



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.

August 23, 2026



21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Matthew 16:13-20

The first time I stood inside St. Peter's Basilica in Rome, its majesty overwhelmed me. The sheer beauty of Michelangelo's dome seemed to lift my soul right out of my body. Later, I joined the Scavi tour that winds below the basilica, down into the ancient pagan cemetery where Peter was buried. There, in the dim light and narrow passageways, I found myself looking at the bones of a murdered Jewish fisherman, his feet cut off so his crucified body could be taken down more easily.

What a paradox. Above me, the most glorious church ever built. Beneath me, the remains of a backwater fisherman. But this man dared to answer Jesus' question, **"Who do you say that I am?"** And crowning that immense dome above his tomb are the words from today's Gospel, **"You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church."**

Within you and me is the drama of the lowest and the highest. Every time we confess Christ, humbly, imperfectly, maybe even trembling, we enter that same mystery. The dust of our humanity, touched by the splendor of heaven. God's presence and our dry bones together. Humility and glory. May our lives embrace both the lowest and the highest, like that great basilica, as we profess Jesus. — *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

Art Nennig

Vice Chairperson

Brett Surinak

Secretary

Jennifer Tierney

Trustees

Dennis Ferger – STP (414) 546-7330

Christopher Gauthier – SVP (414) 302-1033

Ann Maher – STP (414) 698-7016

Lenny Schaefer – SVP (414) 534-1450

Members-At-Large

David Helterbran Linda Okruhlica

Mary Noeske Emily Smith

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

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

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 Operations & Facilities Management

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Finance Director

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Carrie Sanders

Organist

Kathy Luty

Catechesis Ministry

Contact the St. Therese Parish Office

St. Vincent Pallotti Parish Office
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Office Hours:

Monday through Friday: 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

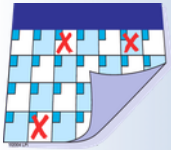
Contact either Parish Office to plan.

Parish Membership / Support

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

Please call either Parish Office for more information.

Deadline:
The deadline for the August 30th Bulletin has passed.
The next available bulletin is the September 6th Bulletin.
either Parish Office



Events for the Week

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

Sunday, August 23

Back to School Blessing/Fourth Sunday Formation

- 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
- 10:30am Mass at SVP-W – Live Streamed and Posted

Monday, August 24

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

Tuesday, August 25

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

Wednesday, August 26

- 6:25am Morning Mass at SVP-E

Thursday, August 27

- 11:30am Adoration at SVP-W
- 12:00pm Afternoon Mass at SVP-W
- 6:30pm Stewardship Committee Meeting (Offsite)
- 6:30pm Prayer & Worship Committee Meeting at STP
- 7:00pm Group 100 AA

Friday, August 28

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

Saturday, August 29

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

Sunday, August 30

- 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
- 10:30am Mass at SVP-W – Live Streamed and Posted

Intentions & Readings for the Week



August Sanctuary Candle at STP

For The St. Therese Parish Community

Sunday, August 23

Observance: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings *Is 22:19-23/Ps 138:1-2a, 2b-3, 6 and 8/Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20*

Monday, August 24

Observance: St. Bartholomew, Apostle

Readings *Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18/Jn 1:45-51*

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

Tuesday, August 25

Observance: St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz, Priest

Readings *2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13/Mt 23:23-26*

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

12:00pm (SVP-W) †Jordyce Schraith (Gendrich Family)

Wednesday, August 26

Readings *2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18/Ps 128:1-2, 4-5/Mt 23:27-32*

6:25am (SVP-E)

Thursday, August 27

Observance: St. Monica

Readings *1 Cor 1:1-9/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mt 24:42-51*

12:00pm (SVP-W)

Friday, August 28

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

Readings *1 Cor 1:17-25/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11/Mt 25:1-13*

6:25am (SVP-E)

Saturday, August 29

Observance: The Passion of St. John the Baptist

Readings *1 Cor 1:26-31/Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20-21/Mk 6:17-29*

4:00pm (SVP-W) †Don Davis (Church Cleaning Crew)

Sunday Mass, August 30

Observance: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings *Jer 20:7-9/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27*

7:30am (SVP-E) Parishioners

9:00am (STP) †Suzanne Jagemann and the St. Therese Parish Community

10:30am (SVP-W) †Don Davis (Church Cleaning Crew)



To be included, please call either Parish Office.

Born to Eternal Life: †Fr. Hugh Birdsall, SDS

Alexandra Guliano, Dorothy Ash, Mark B., Dan Brady, Bonita Bruncker, Peter Carlis, Brandon Choe, Irene 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, Myles Melloch, 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

Altered Bulletin Deadlines

- The September 13 deadline is September 1 at 8:00AM



Fall Office Hours Begin on August 24
Our hours will be Monday through Friday
from 8:30am until 3:30pm.



The Parish Office will be closed and NO
Masses will be held on Monday,
September 7 for the Labor Day Holiday.



School Supply Drive

The annual back to school drive for St. Vincent Pallotti School continues through September 20. The school has asked for pencils, colored pencils, notebooks, handheld pencil sharpeners, Crayola crayons and markers, headphones with 3.5 mm jack and Kleenex. There will be shopping lists and baskets to drop off supplies at each entrance. If you have any questions please contact Cathy Healey at (414) 412-7940.



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

Thank you to all that attended the prayer service last weekend. Mark your calendars and plan to join us at our next prayer service on Sunday, September 20 after the 9:00am Mass at St. Therese.

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 in Your Prayers:

The family and friends of †Fr. Hugh Birdsall, SDS, who served as the longtime Assisting Priest at St. Therese Parish. His funeral will be on Wednesday, August 26 at the Holy Spirit Chapel - Avina Living (9301 N 76th Street - Milwaukee, WI)

Visitation: 10:00 AM

Mass of Christian Burial: 11:00 AM

"Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them."



FAITH FORMATION

Serving the parishes of...

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Sign up your 3K–11th grade students for Faith Formation classes. We have a special partnership with St. Jude the Apostle Parish in the Faith Formation of our young people. All classes are held at St. Jude the Apostle Parish. Register using the QR codes. If the fees create a hardship for your family, please contact Heather in the office as no family will be turned away.

If you have further questions, please reach out to Deanna Munoz, Director of Formation at St. Jude at 414-258-8821 or dmunoz@stjudetheapostle.net.

Faith Formation Registration for 3K–10th



Faith Formation for Confirmation Program
11th Grade Only

Mandatory Confirmation Orientation Session
11th Only (Sign Up for 1 Session)



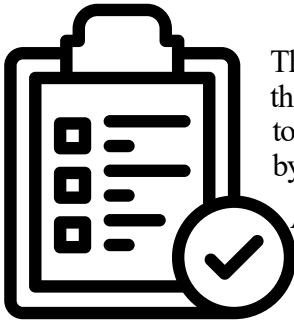
Sunday Masses Live-Streamed and Recorded!

- 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.



Final Call: Merged Parish Name Suggestions

Thank you to those who have submitted names to consider for the new parish. If you haven't yet, there is still time. Please submit your name suggestion and a brief explanation for your suggestion to the Parish Office via email (heather@sttheresemke.org), mail, or by dropping them off at the office by **THIS Sunday, August 23**.

According to the Archdiocese, "The parish name must be a title of the Blessed Trinity, a mystery in the life of Christ, or a title already accepted in the liturgy, the Blessed Mother under a title already accepted in the liturgy, the Holy Spirit, one of the angels, or an approved saint. Preferably, the name is one not being used by any other parish in the Archdiocese."

The Naming Team, the Parish Pastoral Council, and Fr. Tom PC will review the submissions and narrow them to a list of 10. The list will be shared with parishioners the weekend of August 29/30 and you can share your support for a particular name through Sunday, September 20. ***This will not be a voting process.*** The Naming Team, the Parish Pastoral Council, and Fr. Tom PC will review the parishioner responses. Fr. Tom PC will then decide on the final three names to be submitted to Archbishop Grob on September 23.

Contact Fr. Tom PC with questions or concerns.

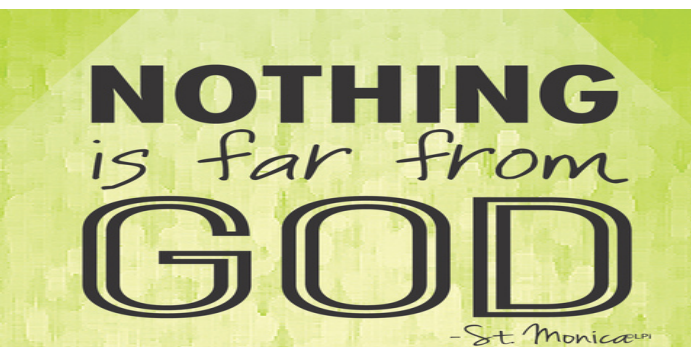


ADULT FORMATION Opportunities

Join us after Mass this weekend - August 22/23 - for our next Fourth Sunday Formation session. This month's topic is Mass Stipends. Plan to stay after Mass for 10-15 minutes that weekend and learn more about the Catholic faith.

What is a Mass stipend? It is a set donation (currently \$20) for the priest to offer a Mass for a donor's intention. But it is more than a donation; it is a bond between the donor, the priest, and the altar. Each time we request a Mass, we participate more intimately with the celebration of the Mass. It ensures that our offering, united with Christ's in the Mass, yields eternal fruits.

Anyone can request an intention for the Mass (contact Heather in the Parish Office to schedule this). Intentions include: for a celebration (such as an anniversary), for the deceased, or for a special intention for self or others.



"So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God."
- 1 Corinthians 10:31



From the Earth Ministry:

Meatless Mondays is an international campaign to improve health and decrease the negative environmental effects that meat contributes in our food supply. There is a long history of the movement. Woodrow Wilson called for all meals every Monday and one meal of each day to be meatless during World War I. The campaign returned during World War II. These campaigns were for economic reasons.

Today the campaign is aimed at improving the health of people and the health of the environment. It is being promoted by the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health Center for a Livable Future. The program follows the nutrition guidelines developed by the USDA. Note this quote from the Johns Hopkins website: "The environmental impacts of industrial-style meat production include a strain on freshwater reserves, creation of greenhouse gas emissions that exacerbate climate change, an inefficient use of land, pollution from animal waste, deforestation, and significant loss of biodiversity." For a more in-depth look at the benefits of Meatless Mondays, check out meatlessmonday.publichealth.jhu.edu

Summer Spiritual Day Trips

A labyrinth is not a maze to figure out, but a path to experience a deeper connection with God. Stop by the Hartung Labyrinth on Menomonee River Parkway (park) and Keefe Ave. and take some time to be with God while following the path.



Standing Committee Monthly Reports

Parish Pastoral Council

- Commissioned Council Members for Fiscal Year 26/27
- Elected Officers and Assigned Liaisons to Standing Committees and Reps to Deanery
 - Chair-Art Nennig, Vice Chair-Brett Surinak, Secretary-Jennifer Tierney
 - Prayer & Worship-Mary Noeske, Christian Formation-Linda Okruhlica, Human Concerns-Art Nennig, and Stewardship-Dave Helterbran
 - Deanery Reps-Jim Proulx, Mary Neske, Linda Okruhlica, Tim Schwaller
- Merger Planning Committee reviewed key activities and progress achieved
 - Updated Council on naming suggestions received and next steps
 - Updated Council on "Listening Sessions" being held in August
- Held a discussion to prepare a formal Parish Council plan for the 26/27 Fiscal Year. Below are the items discussed:
 - Accomplishment of Merger by January 1, 2027
 - Provide Educational meetings for Council and Committee members on various Archdiocese manuals and directives related to how a parish should work
 - Develop ideas to focus on growing our Community for families and young people
 - Develop prayer activities to achieve more time in Prayer for Council and Committee members, and Parishioners
 - Father PC provided much insight and suggestions as to how to grow our Community and provide more opportunities for prayer, especially with families and our youth
- Next meeting is scheduled for 9/2/26 in Miriam's Corner at STP

Feast of St. Therese Planning

Planning for the Feast of St. Therese is in full swing and we are busy contacting local sports teams, organizations, restaurants, and businesses; asking them for donations. But you might have a great idea that we haven't considered!



Perhaps you work for or own a business that likes to support local schools. Or maybe your family, a relative, a friend, or neighbor is looking for a way to give back to the community.

We are hoping to collect gift cards, sports memorabilia, tickets to sporting events or concerts, attraction tickets, and more for our raffle. If you have a contact we should reach out to, please let the planning committee know. The deadline to have donations in hand is September 28.

Consider purchasing gift cards to donate through the SCRIP program at either Parish. You can drop purchased cards off at the Parish Office or put them in the collection basket at any location in an envelope clearly marked "Donation for St. Therese Feast Day."

St. Therese Parish is a 501 (c) 3 exempt organization. If you have any questions, please contact Art Nennig at mnennig1@wi.rr.com

Thank you for supporting St. Therese!

SENIOR PLANET CLASSES

FREE Technology Education for Older Adults

Summer/Fall 2026

10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. in the Firefly Room

Wauwatosa Public Library

- Intro to Photo Editing Apps- Tuesday, Sept 8th
- Getting to know your iPhone Workshop- (Class Limit to 15)

Tuesday, Sept 22nd

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2 Corinthians 9:11

God's Work is giving life to you and our world.

With our Faith and God given talents, we try to provide the necessities for ourselves and family now and in the future. Our Parish exists so that God's Family, our parish, can rely on the necessities that support our faith. The financial necessities include: church buildings and their utilities, liturgies, the priest providing sacraments that enhance our faith, faith formation, and support staff that listen and share all that our parishes have to offer. Your faith, as generosity, provides for your spiritual needs.

Trust that His work around and in us opens our hands to others. We engage by means of our Time in prayer, our Talent in volunteering, and Treasure in increasing the Church, its people, now and in the future.

August is National Make-A-Will Month

Take time this month to create or update your will. Despite the widespread recognition of its importance, many people delay estate planning. Make-A-Will Month aims to simplify the process and highlight the benefits of having a will, such as ensuring your wishes are followed regarding your assets and loved ones.

Estate planning is the way to continue your life's work. It is vital that you invest some time to insure that your life's efforts will continue the causes and people who will most treasure your gifts. Your attorney in conjunction with your accountant can prepare a proper will and make other arrangements for the easy, inexpensive transfer of your estate. Please remember St. Vincent Pallotti and St. Therese Parish in your will.

ST. BARTHOLOMEW

“ONCE YOU
BEGIN TO
BELIEVE
THERE IS HELP
'OUT THERE,'
YOU WILL
KNOW IT TO
BE TRUE.”

A colorful illustration of St. Bartholomew, a bearded man with a halo, wearing a red tunic and a purple cloak, holding a knife. The background is orange with red heart shapes and quotation marks.A portrait of St. Francis, a man with a beard and a halo, wearing a brown robe. The background is dark and textured.

**JUBILEE YEAR OF
ST. FRANCIS**

**FIRST FRIDAY
PILGRIMAGE**

Choose from
Sept 4 | Oct 2 | Nov 6
9:30 AM–2 PM

9:30 AM
Basilica of St. Josaphat
6th St. & Lincoln Ave.
Talk and Tour
Travel on your own to:

12 PM
St. Francis of Assisi Church
Vel R. Phillips & Brown St.
Mass, Lunch and Blessing

Cost: \$25 per person
RSVP by the Tuesday prior

Celebrate the Jubilee Year of St. Francis with a special First Friday pilgrimage that invites you to grow in faith while exploring the Franciscan spirit through prayer, learning, fellowship, and sacred places.

thebasilica.org/pilgrimage

A close-up photograph of two hands clasped together in prayer, with rings visible on the fingers.

JUBILEE
celebration

FOR COUPLES CELEBRATING
THEIR 25TH (SILVER) ANNIVERSARY,
50TH (GOLDEN) ANNIVERSARY
AND THOSE MARRIED OVER 50 YEARS

**SATURDAY,
OCTOBER 3, 2026
10 A.M.**

Mass celebrated by Archbishop Grob
Photo opportunity & celebration to follow

Lumen Christi Catholic Church
2750 W Mequon Rd. | Mequon

Questions? Call or email Beth Ulaszek
at 414-758-2226 or ulaszekb@archmil.org

Can't make it to the celebration on Oct. 3? Register to
receive a certificate recognizing your marriage milestone!



Register by Monday, September 14:
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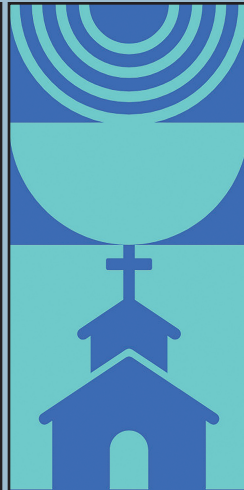
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