



Saint Theresese Parish

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

March 31st, 2019

Parish Staff

Parish Administrator

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Reconciliation/1st Communion & Children's
Liturgy of the Word

Ministers – All the Members of the Parish

Parish Emergencies

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Mass Schedule

Saturday: 5:00PM Sunday: 9:00AM

Tuesday: 8:30AM Wednesday: 6:30PM

See inside for Holy Day Schedules

Weekday Masses at Cluster Parishes

St. Jude the Apostle Parish

(734 Glenview Ave)

Monday–Friday
6:45AM and 8:15AM

St. Vincent Pallotti West

(201 N. 76th St)

Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday
8:00AM

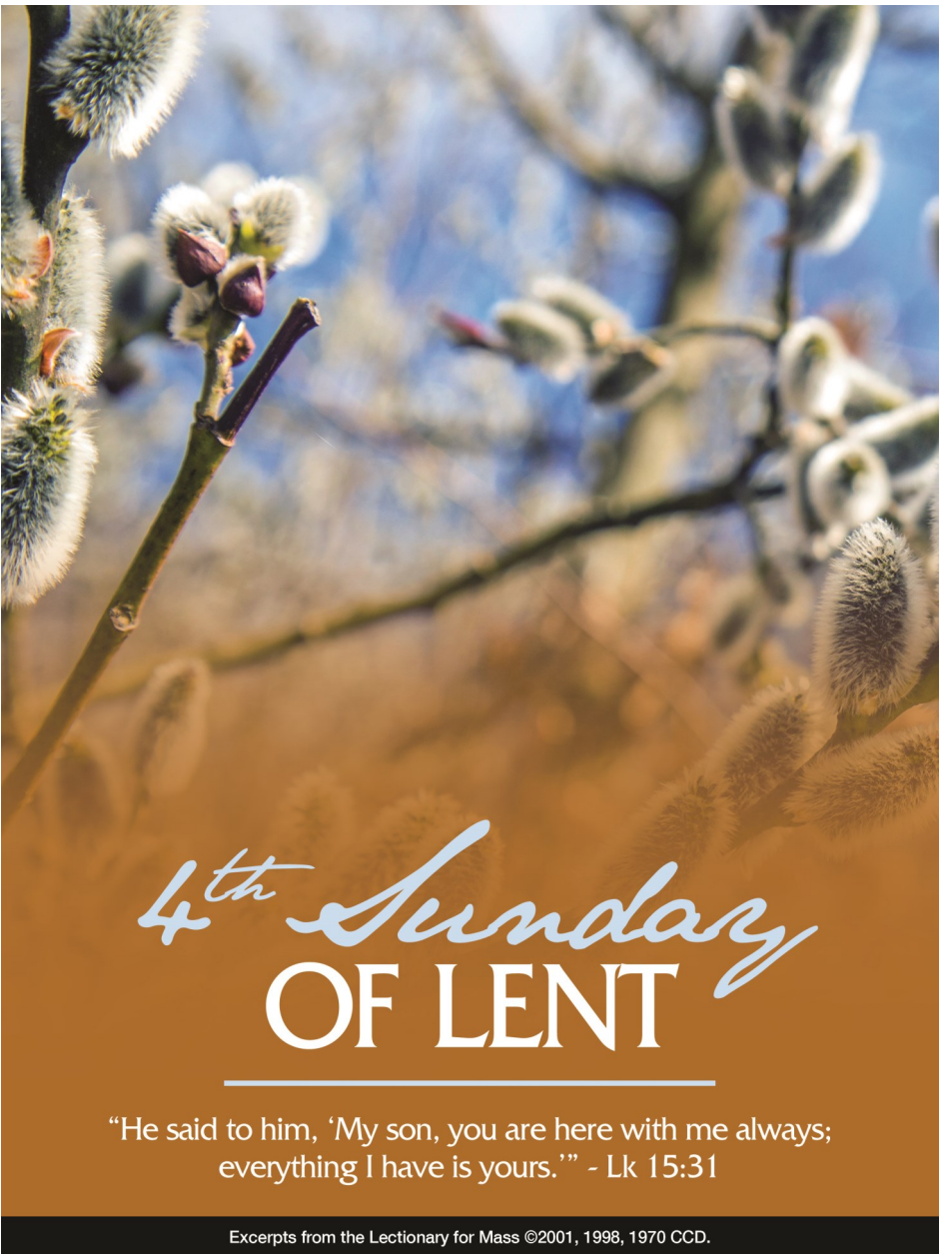
St. Vincent Pallotti East

(5424 W. Bluemound Rd)

Monday–Friday: 6:25AM

Thursday

12:00PM (Noon)



4th Sunday OF LENT

“He said to him, ‘My son, you are here with me always; everything I have is yours.’” - Lk 15:31

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

Reconciliation: 4:15PM – 4:45PM
1st Saturday of the Month

Anointing of the Sick:
2nd Full Weekend of the Month
Following Each Mass

All Other Sacraments:
Please call the Parish Office
Preparation can take six months or more

Office Hours

Sunday: 10:00AM – 11:30AM
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday,
and Thursday:
8:30AM – 4:30PM
Friday & Saturday: Closed



REPENTANCE & GROWTH

Repentance. Envy. Joy. Hope. Have you felt these human emotions? Today's Gospel offers a rich story, one we can all find our place in. As we reflect on our own spiritual lives this Lenten season, it can be helpful to imagine ourselves in the story of the Prodigal Son.

"I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as you would treat one of your hired workers." The younger son has sinned greatly, betraying his father's trust and squandering his money in sin. Yet the parable turns on his deep repentance and humble return to his father. Is there any area of your life you have been wandering from God or you've squandered good gifts? This Lent, return to the sacrament of Confession! God, a merciful Father, waits for you there.

"While he was still a long way off, his father caught sight of him, and was filled with compassion. He ran to his son, embraced him and kissed him." The father in the parable sees his son's selfishness, perhaps even suspects what he might do, but gives him the inheritance anyway. After his son's departure, the father waits with hope for his son's eventual return. Has someone you love left the Church, made poor decisions, or abused your trust? This Lent is a time to let go of bitterness and to live in hope. Prepare your heart to be merciful!

Not all in the parable invite the mercy of God into their hearts. The self-righteous older brother dishonors his father with his pettiness. "My son, you are here with me always, everything I have is yours." Do you covet what others have? Do you feel as if you've been taken advantage of or that your work goes unseen? This Lent is a time to grow in gratitude. Take a close look at the blessings in our life that you might be missing.

We are all called to repentance. Open your heart to God's personal invitation to growth!

Thank You

To the anonymous donor of the palms for Palm Sunday.

Save the Date: Parish Annual Meeting

Please plan on attending the St. Therese Annual Parish meeting on Sunday, May 5th after the 9:00AM Mass in Heck Hall. Updates will be provided on Stewardship, Clustering and Multi-parish planning. Our Parish Community needs your participation as we look ahead to the next several years. Child care will be provided. Please watch upcoming bulletins for more information.

Liturgical Ministers Needed for Holy Week

Liturgical Ministers are needed for Holy Week and Easter. Please sign up in the sacristy after mass.

Lectors/Readers Needed for Palm Sunday Passion Group Part

We need Lectors/Readers for the Group Part of the Palm Sunday Passion at the 5:00PM Mass on Saturday, April 13th. Even if you are not in our Lector Ministry, please consider ministering as part of the "group" part. Anyone ages 9 and older are welcome to participate. Contact Heather in the Parish Office if you are interested.

Altered Bulletin Deadlines for Holy Week and Easter

- For April 14th (Palm Sunday) Bulletin - Thursday, April 4th at 8:30AM
- For April 21st (Easter) Bulletin - Wednesday, April 10th at 8:30AM
- For April 28th Bulletin - Thursday, April 18th at 8:30AM

Trustee-Treasurer Election at Annual Meeting

The election of the Trustee-Treasurer for our parish corporation will take place at this year's Annual Meeting on Sunday, May 5th. Tom Molosky has agreed to be Fr. Joe's nominee for the Trustee-Treasurer position for another two-year term of office beginning July 1st, 2019 and ending June 30th, 2021. 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.

According to Wisconsin State Statute 187.19, "trustees are to be selected from and by the congregation." Among other duties, the Trustee Treasurer serves as an ex-officio member of the Parish Pastoral Council, the Finance Council, is a member of the Board of Directors of the parish corporation, signs proxy documents and all corporate reports, and signs parish checks with Trustee Secretary, and the Parish Administrator.

Nominations will close on Sunday, April 14th. The election will take place at the Annual Meeting on Sunday, May 5th.

Schedule a Mass Intention in Memory of a Loved One

Please consider donating a mass intention. There are weekday masses open for 2019. To donate, please contact Heather Goeden in the Parish Office.

Snow and Weather Closings for the Parish

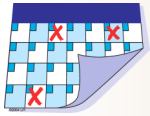
In the event of snow or weather closings for the parish, please check Channel 12 WISN-TV or WISN.com (WISN website) for closures. Please also note to look for "St. Therese-Milwaukee" in Milwaukee County. (Sometimes there is confusion with "St. Theresa" and "St. Therese" other cities and counties of the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

CHURCH SUPPORT

Envelopes & Offertory	\$ 3,672.00
Maintenance Donations	\$ 55.00

Please remember St. Therese in your will!





Parish Events for the Week

Sunday, March 31st

Cheesecake & Kringle Sale/Easter Candle & Flower Collection

- 8:15AM Saint Therese Choir (CH)
- 9:00AM Children's Liturgy of the Word (CH)
- 10:15AM Preschool-8th Grade Catechesis (UPSTAIRS)
- 10:15AM First Communion Preparation (MC)

Monday, April 1st

- 6:00PM Saint Vincent de Paul Society (STR)
- 6:30PM Parish Pastoral Council (MC)

Tuesday, April 2nd

No Meetings Scheduled

Wednesday, April 3rd

- 11:30AM SVdP Meal Program-Cook (KIT)
- 4:30PM SVdP Meal Program-Serve (OFFSITE)
- 4:30PM High School Meal Ministry/Catechesis (OFFSITE/STR)
- 6:30PM Wednesday Evening Mass (CHP)
- 7:00PM Stations of the Cross (CH)
- 7:00PM St. Therese Choir & Music Ministry (CH/CHP)

Thursday, April 4th

- 7:00PM Group 100 AA (MC)

Friday, April 5th

- 6:30PM Stations of the Cross (CH)

Saturday, April 6th

Sharing Weekend/Library Lent/Easter Display/Maintenance Collection/SCRIP Order

- 4:15PM Individual Confession (CH)

Sunday, April 7th

Sharing Weekend/Library Lent/Easter Display/Maintenance Collection/SCRIP Order

- 8:15AM Saint Therese Choir (CH)
- 8:15AM Individual Confession (CH)
- 9:00AM Children's Liturgy of the Word (CH)
- 10:15AM Preschool-8th Grade Catechesis (UPSTAIRS)
- 10:15AM First Communion Preparation (MC)
- 10:15AM Preschool-8th Grade Parent Meeting (HH)

CH=Church, CHP=Chapel, GLP=God's Littlest Place, GN=Good News Gathering Place, HH=Heck Hall, KIT=Heck Hall Kitchen, LIB=Library, MC=Miriam's Corner, RR=Raphael Room, STR=St. Therese Room

SCRIP Next Weekend

It's SCRIP time again! Look for the order form in today's bulletin and bring it to mass next weekend. Your gift cards will be available the following weekend in plenty of time before Easter. For every gift card you order St. Therese receives a percentage. We appreciate your participation!

Annual Archdiocesan Mass of Atonement

Monday, April 1st at 6:00PM at Immaculate Conception (1023 E. Russell Avenue) in Bay View.

Sharing Weekend is Next Weekend – April 6th/7th

The recipient of our Sharing Collection for April 6th/7th is The Urban Ecology Center, an environmental non-profit in the heart of Milwaukee. We connect people in cities to nature and each other. These people include children on school fieldtrips, volunteers healing the land, families canoeing down the Milwaukee River, friends enjoying a cup of coffee by our wood stove, community scientists tagging butterflies, and people of all ages who love hiking, astronomy, bird-watching, rock-climbing, photography, community supported agriculture, and every other good thing that nature provides. We have three branch locations in diverse neighborhoods within the city. Come visit us any time or find out more at www.urbanecologycenter.org. Thank you in advance for continuing your generous giving to our Sharing Partners.

Monthly Maintenance Collection – April 6th/7th

In April, Sharing Weekend falls on the same weekend as the Maintenance Collection. Because of this, we will not have a separate collection for the Maintenance Fund this April. Please put your maintenance fund donations in the regular collection on April 6th/7th and be sure to label your donation accordingly. Thank you for your continuing support.

Open Call for Parish Pastoral Council Nominations

Please prayerfully consider serving on the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) as an at-large member. This year, we are looking to fill two at-large positions. The term is for three years, renewable once. PPC members are selected by a discernment process. This process involves prayer, discussion, consideration of the needs of the parish, and input by the nominees.

The PPC is one of the leadership bodies of the parish. It is advisory group to the Parish Administrator and is essential to any major decision or direction-setting for the parish. The PPC assures that the pastoral needs of the parish are addressed and met.

The Council generally meets the first Monday of the month from 6:30PM to 8:00PM. If you would like to nominate yourself or another parishioner, please contact the parish council at council@sainttheresemilwaukee.org or use the form below.

Parish Council Nomination Form

After careful consideration and prayer, I would like to place in nomination the following St. Therese parishioner for possible selection to the Parish Council:

Name of Nominee: _____

Phone Number (If Known): _____

Forms can be placed in the collection basket, or returned to the Parish Office.

Catechesis Corner

- Education Classes will be held again today, Sunday, March 31st after the 9:00AM Mass.
- This Sunday, March 31st, the Children and parents will practice a Tornado drill as required by our Safety and Security policies.
- Plan on attending the presentation on the Mass next Sunday, April 7th, after the 9:00AM Liturgy: *Walk with Me Through the Mass*, presented by Dr. Jean Marie Weber. This presentation will be in Heck Hall. The MASS is the most important prayer of all.
- Lent provides us with an opportunity to do "spiritual house cleaning and renewal." Thus we need to ask ourselves, how the three major works of prayer, fasting and almsgiving are coming along? Again, a reminder to begin each day with The Sign of the Cross. Pray The Our Father and the Hail Mary. Offer one act of self-denial daily in solidarity with someone in need. Place a donation in your Lenten Bank from the Parish.



Intentions & Readings for the Week



April Sanctuary Candle

For the Nee/Paulus Families

Sunday, March 31st

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, April 1st

Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b [2a]/Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday, April 2nd

Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 [8]/Jn 5:1-16
8:30AM Sandy & Lenny Parise

Wednesday, April 3rd

Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18 [8a]/Jn 5:17-30
6:30PM The Special Intentions of Marcey Gocel

Thursday, April 4th

Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 [4a]/Jn 5:31-47

Friday, April 5th

Wk 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23 [19a]/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday Mass, April 6th

Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12 [2a]/Jn 7:40-53
5:00PM St. Therese Parish Community

Sunday Mass, April 7th

Is 43:16-21/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Phil 3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11
9:00AM †Teri Wissing



Betty Baron, Lorrain Baron, Michael Czamecki, Pat Edwards, Gloria Erkander, Gayle Falk, Ethel Forster, Lillian Hoaglan, Dennis Johnson, Lori Johnson, The Johnson Family, Libby Kaishian, Ronnie Kerchewski, Mary Jane Lucas, Kim McGee, Imogene McShane, Andy Nitka, Edward Nitka, Craig Palmquist, Lenny Parise Jr., Sandy Parise, Pat Piskula, Samantha Pluta, Alice Roemer, Peter Sipek, Edward Smith, Edna & Kathy Shodis, Joanne Windham, Duwayne Wing, Jeff & LaVene Wojcik, Audrey Wright, Kathie Zastrow, Ginette Zeccola, Bev Zunker

It's Next Weekend!

Library Easter/Lenten Display

A great display of selections from our parish library will be available next weekend at the Bluemound exit. Check out a movie on DVD, an Easter storybook for children or an inspirational book for this Lenten season. Adults are welcome to enter a free raffle for an Easter basket filled with goodies and children can enter a guessing game and win a Target gift card. There will be coffee and homemade treats. Don't miss this annual event!

Lawn Crew Needs Help

The lawn crew is in need of more members. For more information, talk to Denise Dostalek through her contact information on the front of the bulletin.

Holy Week Mass and Liturgy Schedule

- Palm Sunday April 13th/14th: 5:00PM Saturday and 9:00AM Sunday
- Tuesday of Holy Week, April 16th: 8:30AM Mass – Chapel
- Wednesday of Holy Week, April 17th: 6:30PM Mass – Chapel, followed by Stations of the Cross
- Holy Thursday, April 18th: Morning Prayer at 8:30AM–Chapel
Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00PM–Church
Eucharistic Adoration 8:15PM–10:00PM–Chapel
- Good Friday, April 19th: Morning Prayer at 8:30AM–Chapel
Liturgy of the Lord's Passion at 1:00PM–Church
- Holy Saturday, April 20th: Morning Prayer at 8:30AM–Chapel
Blessing of the Food at Noon–Chapel
Easter Vigil at 8:00PM–Church
- Easter Sunday, April 21st: Easter Morning Mass at 9:00AM

Office Hours for Holy Week and Easter

- Holy Thursday, April 18th: 8:30AM to 4:30PM
- Good Friday, April 19th: Parish Office Closed
- Easter Monday, April 22nd: Parish Office Closed
- Tuesday, April 23rd – Normal Office Hours Resume

55+ Club Members

We had a great time at Hart Park Square in March. On April 11th we'll gather at 11:30AM at St. Therese. Lunch will be provided by your committee. MaryAnn Monville will be bringing our dessert. After lunch we'll be getting our fingers a bit dirty in God's soil. Looking forward to seeing all of you there. *Rosina, Pat, and Anne*

St. Therese Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Save the date: Saturday, April 20th, for the St. Therese Annual Easter Egg Hunt. This beloved tradition for our youngest parishioners helps families welcome the Easter season. Pre-hunt activities begin at 10:30AM and our hunt starts promptly at 11:00AM in Heck Hall. Sign up sheets are posted in the family room by the Bluemound entrance and also on the bulletin board in the church library lobby. Any children or friends visiting for the Easter holiday are welcome.

Kringle and Cheesecake Fundraiser

This is the last weekend to turn in your kringle and cheesecake order forms. We will be placing our order this week. Orders will be available for pick up on Saturday, April 13th from 12:00PM–3:00PM. All orders must be picked up that day. Remember, too, that payment must accompany your order. If you have any questions, please contact Janet Krebs (414) 774-9113 or Mari Pavleje (414) 545-2733.

Liturgical Minister Summer Schedule Sign Up

Sign-up sheets for Liturgical Ministers for May through August are now available in the sacristy. Please indicate your Mass preferences and special requests in the spaces provided. If you do not indicate any preferences, we will schedule you as needed at either Mass. Sign up sheets will be available through Sunday, April 7th. Schedules will be ready the following weekend. If you are interested in joining one of the ministries, please contact Heather in the Parish Office. Questions? Contact: Lector Coordinator Ann Maher at (414) 453-4437, Eucharistic Minister Coordinator Linda Okruhlica at (414) 778-1459, Usher Coordinator Dave Chudy at (414) 453-5574, Altar Server Coordinator Kathy Hubrich at (414) 839-2669, Greeter Coordinator Sue Kolesari at (262) 787-9097, or Scheduler Mari Pavleje at (414) 545-2733.

St Therese follows a no weapons policy inside the facility at all times. If you are a conceal carry permit holder please secure your weapons in your vehicle, using proper law enforcement guidelines, prior to attending mass and or other events in the facility.

Thank You

Thank you for all of your prayers over these past years for my nephew, Brigadier Joseph J. Streff. These meant so much to him and our families. He relinquished command of the Alaska Army National Guard to Brigadier General Charles L. Knowles on Wednesday, March 27th at the Alaska National Guard Headquarters. Appreciatively, *Anne Nee*



Lenten Sacrament and Prayer Opportunities

- Morning Mass on Tuesdays at 8:30AM in the Chapel
- Evening Mass on Wednesdays at 6:30PM in the Chapel
- Stations of the Cross following the Wednesday Evening Mass,

usually beginning at 7:05PM. Please gather in the center section of church.

- Stations of the Cross on Friday Evenings – 6:30PM in the Church, through April 12th. Enter through the Chapel Doors
- Communal Anointing of the Sick—April 13th/14th after both masses in the Chapel
- Sacrament of Reconciliation—Individual Confessions on Saturday, April 6th at 4:15PM and Sunday, April 7th at 8:15AM
- Archdiocesan Day of Reconciliation – Wednesday, April 10th from 8:00AM to 8:00PM at St. Vincent Pallotti

Lenten Giving: Children’s Hospital of WI Foundation Wish List

Our Lenten Giving Recipient this year is Children’s Hospital of WI Foundation wish list. Our financial contributions will be used to purchase items from the list to help make the children’s stay more bearable. Please keep them in your prayers. If you can contribute financially, Lenten banks are at each exit and need to be returned before the end of April. Put them in a collection basket or give them to an usher. Checks should be made out to St. Therese. Indicate Lenten Giving in the Memo. Thank you for your participation.

Lenten Observances for Fast and Abstinence

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

- Catholics who have celebrated their 14th birthday are bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and 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. Hence, on those days they should eat only one full meal. Smaller quantities of food may be taken at two other meals, but no food should be consumed at other times during those two days. 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.

Liturgical Environment—Covering the Corpus

The Veiling of Jesus and other religious statues during Lent is optional. Each individual church can choose whether or not to place any such coverings. We have chosen not to cover Jesus or the other religious statues at St. Therese this Lent.

12 Hours of Reconciliation

On Wednesday, April 10th from 8:00AM to 8:00PM St Vincent Pallotti will be hosting *Pray, Reconcile, Rejoice: 12 Hours of Reconciliation* for our deanery. All are invited to take part in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Flower/Candle Donations for the Easter Season

Easter begins with the celebration of the Easter Vigil on April 20th and continues through the Solemnity of Pentecost June 9th. 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 as well as defray the cost of the extra candles used to remind us that the Love and Light of Christ is with us always.

Candle and Flower Donations—PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Donor Name _____ Phone () _____
 Amount Enclosed \$ _____ Select one: In Memory In Honor In Thanksgiving
 Intention _____
 Publish in bulletin? Yes No Print intention, not donor

Parish Pastoral Council

1st Monday of Month at 6:30PM

To contact a Parish Pastoral Council Member, send an email to council@sttheresemke.org or leave a message for them in the parish office.

Chairperson

Linda Warpechowski

Vice Chairperson

Kathy Chudy

Secretary

Tim Schwaller

Trustees

Tom Molosky	(414) 254-1161
Kathy Hubrich	(414) 839-2669

Members-At-Large

John Egan	Richard Hopefl
Shirley Erwin	Kevin Stannis
Michael Falk	Jean Marie Weber

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 Heather Goeden in the 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 complete the form at sainthteresemilwaukee.org/prayerlist or call Heather in the Parish Office.

Need Prayer?

Call the Prayer Network at (414) 607-0681.

Need Holy Communion?

Call Heather in the Parish Office at (414) 771-2500.

Bulletin deadline:

Monday, 8:30AM

Announcement deadline:

Thursday, 1:00PM

All submissions must be in writing; email preferred.