



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.

October 18, 2026



29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Matthew 22:15-21

Occasionally, I'll slip into a parish I've never visited before, pick up the bulletin, and find one of my Gospel reflections. My heart usually swells with a bit of affection for my creation. I imprint a bit of myself into my little "literary labors of love." Anyone who has created something — a piece of writing, a garden, a meal, a child — knows that feeling. We love the things into which we put ourselves. We are happy when they return to us.

With this in mind, listen to Jesus' classic line in this Sunday's Gospel: **"Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God"** (Matthew 22:21). He presents this little riddle to deepen the theme from taxes to human beings. A Roman coin bears Caesar's image, so it belongs to Caesar. Therefore, he has a legitimate claim to it. Fair enough. But what belongs to God? What bears *His* image? Every human being. God has imprinted Himself on every person. Which means everyone — including Caesar — belongs entirely to Him. Jesus, who is God's perfect image, has come to draw everyone back to God.

We can be tempted to imagine that our lives are made up of "things for God" and "things not for God." The good news is that no such division is possible because *everything* in life is a gift from God to us. Therefore, all is meant to be placed at the service of God's kingdom. He loves everything He has created. We have the privilege of giving it all back to Him.

— 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
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Members-At-Large

David Helterbran Linda Okruhlica
Mary Noeske Emily Smith

Saint Vincent de Paul
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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

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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Kathy Luty

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Office Hours:

Monday through Friday: 8:30am-3:30pm

Director of Finance, HR, and Administration

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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.

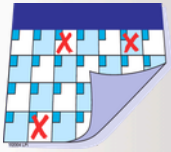
Funerals

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, October 18

Birthday Weekend & SVdP Collection at St. Vincent Pallotti
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
- 10:00am Middle/High School Catechesis at St. Jude
- 10:30am Mass at SVP-W – Live Streamed and Posted

Monday, October 19

- 6:25am Morning Mass at SVP-E
- 4:30pm Merger Planning Committee Meeting at SVP-E
- 6:00pm Gr 1-6 Catechesis Program at St. Jude
- 6:00pm Kindergarten Catechesis Program at St. Jude

Tuesday, October 20

- 8:45am Morning Mass at STP
- 9:30am Lenten Mission Planning Meeting at SVP-W
- 12:00pm Afternoon Mass at SVP-W
- 6:30pm SVP Finance Council Meeting at SVP-W

Wednesday, October 21

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

Thursday, October 22

No School

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

Friday, October 23

No School

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

Saturday, October 24

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

Sunday, October 25

Sharing Weekend/SCRIP Pick-Up Weekend at STP

- 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 w/ Children's Liturgy of the Word
Live Streamed on Facebook
- 10:00am Fourth Sunday Formation at STP
- 10:30am Mass at SVP-W w/ Schuh Baptism and CLOW
Live Streamed and Posted
- 11:30am Fourth Sunday Formation at SVP-W



Intentions & Readings for the Week



October Sanctuary Candle at STP

For Retired People Seeking to Grow in Holiness

Sunday, October 18

Observance: 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Mission Sunday

Readings *Is 45:1, 4-6/Ps 96:1 and 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10/1 Thes 1:1-5b/Mt 22:15-21*

Monday, October 19

Observance: Sts. John de Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues, Priests, and Companions, Martyrs;
St. Peter of Alcantara

Readings *Eph 2:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4ab, 4c-5/Lk 12:13-21*

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

Tuesday, October 20

Observance: St. Paul of the Cross, Priest

Readings *Eph 2:12-22/Ps 85:9ab-10, 11-12, 13-14/Lk 12:35-38*

8:45am (STP) †Diane Betz

12:00pm (SVP-W) †Maureen Villareal (R/M Zimney)

Wednesday, October 21

Readings *Eph 3:2-12/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6/Lk 12:39-48*

6:25am (SVP-E)

8:15am SVP School Mass

Thursday, October 22

Observance: St. John Paul II, Pope

Readings *Eph 3:14-21/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 18-19/Lk 12:49-53*

12:00pm (SVP-W) †Howard Nicholson (McGrath Family)

Friday, October 23

Observance: St. John of Capistrano, Priest

Readings *Eph 4:1-6/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 12:54-59*

6:25am (SVP-E) Intention of Thomas Middleton & Family in
honor of his ordination as a deacon on Oct 24 (K Schleicher)

Saturday, October 24

Observance: St. Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop

Readings *Eph 4:7-16/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Lk 13:1-9*

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

Sunday Mass, October 25

Observance: 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings *Ex 22:20-26/Ps 18:2-3a, 3b-4, 47 and 51/1 Thes 1:5c-10/Mt 22:34-40*

7:30am (SVP-E) Parishioners

9:00am (STP) †Jane Tindal and the St. Therese Parish Community

10:30am (SVP-W) Johnson Family (T/S King)



To be included, please call either Parish Office.

Ann & Family, Dorothy Ash, Mark B., Dan Brady, Phil Brich Jr., Bonita Bruner, Peter Carlis, Brandon Choe, Irene Czarnecki, Nancy Dineen, Dean Doberstein, Elizabeth and Elijah, Mary G, Family G, Susie Grinney, Alexandra Guliano, Sue Grignon, Matthew Harrison, Dan Heinz, Josette Jaeger, Andrew James, Janice Kandziora, Mary Kirchner, Helen Klister, Julie Kross, Ellen Lemkuil, Rachel Lund, Kathy Manthe, Debbie Martin, Myles Melloch, Loretta Merz, Dick Rank, Celeste Rau, Jacob & Jaxon Rivera, Ruben Seegert, Kaity Shields, Robert Szablewski, Jim & Beverly T., Rosanne Thate, Terry Valdovinos, Mary Vanderbunt, Chris Wehausen

St. Vincent Pallotti

Mass of Remembrance

Join us for a special Mass of Remembrance on **Sunday, November 8 at 10:30AM at the West Church**. All parishioners who have died within the past year will be remembered at this Mass. Family members will be invited to come forward and place a candle in the sanctuary as the name of your loved one is read aloud. The parish has a record of those whose funeral services took place at the East or West Church since last November. If a parishioner was buried from a place other than St. Vincent Pallotti, such as a nursing home or other church, please contact Heather in the Parish Office **by November 2** to provide their information so your loved one may be included in this special service.

Book of Remembrance at St. Vincent Pallotti

Anticipating the month of November and the church's remembrance of our deceased loved ones, the parish's large Blue Book of Remembrance has been placed on the table in the back of church. (Not the usual red intention book). The parish intercessions on the weekend of November 7/8 will include a prayer for all those listed in the Blue Book. Please write the names of those who died and whom you wish us to pray for on that weekend.



St. Therese

An Evening of Remembrance

Our annual Evening of Remembrance will be at St. Therese Parish on **Monday, November 2 at 7:00PM**. Any interested parishioners (from either parish) who have lost a loved one during the past year are invited to participate. Please contact Heather in the Parish Office to register. You will be asked to provide your loved one's name, a few sentences about them and their life, and a photo. Please also indicate how many people will attend the service. Please **contact Heather by October 26 to register**.

Wall of Remembrance

The Wall of Remembrance is our way at St. Therese of honoring the deceased during the month of November. Please email a photo of your loved one that has passed away to Heather in the Parish Office. You may also stop by during office hours with a printed photo. Heather will then put the photos on the eBoard in the back of the church. The photos will be shown before and after Mass. We will begin showing the photos on November 1.

Book of the Dead

We invite you to place the names of your deceased loved ones in the Book of the Dead. It will be placed near the Holy Water font starting on November 1. Questions? Contact Heather in the Parish Office.

Note: Saturday Rosary Time Change

Beginning Saturday, November 7, the rosary will be recited **BEFORE** the 4:00PM Mass (at 3:15PM) at the St. Vincent Pallotti West Church through April 24, 2027.



Pause and Pray This October

There is a prayer area set up in the back of the church at St. Therese with different representations of Mary. Please use this area before or after Mass to pause and pray.

Parishioners are invited to bring in different representations of Mary that are easy to carry/move. Make arrangements with Heather to drop them off and we will add them.



ADULT FORMATION Opportunities

Fourth Sunday Formation

Our next Fourth Sunday Formation sessions will take place on October 24/25 after all Masses at both parishes. The topic will be about purgatory.

Please plan to join us and bring a friend!

Altered Bulletin Deadlines for November

- November 22 Bulletin – Articles due November 11 at 8:00AM
- November 29 Bulletin – Articles due November 17 at 8:00AM

Reuniting Us As "One Nation, Under God" Rosary Prayer Service: October 18



Join us after the 9:00am Mass at St. Therese. We will pray the rosary and end with a short meditation. The service lasts about 25 minutes.

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 Committee

As the month of October is coming to an end, the Prayer and Worship Committee looked back on events that were successful. On October 3 we had our annual Pet Blessing at St. Vincent Pallotti West. It was a lovely fall day and pet owners from our parish members and people of the neighborhood were invited.

We also had a joyful St. Therese feast celebration. It began with a beautiful concelebrated Mass complete with music from the whole choir instrumental accompaniment. There was also a guest speaker, Sr. Deanna Therese, of the Carmelite order, who shared her thoughts on St. Therese. This was followed by lunch and festivities in Heck Hall.

Looking forward to upcoming events, November 2 at St. Therese and November 8 at St. Vincent Pallotti West, we will celebrate a Mass or Evening of Remembrance, when we remember parish and family members who have passed this year. Please notify the office of deceased loved ones you would like included in the celebration.

There is also a plan for an evening Mass on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving.

November is the beginning of Advent. If you or your family would like to light a candle on the Advent Wreath, please let us know in the office when you are available. This is also a reminder to plan for our Advent Giving. Further information on our recipients will be forthcoming.

Take advantage of the lovely fall days to enjoy their splendor and thank God for this seasonal gift.

Parish Pastoral Council Update

- Council was updated on events that impact the naming of the new Parish
 - We were advised that the way St Vincent Pallotti Parish was organized under Wisconsin Law, if we change the Parish name, we would also have to change the school name
 - While this can be done, it would take additional time and resources as we would have to file requests with the School Choice programs and the Federal Lunch program
 - This would risk funding delays and or possible changes to the funding, and changes to the school Marketing programs
 - After much discussion a Motion was unanimously passed to continue with St Vincent Pallotti as the Parish name, and we would name the 3 worship sites as Holy Cross, St Anthony of Padua, and St Therese; the names that these churches were originally consecrated with
- Council reviewed the draft letter to Parishioners on the above subject and made some changes. The letter will go out by Friday 10/9, Father will further explain the letter after Masses on the weekend. Council members will be in church to answer questions following each Mass. A motion passed unanimously to approve
- Father PC will submit the request to name the new parish St Vincent Pallotti to the Archbishop on 10/12/26
- A motion passed to submit a request to the Prayer and Worship Committee to develop a Prayer Campaign for a successful merger, based on information from the Archdiocese on how this might work
- Council revisited last month's discussion on the Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service. Following discussion and Father PC's input, it was agreed:
 - While the Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service will continue with the other parishes' involvement, Father PC and the Choir will not attend in any official capacity
 - Our parishes will have a Thanksgiving Eve Mass - time and place to be determined
 - Both will be promoted in the bulletin
- Two events to help build our efforts to increase Family and Youth participation in our parishes were discussed
 - A Fall Bonfire event for the community was recommended to be submitted to the Stewardship Committee for planning and execution
 - A Family Holy Hour event was recommended to be submitted to the Prayer and Worship Committee for Planning and execution
 - Jennifer Tierney and Kathy Czaplewski will be available to further explain how the events might work to the Committees involved and Father PC was in full support of this
- A motion was unanimously approved to move the Tabernacle from the Chapel to the Altar at St Therese
- The next Parish Pastoral Council Meeting will be 11/4/26 at 7PM in Miriam's Corner at STP

Bookkeeper Needed

St. Vincent Pallotti Parish is seeking a detail-oriented individual to join our parish office team as our Bookkeeper. This is a part-time position (20–24 hours per week).

The Bookkeeper provides bookkeeping, financial operations, and administrative support for the Parish and School. They work collaboratively with the Director of Finance and Human Resources, Pastor, school administration, parish staff, volunteers, and parishioners in support of the mission of the Parish and School.

Essential Duties and Responsibilities

- Accounts Payable and Receivable
- Banking and Deposits
- Parish Contributions and Donor Records
- School Financial Support
- Scrip Program Support
- Financial Reporting Support
- Administrative Support
- Internal Controls and Confidentiality

Qualifications

- High school diploma or equivalent required. Associate degree in Accounting, Bookkeeping, Business Administration, or related field preferred.
- Minimum of two years of bookkeeping, accounting, or related financial experience preferred.
- Experience in a parish, Catholic school, nonprofit, or faith-based organization preferred.
- Proficiency in QuickBooks, Microsoft Excel, Word, and Outlook.
- Excellent organizational and time management abilities with strong attention to detail and accuracy.
- Ability to work independently with minimal supervision and communicate effectively with clergy, staff, volunteers, parishioners, and school families.

Interested applicants should send their resume to SVPJobs@stvpc.org.

What is a mass stipend? It is a set donation (currently \$20) for the priest to offer a mass for a donor's intention.

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 to schedule this). Some reasons are: for a celebration (such as an anniversary), for the deceased, or for a special intention for self or others.



"The old has passed away; behold, the new has come!" 2 Corinthians 5:17



From the Earth Ministry:

Reducing Food Waste; Eco-conscious Costumes & Treats

Halloween can produce a lot of waste: used jack-o'-lanterns, candy wrappers, cheap costumes, and shoddy decorations. While it's hard to achieve a completely zero-waste Halloween, it's amazing how close you can get. When carving pumpkins, put on the brakes before throwing out the insides. The EPA says we generate 41 million tons of food waste a year, and it is consistently the largest component found by the DNR in sampling Wisconsin landfills. Track down some recipes for the pumpkin flesh, or try roasting the seeds for a tasty snack. After Halloween, composting jack-o'-lanterns is the most eco-friendly disposal method.

For costumes, "shop" in your home's closets or go to St. Vincent DePaul or Goodwill and put together something creative from what you find. A unique outerwear item like a trench coat can transform you into a spy, a leather jacket can add to a 50's rock and roll look, or a fishing vest can make you a safari guide or zookeeper. Keep your costume creations for future years or return them to their places of origin for re-use by others.

For treats as an alternative to candy in throw-away wrappers, you could give out fresh fruit like oranges decorated as jack-o'-lanterns, or apples. Some folks make and add caramel apples to their array of treat offerings, wrapping them in biodegradable paper. Also, you can hand out small gifts (e.g., Halloween-themed pencils, erasers, mini coloring books, etc.) or give out quarters or other coins in place of wrapped candy.

For more information on eco-friendly Halloween alternatives, go to <https://zerowastememoirs.com/eco-friendly-halloween/>

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TIME, TALENT AND TREASURE

**Our
Hands**

What's in a name? We were given our name by our parents when we were born and that name was blessed at our baptism. At Confirmation, we chose another name for ourselves. If we marry, we may take a new last name or combine last names.

As we move forward with the merger of our two parishes, we will assume a new name. The Archdiocese will confer a name for us, just as our parents did when they gave us our name. The new rendition of our parishes can give us a renewed spirit of hope for the future and our participation in it. The new name will provide a source of inspiration and possibly a new patron saint to intercede for us. It is a big change for us. But we have had input and now, in God's name, we must trust in the process.

St. Therese Parish Love One Another Balance as of 9/30/2026				
Distribution Date	Quarter Ending	Total Collected	Distributed to Parish	Retained by Trust
8/9/2023	6/30/2023	38,808.75	23,285.25	15,523.50
11/13/2023	9/30/2023	16,577.50	9,946.50	6,631.00
2/15/2024	12/31/2023	10,997.88	6,598.73	4,399.15
5/29/2024	3/31/2024	9,370.00	5,622.00	3,748.00
		75,754.13	45,452.48	30,301.65
Interest Earned:			3.03	
Balance 6/30/2024			45,455.51	
8/16/2024	6/30/2024	11,560.00	6,936.00	4,624.00
11/21/2024	9/30/2024	14,860.00	8,916.00	5,944.00
2/21/2025	12/22/2024	4,060.00	2,436.00	1,624.00
5/23/2025	3/31/2025	1,660.00	996.00	664.00
Total FY 2024/25		32,140.00	19,284.00	12,856.00
Interest			5.74	
Balance:		107,894.13	64,745.25	43,157.65
8/22/2025		10,210.00	6,126.00	4,084.00
Total FY 2025/26		10,210.00	6,126.00	4,084.00
Interest 9/25			1.69	
Balance 9/30/2025		118,104.13	70,872.94	47,241.65
12/11/2025		2,160.00	1,296.00	864.00
Interest 12/27/25			1.79	
Balance 12/31/2025		120,264.13	72,170.73	48,105.65
2/23/2026	12/31/2025	12,260.00	7,356.00	4,904.00
Total:		132,524.13	79,526.73	53,009.65
Interest		3/21/2026	1.85	
Deposit		3/31/2026	2,976.00	1,984.00
Balance 3/31/2026			82,504.58	
Interest 6/20/2026			1.96	
Transfer for Roof Repair			(11,718.00)	
Balance 6/30/2026			70,788.54	
Deposit 8/25/2026			2,136.00	
Transfer for Masonry for roof repair			(9,300.00)	
Interest 9/26/26			1.78	
Balance 9/30/2026			63,626.32	



Interested in Volunteering?

All volunteers across the Archdiocese of Milwaukee must complete the Safe Environment Certification process.

- Create an Account in CMG Connect - <https://milwaukee.cmgconnect.org>
- Complete the Initial Safe Environment for Clergy, Employees, and Volunteers Curriculum when you log into your account (the estimated time to complete all online portions of this curriculum is one hour)
- Complete Background Check Questions and Notice within the account
- Register for a live safe environment education training session (this is a one-time 3-hour in-person training)

Upcoming sessions nearby (please see website link for complete listing) - PLEASE NOTE... you must register online prior to the session date/time:

- Sat. Oct. 2, 9:30AM-12:30PM, St. Florian (West Milwaukee)
- Tues. Oct. 6, 6-9PM, St. Gregory the Great (Milwaukee)
- Wed. Oct. 7, 6-9PM, St. Dominic (Brookfield)
- Thurs. Oct. 8, 4-7PM, Prince of Peace (Milwaukee) *en espanol
- Sat. Oct. 10, 9AM-12PM, Corpus Christi (Waukesha) *en espanol
- Mon. Oct. 12, 5:30-8:30PM, St. Matthias (Milwaukee)
- Thurs. Oct. 22, 6-9PM, Divine Mercy (South Milwaukee)

*Please note that while multiple sessions are available in the early fall (such as posted above), as the academic year progresses, they are not as readily available. We encourage all our interested volunteers to complete the requirements as early as possible.

After you have completed the above, please let Mrs. Irwin know (tirwin@stvps.org).

We thank you in advance!

News from the SVP Library:

Soon, you will notice some SVP pamphlet racks being emptied. They are being cleaned so that some of the pamphlet space can be turned into self-service SVP library spaces.

Right now, we are buying a few new books and picking books we hope will be of interest. Lives of the saints, the Bible, and some current books on spirituality have been the most popular books for SVP. Current magazines have also done well.

As a result, we have bought two large-print copies of St. Therese's Diary of a Soul and have collected copies of a prominent 20th century American Catholic who has recently been beatified, Bishop Fulton Sheen.

We were asked to collect the pamphlets from the racks and give them to the parish office. At regular intervals, pamphlets need to be reviewed, okayed by the parish office, and checked to make sure their information is current. All the decision-making will be done by Fr. Tom. The library volunteers are just doing the collecting and cleaning. Don't worry, the pamphlets will return.

We will be, by the end of 2026, posting the library catalog on the parish website. If you are interested in a book, you will be able to let the parish librarian know (the email info is on p. 2 of the bulletin, always).

St. Therese parishioners, this is also your library -- think of the two libraries as branches of each other and feel free to email or borrow books.

You probably have great ideas about materials and books we could get, or perhaps would love to help out with the set-up of the three library spaces (SVP-east, and two at SVP-west) or with the book sale in December. We would love to hear from you! You can email or call the parish office to leave your information with them. The email is librarian@stvpc.org.

October 18

As we celebrate World Mission Sunday today, October 18, it's important to remember the legacy



of missionary work. The Church in the United States was once mission territory, supported by the generosity of Catholics worldwide. Today, we continue this legacy by supporting the Pontifical Mission Societies, ensuring that the Gospel reaches the ends of the earth. Our contributions help build and sustain communities of faith in places where the Church is still growing or facing persecution. This mission is a testament to our faith in action, reflecting the universal call to share Christ's love. This year marks the historic 100th anniversary of the global observance established by Pope Pius XI in 1926.

As we reflect on this year's theme, "One in Christ, united in mission," let us recommit to supporting our global Church family.

Go to www.worldmissionmke.org for more information!

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