



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.

March 30, 2025

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

LET US CELEBRATE WITH A FEAST.

— LUKE 15:23 —



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

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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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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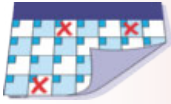
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Parish Membership / Support

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



Events for the Week

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

Sunday, March 30

Safe Environment Week/SCRIP Order Weekend at STP

- 6:45AM Reconciliation at SVP-E
- 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
- 10:00AM Emmaus 90 Watch Party at STP
- 10:30AM Mass at SVP-W – Live Streamed and Posted
- 6:30PM Lenten Mission: Night 1 at SVP-W

Monday, March 31

- 6:25AM Morning Mass at SVP-E
- 6:30PM Lenten Mission: Night 2 at STP

Tuesday, April 1

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

Wednesday, April 2

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

Thursday, April 3

- 11:00AM Reconciliation at SVP-W
- 11:30AM Lenten Stations at SVP-W
- 12:00PM Afternoon Mass at SVP-W
- 4:00PM Choir Rehearsal at SVP-W
- 7:00PM Group 100 AA

Friday, April 4

- 6:25AM Morning Mass at SVP-E
- 9:00AM Church Cleaning at SVP-W
- 11:00AM Reconciliation at STP
- 12:00PM Lenten Stations at STP
- 5:30PM First Friday Mass at SVP-W
- 6:00PM First Friday Adoration at SVP-W
- 6:30PM Lenten Stations at SVP-E

Saturday, April 5

Prayer Shawl/Healing Blessing at SVP

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

Sunday, April 6

Prayer Shawl/Healing Blessing at SVP/Sharing Weekend & Library Display at STP

- 6:45AM Reconciliation at SVP-E
- 7:30AM Mass at SVP-E
- 8:15AM Reconciliation at STP
- 9:00AM Mass at STP—Live Streamed on Facebook
- 10:00AM Sunday Morning Catechesis Preschool – Grade 8 Program at STP
- 10:00AM First Communion Preparation at STP
- 10:00AM High School Catechesis & Confirmation Prep at STP
- 10:00AM Blessing of the Sick at STP
- 10:30AM Mass at SVP-W – Live Streamed and Posted

Intentions & Readings for the Week



April Sanctuary Candle at STP

†Cletus(Smitty) and †Loretta (Lori) Van de Castelee

Sunday, March 30

Readings *Jos 5:9a, 10-12/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7(9a)/2 Cor 5:17-21/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32*

Monday, March 31

Readings *Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b/Jn 4:43-54*
6:25AM (SVP-E)

Tuesday, April 1

Observance: **April Fools' Day**

Readings *Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16*
8:45AM (STP) St. Therese Parish Community
12:00PM (SVP-W) †John Anderegg (J. Anderegg)

Wednesday, April 2

Observance: **St. Francis of Paola, Hermit**

Readings *Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18/Jn 5:17-30*
6:25AM (SVP-E) The Peter Cychosz Family
8:15AM (SVP-W) Blessings for Sally Reinemann (R. Wiberg)
6:00PM (STP) St. Therese Parish Community

Thursday, April 3

Readings *Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23/Jn 5:31-47*
12:00PM (SVP-W) The Special Intentions of Louise Faragallah

Friday, April 4

Observance: **St. Isidore, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**

Readings *Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30*
6:25AM (SVP-E) †Tom Chiapusio

Saturday Mass, April 5

Observance: **St. Vincent Ferrer, Priest**

Readings *Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12/Jn 7:40-53*
4:00PM (SVP-W) †Mary Moran (A. Moran)

Sunday Mass, April 6 – Fifth Sunday of Lent

Readings *Is 43:16-21/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 (3)/Phil 3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11*
7:30AM (SVP-E) Parishioners
9:00AM (STP) †Jane Tindal and St. Therese Parish Community
10:30AM (SVP-W) †Cathy Hanke (The Nault Family)



To be included, please call either Parish Office.

Dorothy Ash, Peter Carlis, Brandon Choe, Irene Czarnecki, Michael Czarnecki, Pat D'Amore, Nancy Dineen, Dean Doberstein, Kylie Doyne, Marge Dunn, Elizabeth and Elijah, Jan Eno, Kathleen Fugiasco, Family G, Sue Grignon, Blakely Gurgul, Matthew Harrison, Dan Heinz, Linda Huber, Josette Jaeger, Mary Kirchner, Helen Klister, Julie Kross, Rachel Lund, Kathy Manthe, Debbie Martin, Loretta Merz, Robert Metrey, Hanna Miroslaw, Bob O'Neil, Fr. Norm Oswald, Celeste Rau, Jacob & Jaxson Rivera, Ruben Seegert, Kaity Shields, Michael Sullivan, Robert Szablewski, Beverly T., Rosann Thate, Terry Valdovinos, John Wachowiak, Crystal Webb, Chris Wehausen



For those who may not have heard, †Quinn Shields tragically passed away on March 17th. †Quinn is the son of Kaity and Jason Shields, brother of Gavin Shields, and grandson of Jim and Christine Jensen.

The visitation will be on Friday, April 11 from 4:00PM – 7:00PM at Krause Funeral Home (12401 West National Avenue, New Berlin).

On Saturday, April 12, there will be a brief visitation from 10:00AM – 11:00AM, with Mass following at 11:00AM at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (12700 West Howard Avenue, New Berlin).

Please keep the family in prayer.

You're Invited!

Everyone is invited to the Easter/Lenten display after Mass next Sunday. Choose an inspirational DVD or a book from a wide selection of many genres: prayer, meditation, inspirational novels and self-help books to name a few. Children will enjoy the many Easter story books and DVDs. There's nothing to buy. These items are all from our parish library. If you check out an item you may enter a raffle for a big Easter holiday basket. While you're browsing, enjoy a homemade cookie. Don't miss this special event!

Maintenance Collection

This coming weekend, April 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 doing one of the following:

- Drop your donation in the collection basket at the Bluemound entrance
- Donate online using the QR code to the right.
- Mail your donation to the Parish Office.



Since inception, 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 this weekend, you can make a donation any of the ways listed above at any time. Thank you for your continuing support.

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

Sharing Sunday is Next Sunday: April 6

The Down Syndrome Association of Wisconsin (DSAW)'s mission is to provide support to Wisconsin families and individuals with Down syndrome and related disabilities through awareness, education, information, programs, services, and the exchange of ideas and experiences. DSAW serves people with Down syndrome, other disabilities, and their families across their lifespan, with life enrichment programming, employment services, educational services, fraternal support, and more. Together, we help people with disabilities in our community to exceed expectations and achieve their dreams! Thank you for your generous support.



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 Down Syndrome Association of Wisconsin.

Annual Meeting – Save the Date

The St. Therese Annual Parish Meeting will take place on Sunday, May 4, after the 9:00AM Mass. Please mark your calendars. More information will be in the April bulletins. A luncheon celebrating Fr. PC's 20th Anniversary of Ordination will follow! All are invited.



Trustee-Treasurer Election

The election of the Trustee-Treasurer for our parish corporation will take place at this year's Annual Meeting on Sunday, May 4. Dennis Ferger has agreed to be Fr. Thomas' nominee for the Trustee-Treasurer position for another two-year term of office beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2027. If you are interested in the position of Trustee-Treasurer, candidates must be nominated, in writing, by 10 or more parish members. A nomination and signature form is available in the parish office for anyone who wishes to put their name in nomination. Any active, registered, fully-initiated parish member, at least 25 years of age, is eligible to run for Trustee-Treasurer.

Mass Schedule Change

Please note that the daily Masses on Tuesday, April 22 and Wednesday, April 23 are canceled. This includes Adoration as well. We will resume our normal weekday Mass schedule on Tuesday, April 29.

Flower/Candle Donations for the Easter Season



Easter begins with the celebration of the Easter Vigil on April 19 and continues through the Solemnity of Pentecost on June 8. Please consider a donation of any amount in memory of a loved one or for a special intention to help us keep fresh flowers and plants for the church environment during this Easter Season.

Candle and Flower Donations—PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Donor Name _____ Phone () _____
 Amount Enclosed \$ _____ Select one: In Memory In Honor In Thanksgiving
 Intention _____ Publish? Yes No Print intention Only

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!



HOME VISIT MINISTRY

If you are interested in having a home visit with Fr. Tom PC so that he can get to know you and bless your home, go to the SVP website and sign up, or call the Parish Office. Once you choose the time, someone will follow up to confirm your appointment.



Did You Know???

Little seeds grow into beautiful flowers!

Your faith is like a little seed that God planted in your heart when you were baptized...

But what is faith anyway? How do we make it grow?

Just like a seed needs the right things to grow -- water, air, dirt, and care -- your faith needs some important things to grow, like:

- **Prayers** - talking to God every day makes him happy and makes our faith grow
 - **The Creed** - it's what we believe about God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit
 - **The Ten Commandments** - how to behave that makes us the best people we can be
 - **The Sacraments** - a big word for the special gifts God gives us when we love and follow him
 - **Sacred Objects** - holy reminders of our friendship with God
- The seeds of faith will grow and grow when you love and trust God. This makes God very happy, and it will make you happy too!



JOIN US AT OUR LENTEN MISSION: March 30 at SVP-W and March 31 at STP. 6:30pm both nights



Combined Celebration of Volunteer Appreciation Day and National Service Week in Memory of St. Vincent Pallotti

A celebratory luncheon will be held on Sunday, April 27 at 11:30am at St. Vincent Pallotti Parish Center.

More details and RSVP info will follow. Please mark your calendars.

4TH SUNDAY OF LENT



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

10:30AM Sunday Mass Live-Streamed and Recorded

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

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

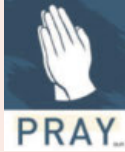
Thank you for your contributions!

Please remember St. Vincent Pallotti in your will.

Lenten Prayer Opportunities

Daily Mass

- Mon, Wed, Fri: 6:25AM - SVP-E
- Tues: 8:45AM - STP and 12 Noon - SVP-W
- Wed: 6:00PM - STP
- Thurs: 12 Noon - SVP-W
- First Friday: 5:30PM – SVP-W



Lenten Reconciliation Opportunities

- SVP-W: 11:00-11:45AM on Thurs. and 3:15- 3:45PM on Sat.
- SVP-E: 6:45AM - 7:15AM on Sundays (*Enter at Northwest Door*)
- STP: 11:00-11:45AM on Fridays and Sunday, April 6 at 8:15AM *Private Confessions by Appointment. Call either Parish Office.*

Lenten Stations

- SVP-W: 11:30AM on Thursdays
- SVP-E: 6:30PM on Fridays
- STP: 5:30PM on Wednesdays and Noon on Fridays

Lenten Observances for Fast and Abstinence

The Catholic Church asks each member to preserve the penitential character and purpose of Lent. For this reason:



- Catholics who have celebrated their 14th birthday are bound to abstain from meat each Friday of Lent.
- Catholics who have celebrated their 18th birthday, in addition to abstaining from meat, should fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. The obligation of fasting ceases with the celebration of one's 59th birthday.

Catholics should not lightly excuse themselves from these prescribed minimal penitential practices.

Lenten Giving 2025 – Making a Difference

People in our community go to bed hungry, lonely and cold. The Guest House helps with shelter, housing, education and services to Milwaukee's homeless who seek to transform their lives with dignity and purpose. How have you helped others access what they need this Lent? Our Lenten almsgiving will benefit Guest House of Milwaukee by providing hot meals. Visit guesthouseofmilwaukee.org to learn more. Your donation can be made online, in church or by mail. Please make out checks to St. Therese or St. Vincent Pallotti Parish and label it "Lenten Giving" in the memo line. Return your donation by April 27th.



Catechesis Corner

- This weekend our students will receive their annual Safe Environment lesson as required by the Archdiocese.



Upcoming Class Schedule:

- o CLOW: April 13
- o Sunday Morning Age 3 – Grade 8: April 6
- o High School Program and Confirmation Prep: April 6
- o First Communion Prep: April 6

Altered Bulletin Deadlines for April

- April 13 Bulletin - Submissions due April 3 at 8:30AM
- April 20 Bulletin - Submissions due April 8 at 8:30AM
- April 27 Bulletin - Submissions due April 15 at 8:30AM

Safe Environment Week March 30 – April 6

The Archdiocese of Milwaukee recognizes March 30–April 6 as Safe Environment Awareness Week. Each year in the month of April, which is recognized around the country as child abuse prevention month, we dedicate a week to elevating the general awareness of the Church's efforts to keep our children safe. We want people to know that we are committed to maintaining safe environments in our parishes and schools through adult child abuse prevention training; criminal background checks for all clergy, volunteers working with minors, and employees; safety training for children in each grade level; and adhering to all mandatory reporting requirement laws.



ARCHDIOCESE OF MILWAUKEE SAFEGUARDING ALL OF GOD'S FAMILY SAFE ENVIRONMENT WEEK – PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Safe Environment Week is for every parish and school, as well as the entire faith community to focus, at the same time, on the importance of keeping our children and youth safe;

WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect are societal problems whose prevention depend on involvement among people throughout the faith community;

WHEREAS, our children are our most valuable resources and will shape the future of not only the Archdiocese of Milwaukee but also the entire Church;

WHEREAS, the theme for this years' Safe Environment Week will be "Working Together Towards Recognizing Abuse to Build Safe Communities."

WHEREAS, acknowledging that as a Church we have much work to do to rebuild the trust that has been broken;

WHEREAS, we acknowledge that as bishops, clergy and church leaders we must work together as a community to increase awareness about child abuse and neglect and work to promote the social and emotional well-being of children, youth and families in a safe, healthy and nurturing environment;

THEREFORE, I, Archbishop Jeffrey S. Grob proclaim the week of March 30th– April 6th, 2025 as Safe Environment Week in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. I ask that all participate and acknowledge each other with the love and mercy of God the Father.

Most Reverend Jeffrey S. Grob
Archbishop of Milwaukee

Safe Environment Program: Did You Know...

The safe Environment Program in the Catholic Church is making our parishes and schools safe places for our children, youth, and vulnerable adults. We hope that all clergy, employees, and volunteers task themselves with protecting the young and vulnerable in their workplaces, neighborhoods, communities, and even their own homes. Our goal is greater than just safe environments within the four walls of our parishes and schools, but safe communities for all God's children to live, learn and grow.

Holy Thursday Soup and Bread Supper



Please join us for a Soup and Bread Supper before the Holy Thursday Mass on April 17 from 5:30PM-6:30PM in Heck Hall at St. Therese, hosted by the Christian Formation Committee. An assortment of soups and bread will be offered to share as we begin the Easter Triduum. Please use the QR code, see the Signup Genius on the website, or call either Parish Office to RSVP or volunteer some time or soup.



Join Us at Our Lenten Mission

Presented by
St. Therese Parish and
St. Vincent Pallotti Parish

*Weeds & Seeds:
Tending the Garden of Our Heart*

Lenten Mission – 2025

Even if you didn't RSVP, you are still welcome to join us. Both sessions start at 6:30PM. See you at the Mission!

- **Sunday, March 30** at St. Vincent Pallotti Parish (201 N. 76th St)
- **Monday, March 31** at St. Therese Parish (9525 W. Bluemound Rd)



Join us for Mass on Palm Sunday:

Passion and palms are not a contradiction: sorrow along with joy, thorns versus palms, tragedy in conflict with triumph. Passion and palms are not enemies; they make a single mystery. Palm Sunday suggests what Good Friday will trumpet to the far ends of the earth: Our King triumphs not simply on Easter, he triumphs on Calvary. The tragedy is triumph; the sadness is gladness (Walter Burghardt).

Saturday, April 12: Mass at 4:00PM at SVP-W
Sunday, April 13: Mass at 7:30AM at SVP-E
9:00AM at STP
10:30AM at SVP-W



Save the Date for Fr. PC's 20th Anniversary of Ordination Celebration!

Our parishes have two events coming up in May - the St. Therese Parish Annual Meeting and Fr. PC's 20th Anniversary of Ordination Celebration and both happen to fall on the same day - May 4th.



Here is the timeline for the day:

- Fr. PC will preside at the 9:00AM Mass at St. Therese where the catechesis students will receive their First Communion. *Note: SVP will still have 7:30AM and 10:30AM Mass.*
- St. Therese will hold their Annual Parish Meeting from about 10:30AM until 11:30AM.
- The celebration for Fr. PC's anniversary will begin about 11:30AM (*Parishioners from both parishes are invited to attend.*) Please RSVP using the QR code on the right or by calling either Parish Office.



We are looking for volunteers from both parishes to coordinate each of the following areas:

- Set up for the meeting and celebration on May 3
- Food pick up/drop off (Details TBD)
- Contact bakers from both parishes
- Set up the morning of May 4 (make coffee, put out some bakery, transition to luncheon, etc)
- Clean up and take down.

It will be important to have these main volunteers in place by April 10 so that everyone has time to get additional volunteers to help and ask any questions you have. If you are able to help, please contact Heather in the St. Therese Parish Office at heather@sttheresemke.org or (414) 771-2500 x2.



From the Earth Ministry: Earth Day 2025



It has been 55 years since the first Earth Day, and with that the birth of the modern environmental movement. Earth Day is celebrated every year on April 22. The theme this year is "Our Power, Our Planet." Across many traditions, faith teaches care and stewardship of the Earth. The Catholic Church is led by Pope Francis who repeatedly calls on us to be aware of the devastation we are wreaking on the earth and to take responsibility for reparation. Here are some way to be active in earth stewardship:

Milwaukee County Parks welcomes volunteers. Search <https://county.milwaukee.gov/EN/Parks/Make-a-Difference/Volunteer>. This can include monitoring wetlands, checking on bees or on birds, or weeding out invasive species so native plants can grow. In addition, you are always welcome to bring your garbage bag along wherever you go and pick up trash.

Friends of Honey Creek Parkway (friendsofhoneycreekmke@gmail.com) will begin meeting weekly on Tuesdays from 4:00-6:00PM in the near future. They will concentrate on pulling invasive plants, especially buckthorn, honeysuckle, garlic mustard and Celandine. Contact their email address to be notified of their start date and other plans.

To celebrate Earth Day with others, consider **Retzer Nature Center** in Waukesha where they are holding a free celebration on Saturday, April 26, 10:00AM-1:00PM with family friendly activities. The Milwaukee Riverkeeper is hosting a huge event at the Harley Davidson Museum at 400 W Canal Street. Called **Rock the Green**, it's the 14th Annual (Free) Earth Day Celebration which features a live concert, meditation, poetry, presentations, and many educational booths. Saturday, April 26, from Noon to 3.

Submit Your Everyday Missionary Story

Do you have an everyday missionary story to share? Who has walked with you to help you grow your faith? How did they help 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.

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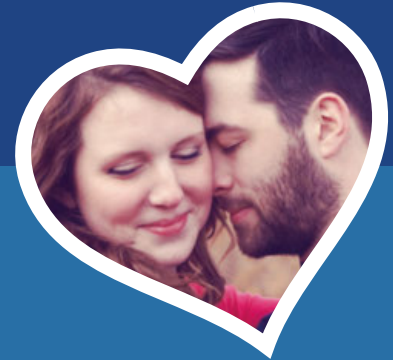
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