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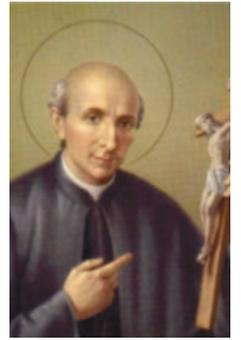
We are St. Therese Catholic Church, a community of believers, who walk together by faith in Christ Jesus, and minister in the Little Way of St. Therese, as we strive hand-in-hand to live as God's people.

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.

June 29, 2025

Please see calendar inside for any schedule changes.

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.



STS. PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES

"I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." - Mt 16:19

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

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Brett Surinak

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Jennifer Tierney

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- Ann Maher – STP (414) 698-7016
- Lenny Schaefer – SVP (414) 534-1450

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- David Helterbran Linda Okruhlica
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- Mary Noeske

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Office Hours
 Friday, Saturday, and Sunday: Closed
 Mon, Tues, Wed, & Thurs: 8:00AM–12:00PM
 Onsite; 12:00PM–4:00PM Remote

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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

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God's Work

STEWARDSHIP



TIME

Our Hands

“And God said: Let there be lights made in the firmament of heaven, to divide the day and the night, and let them be signs, and for seasons, and for days and years”
Gen 1: 14

Our minutes, hours, days, weeks, months, and years are God’s **work** for and within us. We pray because our faith requires a response of our **time** in prayer. Whether our **hands** are folded, upraised, clasped, holding a prayer, hymnal, or someone, they are signs of prayer.

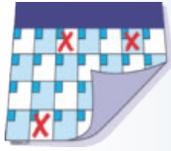
Using God’s **work** of creating you and your **time** on earth, increase your Stewardship of Prayer Time. Daily, set aside your need to work or be busy to acknowledge God’s work in your life. 1% daily prayer is only 15 minutes to thank, petition, seek forgiveness, and intercede for others. God’s work goes hand in hand with us. *And our prayers go hand in hand with God’s work.*

“Rejoice always, pray continuously, give thanks in all circumstances for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.” - 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Parish Membership / Support

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

The deadline for the July 6th bulletin has passed. The next available bulletin is the July 13th bulletin.



Events for the Week

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

Sunday, June 29

- 6:45AM Reconciliation at SVP-E
- 7:30AM Mass at SVP-E
- 8:00AM 4th Sunday Formation at SVP-E
- 9:00AM Mass at STP – Live Streamed on Facebook
- 10:00AM 4th Sunday Formation at STP
- 10:30AM Mass at SVP-W – Live Streamed and Posted
- 11:30AM 4th Sunday Formation at SVP-W

Monday, June 30

STP Office Closed

- 6:25AM Morning Mass at SVP-E

Tuesday, July 1

STP Office Open Remotely Only

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

Wednesday, July 2

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

Thursday, July 3

STP Office Closed

- 11:30AM Adoration at SVP-W
- 12:00PM Afternoon Mass at SVP-W
- 7:00PM Group 100 AA

Friday, July 4

Both Parish Offices Closed and No Services/Masses



Saturday, July 5

Prayer Shawl/Healing Blessing @ SVP

- 3:15PM Confessions at SVP-W
- 4:00PM Mass at SVP-W
- 5:00PM Rosary at SVP-W

Sunday, July 6

Maintenance Collection @ STP / Prayer Shawl/Healing Blessing @ SVP

- 6:45AM Reconciliation at SVP-E
- 7:30AM Mass at SVP-E
- 8:15AM Confessions at STP
- 9:00AM Mass at STP – Live Streamed on Facebook
- 10:00AM Emmaus 90 Summer Watch Party 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



July Sanctuary Candle at STP

†Paul Warpechowski

Sunday, June 29

Readings Acts 12:1-11/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19

Monday, June 30

Observance: The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church

Readings Gn 18:16-33/Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 8-9, 10-11/Mt 8:18-22
6:25AM (SVP-E)

Tuesday, July 1

Observance: St. Junípero Serra, Priest

Readings Gn 19:15-29/Ps 26:2-3, 9-10, 11-12/Mt 8:23-27
8:45AM (STP) St. Therese Parish Community
12:00PM (SVP-W) †Elmer Reindl

Wednesday, July 2

Readings Gn 21:5, 8-20a/Ps 34:7-8, 10-11, 12-13/Mt 8:28-34

6:25AM (SVP-E)

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

Thursday, July 3

Observance: St. Thomas, Apostle

Readings Eph 2:19-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 20:24-29

12:00PM (SVP-W) The Special Intentions of Louise Faragallah

Friday, July 4

Observance: Independence Day

Readings Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67/Ps 106:1b-2, 3-4a, 4b-5/Mt 9:9-13

6:25AM (SVP-E) – NO MASS

Saturday Mass, July 5

Observance: St. Anthony Zaccaria, Priest; St. Elizabeth of Portugal

Readings Gn 27:1-5, 15-29/Ps 135:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 9:14-17

4:00PM (SVP-W) †Mary & †Charles Moran (A. Moran)

Sunday Mass, July 6

Observance: 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings Is 66:10-14c/Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20(1)/Gal 6:14-18/Lk 10:1-12, 17-20

7:30AM (SVP-E) Parishioners

9:00AM (STP) †Patricia Simmons

10:30AM (SVP-W) †Dick Reichertz



To be included, please call either Parish Office.

Dorothy Ash, Peter Carlis, Brandon Choe, Irene Czarnecki, Michael Czarnecki, Shirley Diciaula, Nancy Dineen, Dean Doberstein, Kylie Doyne, Elizabeth and Elijah, Kathleen Fugiasco, Family G, Sue Grignon, Matthew Harrison, Dan Heinz, Linda Huber, Josette Jaeger, Mary Kirchner, Helen Klister, Julie Kross, Ellen Lemkuiel, Rachel Lund, Kathy Manthe, 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 Thate, Mary Vanderbunt, John Wachowiak, Chris Wehausen



4th of July Office Hours



Please note that the St. Therese Parish Office will be closed from Thursday, July 3 through Sunday, July 6 in observance of the Fourth of July Holiday. We will resume our summer hours on Monday, July 7.

Changes to STP Office Hours – June/July

- Monday, June 30: Parish Office Closed
- Tuesday, July 1: Open Remotely Only
- Thursday, July 3 through Sunday, July 6: Parish Office Closed

If you have an urgent need, please leave a message on the emergency line.

Monthly Maintenance Collection

Next weekend, July 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 at Mass.
- Donate online using the QR code.
- 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 next weekend, you can make a donation any of the ways listed above at any time. Thank you for your continuing support.



To Mark Borkowski for his donation for the cost of the new vacuum cleaner in memory of his mother †Toni Borkowski.



Thank you to all of you who have stepped forward to help improve our parish grounds. In the "Little Way of St. Therese," you have made a great difference in how our Church home looks. Please take time to notice the beauty!

A huge thank you to Pat Schroeder, Jim Jensen, Linda Okruhlica, Gloria Ratkowski, Laura Danninger, Jon Van Eyck, and Angie Moran.

We need help maintaining the weed free beds and watering the new plantings. If you are able to help, please let Heather or Christine know.

Dear St. Therese Congregation

We would like to take this opportunity to extend a sincere thank you for your generous donation to the Down Syndrome Association of Wisconsin for Maddy's Mayhem 2025 Walk Team. Your kind-hearted support will improve the lives of thousands of individuals with Down syndrome and their families.

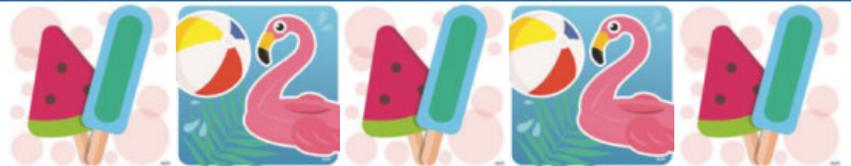
DSAW's mission is to provide support to families and individuals with Down syndrome and related disabilities through education, information programs, services, and the exchange of ideas and experiences.

DSAW is generously supported by private individuals and concerned corporate citizens and foundations that believe just as we do that with appropriate investment and just the right amount of supports, our loved ones can accomplish amazing things. Thank you for being part of such a magnificent group of people, and all that you do for the Down Syndrome Association of Wisconsin.

Warmly,

Dawn Nuoffer

DSAW Presiden/CEO



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

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. Most weekend Masses are scheduled for 2024, but there are many weekday Masses open. 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!



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.



REMINDER:

On Friday, July 4, there will be no 6:25AM Mass at the East Church.

There will also be no First Friday Mass or Adoration at 5:30pm at the West Church.



There are weekday and weekend Masses available for your **Mass Intentions in 2025** (\$20 donation). Kindly call the Parish Office for assistance. 414-453-5344

Attention Ministers: A new schedule for July 5 through August 17 was emailed out this week.

Hard copies are available in both sacristies if you need one.

Saint's Feast Days in the First Week of July; Pray for Us.

- July 1: St. Junipero Serra...Spain...Franciscan
- July 2: St. Bernadino Realino...Italy...Jesuit Priest... Incorrupt
- July 3: St. Thomas...Apostle...Martyr
- July 4: St. Elizabeth of Portugal...Queen...Third Order Franciscan
- July 5: St. Anthony Zaccarra...Italy...Priest...Incorrupt
- July 6: St Maria Goretti...Italy...Martyr...Patron saint of rape victims, purity, chastity, forgiveness, and youth

10:30AM Sunday Mass Live-Streamed and Recorded

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



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

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

Thank you for your contributions!

Please remember St. Vincent Pallotti in your will.

Did You Know???



On July 4 we celebrate Independence Day and the great freedom that we enjoy in this country. It is a time to give thanks for the many blessings and the wealth of opportunity that we have here. With the gift of freedom that we experience, comes great responsibility to use our freedom for the glory of God and for benefit of our neighbor. May God give us the grace to never use our freedom for evil but only for the good. Below is a prayer written by the first president, George Washington:

*"Almighty God,
 who has given us this good land
 for our heritage:
 We humbly beseech you that we may
 always prove ourselves a people mindful of
 your favor and glad to do your will.
 Bless our land with honorable industry,
 sound learning, and pure manners.
 Save us from violence, discord, and
 confusion; from pride and arrogance, and
 from every evil way.
 Defend our liberties,
 and fashion into one united people the
 multitudes brought hither out of many
 kindreds and tongues.
 Endue with the spirit of wisdom those to
 whom your Name we entrust the authority
 of government,
 that there may be justice and peace at home,
 and that,
 through obedience to your law, we may
 show forth your praise among the nations of
 the earth.
 In the time of prosperity, fill our hearts with
 thankfulness and in the day of trouble, do
 not allow our trust in you to fall;
 all this we ask through
 Jesus Christ our Lord."
 AMEN!*

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Standing Committee Monthly Reports

Christian Formation Committee

- We encouraged participation in the Eucharistic Procession on June 22
- Catechesis activities and pictures for the past four years are available on St. Therese website under News and Events-Class Notes
- Fourth Sunday Formation will return in August with more Catholic Identity topics
- Registration for catechesis in the fall, in partnership with St. Jude, will begin July 1

Eucharistic Revival Committee Update

As we complete the third year of the National Eucharistic Revival initiative, it is time for our Eucharistic Revival Committee to pass the torch on to our standing committees.

The National Eucharistic Revival has been a three-year initiative sponsored by the Bishops of the United States with the goal that each of us entrust ourselves completely to the One who gave his life for us and to encounter him in the Eucharist - the source and summit of Catholic life. In the end, this prepares us to go out to a hurting and hungry world and be living examples of God's infinite love.

In 2023 an ad hoc committee was formed by the Pastoral Council and a small group of people from St. Therese and St. Vincent Pallotti were asked to join. We have been meeting monthly during this revival period to learn about renewing our faith and have attempted to bring aspects of this to our parishes. This has been an informative and challenging journey for our team, especially as we were learning about events as they unfolded and often felt inadequate when looking for practical ways to implement them in our parishes. In the end, we have found a deeper understanding of elements of our faith lives and the importance of ongoing formation in our parishes so that all can truly live and share our Catholic faith in our daily lives.

In addition to many bulletin updates and educational entries, here are a few of the initiatives that were inspired by the Revival:

July 2022 – 2023: Year 1: Planning Year for the Eucharistic Revival

- June 10, attended Eucharistic Congress at Archdiocese of Milwaukee

July 2023-2024: Year 2 of Eucharistic Revival

- Missionary Stories – several submitted and put in bulletin
- Increased opportunities for adoration
- Homilies linked to Eucharistic Revival
- Promoted Eucharistic Revival events throughout the areas: Formation sessions, encounter groups, Eucharistic Miracle Display, "Given for Jesus" 1% prayer
- Mar 3-4, Parish Mission

- General Intercessions for Eucharistic Revival
- Corpus Christi Novena (May 24-June 1)
- June 21: National Pilgrimage stopped at SVP
- Emmaus 90 leadership training video sessions for parish point persons
- Sept-Oct: Bishop Baron video series – 3 sessions at SVP
- Sept 27 – Eucharistic Revival Mission Day at Archdiocese (2 members attended), prep for Year 3
- National Eucharistic Congress (2 attended)
- Emmaus 90: Formation Sessions after Sunday mass every-other week
- Emmaus 90 small groups

July 2024-2025: Year 3: The Year of Mission

- Year 3 of Eucharistic Revival: bulletin reflections/articles
- Emmaus 90 Christmas ed. Distributed to parishioners
- Parish Mission: Mar 30-31
- Emmaus 90 Formation Sessions:
- Emmaus 90 small groups
- 4th Sunday video series: Jan-Adoration, Feb-Stations of the Cross, Mar-Reconciliation

In a nutshell, the Eucharistic Revival is meant to bring home some simple and foundational facts:

- Each of us is unconditionally loved by God, wholly and simply as we are. Each of us was intentionally created by God for this time in history.
- Our relationship with God has been ruptured. The original harmony between God and man was broken by original sin, and it continues to be broken today by our sins and failings.
- God loves us so much that he became man and died for us. Christ outstretched his arms and submitted to death on the cross so our sins would be forgiven and our relationship with God restored.
- Christ's sacrifice and victory transcends space and time, and it is made present on the altar at every Mass! Jesus has opened the door for us, and through his Church, he invites each of us into a personal relationship with God. God won't force anyone to choose him. We must make that choice ourselves.
- Christ comes to us in the Eucharist, offering himself to us, Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity. He nourishes us, offering himself as "our daily bread." It is easy for us to overlook this extraordinary gift. We sometimes forget that Jesus is not merely symbolically present, but is truly present.

Now is the time for each of us to decide how to continue this Eucharistic Revival in our own lives.



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: July 6 and August 10** and plan to join us after the 9:00AM Mass at St. Therese. We hope you join us! Bring a friend!

Catechesis Corner

- Starting in the fall, we will be expanding our religious education partnership to include St. Jude. This will provide us with an opportunity to have even more meaningful offerings for our youth and their families. **Please watch your email and mail for registration materials this month.**
- Summer is an important time to keep God at the center of our lives. As Jesus reminds us, pray always! So pray as you live your lives and ask for God's help in everything.



Thank You!

To everyone who made our Corpus Christi celebration a success:

- Bishop Schuerman and Deacon Leggett for joining us and leading us in prayer.
- Father Tom PC and Father Naveen for their leadership in helping plan this event.
- Father Joe Dominic and Father Thomas Varkey for their participation.
- The Knights of Columbus for their participation, providing the water stations, and other logistical help.
- The staff and volunteers from all three communities for your hard work and dedication behind the scenes that made this event a success.
- The St. Therese, St. Vincent Pallotti, and Syro-Malabar communities for your participation; especially with the excessive heat!

We truly appreciate your participation.

Solemnity of Sts. Peter and Paul

That Saints Peter and Paul suffered martyrdom under persecutions in Rome is virtually certain. The legends about their death lack historical proof, but they make a great story:

Fire broke out in Rome in AD 64 under Nero, the emperor-violinist. Housing and places of amusement were destroyed. The people grew angry with Nero, who blamed the Christians for the blaze and persecuted them. To placate the people in their continuing distress, Nero ordered the death of Christianity's two greatest leaders, Peter and Paul, in the year 67.

When Peter heard about the growing persecutions, he fled Rome. But he saw a vision of Jesus walking back toward the city of Rome. "Where are you going?" Peter asked. ("Quo vadis?") "To Rome, to be crucified again," Jesus mournfully replied. Peter, knowing he had to follow his master, turned about and went back to the city.

On the day of their execution, Peter and Paul met. Paul had been in prison in Rome, under house arrest. Since he was a Roman citizen he avoided the kind of death that awaited Peter—crucifixion in the city. Paul was to be beheaded outside the city walls. On June 29, Peter and Paul embraced on the Ostian Way. Peter marched north toward the public arena; Paul marched south outside the city gate. When Paul was beheaded, his head bounced three times. A spring of water gushed forth at each place. (The Monastery of the Three Fountains stands on the site today. The residents make chocolate.) Since the main civic arena had been destroyed in the fire, Peter was crucified in a makeshift location. Claiming he was not worthy to be killed like his master, he was turned upside down on the cross. After he died, his body was buried in a pauper's grave. That grave is the site of the Vatican.

On June 29, we celebrate the Apostle of the Jews and the Apostle of the Gentiles. Together they brought the message of Christ to the world. So significant is their feast that in some countries it is a holyday of obligation. In the United States, when the feast falls on Sunday, it takes the place of the usual Ordinary Time liturgy. It helps us celebrate our mission to bring Christ to the world, no matter the cost.

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Blessing for Independence Day

There is a saying, "To those whom much is given, much is expected." That saying is from "Uncommon Wisdom of John F. Kennedy: A Portrait in His Own Words." That saying should sum up our thoughts as we celebrate the founding of our country. As we look at our history, we may easily see that much has been given to this country, and many have sacrificed to make sure we have kept those gifts. However, our faith informs us that a gift reaches its ultimate good only when it is given away freely. Let us pray for this great country of the United States of America:

God our Father, from whom all good gifts come, we are thankful for rest and food. Grant that, in all we do or say, we keep your goodness always in our thankful hearts. We entreat you to bless all those who work to keep us safe, and ask your blessings on all those who work to share our blessings with others around the world. We ask all this in the name of our brother and Savior, Jesus. Amen.



Friday, July 4 • 8:30 a.m.
St. Joseph Catholic Parish
1619 Washington St. • Grafton, WI



Bishop Haines invites you to join him for Mass on Independence Day, where we will pray, reflect and give thanks for our country and for our Catholic faith.

ARCHDIOCESE of MILWAUKEE



From the Earth Ministry:

Our ministry has been working with Focus on Energy for nearly a year to enter gas and electric usage into a database for evaluation and tracking purposes. As an incentive for doing so, Focus on Energy provides an incentive of \$1,200. Having completed the prerequisite, Focus on Energy sent Saint Therese Congregation a check for the incentive amount. The \$1,200 can be used to defray the cost of installing more energy efficient lighting fixtures and lamps in various places in our building identified on a walkthrough by Focus on Energy staff. As "icing on the cake," most of the new fixtures and lamps will also be eligible for rebates from Focus on Energy.

We are publishing this to let parishioners know that our Earth Ministry is actively involved in many efforts beyond annual celebration of Earth Day and weekly bulletin articles informing and encouraging action on ecology-related issues. We would love to have additional volunteers join us in our mission, which as you can see, provides many rewards. Please contact Jim Jensen at (262) 391-0430 or jjensen0309@yahoo.com for more information and to join our Ministry.

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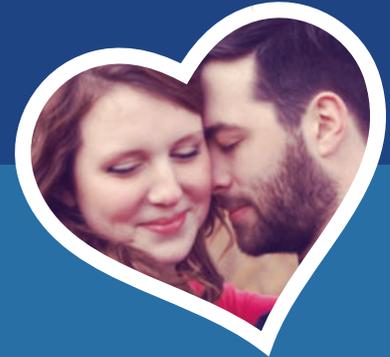
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