



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

East Church

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

December 22, 2024



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: 8:45AM - St. Therese
Tues: 12 Noon - St. Vincent Pallotti - West
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

Blessing 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.



THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

And the Word became flesh
and made his dwelling
among us,
and we saw his glory,
the glory as of the Father's
only Son,
full of grace and truth.
- Jn 1:14

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

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Jennifer Tierney

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David Helterbran Linda Okruhlica
Sr. Marilyn Metz Tom Ratkowski
Mary Noeske

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(414) 462-7837

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

Fr. Thomas Pulikkeel Chacko, SAC
ext. 1 at St. Therese and ext. 102 at St. Vincent Pallotti
fr.thomaspc@stvpc.org
(414) 308-6238

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

Director of Administrative Services

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St. Vincent Pallotti Parish Staff

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Office Hours: Monday through Friday: 8:30AM-3:30PM

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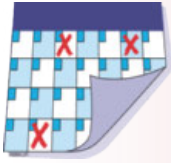
**Office Manager/
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Lirse Jones ext. 110
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Parish Membership / Support

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

The deadlines for the December 29 and January 5 bulletins have passed. The next available bulletin is the January 12 bulletin.



Events for the Week

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

Sunday, December 22

Birthdays Weekend at SVP

- 7:30AM Mass at SVP-E
- 9:00AM Mass at STP – Live Streamed on Facebook
- 9:00AM Sunday Morning Catechesis Preschool – Grade 8 Program at STP
- 10:00AM High School Catechesis and Confirmation Prep at STP
- 10:30AM Mass at SVP-W – Live Streamed and Posted
- 1:00PM Christmas Novena at SVP-E

Monday, December 23

SVP Parish Office Closed

- 6:25AM Morning Mass at SVP-E
- 5:00PM Christmas Novena at SVP-E
- 6:00PM St. Vincent de Paul Society Meeting at STP

Tuesday, December 24 – Christmas Eve

SVP and STP Parish Offices Closed

- 1:00PM Christmas Novena at SVP-E
- 4:00PM Christmas Eve Mass at STP
- 4:00PM Christmas Eve Mass at SVP-W

Wednesday, December 25 – Christmas Day

SVP and STP Parish Offices Closed

- 7:30AM Christmas Mass at SVP-E
- 10:00AM Christmas Mass at SVP-W

Thursday, December 26

SVP and STP Parish Offices Closed

- 7:00PM Group 100 AA

Friday, December 27

STP Parish Office Closed

- 9:00AM Church Cleaning at SVP-W

Saturday, December 28

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

Sunday, December 29

STP Parish Office Closed

- 7:30AM Mass at SVP-E
- 9:00AM Mass at STP – Live Streamed on Facebook
- 10:30AM Mass at SVP-W – Live Streamed and Posted



Intentions & Readings for the Week



December Sanctuary Candle at STP

For those working in social support roles

Sunday, December 22

Readings *Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 (4)/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45*

Monday, December 23

Observance: **St. John of Kanty, Priest**

Readings *Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14/Lk 1:57-66*
6:25AM (SVP-E) †Allen Polkoski (Czaplewski Family)

Tuesday, December 24

Observance: **Christmas Eve**

Readings *Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13 (Lk 2:11)/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14*
4:00PM (STP) †Theodor Schmidt & and St. Therese Parish Community
4:00PM (SVP-W) †Michael Horvath

Wednesday, December 25

Observance: **The Nativity of the Lord**

Readings *Is 52:7-10/Heb 1:1-6/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 (3c)/Jn 1:1-18*
7:30AM (SVP-E) Parishioners
10:00AM (SVP-W) Special Intention for Louise Faragallah

Thursday, December 26

Observance: **St. Stephen, First Martyr**

Readings *Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17/Mt 10:17-22*
12:00PM (SVP-W) No Mass

Friday, December 27

Observance: **St. John, Apostle and Evangelist**

Readings *1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97: 1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Jn 20:1a, 2-8*
6:25AM (SVP-E) No Mass

Saturday Mass, December 28

Observance: **The Holy Innocents, martyrs**

Readings *1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8/Mt 2:13-18*
4:00PM (SVP-W) †Mary Ann Duehring (Family)

Sunday Mass, December 29 – The Holy Family

Observance: **The Holy Family**

Readings *1Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 (see 5a)/Lk 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52*
7:30AM (SVP-E) Blessings for Gabert Family (M. Feedar)
9:00AM (STP) †Gregory Enderson and St. Therese Parish Community
10:30AM (SVP-W) Parishioners



To be included, please call either Parish Office.

Dorothy Ash, Peter Carlis, Brandon Choe, Michael Czarnecki, Nancy Dineen, Dean Doberstein, Kylie Doyne, Marge Dunn, 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, Bob O'Neil, Debbie Opichka, Fr. Norm Oswald, Celeste Rau, Jacob & Jaxson Rivera, Kaity Shields, Michael Sullivan, Robert Szablewski, Beverly T., Rosann Thate, John Wachowiak, Chris Wehausen





Holiday Schedule

St. Therese Parish Holiday Office Hours

- December 23 - Open regular office hours
- December 24 through December 29 - Closed
- December 30 - Open regular office hours
- December 31 through January 1 - Closed
- January 2 - Open regular office hours
- January 3 and 4 - Closed
- January 5 - Resume normal office hours

Mass Cancellation

The Tuesday morning December 24 Mass and the Wednesday, December 25 Adoration and Evening Mass are canceled. Please join us at our holiday Masses. All are welcome!



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

Thank you to all that attended the "...One Nation Under God..." prayer service last weekend. Our next Prayer Service is scheduled for January 19 in the Chapel after the Sunday mass. Please mark your calendars and join us as we look forward to seeing you there.

Time to Update Our Prayer List

It's time to update our prayer list. It is our privilege to pray for others, especially those who are going through a difficult time, are sick and suffering, or who have a special need. If you have submitted a name and would like it **to remain** on the prayer list, please contact Heather Goeden in the Parish Office by December 30 by phone, email, or US mail. Thank you!

Donate a Sanctuary Candle or Schedule a Mass Intention in Memory of a Loved One

Please consider donating the sanctuary candle (that burns in front of the tabernacle) in memory or honor of a loved one or for a special intention. The cost is \$10 per month. All months in 2025 are currently open except for April and June. Months will be assigned on a first come, first served basis. Or consider donating a mass intention.

To donate, please contact Heather Goeden in the Parish Office.

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

Help Us Reach Our 2024 CSA Goal

We have raised \$18,189.99 (76%) of our goal of \$23,837 with 26.5 % of the parish participating. Consider a year end gift to the CSA to help us reach our goal! Any gift is needed and welcomed no matter the size. To donate, visit www.catholicappeal.org, text APPEAL2024 to (414) 348-8380 or mail a check to the Catholic Stewardship Appeal at 3501 S. Lake Drive, St. Francis, WI 53235. Be sure to indicate you are a member of St. Therese Parish. Thank you!




Year End Giving & Contribution Statements


Year End Contribution Statements will be generated in early January. The statements will include contributions from all sources, including WeShare. However, only weekly envelopes, stock contributions, and maintenance donations are included. Advent Giving, Mission Contributions, and Sharing Sunday are pass through; that is, the donation goes to the recipient charity, not St. Therese.

If your address has changed, please let our Finance Director, Christine, know. The information can be updated prior to mailing the statements.

If you plan to donate stock to St. Therese by December 31, please contact Christine for our brokerage information. If you have any questions please email her at christine@sttheresemke.org.


Snow and Weather Closings

In the event of snow or weather closings for the parish, please check Channel 12 WISN-TV or WISN.com (WISN website) for closures. Please also note to look for "St. Therese–Milwaukee" in Milwaukee County. (Sometimes there is confusion with "St. Theresa" and "St. Therese" in other cities and counties of the archdiocese.)



Flower/Candle Memorial Donations for the Christmas Season

In this season of giving, please consider remembering a loved one or honoring a special intention by donating a memorial toward the cost of flowers and candles for our church environment that enhance our worship during the Christmas Season. Please complete the form below, include your donation of any amount, and return both in the collection basket at any Mass or send it to the Parish Office. Thank you for your generosity!



Candle and Flower Donations—PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Donor Name _____

Phone () _____ Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Select one: In Memory In Honor In Thanksgiving

Intention _____

Publish in bulletin? Yes No Print intention, not donor



CHURCH SUPPORT

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

Please remember St. Therese in your will!

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.






St. Vincent Pallotti Parish News and Updates



ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

This is our Annual Financial Report for the last Fiscal Year. We want to thank you for your continuous support and commitment to the mission of St. Vincent Pallotti Parish and School. If you have any questions, please contact the Parish Office.



Please Note: There will be no Noon Mass on Thursday, December 26 at the West Church and no 6:25am Mass on Friday, December 27 at the East Church.

Parish Financial Report FY2023-24 (July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024)	Actual FY2023-24	Budget FY2023-24	\$ Over / (Under Budget)
Income:			
Contributions (Pledges, Donations)	\$315,885.06	\$297,340.00	\$18,545.06
• Bequests	\$0.00	0.00	\$0.00
• Monthly Special Collection & St. Vincent de Paul	\$19,447.95	0.00	\$19,447.95
Tuition & Program Fees	\$1,663,964.34	\$1,694,792.40	(\$30,828.06)
Rentals	\$7,880.00	\$4,500.00	\$3,380.00
Other Revenues (Lunch Program, Interests)	\$287,056.39	\$194,230.00	\$92,826.39
Fundraising & Activity Events (This is NOT Net)	\$21,461.71	\$20,800.00	\$667.71
Total Income:	\$2,315,695.45	\$2,211,662.40	\$104,033.05
Expenses:			
Salaries & Benefits	\$1,310,638.18	\$1,304,159.00	(\$6,479.18)
Supplies (Office supplies, Books, Postage, Food & Fundraising Expenses)	\$223,321.72	\$129,415.00	(\$93,906.72)
Technology	\$96,755.98	\$65,500.00	(\$31,255.98)
Purchased Services & Miscellaneous	\$41,915.32	\$17,580.00	(\$24,335.32)
Building & Grounds (Utilities, Maintenance, Repairs, Snow Removal, & including the Property & Liability Insurance)	\$320,130.02	\$341,145.00	\$21,014.98
• Major Maintenance Repairs	\$2,890.00	\$2,500.00	(\$390.00)
Other Expenses (Legal, Accounting, Meetings, Arch. Assessment, Dues, Marketing)	\$184,029.49	\$113,025.00	(\$71,004.49)
Total Expenses:	\$2,179,680.71	\$1,973,324.00	(\$206,356.71)
FY2023-24 NET INCOME	\$136,014.74	\$238,338.40	(\$102,323.66)

There will be a Christmas Concert Prelude before each of the Christmas Masses this year.



On December 24, before the 4pm Mass, the 20-minute Christmas Prelude will start at 3:40pm at Saint Vincent Pallotti with a Violinist and the annual Youth Choir.

At Saint Therese on December 24, the presentation of Soloists and a Flutist will also begin at 3:40pm preceding the 4pm Mass.

On Christmas Day, there will be a Concert Prelude with Soloist and Violinist at 7:15am before the East Church 7:30am Mass.

The Prelude before the 10:00am Mass at the West Church begins at 9:45am with the Combined Adult Choir, a Violinist and Trumpets. Please plan on arriving early to listen to the beautiful renditions of well-known Christmas songs.

Thank you!

Bakers! Shoppers! Volunteers!
The Cookie, Craft and Book Sale was a great success!

What a variety! The crafts were amazing, the ham was good and Santa was fun!

It could not have been done without you.
Thank You!



IMPORTANT!

All final 2024 Contributions must be placed in the collection basket on the weekend of December 28-29 or be postmarked by Tuesday, December 31, 2024 to be recognized as a 2024 contribution. If you are contributing on-line, using WE-Share, contributions are not processed on weekends and process slower during the holidays. Therefore, the final day to contribute on-line is Friday, December 27.

HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, December 23 through Wednesday, January 1, and the Staff will be working remotely. We will have limited hours on December 27, January 2 and 3 and will return to regular hours on Monday, January 6.



From the Earth Ministry:

Our Environmentally Conscious Neighbors



Milwaukee Montessori School has a commitment to environment-friendly education and actions. In the last year MMS completed a re-work of their parking lot incorporating porous pavers and a drainage system to minimize harmful run off. But you probably haven't heard the latest: In October, MMS delivered another "hands on" eco-object lesson for students, staff, parents and other onlookers, when for one week, a herd of 70 goats was let loose to eradicate invasive plants on the property. A picture is included of the goats happily doing their work.



A couple of years ago, our Earth Ministry members worked aggressively to hand pull/cut and treat invasives in the common area separating our properties

between the West side of the church and the freeway. Dramatic "before" and "after" pictures appeared in the St. Therese Bulletin. Maybe goats will get the job next time!

Attention: Committees, Groups, Ministries

If you haven't already done so, please submit meeting dates and reserve rooms for committee, group, and ministry meetings for 2025 by December 30. Meeting dates must be submitted each year (there is no "automatic" listing on the parish calendar or room reservations).

Everyday Missionary Stories

You might be doing Missionary work if you are helping people in need without expecting anything in return. People in need of help have various political affiliations, ethnic backgrounds, economic status, and so on. They may be family members or complete strangers, but the common denominator is that they are people in need of help. So you might be a Missionary if:

- You are visiting folks in the hospital or nursing home
- You are helping folks through the process of creating a Will or a Trust
- You are watching over your neighbor and sharing your garden harvest with them
- You are consoling folks that have marriage problems or are suffering from addiction problems
- You are explaining your religious beliefs to others, or explaining why we, as Catholics, have Adoration services

I have done all these things, and more! Am I successful at these things? Sometimes YES and sometimes NO. Point is, we are Missionaries when we are trying to help others, whether they are asking for help or not! —Art, St. Therese Parish

Do you have an everyday missionary story to share? How have you been a missionary to others or how has someone been a missionary to you? 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.

HOLIDAY Mass Schedule

There will be a Christmas Concert Prelude before each of the Christmas Masses this year. Please plan on arriving early to listen to the beautiful renditions of well-known Christmas songs.

- Christmas Eve – Tuesday, December 24
 - 4:00PM at St. Therese Parish
Prelude at 3:40PM with a Flutist and Soloists.
 - 4:00PM at St. Vincent Pallotti - West
Prelude at 3:40PM with a Violinist and the annual Youth Choir.
- Christmas Day Mass – Wednesday, December 25
 - 7:30AM at St. Vincent Pallotti - East
Prelude at 7:15AM with a Soloist and Violinist.
 - 10:00AM at St. Vincent Pallotti - West
Prelude at 9:45AM with the Combined Adult Choir, a Violinist and Trumpets.
- Solemnity of Mary/World Day of Prayer for Peace
 - Tuesday, December 31 at 4:00PM at St. Vincent Pallotti - West
Adoration before Mass at 3:30PM
 - Wednesday, January 1
 - 6:25AM at St. Vincent Pallotti - East
 - 9:00AM at Saint Therese Parish

A Christmas Journey

Stop at the back of church to pick up a complimentary Christmas Family Prayer, Epiphany House Blessing, and a copy of the Emmaus 90 Christmas Edition Guidebook provided by the Christian Formation and Eucharistic Revival Committees. The guidebook provides a Christmas Season encounter/pilgrimage with Jesus over 21 days from Christmas through January 19. Use all or part of the daily prompts, prayer, and journaling included in the guidebook. If you enjoy this form of prayer, consider ordering your copy of the Emmaus 90 guidebook that will guide you in prayer from New Year's through Easter as well as provide formation sessions from the Archdiocese and the opportunity to join a small discussion group within your parish. More information can be found at www.archmil.org/evangelization/Eucharistic-Revival/Emmaus-90. If you are interested in joining a small group for Emmaus 90, contact the Parish Office.

Catechesis Corner



- Today, December 22, is the last class for the semester. We will break for the Christmas and New Year Holidays. Classes resume on Sunday, January 5.
- Wishing all of our families, catechists, and aides a very Merry Christmas. We couldn't run this program without you!!! Enjoy your time with your families.

Join us at one of our Masses to celebrate the Christmas Holiday. Please see the schedule above. Visiting family and friends are always welcome to join us. If you will be traveling, we wish you safe travels! See you January 5.

Upcoming Class Schedule:

- CLOW: January 12
- Sunday Morning Age 3–Grade 8: January 5
- High School Program/Confirmation Prep: January 5



Christmas Message from the Pastor

I would like to take a moment to wish you a very Merry Christmas. During this season we will be celebrating hope, peace, love and joy; I pray that all four of these would fill your life in every way this Christmas and beyond. I'm grateful to God for what I see in our parish community. I thank all of you for all your expressions of care and support. My prayers and wishes for all our families I express through the prayer on the right.

Fr. Tom PC, SAC
Pastor

Prayer for Families

Loving God,

During this holy season of Christmas,
we ask for your blessing on all families.

Let Mary's openness to your wondrous ways be an
inspiration to place all trust in you.

Let Joseph's courage provide hope during times of anxiety
and uncertainty.

Let Jesus' life ignite all families with a spirit of light and love.

May the grace that encircled the Holy Family widen to
embrace all families.

For this we pray.

Amen.



CHRISTMAS 2024

And this will be a sign for you: you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger.

— Luke 2:12

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we gather to celebrate the joyous feast of Christmas, my heart is filled with gratitude for the gift of our Savior, Jesus Christ, and for my time with you as your archbishop. This sacred season reminds us of God's immense love, manifested through the birth of His only Son. It is a time for reflection, renewal, and deepening of our faith as we embrace the hope and peace that Christ brings into our lives.

At the heart of our faith is the Eucharist, the source and summit of our Christian life. The Eucharist is not merely a ritual we observe; it is the real presence of Jesus Christ, a divine gift that nourishes our souls and strengthens our spirits. This Christmas, I invite you to renew your commitment to the Eucharist, allowing it to transform your hearts and guide your lives.

I encourage you to take this season as an opportunity to deepen your faith through prayer, participation in the sacraments, and acts of compassion and generosity for those who are less fortunate; the lonely, the sick, and those who are struggling. Let the light of Christ shine through you, illuminating the path for others to follow. Together, let us build a community rooted in love, faith, and hope, a community that reflects the true meaning of Christmas.

May the peace and joy of Christ be with you and your loved ones during this blessed season. As I move into the next phase of life, my retirement, I encourage you to extend the same warm welcome our new archbishop, the Most Rev. Jeffrey Grob, as you did to me, and I close with my ceaseless reminder to love one another as Christ loves us.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Jerome E. Listeki
Archbishop of Milwaukee

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