



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.

September 6, 2026



LOOSED IN HEAVEN.

— MATTHEW 18:18 —

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Matthew 18:15-20

A few summers ago, my family had a big reunion. It included my parents, my four siblings, and all their many children. One of my favorite moments was simply watching my parents' contented faces as they took in all of us together, laughing, sharing food, singing, telling stories. They loved seeing their children happily *together* with each other.

That is something like the heart of God we see in today's Gospel message about Christian reconciliation. These verses come right after Jesus' parable of the lost sheep. He is not giving the disciples a cold formula for dealing with conflict. He is revealing the Father's longing for children who love and reconcile with each other. His heart aches when His children are divided and isolated.

So when Jesus says, **"Go and tell your brother his fault,"** He is not deputizing us as morality police. He is inviting us into His mission of reconciliation. When He adds, **"If he listens to you, you have won over your brother,"** we glimpse the real goal. Not winning arguments, but reuniting a divided family.

These days, we often think religion is just between God and me. But the Father's dream is about a lively family, one in which His children forgive, gather, and rejoice together.

Lord Jesus, give me the courage to seek reconciliation where it is needed. Make my heart resemble the Father's heart, longing and working for unity among His children. 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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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

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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.

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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

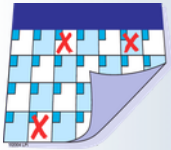
Anyone over age 18 is invited to register as an adult member.

Please call either Parish Office for more information.

Deadline:

The deadline for the September 13 Bulletin has passed. The next available bulletin is the September 20 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, 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

Monday, September 7 – Labor Day

Parish Office Closed

- 6:25am NO Morning Mass at SVP-E

Tuesday, September 8

- 8:45am Morning Mass at STP
- 12:00pm Afternoon Mass at SVP-W
- 6:30pm Christian Formation Committee Meeting at STP

Wednesday, September 9

- 6:25am Morning Mass at SVP-E
- 8:15am SVP School Mass at SVP-W

Thursday, September 10

- 11:30am Adoration at SVP-W
- 12:00pm Afternoon Mass at SVP-W
- 4:00pm Choir Rehearsal at SVP-W
- 4:00pm Meal Prep and Serve at Kathy's House (Offsite)
- 7:00pm Group 100 AA

Friday, September 11

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

Saturday, September 12

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

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

Intentions & Readings for the Week



September Sanctuary Candle at STP

For Terry Valdovinos

Sunday, 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

Monday, September 7

Observance: Labor Day

Readings 1 Cor 5:1-8/Ps 5:5-6, 7, 12/Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday, September 8

Observance: The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Readings Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 13:6ab, 6c/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23

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

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

Wednesday, September 9

Observance: St. Peter Claver, Priest

Readings 1 Cor 7:25-31/Ps 45:11-12, 14-15, 16-17/Lk 6:20-26

6:25am (SVP-E)

8:15am SVP School Mass

Thursday, September 10

Readings 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 23-24/Lk 6:27-38

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

Friday, September 11

Observance: Patriot Day

Readings 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6, 12/Lk 6:39-42

6:25am (SVP-E)

Saturday, September 12

Observance: The Most Holy Name of Mary

Readings 1 Cor 10:14-22/Ps 116:12-13, 17-18/Lk 6:43-49

4:00pm (SVP-W) †Sr Jeanne Marie Moran, OCD (A Moran)

Sunday Mass, 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

7:30am (SVP-E) Parishioners

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

10:30am (SVP-W) †Evelyn & †Peter Scheifen (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, Jim & Beverly T., Rosann Thate, Terry Valdovinos, Mary Vanderbunt, John Wachowiak, Chris Wehausen



HAPPY Labor DAY

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

No Mass - September 15

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



Fall Office Hours Have Started

Our hours are Monday through Friday from 8:30am until 3:30pm.



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 Sharing Weekend is Next 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.

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.



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!

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.



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

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Order SCRIP at St. Therese Next Sunday - September 13

Place your SCRIP gift card order next Sunday, September 13 at St. Therese. Consider purchasing gift cards to donate for the St. Therese Feast Day raffle as well as for your everyday purchases at grocery stores, restaurants, gas stations and many more. Complete the order form in today's bulletin and bring it to Mass next Sunday or download one from the St. Therese website to be mailed and received or dropped off in the mailbox at St. Therese no later than Thursday, September 10. Your gift cards will be available the following Sunday. Thank you for supporting this fundraiser for our parish!

Please also note, that you can purchase SCRIP at all St. Vincent Pallotti Masses every weekend. Any questions, please contact the Parish Office.

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!



"WE MUST SPEAK TO THEM
WITH OUR HANDS BY GIVING,
BEFORE WE TRY TO SPEAK
TO THEM WITH OUR LIPS."



St. Peter Claver



Three months after the September 11, 2001, attack on the United States, President George W. Bush signed into law a bill designating September 11 as Patriot Day.

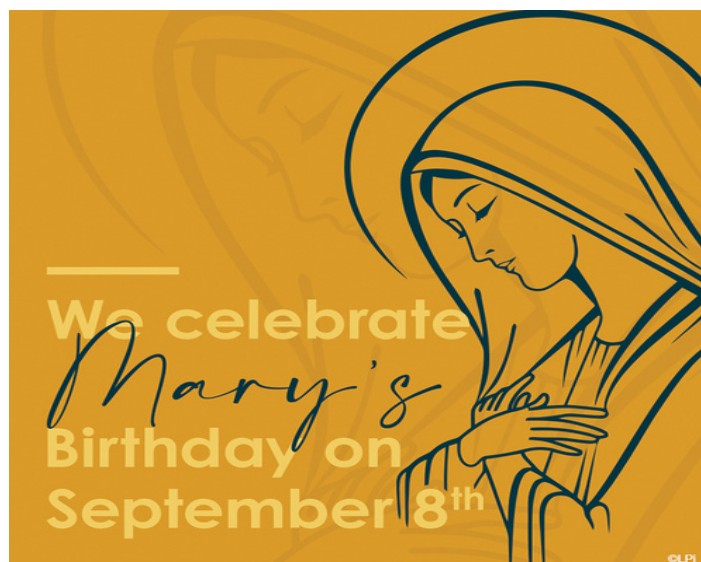
Patriot Day honors the nearly three thousand people who lost their lives on the morning of September 11, 2001. Flags are flown at half-staff throughout the country, and a moment of silence is observed at 8:46AM Eastern time, the minute the first plane struck the North Tower of the World Trade Center in New York.

While Memorial Day and similar state observances honor those who have given their lives in service to their country, Patriot Day is unique in that it honors first responders as well as the many civilians who died on that day.

Prayer for Patriot Day

Heavenly Father, Creator of All, You have created the human person as good. You have placed us in the world as one human family, as sisters and brothers. We pray today for all victims of violence across the world, for the healing of their mind and body, for their mourning family members, for the repose of their souls.

Jesus, You have told us to love our enemies, and to pray for those who persecute us. Give us the strength and courage to forgive. Remove all lingering desire for revenge. Holy Spirit, reveal to us the mercy of God. Give us the gift of Your peace that surpasses all understanding. Amen.



"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.



Archbishop Jeffrey S. Grob
invites you to a celebration
honoring this year's recipients
of the 2026 Vatican II Awards.

September 22, 2026
6 p.m. *Prayer Service*

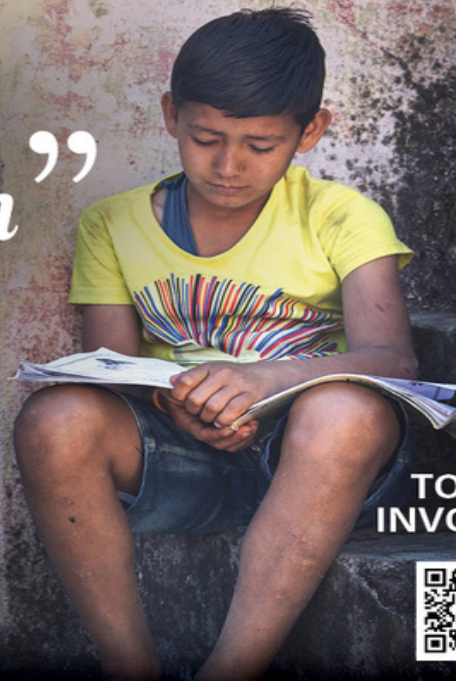
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Learn more at www.archmil.org

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“Even just *One*
of these children”

— MATTHEW 18:5

This National Migration Week,
let us open our hearts to migrant
children and their families,
while accompanying them with
compassion and hope.



TO GET
INVOLVED:



National Migration Week 2026 | September 21–27

Blessings TO THESE MEN!

ORDINATION OF DEACONS | WATCH THE LIVESTREAM
10 A.M. | SEPTEMBER 12, 2026



On September 12, eleven new deacons will be ordained
for the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. Praise be to God!
We give thanks for His abundant blessings.

To watch the ordination live on September 12,
visit the following link: www.st-monica.org/live



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JUBILEE YEAR OF
ST. FRANCIS

FIRST FRIDAY PILGRIMAGE

Choose from
Sept 4 | Oct 2 | Nov 6
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9:30 AM
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Cost: \$25 per person
RSVP by the Tuesday prior

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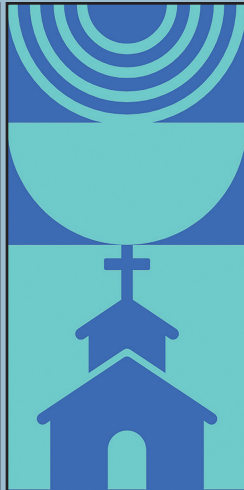
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