

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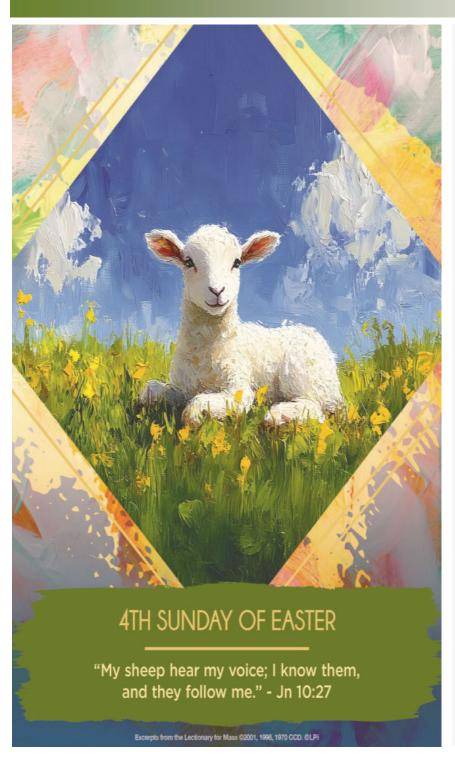
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A Community of disciples, nourished by the Eucharist, caring for each other and reaching out to others.

May 11, 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: 5:00PM - 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.

May 11, 2025 | 4th Sunday of Easter

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

Secretary

Jennifer Tierney

Trustees

Dennis Ferger – STP (414) 546-7330 Christopher Gauthier – SVP (414) 302-1033 Ann Maher – STP (414) 698-7016 Lenny Schaefer – SVP (414) 534-1450

Members-At-Large

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

Saint Vincent de Paul (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 Praver?

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 ext. 1 at St. Therese and ext. 102 at St. Vincent Pallotti fr.thomaspc@stvpc.org (414) 308-6238

St. Therese Parish Staff

Office (414) 771-2500 – For Parish Emergencies After Hours, 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.



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

Sunday, May 11 - Happy Mother's Day

Human Concerns Rose Sale at STP & SVP/SCRIP Pick Up at STP

6:45AM Reconciliation at SVP-E

7:30AM Mass at SVP-E

9:00AM Mass at STP (May Crowning)—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 10:45AM Children's Liturgy of the Word at SVP-W

Monday, May 12

6:25AM Morning Mass at SVP-E

6:00PM St. Vincent de Paul Meeting at STP

Tuesday, May 13

8:45AM Morning Mass at STP 12:00pm Afternoon Mass at SVP-W

6:30PM Christian Formation Committee at STP

Wednesday, May 14

6:25AM Morning Mass at SVP-E

5:30PM Adoration at STP

6:00PM Evening Mass at STP

Thursday, May 15

11:30AM Adoration at SVP-W

12:00pm Afternoon Mass at SVP-W 4:00PM Choir Rehearsal at SVP-W

6:30PM Stewardship Committee via Zoom

7:00PM Group 100 AA

7:00PM Confirmation Rehearsal at St. Jude

Friday, May 16

6:25AM Morning Mass at SVP-E 9:00AM Church Cleaning at SVP-W 7:00PM Confirmation at St. Jude

Saturday, May 17

Birthday Weekend and SVdP Collection at SVP

3:15PM Confessions at SVP-W

4:00PM Mass at SVP-W

5:00PM Rosary at SVP-W

Sunday, May 18

Birthday Weekend and SVdP Collection at SVP/Sharing Weekend at STP STP Office Closed

6:45AM Reconciliation at SVP-E

7:00AM Rosary 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 Rosary Prayer Service at STP

10:30AM Mass at SVP-W - Live Streamed and Posted

Intentions & Readings for the Week For Parents of Adult Children

May Sanctuary Candle at STP

Sunday, May 11

Readings Acts 13:14, 43-52/Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5 (3c)/Rv 7:9, 14b-17/Jn 10:27-30

Monday, May 12

Observance: Sts. Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs; St. Pancras, Martyr Readings Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4/Jn 10:1-10

6:25AM (SVP-E) Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday, May 13

Observance: Our Lady of Fatima

Readings Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 10:22-30

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

12:00PM (SVP-W) †Katie & †Bob Bright (Griffin Family)

Wednesday, May 14

Observance: St. Matthias, Apostle

Readings Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/Jn 15:9-17

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

8:15AM (SVP-W) School Mass

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

Thursday, May 15

Observance: St. Isidore

Readings Acts 13:13-25/Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27/Jn 13:16-20 12:00PM (STP) Special Intentions for Louise Faragallah

Friday, May 16

Readings Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab/Jn 14:1-6

6:25AM (SVP-E)

Saturday Mass, May 17

Observance: Armed Forces Day

Readings Acts 13:44-52/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 14:7-14

4:00PM (SVP-W) The Peter Cychosz Family

Sunday Mass, May 18

Observance: 5th Sunday of Easter

Readings Ads14:21-27/Ps145:89,10-11,12-13(see1)/Rv21:1-5a/ln13:31-33a,34-35

7:30AM (SVP-E) Parishioners

9:00AM (STP) †Genna Dufour & the St. Therese Parish Community

10:30AM (SVP-W) †Jerry Jarmusz (J. Jarmusz)



To be included, please call either Parish Office.

Dorothy Ash, Peter Carlis, Brandon Choe, Irene Czarnecki, Michael Czarnecki, Nancy Dineen, Dean Doberstein, Elizabeth and Elijah, Jane Erhmann, Kathleen Fugiasco, Family G, Sue Grignon, Blakely Gurgul, Matthew Harrison, Dan Heinz, Linda Huber, Fred Hust, Josette Jaeger, Mary Kirchner, Helen Klister, Julie Kross, Ellen Lemkuiel, Rachel Lund, Debbie Martin, Loretta Merz, Robert Metrey, Hanna Miroslaw, Fr. Norm Oswald, Sr. Ann Christine, Celeste Rau, Jacob & Jaxson Rivera, Bruno Schreiber, Ruben Seegert, Kaity Shields, Michael Sullivan, Robert Szablewski, Beverly T., Rosann

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St. Therese Parish News and Updates

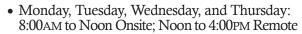


Bible Study On Hold

Please note that we will not have Bible Study for the time being. We apologize for any inconvenience.

Summer Hours Begin Memorial Day

We will be closed on Monday, May 26. Our summer hours will begin on May 27 and will end on Labor Day:



• Friday, Saturday, and Sunday: Office Closed



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

Please join us for our monthly Prayer Service after Mass on May

18 for reuniting us as "...One Nation, Under God..." The service is about 25 minutes, and we ask you to join us.

We say the Rosary and ask Blessed Mary to intervene for us with the Lord in seeking His help to reunite us as "...One Nation, Under God..." as we seem to be lost in the wilderness and have forgotten our love of God and one another. Saying the rosary is a great way to ask for the Lord's help. We also do a short meditation to remind us that while we are all different, we need to love one another.

Happy Anniversary of Ordination, Father Norm!

On May 19, Father Norm Oswald will celebrate his 53 Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood. We thank Father Norm for answering the call to ministerial priesthood and wish him many blessings in the years to come. Please congratulate him! If you wish to send him a card or note, please send it to the Parish Office, and we will forward it to him.



CHURCH SUPPORT		`
Envelopes & Offertory – May 4	\$	4,776.00
Envelopes & Offertory – Apr 27	\$	6,826.00
Envelopes & Offertory – Apr 20	\$	2,418.00
Envelopes & Offertory – Apr 17	\$	231.00
Envelopes & Offertory – Apr 13	\$	5,523.00
Envelopes & Offertory – Apr 6	\$	1,048.00
April Sharing	\$	847.00
Maintenance Donations	\$	881.00
Lenten Alms	\$	1,835.00
Please remember St. Therese in	yc	our will!

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

Sharing Weekend is Next Weekend: May 18

The Sharing weekend recipient for May is Dismas Ministry. The mission of Dismas Ministry is to provide prisoners with the free Catholic scripture, faith and prayer resources they need to restore their relationship with the Catholic church and with God. We provide these free resources in the spirit of Christ's gospel, "What you have received freely, give freely" ~ Matthew 10:8.

Despite where they are, prisoners are still members of Christ's Body and should not be forgotten. As fellow Catholics, we strive to support their spiritual rehabilitation. This spiritual approach goes to the very heart of the matter – the need for God in the lives of all who have been affected by crime. In the end, the only true healing is spiritual, as God transforms suffering into victory as He did for Jesus in His death and resurrection.

Our mission includes all who suffer the effects of crime: victims and their loved ones, as well as prisoners, those released from prison, and the entire community.

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 Dismas Ministry. We ask that all donations are given by Sunday, May 25. Thank you for your generosity.

Volunteer Opportunities:

Please considering volunteering at St. Therese in one or more of the following ways:

- Liturgical Ministers
- Sacristan for Funerals and Special Masses
- Technology Helper—Church
- Technology Helper—Miriam's Corner
- Live Streaming
- Grounds Maintenance

If you are interested and willing to participate in any of these ministries, please contact Heather in the Parish Office.

Donation Opportunity

• Lenten & Easter Booklets – \$155

If you would like to donate the cost or toward the cost of this item, please contact Heather Goeden in the St. Therese Parish Office. Please let her know if your donation is in honor or memory of someone and whether or not we may acknowledge your donation in the bulletin.

Flower/Candle Donations for the Easter Season

Easter 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.



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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.



St. Vincent Pallotti Parish News and Updates







Congratulations to
Our **First Communicants**.
May God bless them and keep them in His care always.

Annabella Ayala-Villa Nicole Flores Kierra Hansen Harper Love





Save the Date! **Parish Picnic**: Sunday, June 1

Raffle Tickets have been sent out. Please call the parish office if you need more.

Our annual parish picnic begins with Mass at 10AM (on the grounds of the East Site). The success of this picnic depends on **YOU**, **our generous volunteers**.

We are looking for items for our Silent Auction and basket raffles. If you have <u>NEW</u> <u>ITEMS</u>, please drop them at the Parish Office by May 22.

To volunteer your time and expertise, please contact Lenny Schaefer.

Library Weekend

Next weekend (May 17-18), the librarian will be at the back of church, before and after each of the Masses. Come and take a look at the cart of books available for check out. The catalog will be available for viewing. See what our Library has for your reading pleasure.

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

Thank you for your contributions!

Please remember St. Vincent Pallotti in your will.







SECOND NOTICE OF TRUSTEE NOMINATION

It is time for the selection of a Parish Trustee, one of the positions of the Parish as a legal corporation/entity. There are two parish trustees, Christopher Gauthier and Lenny Schaefer, each serving renewable two-year terms. The term of **Christopher Gauthier** is ending this year.

According to Archdiocesan policy on Trustee Nomination:

- Trustees must be parish members, practicing Catholics and at least 25 years of age.
- Bylaws require that trustees be **elected** every two years, by the parishioners, to serve a two-year term. Trustees serve until their successors are elected.
- Parish staff and permanent deacons are not eligible to serve as trustees.
- The archbishop, as president of the corporation, has the right to approve or disapprove any lay trustee elected by the parish or appointed by the pastor to succeed or to fill temporary vacancies or unexpired terms.
- One trustee is designated as the trustee-treasurer and the other as the trustee-secretary.
- Trustees are ex-officio members of the parish council and participate fully in the work of the council.
- Trustees may not hold office on the parish council nor should they serve as chairpersons of parish committees or liaisons to committees.
- At least one trustee (usually the treasurer) along with the pastor must sign each check issued by the parish.
- Parish trustees are not to initiate or respond to any lawsuit in the name of the parish without the written permission of the archbishop.
- The trustee-treasurer is an ex-officio member of the Finance/Administrative Services or Finance Committee.
- Additional candidates must be nominated in writing by 10 or more parish members.
- If there is more than one candidate, an election will occur in June.

With his consent, I am nominating **Christopher Gauthier** to serve as parish trustee for a term of two years. If anyone else is interested, kindly submit a nomination as per the above stated regulations. Nomination forms are available from Lori Gabert at the parish office.

Fr. Tom PC, SAC (Administrator)



Don't forget to sign up for a HOME VISIT from Fr. Tom! Go to the SVP website for more information.



Request From St. Vincent de Paul

The St. Vincent de Paul (SVdP) stores are in need of gently used furniture at this time. One can call SVdP at (414) 462-7863 ext. 113 and ask for Cindy for furniture pick-up appointments.

Thank you,

R. A. Lemke

President of our St. Therese, St. Jude, and St. Vincent Pallotti Conference



The next blood drive is scheduled for May 31st at the St. Vincent Pallotti Parish Center. On Memorial Day, we honor those brave men and women who gave their all; those heroes who made the ultimate sacrifice. Giving blood is a meaningful way to pay tribute to their legacy. All donors get a free breakfast. Register on the St. Vincent Pallotti website. Walkins also welcome. Also mark your calendars for the last blood drive of the year on October 18. If you have questions, contact Cathy Healey at (414) 412-7940.



From the Earth Ministry:

A major cause of the **massive decline in butterfly populations**,

and other pollinators as well, is **neonicotinoid insecticides**. They evade regulation by being applied to the soil or to the seeds, rather than sprayed on plants. They are used on almost all corn seeds and more than half of all soybeans. The plants soak it up as they grow, so the insecticide is incorporated into the leaves, stems, nectar, pollen and fruit. The insecticide damages the insects' central nervous systems, killing outright or weakening them.

The insecticides also regularly **pollute water** sources and **contaminate food**, such as honey, apples, cherries and strawberries. Because they are actually in the fruit and vegetables, they can't be rinsed or peeled off.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (the CDC) about half of the **US population** is **exposed** to at least one type of neonicotinoid on a regular basis. They are linked to **muscle tremors**, altered insulin regulation, and changes to fat metabolism.

Though they are not regulated, neonicotinoids must be listed as active ingredients, where you can find them in lawn products, and flea treatments for pets. Names to avoid are acetamiprid, clothianidin, dinotefuran, imidacloprid and thiamethoxam.



Standing Committee Monthly Report: Stewardship

• The Stewardship Committee will provide an update the second weekend in June.



2025 Catholic Stewardship Appeal

Please prayerfully consider a donation to support the Catholic Stewardship Appeal and help our parishes reach our goals. Your gift of any size does God's work. Thank you for your support. To donate, visit www.catholicappeal.org, text APPEAL2025 to 414-348-8380 or mail your check to the Catholic Stewardship Appeal, 3501 S. Lake Drive, St. Francis, WI 53235.



Fourth Sunday Formation

Have you ever wished you'd been alive when Jesus walked the Earth, to be in His presence, hear His words, and walk with Him as He carried His message of love, healing, and salvation to everyone He met?

In loving anticipation of our desire to do that, Jesus has given us His presence in the Holy Eucharist. In loving response, we often form a Eucharistic Procession and literally walk the roads with Jesus!

Come to 4th Sunday Formation after Mass on May 24/25 and view a short video on why and how we journey with Jesus this way. Bring a friend!

Emmaus 90 Summer Watch Parties!

There were a number of excellent videos that we didn't have a chance to watch and discuss this spring so we decided to continue into the summer! Mark your calendars for the following Sundays: June 1, July 13, and August 10 and plan to join us after the 9:00AM Mass at St. Therese. We hope you join us! Bring a friend!

Safe Environment Program: Did You Know?

No priest or deacon with a substantiated allegation of sexual abuse of a minor can or will ever serve as a priest or deacon in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee.

Catechesis Corner

• Next Sunday, May 18 will be our last class of the year. Join us after classes for our end of year catechesis picnic! All families with children participating in our catechesis classes, sacramental preparation, catechists, aides, and Christian Formation Committee members are welcome to join us! Please RSVP to Heather in the St. Therese Parish Office by May 12th so we can plan for food.

Upcoming Class Schedule:

• Sunday Morning Age 3 – Grade 8: May 18

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In Appreciation

I would like to say thank you to all of the parishioners from St. Therese and St. Vincent Pallotti for your prayers, well wishes, and celebrating my 20th

Anniversary with me. A special thank you to the staff, Parish Pastoral Council, and everyone who helped make the celebration successful. I am truly grateful.

Thank You

I wish to thank everyone that attended the St Therese Annual Meeting and the Collaborating Parishes celebration of Father PC's 20th Anniversary of Ordination this past Sunday. The Annual Meeting was a success and fulfills our legal requirements as a Corporation. The celebration of Father PC's Ordination Anniversary was also a great success, and I especially would like to thank everyone that stood and made comments about Father PC. Father PC enjoyed the day and we wish him success for his future as a Priest in the service of the church.

I would also like to thank all those that had a hand in making these gatherings a success, especially Heather Goeden as she guides us with all the things that have to be completed to make such gatherings work. We are especially thankful for the folks that did the set up and tear down, the food prep, the parish bakers, and those that made presentations at the Annual Meeting. I would also like to thank the Committee and Ministry members that made the annual Committee and Ministry booklet come to life. There are extra booklets available in the St Therese Parish Office if you did not receive one.

Again, thank you to all!

Art Nennig

Combined Parish Council Chair

Join Us on Sunday – June 22

Eucharistic Procession Celebrating the Feast of Corpus Christi

Schedule of Events:

- 9:00AM Mass with Bishop Schuerman St. Vincent Pallotti – West (201 N 76th St, Milwaukee)
- Eucharistic Procession down Bluemound Road to St. Therese Parish (9525 W Bluemound Rd, Milwaukee) Join us at any point, for any length along the route
- Prayer to conclude the procession
- Picnic lunch outside at about 11:30AM at St. Therese Parish Bring your lawn chairs and blankets! Lunch will be moved into the church hall if the weather is bad

Please let us know if you plan to attend the picnic lunch so that we can plan appropriately for food and beverages. You can sign up using the OR code on this flyer, from either parish website or by calling either Parish Office.





Welcome to the Table of the Lord

Congratulations to our First Communicants: Oscar Brummund, Otto Brummund, Jackson Gill, Julianna Poethig, and Lucia Vazquez! They received their First Holy Communion last Sunday, May 4. Thank you to Mary Rose Sanger, our First Communion

Coordinator and Sr. Marilyn Metz, our First Reconciliation Coordinator, as well as their parents for preparing them for this Sacrament of Initiation. Let us pray that the children may stay as close to Jesus for the rest of their lives as they are today.

We Congratulate Our Graduates!

Hope = **Martens**

High School Diploma Pius XI Granddaughter of Karen Martens

Hunter Wendelberger

High School Diploma Wauwatosa East High School Son of Jav and Karen Wendelberger



The most recognized date for the first Mother's Day in our country was in 1908. It was created by Anna Jaris. She worked tirelessly to make this day a national day in the United States. She even incorporated herself as "Mother's Day International Association" and worked for the rest of her life against the commercialism that had taken over her commemorative day. There are many instances of marking certain days for mothers in world history. However, for us it has deeper meaning because it falls during the Marian month of May. We hold our earthly mothers in high esteem and hold our heavenly mother, the Virgin Mary, in high esteem also.

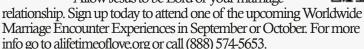
We ask for God's blessing on our mothers, grandmothers, godmothers, aunts, step-mothers, foster mothers, and all women who care for and nurture us with love and compassion. Let us pray for all these women, living and deceased, who gave us the gift of love.

Prayer for Mothers

Heavenly Father, from the beginning you have chosen to entrust the human person to mothers in a special way. We thank and praise you for the gift of mothers; for their tenderness, care, and compassion, for their intuition and encouragement, for commitment and sacrifice. Bless all mothers this day. Keep, strengthen, and refresh them in your loving care. May they be blessed by our open-hearted love and gratitude. Amen.



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