



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

East Church

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

August 30, 2026



22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Matthew 16:21-27

Do you know what it is like to be thrilled by the power of Christian faith one moment and then utterly fail in it the next? I do. That is Peter in today's Gospel. After last week's bold confession, he now hears Jesus speak of suffering and death, and something in him recoils. He takes Jesus aside and tries to correct him. Jesus responds with the shocking rebuke, "**Get behind me, Satan.**"

Peter is the mirror of every disciple. We love Jesus until he contradicts the script we have written for our lives. Peter does not reject Jesus. He rejects a suffering Jesus. So do we, whenever we avoid a hard responsibility, resist a demanding relationship, or cling to comfort instead of choosing love. We want a Lord who supports our plans, not one who overturns them.

Yet Jesus does not discard Peter. He redirects him. "**Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me.**" In effect, Jesus says, stop trying to lead me. Let me lead you. Discipleship does not begin with heroism or clarity but with surrender. It means trusting that God's path to life often passes through places we would never choose.

Peter is all of us. We move from insight to confusion, from confidence to correction. That is why we should have hope. Jesus patiently teaches us again and again. Trust me. Get behind me. Follow me. When we stop fighting the crosses that come and start carrying them with him, we discover a freedom deeper than comfort and a love stronger than fear. — *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

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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

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

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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Choir Director

Carrie Sanders

Organist

Kathy Luty

Catechesis Ministry

Contact the St. Therese Parish Office

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

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.

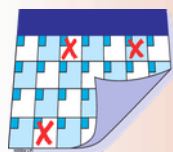
Funerals

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.



Events for the Week

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

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

Monday, August 31

- 6:25am NO Morning Mass

Tuesday, September 1

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

Wednesday, September 2

- 6:25am Morning Mass at SVP-E
- 8:15am SVP School Prayer Service at SVP-W
- 7:00pm Parish Pastoral Council Meeting at STP

Thursday, September 3

- 9:00am Staff and School Meeting at SVP-W
- 11:30am Adoration at SVP-W
- 12:00pm Afternoon Mass at SVP-W
- 6:30pm Knights of Columbus Meeting at SVP-E
- 7:00pm Group 100 AA

Friday, September 4

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

Saturday, September 5

Prayer Shawl/Healing Blessing at SVP

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

Sunday, September 6

Prayer Shawl/Healing Blessing at SVP and Maintenance Collection @ STP

- 6:45am Reconciliation at SVP-E
- 7:00am Rosary at SVP-E
- 7:30am Mass at SVP-E
- 8:15am Reconciliation at STP
- 9:00am Mass at STP – Live Streamed on Facebook
- 10:00am Blessing of the Sick at STP
- 10:30am Mass at SVP-W – Live Streamed and Posted

Intentions & Readings for the Week



September Sanctuary Candle at STP

For Terry Valdovinos

Sunday, 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

Monday, August 31

Readings 1 Cor 2:1-5/Ps 119:97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102/Lk 4:16-3
6:25am (SVP-E)

Tuesday, September 1

Readings 1 Cor 2:10b-16/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13ab, 13cd-14/Lk 4:31-37
8:45am (STP) The St. Therese Parish Community
12:00pm (SVP-W) †Lynn Thompson on the 1 year anniversary of her passing (J Thompson)

Wednesday, September 2

Readings 1 Cor 3:1-9/Ps 33:12-13, 14-15, 20-21/Lk 4:38-44
6:25am (SVP-E)

Thursday, September 3

Observance: St. Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church

Readings 1 Cor 3:18-23/ Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 5:1-11
12:00pm (SVP-W)

Friday, September 4

Readings 1 Cor 4:1-5/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 27-28, 39-40/Lk 5:33-39
6:25am (SVP-E)

Saturday, September 5

Readings 1 Cor 4:6b-15/Ps 145:17-18, 19-20, 21/Lk 6:1-5
4:00pm (SVP-W) Special intention of Louise Faragallah

Sunday Mass, September 6

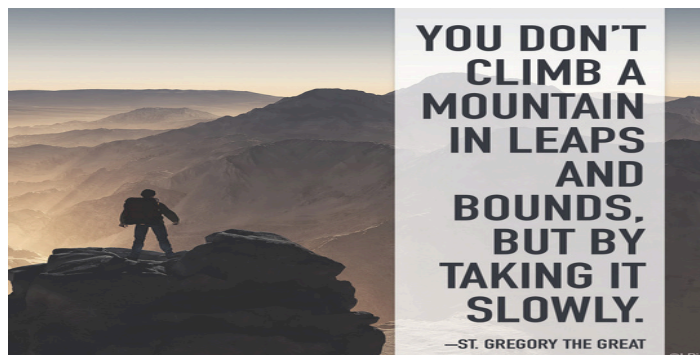
Observance: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings Ez 33:7-9/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7b, 7c-9/Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20
7:30am (SVP-E) Parishioners
9:00am (STP) †Quinn Shields and the St. Therese Parish Community
10:30am (SVP-W) †Shirley Diciaula (Family)



To be included, please call either Parish Office.

Alexandra Guliano, Dorothy Ash, Mark B., Dan Brady, Bonita Brunker, 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



Mass Schedule Change

Please note that there will be **NO mass on Monday, August 31** due to a Pallottine meeting. We apologize for any inconvenience.



FAITH FORMATION

Serving the parishes of...
ST JUDE THE APOSTLE, ST THERESE & ST VINCENT PALLOTTI

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)



Altered Bulletin Deadlines

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



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.

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.

St. Therese Maintenance Collection

Next weekend we have our separate Monthly Collection to replenish our parish Maintenance Fund. Since we are not taking up a collection during Mass, please consider doing one of the following:

- Drop your donation in the collection
- Donate online using the QR code
- Mail your donation to the Parish Office



Since inception, this separate collection has provided critical monetary resources for repairing and improving our parish's buildings and grounds. If you can't contribute to this important program this weekend, you can make a donation any of the ways listed above at any time. Thank you for your continuing support.

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.

Save the Date

Wednesday, October 21 from 8:30am to 6:00pm

Pilgrimage to the National Shrine of Our Lady of Champion with St. Jude!

More information will be coming soon!



Calling all Singers!

NOW is the perfect time to join the combined full choir of SVP and STP parishes! We rehearse Thursdays at the SVP West Site choir area from 4:00 – 5:30PM.

(Everyone is home for supper.) Our first Rehearsal is Thursday September 10. The full choir sings for all Parish Feast Days, Christmas, Holy Week, etc.

During the other ordinary time weekends, each choir member chooses which mass to attend to support the congregational singing and often add extra music and harmony. (4:00, 7:30, 9:00, 10:30). You do not need to know how to read music to be a part of our choir.

If you have any interest to sing with us, or if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Carrie Sanders, Kathy Luty, any choir member, or the Parish Office. We'd love to have you sing with us!

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. 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." The deadline to have donations in hand is September 28.

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!



"And I brought you into a plentiful land to enjoy its fruits and its good things. But when you came in, you defiled my land and made my heritage an abomination." - Jeremiah 2:7



From the Earth Ministry:

In several prior articles we cited the enormous environmental harm posed by plastic. We mentioned that only 5% of the plastic placed in recycle containers ends up being reused. Hence the accumulation of waste plastic in our world continues unabated. In fact, it is estimated that at current rates, by the year 2050, the weight of discarded plastic in the World's oceans will exceed the weight of all the fish.

We also mentioned that tiny fragments of plastics, called "microplastics" are found in water bottles, food packaging and synthetic fabrics. Microplastics and their much smaller counterpart, "nanoplastics" accumulate when ingested by animals and humans. Autopsies of human brains conducted in 2024 found a 50% increase in the amount of brain-resident plastic compared to autopsies from 2016. Scientists say that today's human brain consists of 99.5% brain matter and .5% plastic. The harmful effects of this are presently unknown, but the growing accumulation can't be good.

So here are a few things you can do to 1) keep your brain comprised as God intended, and 2) keep waste plastic from smothering our planet:

- Purchase beverages in recyclable aluminum cans, bottles or cartons, as per a recent bulletin article
- Avoid heating or microwaving food in plastic or styrofoam containers -- heat speeds the release of plastic particles into food.
- Choose glass, metal or ceramic storage containers instead of plastic for pantry stock and leftovers.
- Drink tap water by the glass or from reusable bottles: A 2024 study found that a single liter of bottled water can contain more than 240,000 plastic particles.
- Use cloth or paper shopping bags instead of plastic ones.
- Avoid fruits and vegetables prepackaged in plastic.

Standing Committee Monthly Reports

Christian Formation Committee

- Fourth Sunday Formation continues with a 10-15 minute video after Saturday and Sunday liturgies (August=mass intentions, September=St. Therese and grace, October=Purgatory, November=Meaning of relics and those in an altar)
- Children's Liturgy of the Word returns the second and fourth Sundays in September (children ages 3-11) through May
- Grow Your Faith Table (GYFT) Prayer aids
- Registration for Kindergarten through 9th grade catechesis and sacramental programs is available (classes start Sept 20/21)

Healing the Whole Person: Into the Deep Retreat | October 21 – 25, 2026

Step away from the commotion of daily life to experience deep healing through sound Catholic teaching from Dr. Bob Schuchts and Sr. Miriam James Heidland in a supportive community. This Wednesday night through Sunday afternoon retreat is for those who want to grow in receptivity to Christ's healing and peace through prayer, reflection, sacraments and rest. Learn more and register at <https://archmil.regfox.com/healing-the-whole-person-into-the-deep-october-2026>

2026 Catholic Stewardship Appeal

St. Therese Parish Update: At 80% of our goal.

St. Vincent Pallotti Parish Update: At 49% 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.

ARCHDIOCESE of MILWAUKEE



RESPECT LIFE

Church Hall Meeting

Saturday, September 19
9 a.m. – noon

Optional Mass at 8 a.m.

Holy Apostles Catholic Parish
16000 W. National Avenue
New Berlin, WI 53151

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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Respect Life Ministry

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*Mother of the Unborn statue. Shrine of Our Lady of
Guadalupe, La Crosse, Wisconsin. Used with permission*

St. Therese Confidential Financial Statement

For the Period Ending June 30, 2026

Income	Actual	Budget
Envelopes	201,260	219,638
Offertory	11,495	11,375
Designated Income	27,948	12,526
Total Collection Income	240,703	243,539
Investment Income	10,072	9,152
Rental Income	24,833	11,159
*Donations/Memorials/Bequests	9,008	9,989
Fundraisers (net)	5,125	5,998
Total Other Income	49,038	36,298
Total Income	289,741	279,837
Expenses		
**Prayer and Worship	7,462	8,318
Christian Formation	1,018	3,343
Human Concerns-Sharing Sunday Distributions	15,209	-
Finance/Admin	60,824	46,736
Salaries/Benefits	162,668	161,484
*Building/Grounds	104,997	141,866
Adjust Prior Year Move Meal Program)	(1,869)	
Total Expenses	350,309	361,747
Net Profit/(Loss) Before Extraordinary Items	(60,567)	(81,910)
Unrealized Gain		-
Net Income Per GL:	(60,567)	(81,910)
Love One Another Funds Received	17,754	
Love One Another Interest Earned	7	
Total Love One Another Income	17,761	
Love One Another Expenditures (bell tower roof repair)	11,718	
Net Change Love One nother Account	6,043	

Significant Revenue/Expenses:***Major Building/Grounds expenses:**

Heat - to date	17,899
Electric - to date:	15,903
Snowplow - to date:	20,086
Quarterly Maintenance:	8,058
Seal cracks and stripe parking lot	2835
Repair sink in sacristy	3203



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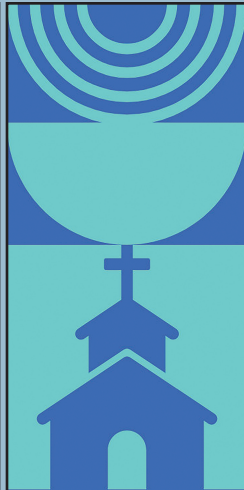
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