



## St. Therese Parish

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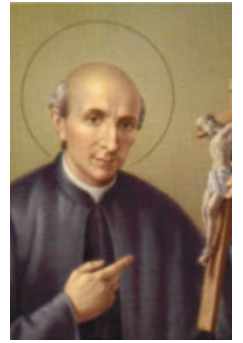
*We are St. Therese Catholic Church, a community of believers, who walk together by faith in Christ Jesus, and minister in the Little Way of St. Therese, as we strive hand-in-hand to live as God's people.*

## St. Vincent Pallotti Parish

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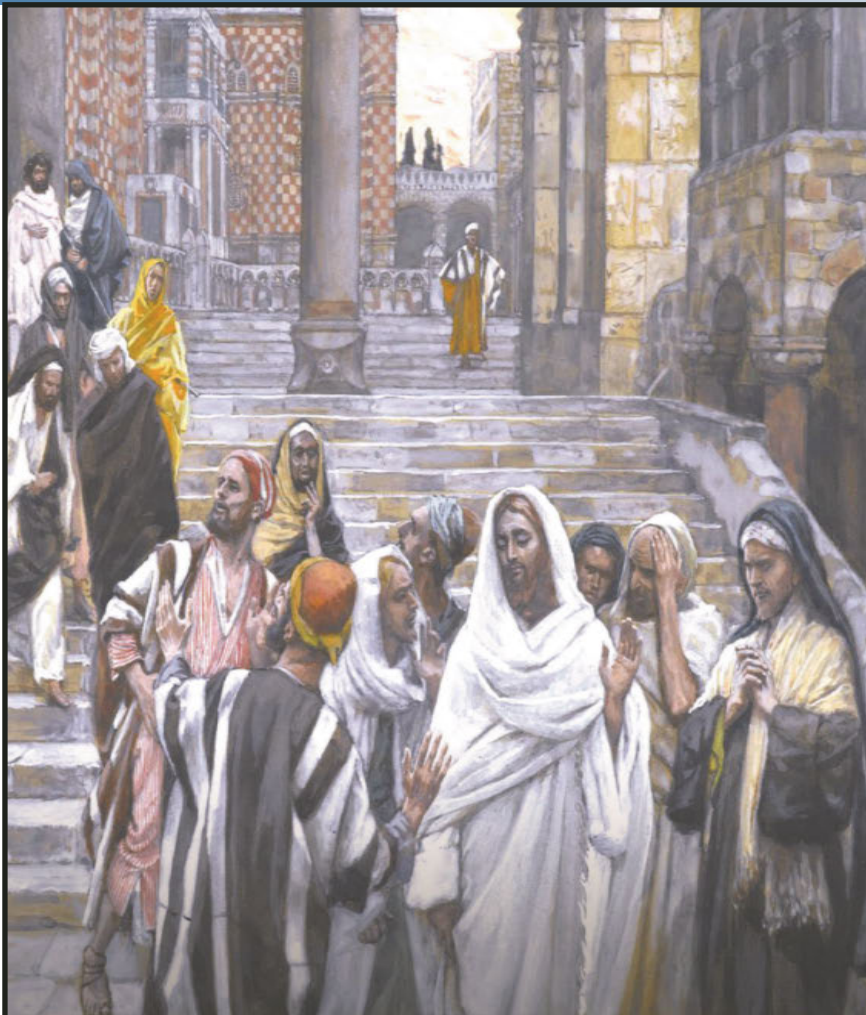
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*A Community of disciples, nourished by the Eucharist, caring for each other and reaching out to others.*

# September 29, 2024



## 26<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



At that time, John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone driving out demons in your name, and we tried to prevent him because he does not follow us." Jesus replied, "Do not prevent him. There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name who can at the same time speak ill of me." - Mk 9:38-39

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### Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday 4:00PM - St. Vincent Pallotti - West  
Sunday 7:30AM - St. Vincent Pallotti - East  
9:00AM - St. Therese  
10:30AM - St. Vincent Pallotti - West

### Weekday Mass Schedule

Mon, Wed, Fri: 6:25AM - St. Vincent Pallotti - East  
Tues: 8:00AM - St. Vincent Pallotti - West  
Tues: 8:45AM - St. Therese  
Wed: 5:30PM - St. Therese  
Thurs: 12 Noon - St. Vincent Pallotti - West

### 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

### Pray the Rosary

Saturday : 3:15PM - St. Vincent Pallotti - West  
Sunday: 7:00AM - St. Vincent Pallotti - East  
Third Sunday of the Month -10:00AM - St. Therese

### Adoration

First Friday 6:00PM - St. Vincent Pallotti - West  
Wednesdays 5:00PM - St. Therese  
Thursdays 11:30AM - St. Vincent Pallotti - West

### Anointing of the Sick

After Mass on the First Full Weekend of the Month.  
You can also contact either Parish Office or Fr. Tom PC on his cell phone (414) 308-6238 to arrange a visit.

### Baptism, Marriage and RCIA

Please call either Parish Office.  
Preparation can take nine months or more.

### Funerals

Contact either Parish Office to plan.

### 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](mailto: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

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#### Trustees

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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

Fr. Thomas Pulikkeel Chacko, SAC  
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#### St. Therese Parish Staff

**Parish Emergencies** (414) 771-2500 – Push 0

**Office Hours:** Friday, Saturday, and Sunday: Closed

Mon, Tues, Wed, & Thurs: 8:00AM–12:00PM Onsite; 12:00PM–4:00PM Remote

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#### St. Vincent Pallotti Parish Staff

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#### Parish Membership / Support

Anyone over age 18 is invited to register as an adult member. Please call either Parish Office for more information.



### Schedule Change! Please Note!

Due to the Feast of St. Therese, please note that we will have Confessions and Communal Anointing of the Sick on the second Sunday of month – October 13.



### Join Us at the Feast of St. Therese: Sunday, October 6

**Mass at 10:00AM, Lunch and Raffles following Mass**

*Please note that there will be no 9:00AM Mass at St. Therese and no 10:30AM Mass at St. Vincent Pallotti.*

### Revised Weekday Mass Schedule Begins

**On Wednesday October 2**, Adoration will begin at 5:00PM with Mass following at 5:30PM. If you have any questions, please contact the St. Therese Parish Office.

### SCRIP is Back! It's next Sunday!

Gift card orders through the SCRIP program will be taken next Sunday, October 6. You may drop off your order form before Mass at the Bluemound entrance or after Mass at the luncheon in Heck Hall. An order form is enclosed in this bulletin for your convenience. You may also download a form through the St. Therese website and submit it to the parish office, **to be received no later than Thursday, October 3**. Your gift cards will be available the following weekend. A percentage of every gift card you order benefits our parish. Many thanks for participating!

### Birthday Card Coordinator Needed

We are in need of someone who is willing to write out and mail birthday cards to our parishioners who are 70 years of age and older. The parish provides the cards, postage and the mailing list. If you are interested in helping out, please contact Heather in the Parish Office.

### Monthly Maintenance Collection

Next weekend, October 6, we have our separate Monthly Collection to replenish our parish Maintenance Fund. Since we are not taking up a collection during Mass, please consider dropping your donation in the collection basket, donating online using the QR Code, or mailing your donation to the parish. 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 next weekend, you can make a donation any of the ways listed above at any time. Thank you for your continuing support.



We will have a guest speaker at Mass who will share about the life of St. Therese – Fr. Michael-Joseph of St. Thérèse OCD, a Carmelite Friar from Holy Hill – and the combined choir will sing. There will be assorted gift baskets that we are raffling off as well as a 50/50 cash raffle. Raffle winners will be pulled around 12:30PM. All are welcome to attend. Invite your family, friends and neighbors! Please let us know you are coming by calling the St. Therese Parish Office or going to our website: [www.sttheresemke.org](http://www.sttheresemke.org).

### A Little About Saint Therese of Lisieux...

Therese was born in 1873 in northern France (Normandy). Her mother died of cancer when Therese was four years old. At the age of fifteen, Therese became a Carmelite nun. She died from tuberculosis at the age of 24.

Therese's path to holiness has been called "the Little Way." It was based on an attitude of total trust in God, an effort to respond with love to each chore, encounter or petty insult that made up her daily life. She believed that this practice could take the ordinary business of life and convert it into the fuel of love.

Therese wrote of feeling called to all vocations—to be a priest, a warrior, an apostle, a Doctor of the Church and a martyr. Therese is known for saying, "After my death I will let fall a shower of roses. I will spend my heaven doing good upon earth." Thus she is often pictured carrying roses. The National Shrine and Museum of St. Therese are part of the Carmelite campus located in Darien, Illinois (just south of Chicago).

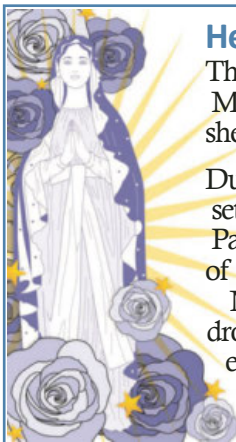
### Learn More About St. Therese! Stop by the special St. Therese Display

In honor of the feast day of St. Therese there is a special display in the parish library. A variety of books and DVD's depicting her life as a child and later as an adult, including her autobiography "The Story of a Soul" are available. She has also written books on poetry and meditation. Visit the parish library, located in the main lobby, before or after Mass. Books may be borrowed for three weeks and DVDs for two weeks. Thank you for supporting our parish library!

### Help Us Honor Mary this October

The month of October was chosen to honor the Holy Mother, Mary, in thanksgiving for her protection that she gives the Church in answer to the praying of the rosary.

During the Month of October, there will be a prayer area set up in the back of the church with our statue of Mary. Parishioners are invited to bring in different representations of Mary that we could display along with our statue of Mary. The items should be easy to carry/move. You can drop off your small statues/figurines, drawings/paintings, etc. at the Parish Office during office hours and we will add them to the display. If you have any questions, please contact Heather in the Parish Office.



Looking to donate online? Use the QR Code on the right to make a contribution to St. Therese Parish on our online giving website. Thank you for your generosity.



### Home Visit Ministry

Father PC is resuming home visits when he returns from India in October. If you are interested in having a home visit with Father PC so that he can get to know you and to bless your home, go to the St Therese website ([www.sttheresemke.org](http://www.sttheresemke.org)) or call Heather in the Parish Office. Once you choose a time, someone will follow up to confirm your appointment.

9:00AM Sunday Mass Live-Streamed on our Facebook page. It is also posted on our website after Mass.

Like us and follow us on Facebook @sttheresemke!



### CHURCH SUPPORT

Collection Totals will be reported on the second weekend of the month.

Please remember St. Therese in your will!



Archangels, Raphael, Gabriel and Michael,  
Pray for us!



**Reminder!:** There will be no 10:30am Mass on Sunday, October 6 at St. Vincent Pallotti. Please join us for Mass at St. Therese at **10:00AM** for their Feast Day Celebration.

There will be **no 6:25AM** Mass on Monday, October 7 at the East Site.

**10:30AM Sunday Mass Live-Streamed and Recorded**

Find the link under "Mass Times"  
Also available on YouTube.



For an on-line copy of our weekly combined bulletin, please refer to our website at:  
**www.stvincentpallotti.org**

"We learn humility through accepting humiliations cheerfully. Do not let a chance pass you by. It is so easy to be proud, harsh, moody, and selfish., but we have been created for greater things. Why stoop down to things that will spoil the beauty of our hearts?"

*-St. Teresa of Calcutta*



The **Stewardship Parish Support** table will be posted on the second weekend each month showing the entire previous month's contributions.

***Thank you for your contributions!***

Please remember St. Vincent Pallotti in your will.

# Did You Know???

## FEAST OF THE ARCHANGELS: SEPT 29

Yes, angels are for real. And they are mighty, glorious, beautiful and magnificent in every way. Today we honor three of the multitude of angels in Heaven: Michael, Gabriel and Raphael.

These angels are "archangels." An archangel is the second order of angels just above the guardian angels. In all, there are nine orders of celestial beings that we commonly refer to as angels and all nine of these orders are traditionally organized into three spheres. The entire hierarchy is traditionally organized this way:

Highest Sphere: Seraphim, Cherubim and Thrones.

Middle Sphere: Dominions, Virtues and Powers.

Lower Sphere: Principalities, Archangels and Angels (Guardian Angels).

The hierarchy of these celestial beings is ordered in accord with their function and purpose. The highest of the beings, the Seraphim, were created solely for the purpose of surrounding the Throne of God in perpetual worship and adoration. The lowest of the beings, the Guardian Angels, were created for the purpose of caring for humans and communicating God's messages. The Archangels, whom we honor today, were created for the purpose of bringing messages of great importance to us and to accomplish tasks of the highest importance in our lives.

**Michael** is well known as the archangel who was empowered by God to cast Lucifer out of Heaven. Lucifer is traditionally thought to be of the highest sphere of celestial beings and, thus, being cast out by a lowly archangel was quite a humiliation.

**Gabriel** is well known for being the archangel who brought the message of the Incarnation to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

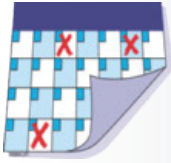
**And Raphael**, whose name means "God heals" is referred to in the Old Testament Book of Tobit and is said to have been sent to bring healing to Tobit's eyes.

Though not much is known of these archangels, it's important to believe in them, honor them and to pray to them. We pray to them because we believe God has entrusted them with a mission to help us bring healing, fight evil and proclaim the Word of God. Their power comes from God, but God has chosen to use the archangels, and all celestial beings, to accomplish His plan and purpose.

Reflect, today, upon your knowledge of the angels. Do you believe in them? Do you honor them? Do you rely upon their powerful intercession and mediation in your life? God wants to use them, so you should truly seek their help in your life.

*Lord, thank You for the gift of the Archangels whom we honor today. Archangels, pray for us, heal us, teach us and protect us. Jesus, I trust in You.*

-Catholic Daily Reflections



# Events for the Week

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

## Sunday, September 29

- 7:30AM Mass at SVP-E
- 9:00AM Mass at STP – Live Streamed on Facebook
- 10:00AM Sunday Morning Catechesis Preschool – Grade 8 Program at STP
- 10:30AM First Reconciliation Preparation at STP
- 10:30AM Mass at SVP-W – Live Streamed and Posted

## Monday, September 30

- 6:25AM Morning Mass at SVP-E

## Tuesday, October 1

- 8:00AM Morning Mass at SVP-W
- 8:45AM Morning Mass at STP
- 9:15AM Bible Study at STP

## Wednesday, October 2

- 6:25AM Morning Mass at SVP-E
- 5:00PM Adoration at STP
- 5:30PM Evening Mass at STP
- 7:00PM Combined Parish Pastoral Council at STP

## Thursday, October 3

- 11:30AM Adoration at SVP-W
- 12:00PM Afternoon Mass at SVP-W
- 2:00PM Seasons of Hope Bereavement Ministry at STP
- 7:00PM Group 100 AA

## Friday, October 4

- 6:25AM Morning Mass at SVP-E
- 9:00AM Church Cleaning at SVP-W
- 4:30PM Pet Blessing at SVP-W
- 5:30PM Mass at SVP-W
- 6:00PM First Friday Adoration at SVP-W

## Saturday, October 5

- 3:15PM Confessions at SVP-W
- 3:15PM Rosary at SVP-W
- 4:00PM Mass at SVP-W
- 5:00PM Prayer Shawl/Anointing of the Sick -SVP-W

## Sunday, October 6

### SCRIP Order Weekend at STP

- 7:30AM Mass at SVP-E
- 8:15AM Prayer Shawl/Anointing of the Sick -SVP-E
- 9:00AM Sunday Morning Catechesis Preschool – Grade 8 Program at STP
- 9:00AM High School Catechesis at STP
- 10:00AM Mass at STP – Live Streamed on Facebook
- 1:00PM Life Chain at STP Parking Lot



# Intentions & Readings for the Week



## October Sanctuary Candle at STP

For the grace to be good parents

## Sunday, September 29

Readings Nm 11:25-29/Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14 (9a)/Jas 5:1-6/Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

## Monday, September 30

Observance: St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Readings Jb 1:6-22/Ps 17:1bcd, 2-3, 6-7/Lk 9:46-50

6:25AM (SVP-E) †Gloria Czaplewski (Zernia Family)

## Tuesday, October 1

Observance: St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

Readings Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23/Ps 88:2-3, 4-5, 6, 7-8/Lk 9:51-56

8:00AM (SVP-W) †Gloria Czaplewski (Joan Armstrong)

8:45AM (STP) Jim and Jane Gill

## Wednesday, October 2

Observance: The Holy Guardian Angels

Readings Jb 9:1-12, 14-16/Ps 88:10bc-11, 12-13, 14-15/Mt 18:1-5, 10

6:25AM (SVP-E) Blessings for the Aranda Family

8:15AM (SVP-E) School Mass

5:30PM (STP) †Anne Nee

## Thursday, October 3

Readings Jb 19:21-27/Ps 27:7-8a, 8b-9abc, 13-14/Lk 10:1-12

12:00PM (SVP-W) †Asumpta Berry (M Radetski)

## Friday, October 4

Observance: St. Francis of Assisi

Readings Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5/Ps 139:1-3, 7-8, 9-10, 13-14ab/Lk 10:13-16

6:25AM (SVP-E) †Gloria Czaplewski (Joan Sweeney)

## Saturday Mass, October 5

Observance: Saint Faustina Kowalska, Virgin; Bl. Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest

Readings Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17/Ps 119:66, 71, 75, 91, 125, 130/Lk 10:17-24

4:00PM (SVP-W) Living & Deceased Members of the Banker Family

## Sunday Mass, October 6 – 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Observance: Respect Life Sunday

Readings Gn 2:18-24/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 (see 5)/Heb 2:9-11/Mk 10:2-16

7:30AM (SVP-E) St. Vincent Pallotti Parishioners

10:00AM (STP) †Bela Bartha and the St. Therese Parish Community

10:00AM (SVP) †Mary Kim Roberts (Family)



To be included, please call either Parish Office.

Dorothy Ash, Peter Carlis, Brandon Choe, Michael Czarnecki, Nancy Dineen, Dean Doberstein, Elizabeth and Elijah, Jan Eno, Kathleen Fugiasco, Family G, Matthew Harrison, Dan Heinz, Josette Jaeger, Mary Kirchner, Helen Klister, Julie Kross, Betty Lovinus, Rachel Lund, Debbie Martin, Loretta Merz, Fr. Norm Oswald, Celeste Rau, Jacob & Jaxson Rivera, Kaity Shields, Michael Sullivan, Beverly T., John Wachowiak, Chris Wehausen



## NATIONAL Eucharistic Revival

### From Communion to Community to Commission: Year 3 of the Eucharistic Revival

In today's gospel we hear some rather astounding words. John, apparently speaking for the apostles who were traveling with Jesus, said:

"Teacher, we saw someone driving out demons in your name and we tried to prevent him because he does not follow us." Jesus replied: "Do not prevent him. There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name who can at the same time speak ill of me. For whoever is not against us is for us." (Mark 9:38-39)

Jesus' message was clear: It is not a small group of people who hold special privilege and are given the commission to share the message of Jesus. We are all called to do this.

Year 3 of the Eucharistic Revival is a year of action. During Emmaus 90 weekly formation sessions, each presenter was asked: "What does a Eucharistic Missionary look like?" Bishop Jeffrey Haines answered with a quote from Henri Nouen's book *With Burning Hearts*.

The Eucharist has freed us from our paralyzed sense of loss within us and empowers us to go out into the world and to bring good news to the poor, sight to the blind, liberty to captives, and to proclaim again that God has shown His face to all people. But we are not alone – we are sent out with our brothers and sisters who also know that Jesus lives within them. The movement from the Eucharist is the movement from **communion** to **community** to **ministry**.

So ... when we are sent out into the world after each mass to carry on the mission of Jesus, we have this reassurance:

We are not alone ... Jesus is with us and lives within us

We are not alone ... we are sent out with our brothers and sisters who also know that Jesus lives within them

The Eucharistic Revival is not a time-specific event ... and we are caught up in the movement from Communion to Community to Commission. After the final blessing the priest says: "The Mass is ended, go in peace to love and serve the Lord." We respond: Thanks be to God.

### Life Chain: October 6

This year's Life Chain will follow the St. Therese celebration on October 6 from 1:00PM to 2:30PM. The Life Chain is a national annual, peaceful, and prayerful public witness event where participants stand along designated streets holding pro-life signs. It's a way for individuals to express their beliefs and advocate for the protection of unborn children and all life in a respectful and non-confrontational manner. We are meeting in the St. Therese parking lot at 1:00PM. Do not worry if you are late attending or cannot stay for the entire time. We recognize that there are those that cannot stand for long periods of time so please bring a chair. Free will donations will be collected at that time for Wisconsin Right for Life. Any questions call Cathy Healey at (414) 412-7940.



The loss of a loved one affects everyone differently. Everyone has their grief journey. One thing that can help is to have others alongside you during the journey. The Seasons of Hope Bereavement Ministry is there for all those in our communities who are grieving.

Seasons of Hope is a monthly informal grief support group with topics of interest and open discussion. Meeting participants where they are at in their grief journey, whether they are grieving a recent loss, or after many months or years. This is an opportunity to be around people who understand what you are feeling; offering encouragement, comfort, and help.

Our next **Seasons of Hope gathering will be Thursday, October 3 from 2:00-3:00PM at St. Therese Parish**. For more information, contact Heather Warner at [hwarner@stjudetheapostle.net](mailto:hwarner@stjudetheapostle.net) or (414) 258-8821.

### Missionary Stories Needed

We are looking for stories of how our parishioners have been "everyday" missionaries to others or how someone has been a missionary to you. These acts may not seem extraordinary, but to the person on the receiving end, they could mean everything in that moment. Perhaps you invited a neighbor to join you at Mass or for a cup of coffee. Or someone took time to listen to you when you needed a friendly ear.

Please share your stories with the Eucharistic Revival Committee. Your stories (we will keep them anonymous if you'd prefer) may be used in future bulletins or other communications. Send them to Heather Goeden in the St. Therese Parish Office at [heather@sttheresemke.org](mailto:heather@sttheresemke.org).



### Catechesis Corner



- On October 6, we celebrate the Feast of St. Therese. **Please note the following changes:** Classes will be held at 9:00AM with Mass to follow at 10:00AM. The children will process in carrying a rose and put it in a vase at the altar, then return to sit with their family. Please have them meet their Catechist at the Bluemound entrance to get their rose and line up five minutes before Mass. After liturgy, please join the parish for lunch and raffle prizes.
- **Please Help.** An aide is still needed for the Sunday morning program. Invest an hour and reap huge rewards.

#### Upcoming Class Schedule:

- CLOW: October 13
- Sunday Morning Age 3 – Grade 8 Program: October 6
- First Reconciliation Preparation: October 13
- High School Program: October 6
- Confirmation Preparation: October 20



### Annual Pet Blessing

Friday, 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 (201 N. 76th St, Milwaukee) from 4:30PM to 5:30PM 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.

### St. Francis of Assisi – Feast Day October 4

St. Francis of Assisi (1181 – 1226) left a life of luxury for a life devoted to Christianity after reportedly hearing the voice of God, who commanded him to rebuild the Christian church and live in poverty. He founded the men's Order of Friars Minor, the women's Order of St. Clare, the Third Order of St. Francis and the Custody of the Holy Land. Born in 1181 in Italy, St. Francis of Assisi was renowned for drinking and partying as a youth. During a military expedition/battle between Assisi and Perugia, he was captured and imprisoned for ransom. He spent nearly a year in prison and began receiving visions from God. After his release from prison, St. Francis of Assisi claimed to have heard the voice of Christ, who told him to restore the Christian Church and live a life of poverty. As a result, St. Francis of Assisi abandoned his life of luxury and became a devotee of the Catholic faith. Today, St. Francis of Assisi, known for his deep love of nature and animals, is the patron saint of the environment and animals. Each October, many animals are blessed on his feast day. ©LPi



### From the Earth Ministry:



Our Earth Ministry wants to hear from you! For over a decade we (initially “Green Team”) have strived to fulfill our mission to “promote the Church’s teaching on sustainability and environmental social justice through education and involvement of parish members in caring for our common home—within our parish and our community.” One of our ministry’s doings is the series of bulletin articles urging prayer and personal action on topics relevant to our mission. We hope you have found the bulletin articles informative and motivating. We would love to hear from you about these articles and suggestions for environmental topics you would like us to research.

Better yet, we would be especially welcoming to new members to help us with all of our Earth Ministry endeavors. We extend a special invitation for members from SVP parish to join our ministry. We meet via Zoom once per month October through May, and normally try to do something special each year in April for Earth Day. Contact Jim Jensen (Earth Ministry Chairperson) at [jjensen0309@yahoo.com](mailto:jjensen0309@yahoo.com) or call him at (262) 391-0430.



### Growing in Generosity

### Rooted in Faith

As you know, the Pastoral Councils of St. Therese and St. Vincent Pallotti have been combined into a single joint council. The same is true of the stewardship committees. The new Council and Stewardship Committee, along with our pastor Father PC, are in agreement that the two parishes should work toward aligning our practices. To that end, we have decided that our individual parish stewardship initiatives should be held at the same time. Together, we are moving toward a consistent time for renewing our yearly commitments to the parish. While the stewardship initiatives will be held separately this year, they will be held at the same time. This initiative will begin in the middle of October with a mailing to all parishioners.

- For St. Therese this is a slight move that will help us focus on our feast day.
- For St. Vincent Pallotti, which had a campaign this past year in February, the middle of October will also allow the focus to be on their feast day in January.

Although the combined initiative will identify your involvement in ministries and committees, it will request another look at your Time, Talent, and Treasure for the parish. There will be a focus on using your talents, Rooted in Faith as disciples, to further commit to parish and community life in new ways. It will also welcome your Growing in Generosity with Treasure.

### Memory Cafe

A Memory Cafe is a social gathering for those living with memory loss and their care partners. The cafe is an opportunity to socialize and participate in activities in a warm and accepting environment. Please join us on the second Thursday of the month at 1:00PM at the Wauwatosa Avenue United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall (1600 Underwood Ave, Wauwatosa). For more information, call (414) 453-0700.

## Gift, Gratitude and Joy

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