

CHURCH OF

St. Therese

THE LITTLE FLOWER



"I know now that true charity consists
in bearing all our neighbors' defects - not being surprised
at their weakness, but edified at their smallest virtues."

St. Therese of Lisieux

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Office Hours

Monday-Thursday
9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Friday
9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 8:00 and 10:30 a.m.

Daily Mass Schedule

Listed inside bulletin each week

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Third Wednesday of the month 6:15-6:45 p.m.

Welcome New Parishioners

The parish community of St. Therese
welcomes you. Please see an usher or contact the
Parish Office for a registration form.

SEPTEMBER 10, 2023

PARISH STAFF

Business Manager: Debbie Knarr
Administrative Assistant: Mindy Scott
Pastoral Minister: Kerry Fallon
Coordinator of Religious Education: Nadine McGrady
Director of Music Ministry: Kitty Witty
Evangelization and Youth Ministry Coordinator: Kyle Glauner
Facilities & Maintenance Coordinator: Gary Dietz
Custodian: Rosa Rodriguez

MASSES AND INTENTIONS

Saturday, September 9

5:00 p.m. Virginia Conway
 Requested by:
 Linda Conway

Sunday, September 10

8:00 a.m. For the People

10:30 a.m. John and Jean Matous
 Requested by:
 Linda Gregory

Monday, September 11

No Mass

Tuesday, September 12

12:00 p.m. Nancy Cucinotta
 Requested by:
 Bob & Cheryl Davis

Wednesday, September 13

8:00 a.m. Alma Eacho
 Requested by:
 Joann & Ed Kizer

Thursday, September 14

12:00 p.m. Rachel Stowe
 Requested by:
 Bob & Cheryl Davis

Friday, September 15

12:00 p.m. Hanora Campbell
 Requested by:
 Bob & Cheryl Davis

Saturday, September 16

5:00 p.m. Kate Notterman
 Happy Birthday

Sunday, September 17

8:00 a.m. Martin George Mohnach
 Requested by:
 Steve Mohnach

10:30 a.m. Daniella LaFata
 Requested by:
 Rosalia Leone

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Monday, September 11 – Weekday Col 1:24–2:3; Lk 6:6-11
Tuesday, September 12 – Weekday Col 2:6-15; Lk 6:12-19
Wednesday, September 13 – St. John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church Col 3:1-11; Lk 6:20-26
Thursday, September 14 – The Exaltation of the Holy Cross Nm 21:4b-9; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17
Friday, September 15 – Our Lady of Sorrows 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
Saturday, September 16 – Sts. Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop; Martyrs 1 Tm 1:15-17; Lk 6:43-49
Sunday, September 17 – Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Sir 27:30–28:7; Rom 14:7-9; Mt 18:21-35

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISMS: The Sacrament of Baptism is held by appointment. Please contact Fr. Gregory.

MARRIAGE: Please make arrangements through the Parish Office at least six months in advance of the proposed date. If either party was married before, special procedures have to be followed and no date may be set.

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING: If you are seriously ill, anticipating surgery, or weakened by advanced age, please take advantage of the scheduled celebrations or contact Father anytime for this sacrament.

PARISH NEWS

Blessed Sacrament Chapel vase flowers
 are a perpetual living memorial for Anna Lupei.

Altar Flowers for September 9/10, 2023 are in memory of
 Virginia "Grandma" Conway.

Congratulations to Dan & Elizabeth Wenner on their
 Sacrament of Marriage celebrated August 26, 2023!

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD: Children's Liturgy of the Word is available during the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Children, ages 3 to 2nd grade are invited. Please contact Nadine McGrady for more information.

GRIEF SHARE

The dates for the next session of Grief Share will be on September 10 and ends December 10. 2:00-4:00 p.m. in the ALC.

RECONCILIATION

Is offered every 3rd Wednesday of the Month from 6:15-6:45 p.m.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HAPPENINGS

Knights of Columbus Council gathers on the First and Third Thursdays of the month. Rosary is at 7:00 p.m. and a meeting is to follow.

CALLING ALL PARISHIONERS TO SERVE IN LITURGICAL MINISTRIES!

Please prayerfully consider which of the liturgical ministries you are drawn to. We need teenagers and adults to serve as **USHERS, LECTORS, EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS, MASS COORDINATORS**. We need adults and children for the **ALTAR SERVER** ministry. If we have more people involved in these ministries, serving won't fall to the same dedicated ministers every week. Training is ongoing. Call Kerry Fallon in the office at 804-693-5939 or email k.fallon@stthersglo.org.

COMING SOON! IN CONJUNCTION WITH OCIA (PREVIOUSLY RCIA), A STUDY OF THE GOSPELS OF JOHN AND MATTHEW WILL BEGIN SEPTEMBER 18 AND RUN THROUGH EASTER.

All are welcome – Catholics, non-Catholics; bring a friend! Come learn about the Catholic faith through the lens of Scripture: why we believe what we believe; why we do what we do; what we have in common with protestant denominations; what sets us apart from our protestant brothers and sisters. Join us in the Social Hall Monday evenings beginning September 18 – social time from 5:45-6:15 p.m., study time 6:15-7:45 p.m. Contact Kerry Fallon to sign up or if you have any questions at K.fallon@stthersglo.org or 804-693-5939. More information and a sign-up sheet will also be available in the gathering space.

POPE JOHN PAUL II SAID, “In Mother Teresa’s smile, words, and deeds, Jesus again walked the streets of the world as the Good Samaritan.” **JIM TOWEY** was a trusted advisor and personal friend of Mother Teresa of Calcutta for 12 years. On WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, at 7:00 p.m., he will be speaking here at St. Therese! All are welcome. Bring a friend! His talk will be followed by a reception and copies of his book *To Love and Be Loved: A Personal Portrait of Mother Teresa* will be available.

THRESHOLD BIBLE STUDY:

The Evening Bible Study group is starting a new book in the Threshold Bible Study series, “MYSTERIES of the ROSARY”, that began on Thursday, 10 August 2023. We meet for one hour starting at 6:00 p.m. in the church on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month to November. For more information, please contact Jim Lee at 804-693-0826.

THE THERESIAN SOCIETY:

The Theresian Society will meet on September 17, between the Masses (approximately 9:00 a.m.). Please consider attending. Help us plan our Fall events. Even if you don’t wish to join, we would appreciate your perspective and ideas.

COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND: Know someone who is homebound and would like to be visited by a parishioner and receive Communion? Contact the office or Linda Gregory at lgregory0530@gmail.com.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Knitters and Crocheters are invited to join the Prayer Shawl Ministry in providing shawls, lap robes, hats, scarves and other items to our friends and neighbors as they celebrate milestones in their lives, grieve the loss of a loved one, journey through difficult times and other significant events. Lessons are available for those interested in learning this craft. Contact Nadine McGrady at N.McGrady@StThersGlo.org or 804-693-5939, ext. 3 for more information.

2023-2024 FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION

Registration has begun for the 2023-2024 Faith Formation program – Kindergarten-12th Grade. Forms may be picked up in the parish commons or completed online through the parish website. Sessions begin Sunday, September 10. K-5 and Middle School Youth will meet 9:15-10:15 a.m. High School Youth Ministry should contact Kyle Glauner at youthministry@StThersGlo.org for more information.

GRATITUDE REPORT

Annual Operating Budget FY2024: \$719,300.00
 Amount needed per week to maintain budget is \$13,827.52
 Actual Plate Contributions towards
 Operating Budget Totalled: \$4,166.05
 E-giving Operations support Totalled: \$1,702.00
 Other donations not used for operations totalled: \$344.50
 Total Weekend Mass Count: 364
 Total Weekend Mass Views: 84
 September 23 & 24 – Retired Religious
 September 30 & October 1 – MM&R

Please use the QR code for Mobile giving.



CAREFREE SENIORS – Anyone 60 and older is invited to join the Carefree Seniors group. They meet on the 3rd Wednesday of each month in the Social Hall from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Call Frank Rivera at 804-854-1101 for more information.

WHERE IS THE LIBRARY?

The Parish Library is moving next to the St. Therese sitting room at the end of the Social Hall. During this move, books are being organized and labeled. New titles will be added and updated as we move forward.

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT – MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Cool temperatures and clear skies are forecast! Friday, September 22 at 6:00 p.m. for an outdoor family friendly movie. All families are invited! More information to follow in the coming weeks. Have a question? Contact Nadine McGrady at N.McGrady@StThersGlo.org or 804-693-5939, ext. 3.

THE MORNING BIBLE STUDY GROUP resumed its weekly meetings on Thursday, September 7. The group meets on Thursday mornings from 10:15 to 11:45 a.m. in the Meeting Room. Various sections or themes of the Bible are discussed in an informal setting. The first six sessions will be using the booklet “1-Corinthians: Living as Christians.” New participants are always welcome and may join the group at any time. If interested or would like more information, please call Sid Dugas at 804-642-5869 or email at spdugas@cox.net.

OUR NEXT TNT (Theatre ‘N’ Theology) will be on Friday, September 15, beginning promptly at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome to come to our **St. Therese Movie Theater** (the “Meeting Room”). After the movie (the “Theater” part), we discuss the relevance of the film to our life in Christ (the “Theology” part). We will have an intermission midway through the film, and if anyone wants to bring refreshments to share, we will have refreshments at intermission! Our September feature will be the 2009 German film *Vision*. It’s the story of undoubtedly the most important woman of the 12th century, Saint Hildegard of Bingen. Her feast day is September 17, so this is a good time to learn about her. Father Gregory calls her a “Renaissance woman before the Renaissance”. She was a Benedictine abbess of a thriving community, a mystic, composer, theologian, playwright, natural physician, and poet. Hildegard was a multi-talented, highly intelligent woman who had to work within the narrow social roles allowed for women at the time. Pope Benedict XVI named her a Doctor of the Church. Facilitated by Fr. Gregory. All are welcome. Come watch a great movie with your brothers and sisters in Christ!

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL: On Sunday, September 24, between the morning Masses (starting promptly at 9:15 a.m.), Father Gregory will show a film by Bishop Robert Barron called **Our Tainted Nature’s Solitary Boast: Mary, the Mother of God** in the Meeting Room. We travel to the ruins of Ephesus and to the great Marian shrines of Lourdes and Guadalupe. Bishop Barron explains the Church’s great reverence for Mary and her unique role in the history of salvation. All are welcome.

Understanding the Eucharist and Its Significance

Join us for our Last Night – 11 September

Come and see (Jn 1:39)! Join us for a dive into Sacred Scripture, concluding with the Mass and Scripture with a look into John's Gospel and the book of Revelation.

This series will be led by Kyle Glaüner, our new youth minister and coordinator of Evangelization. We hope to see you there and uncover “the Mystery of Faith” (*Roman Missal*).

All ages are invited and encouraged to come explore “the source and summit of the Christian life” (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1324). Bring your Bibles!



Monthly Devotionals

2nd Friday of Every Month

Come join us October 13th for the praying of October's devotion. This month is dedicated to the Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Join us at 11am in the main sanctuary of the Church for Adoration and to pray the Rosary before Mass at 12 noon. Booklets containing the prayers will be provided. Hope to see you there. God Bless.



Adoration for Children and Young Families

“Let the little children come to me” (Mt 19:14). From 3:30-5pm every Tuesday and Thursday, starting 5 September 2023, Adoration for children and young families will be offered. All are welcome to attend. Adoration will be held in the Sanctuary.

It is important to cultivate our own and our children’s eucharistic devotion, especially in this year of National Eucharistic Revival. Grace radiates from our blessed Lord and to be in the presence of this grace has transformative power. Let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker, Creator of Heaven and Earth (cf. Ps 95).



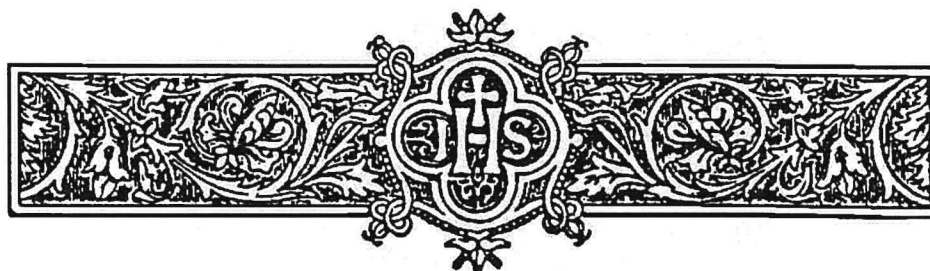
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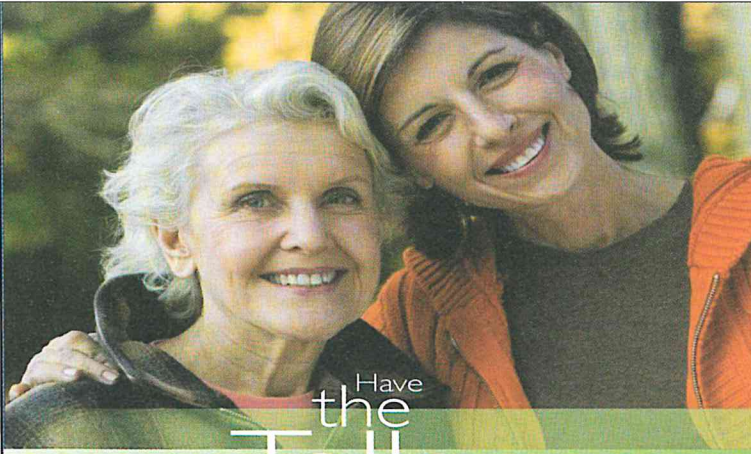
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Have
the
Talk of a
Lifetime

You talk about many things with your loved ones: from day-to-day details to big events. Sharing stories with those who matter most isn't just important today; it will be especially significant when it's time to honor and commemorate your lives. Memorialization at the end of life is more than it used to be. It can reflect a person's life story and be transformative, healing and comforting. Meaningful memorialization starts when loved ones talk about what matters most: memories made, lessons learned and how they hope to be remembered.

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