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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.

September 13, 2026



24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Matthew 18:21-35

In my parish, there was once a new employee who frequently told me she was sorry for various imperfections in her work. It could be a little tiring. I finally told her, “You know, you don’t have to say ‘sorry’ so often.” She looked me right in the eyes and said, “Father, you’re right. I’m sorry.” Her ear-to-ear grin betrayed that she enjoyed the irony — and that she would keep asking for forgiveness as often as she needed it.

The Gospel reading this week proclaims to us that God, in Jesus, delights in numerous requests for, and the granting of, forgiveness. To Peter’s question, “**Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?**” Jesus responds, “**I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times.**” In other words, Peter, stop counting.

Christian life should be marked by a commitment to frequent forgiveness. God never tires of forgiving us. His limitless love has overcome the power of vengeance, hatred, and division. We tap into that each and every time we ask for forgiveness or extend it to another.

How beautiful our hearts become when they become accustomed to frequent forgiveness! How joyful and attractive become our marriages, families, and parish communities! How light our souls feel when unburdened by the habit of keeping score.

Challenge: Name one thing, small or large, for which you could ask forgiveness from someone in your life. Then do it.

— 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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Mary Noeske Emily Smith

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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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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.

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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.

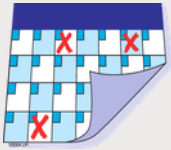
Funerals

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, September 13

Sharing Weekend/Birthday Sunday/SCRIP Order Weekend at STP

- 6:45am Reconciliation at SVP-E
- 7:00am Rosary at SVP-E
- 7:30am Mass at SVP-E
- 9:00am Mass at STP w/ Children's Liturgy of the Word
Live Streamed on Facebook
- 10:30am Mass at SVP-W w/ Children's Liturgy of the Word
Live Streamed and Posted

Monday, September 14

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

Tuesday, September 15 – Fall Priest Day (No Masses)

- 6:30pm SVP Finance Council Meeting at SVP-W

Wednesday, September 16

- 6:25am Morning Mass at SVP-E
- 8:15am SVP School Mass at SVP-W
- 6:30pm Human Concerns Committee Meeting at STP

Thursday, September 17

- 11:30am Adoration at SVP-W
- 12:00pm Afternoon Mass at SVP-W
- 4:00pm Choir Rehearsal at SVP-W
- 6:30pm Stewardship Committee Meeting via Zoom
- 7:00pm Group 100 AA

Friday, September 18

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

Saturday, September 19

Catechetical Sunday Blessing/Birthday & SVdP Collection Weekend at SVP

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

Sunday, September 20

Catechetical Sunday Blessing/Birthday & SVdP Collection Weekend at SVP
SCRIP Pick-Up Weekend at STP

- 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

Intentions & Readings for the Week



September Sanctuary Candle at STP

For Terry Valdovinos

Sunday, September 13

Observance: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Grandparents' Day

Readings Sir 27:30-28:7/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12/Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35

Monday, September 14

Observance: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Readings Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17

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

Tuesday, September 15

Observance: Our Lady of Sorrows

Readings 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Jn 19:25-27

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

12:00pm (SVP-W)

Wednesday, September 16

Observance: Sts. Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs

Readings 1 Cor 12:31-13:13/Ps 33:2-3, 4-5, 12 and 22/Lk 7:31-35

6:25am (SVP-E)

8:15am SVP School Mass

Thursday, September 17

Observance: St. Robert Bellarmine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church; St.

Hildegard of Bingen, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

Readings 1 Cor 15:1-11/Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28/Lk 7:36-50

12:00pm (SVP-W) †Betty Bertino (Schneider & Brewer families)

Friday, September 18

Readings 1 Cor 15:12-20/Ps 17:1bcd, 6-7, 8b and 15/Lk 8:1-3

6:25am (SVP-E) †Anton "Tony" Wallner (Family)

Saturday, September 19

Observance: St. Januarius, Bishop and Martyr

Readings 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49/Ps 56:10c-12, 13-14/Lk 8:4-15

4:00pm (SVP-W) †Mary Ann, †Jean, & †Leonard Duehring (K Boreson)

Sunday Mass, September 20

Observance: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catechetical Sunday

Readings Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a

7:30am (SVP-E) Parishioners

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

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



To be included, please call either Parish Office.



Alexandra Guliano, Dorothy Ash, Mark B., Dan Brady, Bonita Bruner, 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, Jim & Beverly T., Rosann Thate, Terry Valdovinos, Mary Vanderbilt, John Wachowiak, Chris Wehausen

No Mass - September 15

Due to the fall priest assembly, there will be no Masses on Tuesday, September 15. We apologize for any inconvenience.



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.

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!



St. Therese Parish Support

Envelopes & Offertory - August 30	\$1,208.00
Envelopes & Offertory - August 23	\$1,564.00
Envelopes & Offertory - August 16	\$1,043.00
Envelopes & Offertory - August 9	\$4,475.50
Sharing Weekend - August	\$800.00
Monthly Maintenance Collection	\$645.00

St. Therese Sharing Weekend is This Weekend:

September 13

The St. Barnabas Food Pantry, formerly Holy Assumption in West Allis, was established in 1981 when two parishioners noticed that some members of the congregation needed help. Over time, neighbors in need also came for food assistance. The need has remained and the food pantry has grown over the years to meet it.

As prices have gone up and SNAP benefits continue to be cut, the number of households needing help providing food for themselves and their families has also grown. The average number of client visits per month was approximately 500 in 2023, 700 in 2024, 1,000 in 2025, and averaging 900 per month so far this year. That number is expected to rise as children return to school and cold weather sets in. These numbers represent families with children as well as seniors, veterans, and other single men and women struggling to make ends meet as the cost of everything goes up.

The pantry ministry is staffed by a corps of dedicated volunteers and has a focus on providing healthy food choices. They offer a place of refreshment for our clients with something to eat and drink and a place to sit and share their stories with us and one another.

Your donations allow you to share in the blessings of this ministry. May the Lord repay you for your kindness.

Donations can be made at Mass, mailed to the Parish Office or by using the QR code to donate online. If you are writing a check, please make it out to St. Barnabas Food Pantry. Thank you for your generosity.



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.



Saturday, October 4 is the feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the Patron Saint of Animals.

To celebrate, there will be a Pet Blessing that day at St. Vincent Pallotti-West at 2:00PM in the parking lot area between the Parish Office and the Church (Door #1).

All are welcome to bring their pets, no matter how big or small, to receive a blessing. Please be sure your pets are properly restrained and Father will bless them.

Please Help Us Keep Our Prayer List Current

It's time to update our prayer list. If you have submitted a name for the prayer list want that name to remain on the list, please contact Heather Goeden by September 20.

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



Please join us for our monthly Prayer Service after Mass on September 20 as we seek to again become "...One Nation, Under God..."

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 need the Lord's help to regain our love of God and our love of neighbor as we move forward in a divided country. We end with a short meditation to remind us that while we are all different, we need to Love and respect one another. The service is about 25 minutes. All are welcome to join us!

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 CSA.



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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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!

September is Emergency Preparedness Month

FEMA's Ready Campaign has observed National Preparedness Month in September since 2004 to encourage Americans to prepare for emergencies. The month is a great time to take small steps to make a big difference in being prepared.

Preparedness Starts at Home, the 2025 theme, focuses on getting back to the essentials of preparedness. There are four key actions you can take to prepare for any disaster you may face:



- Know your risk
- Make a family emergency plan
- Build an emergency supply kit
- Get involved in your community by taking action to prepare for emergencies

For more information, go to www.ready.gov/september



Pope Francis instituted World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly in July around the Feast Day of Saints Joachim and Anne. However, as a nation, we honor Grandparents in September. Both days are a reminder to appreciate the joy and wisdom that grandparents bring to our lives.

Grandparents Day Blessing

God of our ancestors, we thank You for our children and our children's children. They are reminders from You about how precious life can be. We humbly ask for wisdom and patience as we take pride and wonder in our grandchildren.

Those of us who now pray to You also seek Your blessing upon these men and women who are our grandparents or who act in place of grandparents. Bless all the children and their parents and grandparents with Your abundant grace.

We ask all this through the intercession of Saints Joachim and Anne, parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary, patron saints of grandparents, in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.



"When they were filled, he said unto his disciples, Gather up the fragments that remain, that nothing be lost." - John 6:12

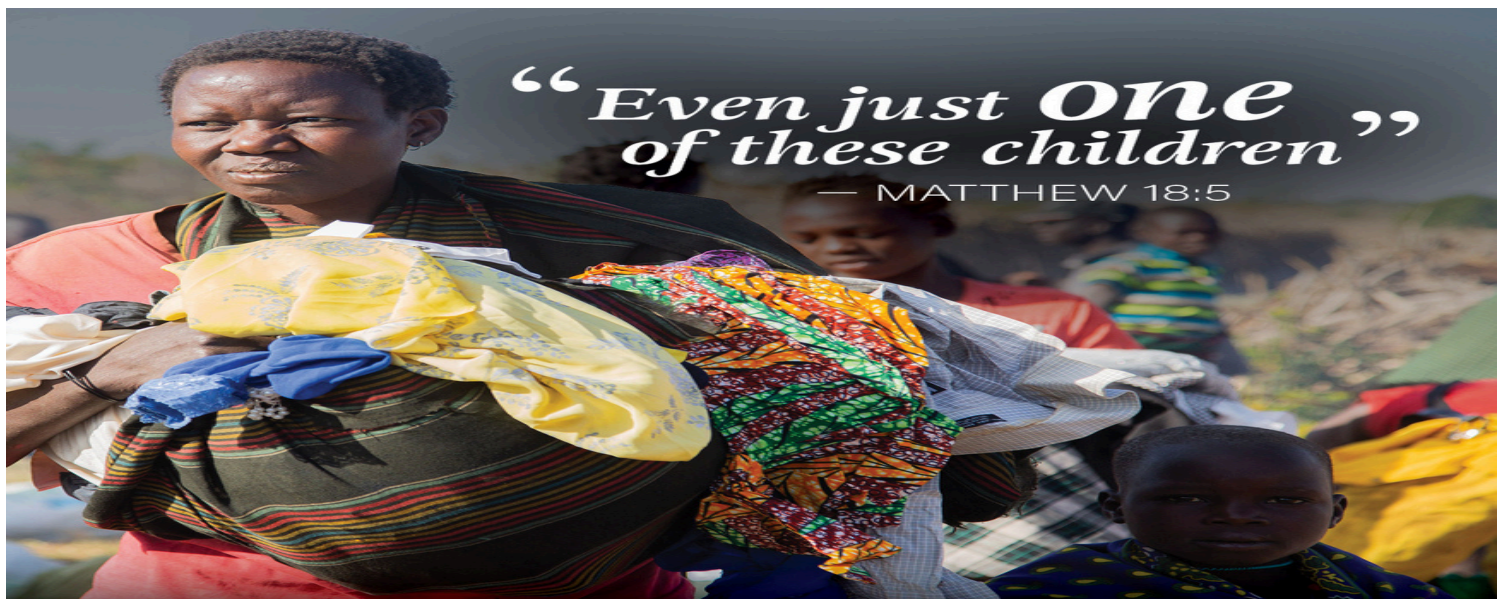


From the Earth Ministry:

The 16th annual Tosa Green Summit kicks off again this fall, providing opportunities to build awareness and take action on all things green and sustainable, with the focus on recycling and ecological exhibits. Our Ministry has promoted this event for several years because it is very well run, conveniently accessible and spot-on with our Ministry's mission.

On Saturday, September 19 from 9:00am to Noon, they will collect paper for shredding (limit 3 shopping bags), medicine, textiles, bikes, toothbrushes and empty toothpaste tubes, scrap metal, with additional donations of non-perishable food and personal care items for Tosa Cares. Drive in with your items behind the Civic Center, south of North Ave and West of 76th St. From 10:00am to 1:00pm, in the lower Civic Center, they will have 25 exhibitors featuring air, climate, water, land, energy, and transportation.

On Saturday, September 26 from 8:00am to 2:00pm, they will be collecting Household Hazardous Waste through Tosa's partnership with MMSD. The location is the Wauwatosa Public Works Yard; enter at Watertown Plank and 113th St. For a list of what will be collected, go to https://www.mmsd.com/application/files/8117/8490/6296/26-006_HHW_2026_Flyer_web.pdf



National Migration Week 2026 | September 21-27

The U.S. Catholic bishops invite all the faithful to observe National Migration Week, a time to reflect on the harsh realities faced by migrants and refugees, many of whom are children. In faith, we respond to their plight with thoughtfulness and compassion.

TO GET INVOLVED:



Nepal Flood Relief

Catastrophic floods have swept through communities along Nepal's Bhotekoshi and Trishuli river system, causing widespread devastation, sweeping away homes, livelihoods and critical infrastructure. Families affected by the disaster urgently need safe shelter, food, clean water, hygiene supplies and other essential household items as search, rescue and emergency relief efforts continue.

CRS is working with Caritas Nepal and local partners to understand immediate needs and help families receive support. CRS has worked with Caritas Nepal for decades. This long-standing partnership builds on Caritas Nepal's deep roots and strong community networks, helping us quickly understand needs and reach communities when disaster strikes.

Please join our parish community in praying for our sisters and brothers in Nepal. If you are able, consider making a donation to support the efforts of CRS and Caritas Nepal at www.crs.org/donate/nepal-flood

WAUWATOSA HEALTH AND WELLNESS FAIR



Wednesday, September 16
Noon-2:00 pm
Hart Park Senior Center
7300 W Chestnut

Hosted By:



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- ✓ Local Wauwatosa Resources
- ✓ Memory Screenings
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Calling All MEN!



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Not a commitment.

WHO

Men looking
for something
to do. Tosa
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required

WHAT

A welcoming
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WHEN

Third Friday of
every month!
10 AM- 12 PM
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Library Firefly
Room

RSVP Appreciated to Michael:
mfigueroaosorio@wauwatosa.net

UPCOMING DATES:

August 21

History and Tour of
Wauwatosa Cemetery

September 18

Robert A. Birmingham,
Author of Aztalan: Mysteries
of an Ancient Indian Town

October 16

Wauwatosa Flooding
Mitigation Success Story



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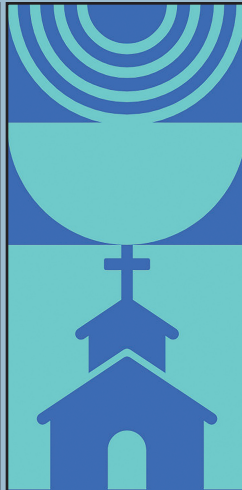
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