



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

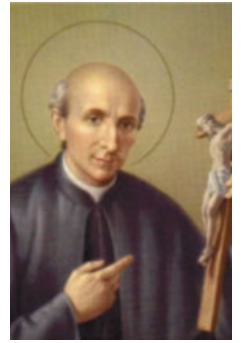
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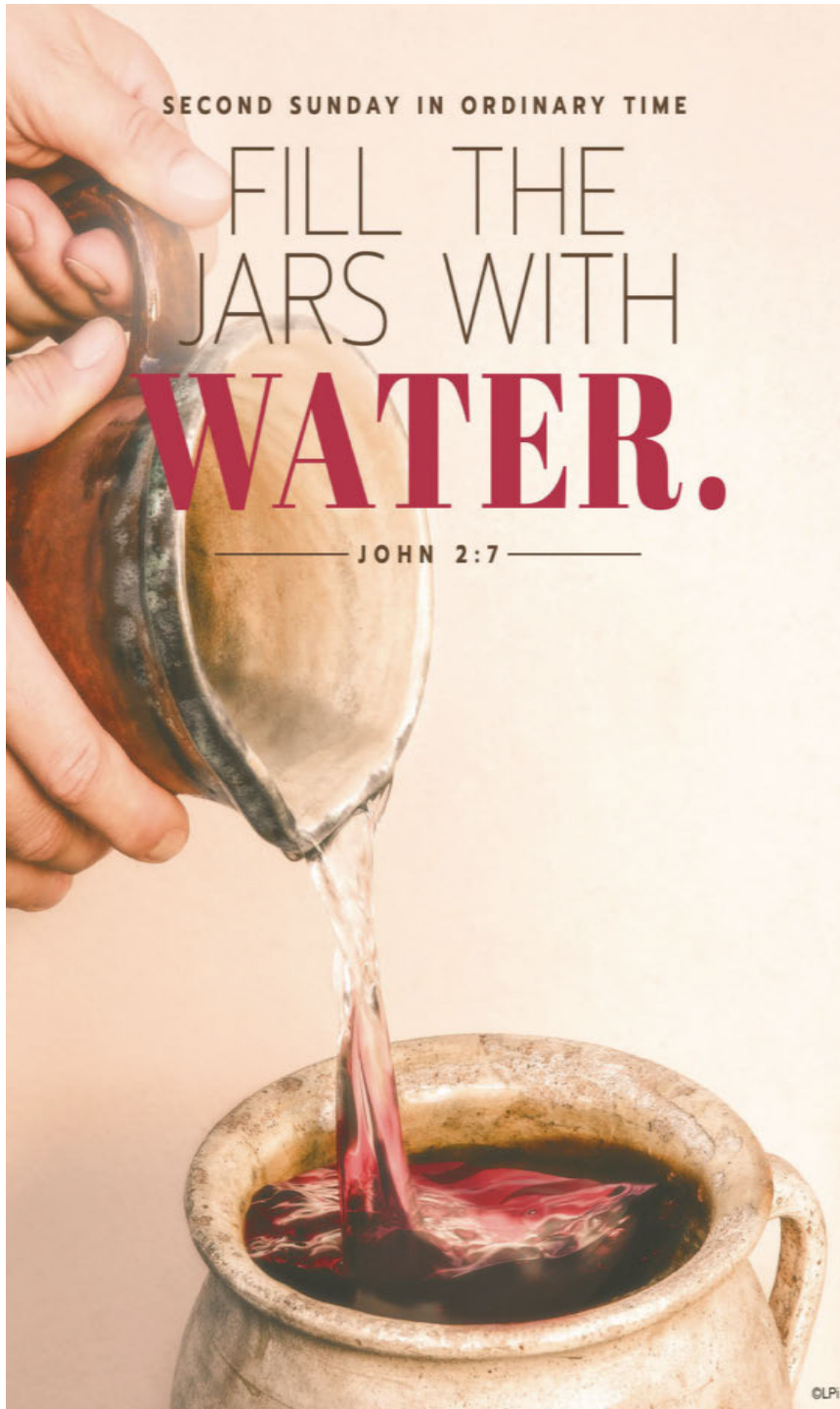
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A Community of disciples, nourished by the Eucharist, caring for each other and reaching out to others.

January 19, 2025



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.

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.

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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.

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St. Therese Parish Staff

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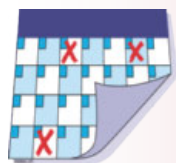
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Anyone over age 18 is invited to register as an adult member.
Please call either Parish Office for more information.



Events for the Week

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

Sunday, January 19

- 7:30AM Mass at SVP-E
- 9:00AM **NO MASS AT ST. THERESE!!!**
- 9:00AM Sunday Morning Catechesis Preschool – Grade 8 Program at STP
- 9:00AM High School Catechesis and Confirmation Prep at STP
- 10:00AM Feast Day Mass** at SVP-W – Live Streamed and Posted

Monday, January 20

- 6:25AM Morning Mass at SVP-E

Tuesday, January 21

- 8:45AM Morning Mass at STP
- 9:15AM Bible Study at STP
- 12:00PM Afternoon Mass at SVP-W
- 6:30PM SVP Finance Council at SVP-W

Wednesday, January 22

- 6:25AM Morning Mass at SVP-E
- 5:30PM Adoration at STP
- 6:00PM Evening Mass at STP

Thursday, January 23

- 11:30AM Adoration at SVP-W
- 12:00PM Afternoon Mass at SVP-W
- 4:00PM Choir Rehearsal at SVP-W
- 6:30PM Prayer & Worship Committee at STP
- 7:00PM Group 100 AA

Friday, January 24

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

Saturday, January 25

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

Sunday, January 26

- 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 Mass at SVP-W – Live Streamed and Posted



Intentions & Readings for the Week



January Sanctuary Candle at STP

For Musicians

Sunday, January 19

Readings *Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 (3)/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11*

Monday, January 20

Observance: *St. Fabian, Pope and Martyr; St. Sebastian, Martyr; Martin Luther King Day*

Readings *Heb 5:1-10/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4/Mk 2:18-22*

6:25AM (SVP-E)

Tuesday, January 21

Observance: *St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr*

Readings *Heb 6:10-20/Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9 and 10c/Mk 2:23-28*

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

12:00PM (SVP-W)

Wednesday, January 22

Observance: *Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children*

Readings *Heb 7:1-3, 15-17/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4/Mk 3:1-6*

6:25AM (SVP-E)

8:15AM (SVP-W) School Mass

6:00PM (STP) St. Therese Parish Community

Thursday, January 23

Observance: *St. Vincent, Deacon and Martyr; St. Marianne Cope, Virgin*

Readings *Heb 7:25—8:6/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17/Mk 3:7-12*

12:00PM (SVP-W)

Friday, January 24

Observance: *St. Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church*

Readings *Heb 8:6-13/Ps 85:8 and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Mk 3:13-19*

6:25AM (SVP-E)

Saturday Mass, January 25

Observance: *The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle*

Readings *Acts 22:3-16/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Mk 16:15-18*

4:00PM (SVP-W)

Sunday Mass, January 26

Observance: *3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time; Celebrate Catholic Schools Week*

Readings *Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 (see Jn 6:63c)/1 Cor 12:12-30/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21*

7:30AM (SVP-E)

9:00AM (STP) †Mary Jane Holck and the St. Therese Parish Community

10:30AM (SVP-W) Parishioners



To be included, please call either Parish Office.

Born to Eternal Life: †Nancy Bernards-Radomski and †Gloria Erkander

Dorothy Ash, Peter Carlis, Brandon Choe, Irene Czarniecki, Michael Czarniecki, Pat D'Amore, Nancy Dineen, Dean Doberstein, Kylie Doyne, Marge Dunn, Elizabeth and Elijah, Jan Eno, Kathleen Fugiasco, Family G, Sue Grignon, 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, Fr. Norm Oswald, Celeste Rau, Jacob & Jaxson Rivera, Kaity Shields, Robert Szablewski, Beverly T., Rosann Thate, Terry Valdovinos, John Wachowiak, Crystal Webb, Chris Wehausen



Christmas Flower and Candle Donations

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Judith Dietz

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Judith Dietz

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Anonymous

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Linda & Dave Okhrulica

Jane Tindal

Anonymous

Our Parents

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Many thanks to all whose donations helped to beautify our Church this Christmas Season.

Changes to Parish Office Hours in January

- January 27 - Closed

Thank You

Thank you, St. Therese and Fr. Norm for making me feel welcome on the January 12 Sharing Sunday. Our St. Vincent de Paul Conference, supported by St. Therese, St. Jude, and St. Vincent Pallotti, would not be as efficient as it is now, if you would not be involved in our mission as you are.

May God Bless You, and reward you many times over.

Dick Lemke

SVDP...St. T., St. J., and St. V.P. conference, Pres.



St. Blaise Blessing

On Sunday, February 2 we will have the Blessing of the Throats in honor of St. Blaise. St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr, was a physician that saved the life of a young boy who was choking from a fish bone in his throat. This blessing is an occasion to pray for healing of all illnesses but especially those that affect the throat.

This will be in lieu of our normal Blessing of the Sick that weekend. At the end of Mass, please line up in the center aisle if you wish to receive the blessing. The children and catechists in our catechesis program will go first so they can head to class. All are welcome to participate in this blessing.

Liturgical Ministers...We Need You!

Sign up now to serve as a Lector, Hospitality Minister, Altar Server or Eucharistic Minister in January and February. Let's fill all these positions quickly through the Sign-Up Genius link on the parish website or contact Heather in the Parish Office.

We are grateful for those who sign up and minister often - but they need your help! If you are interested in joining a ministry, please contact Heather in the Parish Office. There are written instructions, as well as mentors, for those who are new to these ministries.

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.)



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. To donate, please contact Heather Goeden 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.



CHURCH SUPPORT

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

Please remember St. Therese in your will!



Senior Planet Classes

Free Technology Education for Older People

Winter 2025

10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. in the Firefly Room
Wauwatosa Public Library

- Tuesday, January 21st - How to Use Food Delivery Apps
- Monday, January 27th - Save Money With Digital Coupons
- Tuesday, February 4th - Using Ride Share Apps
- Tuesday, February 11th - Online Estate Planning & Resources
- Tuesday, February 25th - How to Use Facebook
- Tuesday, March 4th - Gardening with Technology
- Monday, March 10th - AI (Artificial Intelligence) All Around
- Monday, March 24th - Tech Tips for Disasters



Call: (414)831-5543
E-mail: khecht@wauwatosa.net



SENIOR PLANET



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



Save the Date!

ANNUAL PASTA DINNER

Saturday, February 8, 2025
4:30pm-7:30pm
in the Pallotti Parish Center.



Preorder ticket prices:

Adults: \$13

Children, ages 3-10: \$9

Children under 3: Free.

Preorder by Tuesday, February 4

Tickets at the door : Add \$3 to the price.

Tickets can be purchased in the Parish Office

Monday-Friday, 9am - 3pm

Purchase tickets after the 10:30am Mass on Jan. 26

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

Don't forget to sign up for our Blood Drive!

Saturday, January 25

8am-Noon in the Parish Center

See the website or this bulletin for more info.



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???

What does 'AMEN' mean? Why do we end prayers with 'Amen'?

"Amen" is a Hebrew word that means "truly" or "so be it." When we say this at the end of a prayer, we are agreeing with the prayer. We're asking God to please let it be as we have prayed.

The Bible uses "amen" in both the Old and New Testaments. Almost half the occurrences appear in Deuteronomy as God announces punishments for specific sin (Deuteronomy 27:15-26). The people respond by saying "Amen" in agreement with God's justice and in acquiescence to His ways.

In the Old Testament, "amen" is linked with praise. For example, in 1 Chronicles 16:36, "... all the people said, 'Amen!' and praised the Lord." Nehemiah 5:13 and 8:6 similarly link saying "amen" with praising the Lord.

In the New Testament, letters often use "amen" in connection with praises to God, including letters from John, Jude, Peter, and Paul. Here is one example: "Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen" (Ephesians 3:20-21).

When Christians pray and end their prayers with "Amen" they are asking that God would hear and grant their prayer. "Amen" is not a magical word nor a plea to conform God to our wills. Rather, it is a statement of confident hope that we make to a God who invites His children to come to Him in prayer (Hebrews 4:14-16; 10:19-23; Matthew 7:7-11). We trust that He knows what is best and desire that His will be done (Matthew 6:10; 26:39). When we pray according to God's will, we can be confident that He will grant our requests (John 14:12; 1 John 5:14).



From the Earth Ministry: Beverage Container Options

The theme for Earth Day 2024 was “Planet versus



Plastics.” The theme recognizes that our Earth is being smothered with an ever-increasing amount of plastic. The world currently produces more than 414 metric tons of plastic each year. At the current rate, the amount of plastic created is expected to triple by the year 2050. Scientists have identified more than 3,200 toxins either present in plastic or released by the production of plastic.

Only five to six percent of all plastic is recycled for use in new products, so the majority of what we diligently discard in blue recycle bins ends up being warehoused or most often worse -- in landfills. Sadly, the production versus recycle rates clearly show we cannot “recycle our way out” of the plastics problem.

Compared to the dismal recycle percentage for plastic, nearly 60% of aluminum and glass containers are recycled. Furthermore, recycled aluminum can be used multiple times to recreate the products from which it came originally, whereas this is most often not the case for recycled plastic. So purchase your favorite beverages in aluminum cans or glass bottles instead of plastic. But if you purchase plastic, please continue to recycle. 5-6% reclamation is better than nothing, and many experts believe that innovation and market demand will help this percentage increase in the future.



ADULT FORMATION Opportunities

Fourth Sunday Formation

Stay, watch, and learn after Mass about Catholic Identity on the fourth weekend of the month. On January 25/26, we will show a short video about the why and how of Eucharistic Adoration, followed by a brief opportunity to experience Adoration. Did you know there is at least one Eucharistic adoration time at each parish per week? See the front of the bulletin for the schedule.

Emmaus 90 – 2025

Emmaus 90 is a 90-day journey from New Year’s to Easter 2025 that brings you closer to Jesus Christ through prayer and formation. It’s a personal commitment to grow in holiness with the support of hundreds of fellow participants (pilgrims) and the leadership of nationally-recognized educators.

One features of Emmaus 90 is the formation sessions. Thank you to those who joined us last Sunday. We will be showing one of the videos each month until Easter in Church after the 9:00AM mass at St. Therese on the following Sundays: February 9, March 9, and April 6. Everyone is welcome, whether you signed up for Emmaus 90 or not. The viewing sessions will be approximately 30 minutes in length. Join us at this opportunity to gather with other parishioners to learn more about our faith and grow in holiness.

Interested in learning more or joining Emmaus 90? Visit www.archmil.org/evangelization/Eucharistic-Revival/Emmaus-90.htm

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❤️ Blood Drive

Our next blood drive is scheduled for Saturday, January 25 from 8:00AM to Noon at the St. Vincent Pallotti Parish Center. Donors receive a free delicious breakfast. Make your appointment on the St. Vincent Pallotti website: www.stvincentpallotti.org or call (877) 232-4376. You can also call Cathy at (414) 412-7940.



ANNUAL ARCHDIOCESAN RESPECT LIFE Mass

Celebrated by Archbishop Jeffrey S. Grob
January 22, 2025, 6 p.m.

ST. ALPHONSUS PARISH
6060 W. Loomis Rd. | Greendale, WI

All are invited to the annual Archdiocesan Respect Life Mass to observe the National Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children. Celebrated by Archbishop Jeffrey S. Grob, come together and pray before the anniversary of the tragic decision of Roe vs. Wade. Continued prayers and advocacy are still needed to uphold the dignity of every human life.

Deacon Jim Matthias, Director of the Office for Respect Life Ministry | matthiasj@archmil.org | 414-769-3454

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Catechesis Corner



- We will have classes at our normal time next week – January 26. See everyone after the 9:00AM Mass at St. Therese!
- After Mass on Sunday, February 2, we will have the St. Blaise blessing of throats. The children and catechists will have their throats blessed on their way to class.

Upcoming Class Schedule:

- o CLOW: January 26
- o Sunday Morning Age 3 – Grade 8: January 26
- o High School Program and Confirmation Prep: February 2

A Little About St. Vincent Pallotti in Honor of His Feast Day: January 22

St. Vincent Pallotti was born in Rome, April 21, 1795. From his earliest years his devout parents took him to daily Mass and religious devotions in the many neighborhood churches of Rome. For a time Vincent had trouble with his studies until his mother sought the advice of a close friend, Father Fazzini. He advised her to make a novena to the Holy Spirit with Vincent. The Novena completed, something clicked in the boy's head. He became the brightest student in his class.

As Vincent neared ordination he was introduced into apostolic work among the farmers who brought their products to Rome from the surrounding towns and villages to sell at the markets. Vincent was assigned to the hay sellers. He organized the young farmers and their children into classes in the evening and helped them to learn how to read and write. He also prepared many of them for the sacraments. From this experience of being a volunteer, he would later encourage others to volunteer to spread the kingdom of God. He began a very successful apostolate of street preaching on the steps of local churches and was able to attract large numbers of people into church afterwards for confession.

His knack for getting volunteers involved in his many projects, expanded beyond his concern for youth when he began to broaden his vision of the Union of the Catholic Apostolate (UAC) which strove to accomplish a revival of the Catholic faith among Catholics and a rekindling of charity toward achieving the salvation of one's neighbor.

St. Vincent Pallotti died in 1850 surrounded by a handful of followers which now numbers thousands of priests, brothers and sisters and an even more vast number of lay people committed to the apostolate. Vincent's missionary zeal brought the Pallottines to the United States in the early 1880's and to the Midwest Province headquartered in Milwaukee, Wisconsin in 1923. He was canonized in 1963 by Pope John XXIII as a model for all active priests and for encouraging the lay people to become more active in the mission of the Church. Also, he was hailed by Popes Pius XI, Pius XII and John XXIII as the precursor of Catholic Action and of the Second Vatican Council. To read more about his life, go to www.pallottines.org/our-founder.



St. Juliana of Cornillon

St. Juliana of Cornillon (1193-1258), also known as St. Juliana of Liège, was born near modern-day Liège, Belgium. When she was 5 years old, she and her twin sister became orphans. Following the deaths of their parents, the sisters were entrusted to the care of the Augustinian nuns at Mont-Cornillon.

Growing up among the religious, Juliana's spiritual journey flourished. At age 13, she entered the order. Juliana's profound love for Christ in the Eucharist was ignited during her time at the convent. She regularly participated in Mass and spent hours in adoration before the Blessed Sacrament. In her prayers, she often experienced mystical visions, reinforcing her belief in the real presence of Jesus in the consecrated bread and wine.

Driven by her desire to see a dedicated feast to honor Christ in the Eucharist, St. Juliana took it upon herself to promote the idea fervently. She eventually became the Prioress of the canonry and frequently confided in her mentor, Canon John of Lausanne, telling him about her visions and her hope for the feast. He shared her experiences with his contemporaries, including Pope Urban IV. Though Juliana died in 1258, her cause won over Pope Urban IV. In 1264 he issued the papal bull "Transiturus de hoc mundo" which instituted the Feast of Corpus Christi on the Thursday after Trinity Sunday. The feast aimed to celebrate and affirm the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist, emphasizing the significance of the Blessed Sacrament in the life of the Church. Juliana was canonized by Pope Pius IX in 1869 and is remembered not only for the pivotal role she played in establishing the Feast of Corpus Christi, but for her musical talents, teachings, and writings. St. Juliana of Cornillon, pray for us! © LPI

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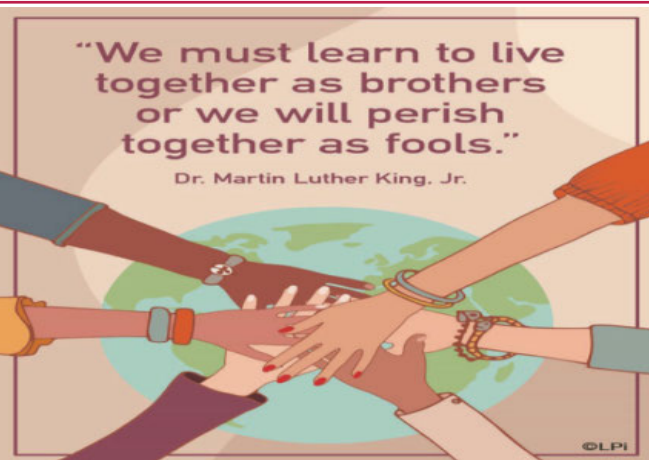
January 18th – 25th

"Do You Believe This?" – John 11:17-27



For the year 2025, the prayers and reflections for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity were prepared by the brothers and sisters of the monastic

community of Bose in northern Italy. The resources are jointly published by the Dicastery for Promoting Christian Unity and the World Council of Churches. 2025 marks the 1,700th anniversary of the first Christian Ecumenical Council, held in Nicaea, near Constantinople in 325 AD. This commemoration provides a unique opportunity to reflect on and celebrate the common faith of Christians, as expressed in the creed formulated during this council. For daily prayers, go to uscbb.org



Martin Luther King Jr. Day (Civil Rights Day)

Monday, January 20

In Catholic social tradition, "rights" correspond to the treatment every person deserves not because of background or individual merit, but by virtue of being created in the image and likeness of God. As followers of Christ, we are called to a concern for our brothers and sisters. This means that, in acknowledging rights, we also acknowledge responsibilities.

St. John Paul II writes, "every man is his 'brother's keeper', because God entrusts us to one another" ("Evangelium Vitae," 19). In our complicated world, it can be easy to get overwhelmed by public policy. However, we are not exempt from engaging in public life. Today, we remember that we are all called to work to ensure that social structures uphold human dignity and support true human flourishing.

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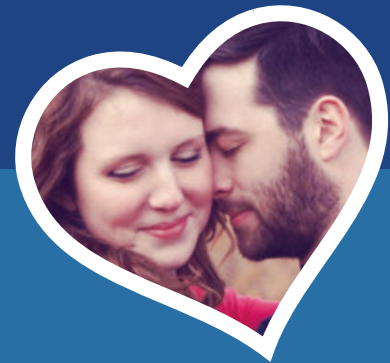
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