



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.

November 3, 2024



31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

And when Jesus saw that he answered with understanding, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." - Mk 12:34ab

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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: 6:00PM - St. Therese
Thurs: 12 Noon - St. Vincent Pallotti - West
First Friday: 5:30PM - 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 5:30PM - 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 or leave a message for them in either parish office. Meeting minutes are available in the parish offices.

Chairperson

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Sr. Marilyn Metz Tom Ratkowski

Mary Noeske

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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 and Saturday: Closed Sunday: 10:00AM-11:30AM

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

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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.



Sharing Weekend is Next Weekend: November 10th

The Sharing Weekend recipient for November is Dryhootch. Dryhootch is a veteran nonprofit that provides peer support for veterans returning from active duty as well as recovering from addictions. Dryhootch provides rides to and from the VA for veterans that do not have transportation. Dryhootch also provides a food pantry for veterans and their families. Dryhootch also has a family resource center. Dryhootch has two locations in Milwaukee including coffee shops at 1030 E Brady St and 4801 W National Ave. There is also a location in Madison at 1324 E Washington Ave.



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 DryHootch. Thank you for your generosity.

Changes to St. Therese Parish Office Hours

- Sunday, November 3: Parish Office Closed
- Tuesday, November 5: Parish Office Closed at Noon
- Wednesday, November 27: Parish Office Closed

Evening Mass Cancellation

On Wednesday, November 27, there will be no Adoration or Evening Mass. Join us at the Ecumenical Service at St. Therese at 7:00PM instead!

Remember Your Loved Ones This November An Evening of Remembrance

All parishioners and their families are invited to join us at the Evening of Remembrance this Thursday, November 7 at 7:00PM. It provides a prayerful opportunity to remember those who have gone before us and to support those whose loss is more recent.

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 at heather@sttheresemke.org. You may also stop by during office hours with a printed photo. She will scan the photo and give it right back to you. Please also indicate whether or not you'd like the name of your loved one included with the photo. Heather will then put the photos on the eBoard in the back of the church to be shown before and after Mass.



Book of the Dead

Place the names of your deceased loved ones in the Book of the Dead. It is near the Holy Water font.

Financials for Third Quarter – Period Ending September 30

Income	Actual	Budget
Envelopes	49,277	58,523
Offertory	2,335	2,500
Designated Income	5,533	5,750
Total Collection Income	57,145	66,773
Investment Income	5,854	2,250
Rental Income	2,860	2,983
*Donations/Memorials/Bequests	3,915	3,250
Fundraisers (net)	(300)	2,250
Total Other Income	12,329	10,733
Total Income	69,474	77,506
Expenses		
**Prayer and Worship	393	1,525
Christian Formation	1,568	1,300
Human Concerns	3,097	3,280
Sharing Sunday Distributions		
Finance/Admin	11,796	14,579
Salaries/Benefits	38,698	46,420
*Building/Grounds	12,727	31,062
Total Expenses	68,279	98,166
Net Profit/(Loss)		
Before Extraordinary Items	1,195	(20,660)

NOTE: Fundraisers (net) is seed money for Festival Raffle

Significant Building/Grounds Expenses:

- Quarterly Maintenance: \$1,937
- Heating - to date: \$117
- Electric - to date: \$4,185
- Snowplow - to date: \$0



Calling All Bakers:

Sign up to donate cookies for the December 14 cookie sale online or call Mary at (414) 425-2028. Please sign up. The success of this fundraiser depends on your generosity. Directions for drop off are downloadable from the website.



Growing in Generosity
Rooted in Faith

Please return your completed stewardship form in the collection basket, fill it out online using the

link on the St. Therese website or mail to/drop off at the St. Therese Parish Office by November 10! While filling out the form, take time to review the enclosed Parish Ministry Opportunities sheet and discern how you can best help the parish with your time and talents. There are many ministries, committees, and groups that would benefit from your involvement.



CHURCH SUPPORT

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

Remember St. Therese in your will



Best Wishes and God's Blessings

to Mr. and Mrs.

Michelle and Justin Mulrooney

who were married on Saturday,

November 2 at St. Vincent Pallotti Church.



SAVE THE DATE and NOTE THE CHANGE!

Our annual

St. Vincent Pallotti Pasta Dinner

has moved from November to

Saturday, February 8. Watch the

bulletins in 2025

for more information!



MACCW Meeting and Event with Boxes of Joy Drop-Off - Friday, November 8, 2024

Milwaukee Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women (MACCW) welcomes you to "**Beyond our Borders,**" with **Art Wigchers, GirlsGain Project in Ethiopia, sponsored by Catholic Relief Services (CRS).**

Come and hear how this project has delivered life-changing information and services to thousands of Ethiopian girls and young women so they can reach their potential. 8:00 am Mass, Continental Breakfast, Speaker, and brief meeting, Bring your wonderfully-filled *Boxes of Joy* for shipping to Cross Catholic Outreach. St. Mary's Visitation, 1260 Church Street, Elm Grove. No cost, free will offering available.

Questions and RSVP to Diane Oakland, dianeoak@gmail.com, 414-617-0721.

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

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???

A Catholic Perspective on Praying for the Departed

As the weather grows colder and the leaves fall, and Thanksgiving and Christmas approach, it is natural that our thoughts turn to those whom we have loved who are no longer with us.

How appropriate, then, that the Catholic Church offers us November, which begins with All Saints Day and All Souls Day, as the Month of the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

In recent years, perhaps no Catholic doctrine has been more misunderstood by Catholics themselves than the doctrine of Purgatory. Consequently, we tend to downplay it, even seem a little embarrassed by it, and it is the Holy Souls who suffer because of our discomfort with the doctrine.

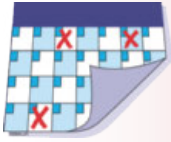
Purgatory is not, as many people think, one last trial; all of those who make it to Purgatory will one day be in Heaven. Purgatory is where those who have died in grace, but who have not fully atoned for the *temporal punishments* resulting from their sins, go to finish their atonement before entering Heaven. A soul in Purgatory may suffer, but he has the assurance that he will ultimately enter Heaven when his punishment is complete. Catholics believe Purgatory is an expression of God's love, His desire to cleanse our souls of all that might keep us from experiencing the fullness of joy in Heaven.

As Christians, we don't travel through this world alone. Our salvation is wrapped up with the salvation of others, and charity requires us to come to their aid. The same is true of the Holy Souls. In their time in Purgatory, they can pray for us, and we should pray for the faithful departed that they may be freed from the punishment for their sins and enter into Heaven.

We should pray for the dead throughout the year, especially on the anniversary of their death, but in this Month of the Holy Souls, we should devote some time every day to prayer for the dead. We should start with those closest to us—our mother and father, for instance—but we should also offer prayers for all the souls, and especially for those most forsaken.

We believe that those Holy Souls for whom we pray will continue to pray for us after they have been released from Purgatory. If we live Christian lives, we too will likely find ourselves in Purgatory someday, and our acts of charity toward the Holy Souls there now will ensure that they remember us before the throne of God when we are most in need of prayers. It's a comforting thought, and one that should encourage us, especially in this month of November, to offer our prayers for the Holy Souls.





Events for the Week

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

Sunday, November 3

St. Therese Parish Office Closed/SCRIP Order Weekend at STP
Prayer Shawl & Blessing of the Sick at SVP

- 7:30AM Mass at SVP-E
- 8:15AM Confessions at STP
- 9:00AM Mass at STP – Live Streamed on Facebook
- 10:00AM Blessing of the Sick at STP
- 10:00AM Sunday Morning Catechesis Preschool – Grade 8 Program at STP
- 10:00AM High School Catechesis at STP
- 10:30AM First Reconciliation Preparation at STP
- 10:30AM Mass of Remembrance SVP-W

Monday, November 4

- 6:25AM Morning Mass at SVP-E

Tuesday, November 5

- 8:00AM Morning Mass at SVP-W
- 8:45AM Morning Mass at STP
- 9:00AM Eucharistic Revival Meeting at STP
- 9:15AM Bible Study at STP
- 12:00PM STP Office Closed

Wednesday, November 6

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

Thursday, November 7

- 11:30AM Adoration at SVP-W
- 12:00PM Afternoon Mass at SVP-W
- 1:00PM Seasons of Hope Bereavement Ministry at STP
- 4:00PM Choir Rehearsal at SVP-W
- 7:00PM Group 100 AA
- 7:00PM Evening of Remembrance at STP

Friday, November 8

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

Saturday, November 9

- 9:00AM Altar Server Training at STP
- 3:15PM Confessions at SVP-W
- 3:15PM Rosary at SVP-W
- 4:00PM Mass at SVP-W

Sunday, November 10

Sharing Weekend at STP/SCRIP Pick-Up Weekend at STP

- 7:30AM Mass at SVP-E
- 9:00AM Mass at STP – Live Streamed on Facebook
- 9:15AM Children's Liturgy of the Word at STP
- 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

Intentions & Readings for the Week



November Sanctuary Candle at STP

For Young Married Couples

Sunday, November 3

Readings Dt 6:2-6/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 (2)/Heb 7:23-28/Mk 12:28b-34

Monday, November 4

Observance: St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop

Readings Phil 2:1-4/Ps 131:1bcde, 2, 3/Lk 14:12-14
6:25AM (SVP-E) Blessings for Aranda-Rojas Family

Tuesday, November 5

Observance: Election Day

Readings Phil 2:5-11/Ps 22:26b-27, 28-30ab, 30c, 31-32//Lk 14:15-24
8:00AM (SVP-W) For the United States of America
8:45AM (STP) †Don Castelaz

Wednesday, November 6

Readings Phil 2:12-18/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Lk 14:25-33
6:25AM (SVP-E) †All Souls in Purgatory
8:15AM (SVP-W) School Mass
6:00PM (STP) †James Balliet

Thursday, November 7

Readings Phil 3:3-8a/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 15:1-10
12:00PM (SVP-W) †Mary Ann Duehring (Family)

Friday, November 8

Readings Phil 3:17—4:1/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Lk 16:1-8
6:25AM (SVP-E) †Bernice Krukowski (J. Badura)

Saturday Mass, November 9

Observance: The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

Readings Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22
4:00PM (SVP-W) †Loretta Catt (Friends & Family)

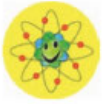
Sunday Mass, November 10 – 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings 1 Kgs 17:10-16/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 (1b)/Heb 9:24-28/Mk 12:38-44
7:30AM (SVP-E) Parishioners
9:00AM (STP) †Gustav Schmidt and the St. Therese Parish Community
10:30AM (SVP-W) †Deceased Members of Thull & Jarmusz Families (Jarmusz Family)



To be included, please call either Parish Office.

Dorothy Ash, Peter Carlis, Brandon Choe, Michael Czarnecki, Nancy Dineen, Dean Doberstein, Kylie Doyne, 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, Kathy Manthe, Debbie Martin, Loretta Merz, Debbie Opichka, Fr. Norm Oswald, Celeste Rau, Jacob & Jaxson Rivera, Kaity Shields, Michael Sullivan, Robert Szablewski, Beverly T., John Wachowiak, Chris Wehausen



From the Earth Ministry: Hope for Unlimited Clean Energy in Our Time?



Scientists have been laboring for decades to create a controlled nuclear FUSION reaction. Fusion is the type of energy that powers the sun and stars. Until now, nuclear power has come from FISSION reactors. Fission reactors create energy by splitting atoms. Fusion reactors would create energy by joining atoms together. Fusion reactors would generate contamination-free energy without the radioactive waste of fission reactors. A recent **CBS 60 Minutes** exposé described the internationally-competitive race to harness nuclear fusion, especially by physicists in China and the USA.

A key step in the nuclear fusion process is to produce heated plasma, which is a gas of hot ions and free-moving electrons. For the first time, a fusion device at UW Madison has generated this plasma via a sophisticated magnetic mirror which became operational on July 15, 2024.

This breakthrough provides hope that unlimited, carbon-free, radioactive-free energy may one day be reality.



St. Therese and St. Vincent Pallotti Thanksgiving Services

Please join us at one of these services to celebrate the Thanksgiving Holiday:



- **Ecumenical Thanksgiving Eve Prayer Service** - Mark your calendars now and plan to attend the annual ecumenical Thanksgiving eve prayer service on Wednesday, November 27 at 7:00PM. St. Therese Parish is pleased to host this year's service with St. Vincent Pallotti, Syro Malabar, and Martin Luther Lutheran Church. What a great way to bring in the holiday season, joining in prayer and song, giving thanks to God for the many blessings we receive. The combined choirs will enrich our service and fill our church with joyful music. Hospitality will follow immediately after the service. All are welcome and encouraged to attend!

We are in need of someone to help coordinate the hospitality after the service. If you are able to do this, please contact Heather in the St. Therese Parish Office.

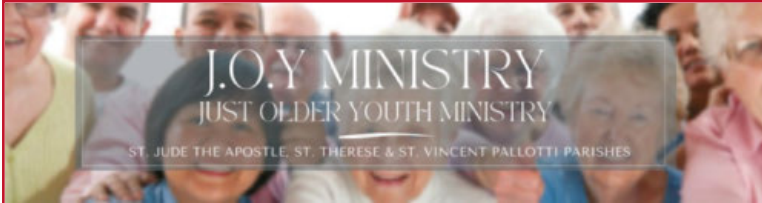
If you are able to provide a pie for hospitality, please let Heather in the St. Therese Parish Office know by Monday, November 25. Drop off will be on Tuesday, November 26 from 8:00AM until 3:00PM at the Parish Office or Wednesday, November 27 from 6:00PM until the service begins in the back of church.

- **Thanksgiving Morning Mass** - Thursday, November 28 at 8:30AM at St. Vincent Pallotti-West (201 N 76th St) All are welcome and encouraged to attend one of these services!

Altered Bulletin Deadlines for November & December

Please note the following altered bulletin deadlines for the upcoming holiday season:

- November 24 Bulletin - Articles due November 13 at 8:00AM
- December 1 Bulletin - Articles due November 20 at 8:00AM
- December 8 Bulletin - Articles due November 25 at 8:00AM
- December 15 Bulletin - Articles due December 4 at 8:00AM
- December 22 Bulletin - Articles due December 10 at 8:00AM
- December 29 Bulletin - Articles due December 18 at 8:00AM
- January 5 Bulletin - Articles due December 20 at 8:00AM



St. Therese, St. Vincent Pallotti, and St. Jude are collaborating in a new social interaction ministry for empty nesters, active middle agers and senior adults called J.O.Y. (Just Older Youth). Our mission is to plan and provide fellowship through various events keeping us active which is a very important part of mental and emotional well-being in us all.

Join us November 21 at 11:00AM for our next J.O.Y Luncheon to be held in the St. Therese Parish Hall. In addition to lunch there will be a brief presentation on Navigating Medicare sponsored by Network Health. The luncheon is free, but a free will offering is appreciated to further the ministry. **RSVP by contacting either parish office.**

Help Needed Immediately

An aide is still needed for Sunday morning catechesis. Please invest one hour of your time. Talk to or email Sister Marilyn or Mary.



Our Christian Formation Classes Grades K-8th are organizing a food drive to benefit the Hunger Task Force of Wisconsin. Please support our students by bringing your non-perishable food items to Mass at St. Therese Parish, November 1-24. A box is located by the entrance for your donations. Thank you for your support!

Catechesis Corner



Thank you to our program coordinators, catechists, and parents for our All Saints Day presentation at the 9:00AM Mass this weekend! It was nice to see all of those saints joining us at Mass!

Upcoming Class Schedule:

- CLOW: November 10
- Sunday Morning Age 3 – Grade 8 Program: November 10
- First Reconciliation Preparation: November 10
- High School Program: November 17
- Confirmation Preparation: November 17



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

Just before ascending into heaven, Jesus commissioned the disciples to be missionaries and bring the gospel message to others. By virtue of our baptism, that commission is handed down to us as well. Let's look once again at the words Jesus used to commission us:

All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age. (Matthew 29: 18-20)

The word "observe" is an interesting word here. How can we teach others to observe what Jesus commanded of his disciples. One of the ways we observe something or someone is to pay attention not only to what is said, but to what is done . . . to what is observable. That is at the heart of our mission. Watch carefully, and learn from observing. What am I doing that others "observe" what Jesus commanded? Do my actions reflect Jesus in observable ways? That is faith in action. This week, let's make a deliberate effort to show Jesus to others in our actions. Let's ask ourselves, at least once, WWJD (What Would Jesus Do?)



Grieving the loss of a loved one is difficult at any time of the year. Living with loss during the holidays can be even more challenging. Our Seasons of Hope Bereavement Ministry welcomes anyone who has been touched by loss to a special afternoon of reflection and information entitled: "**Grieving**

During the Holidays: Afternoon of Reflection" on Thursday, November 7 from 1:00 - 3:00PM at St. Therese Parish (enter through Parish Office doors). This gathering is open to all who have experienced a loss or would like to support someone who has. There is no charge. Walk-ins are welcome; however, we would appreciate an RSVP by November 4 so that we may have enough materials on hand. Call Heather Warner at (414)258-8821 to RSVP or with questions.



We have published the 4th edition of our pastoral letter, *Now and at the Hour of Our Death*, to share the Church's moral guidance and helpful resources to help prepare for the end of life and relieve some of the pain, sadness, and anxiety that dying entails. The letter includes Church teaching on a wide variety of issues at the end of life, including:

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| Assisted Suicide & Euthanasia | Spiritual & Sacramental Needs |
| Ordinary & Extraordinary Measures | Funeral Planning |
| Measures Withheld or Withdrawn | Advance Care Planning |
| Nutrition & Hydration | Power of Attorney for Health Care |
| Palliative Care & Hospice | Living Wills & POLST |
| Pain Management | Burial & Cremation |
| Redemptive Suffering | Alkaline Hydrolysis |
| Organ Donation | Human Composting |

To assist in end of life planning, we also offer free legal forms including the **Catholic Authorization for Final Disposition** and **Addenda to the Power of Attorney for Health Care**.

READ *the* FULL LETTER

Scan the QR code below or visit wisconsincatholic.org/endoflife for links to the pastoral letter, resources, legal forms & diocesan contacts.



End of Life Planning Now and at the Hour of Our Death

A PASTORAL LETTER FROM THE
ROMAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS OF WISCONSIN
ON END OF LIFE DECISIONS

As Bishops, we know that death is not final, for Jesus promised His followers that we will see Him face to face and share in eternal life. Yet, despite our hope in Christ, we know that dying can present great difficulties. Many decisions need to be made and we pray that you do not wait until you or a loved one is near death to reflect and prepare.

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