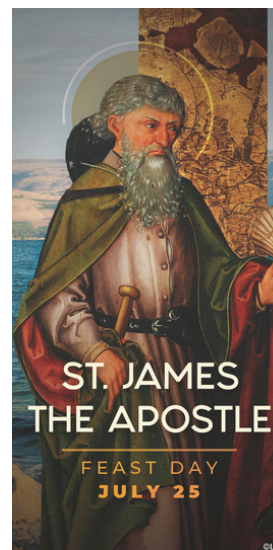


**The word of God
is a light to the mind
and a fire to the will.**

—St. Lawrence of Brindisi



**Sunday, July 19 is
National Ice Cream Day!**
This delicious holiday is held every
year on the third Sunday of July.
Enjoy your favorite flavor and
celebrate!



St. James the Apostle

Saint James the Apostle is also called James, son of Zebedee, or James the Greater to distinguish him from the other James in Jesus’ group of twelve. Most of what we know about Saint James is recorded in the New Testament. He and his brother John were collected by Jesus along the sea of Galilee. Matthew 4:18-22 tells the story of Jesus calling first Simon Peter and his brother Andrew and then the sons of Zebedee. In Mark 3:17 the brothers receive a nickname from Jesus who calls them “sons of thunder” because of their many extreme reactions, like that in Luke 9:54 when they offer to call down fire on a Samaritan village.

Saint James was part of Jesus’ intimate circle, a witness to the Transfiguration, the resurrection of Jarius’ daughter, and the agony in the garden of Gethsemane. In A.D. 44 Herod Agrippa had “James, the brother of John, killed by the sword.” (Acts 12:2) He is the only apostle whose martyrdom is written of in the New Testament.

According to Spanish tradition, his body was taken to Santiago de Compostela, Spain where his relics were rediscovered in 9th century. This tradition has sometimes been attributed to a passage in the Song of Roland which tells of St. James appearing to Charlemagne in a dream, prophesying that Charlemagne would conquer the Moors in Spain. This was followed by a vision of stars which if followed would lead to the saint’s lost tomb. In the Middle Ages Compostela was a hugely popular pilgrimage site. The saint’s relics continue to rest in the cathedral there and one can still undertake the pilgrimage.

Mission Weekend is This 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.

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Fr. Joe Dominic, SAC – Provincial Rector



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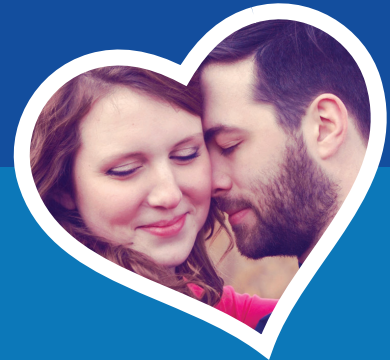
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