



CHURCH OF

St. Therese

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"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."

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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.

OCTOBER 22, 2023

PARISH STAFF

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MASSES AND INTENTIONS

Saturday, October 21

5:00 p.m. For the Parishioners of St. Therese

Sunday, October 22

8:00 a.m. Nancy McGovern (RIP)
Requested by:
Brian McGovern

10:30 a.m. Concetta Anna Kelly (RIP)
Requested by:
Jodey & Dave Clements

Monday, October 23

No Mass

Tuesday, October 24

No Mass

Wednesday, October 25

No Mass

Thursday, October 26

No Mass

Friday, October 27

No Mass

Saturday, October 28

5:00 p.m. Danny (RIP) & Dan (health)
Requested by:
Alicia Loudermilk

Sunday, October 29

8:00 a.m. For the People
10:30 a.m. Carol Stoll (RIP)
Requested by:
Dave & Sally Dispirito

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

Tabernacle Candle Shines in loving memory of Rose and Tom Sobieski

Altar Flowers are donated by Sandy Loonam
In Memory of Barbara Loonam

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Sunday, October 22, 2023 – *Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Is 45:1, 4-6; Ps 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10; 1 Thes 1:1-5b; Mt 22:15-21

Monday, October 23, 2023 – *Saint John of Capistrano, Priest*

Rom 4:20-25; Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75; Lk 12:13-21

Tuesday, October 24, 2023 – *Saint Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop*

Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21;
Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17; Lk 12:35-38

Wednesday, October 25, 2023 – *Weekday*

Rom 6:12-18;
Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8; Lk 12:39-48

Thursday, October 26, 2023 – *Weekday*

Rom 6:19-23;
Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Lk 12:49-53

Friday, October 27, 2023 – *Weekday*

Rom 7:18-25a;
Ps 119:66, 68, 76, 77, 93, 94; Lk 12:54-59

Saturday, October 28, 2023 – *Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles*

Eph 2:19-22; Ps 19:2-3, 4-5; Lk 6:12-16

SACRAMENTS

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

Grief Share will be on Sundays in the ALC from 2:00-4:00 p.m. For more information, go to griefshare.org.

RECONCILIATION

Reconciliation will be offered on the third Wednesday of every month, 6:15 to 6:45 p.m.

PARISH NEWS

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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.

Our next TNT (Theatre 'N' Theology) will be on *Friday, November 10*, 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 November feature will be the 1968 film [The Shoes of the Fisherman](#). Based on the best-selling book by Morris L. West, this sweeping epic follows a Russian political prisoner who becomes Pope and tries to fend off atomic war plus starvation in Red China. Stars Anthony Quinn, Laurence Olivier, Oskar Werner, David Janssen, Leo McKern, and John Gielgud. Facilitated by Fr. Gregory. All are welcome. Come watch a great movie with your brothers and sisters in Christ!

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL: If you're looking for a review of the basics of the Catholic faith, on **NOVEMBER 19**, between the morning Masses (starting about 9:15 a.m.), Father Gregory will present **CHURCH 101** in the **MEETING ROOM**. All are welcome, Catholic or not!

OLD GLORY

The Knights of Columbus will be collecting worn and tattered U.S. flags for proper disposal. A faded or torn flag should be retired properly and replaced with a vibrant new flag. Please bring in your old flags and place them in the *Old Soldier's Footlocker*, which will be located in the Social Hall during November in honor of our Veterans. Thank you.

Sunday, Oct 22, 2023

Hearts on fire, feet on the move

Goal-setting is a normal part of life. We set a particular horizon in our education and profession, in domestic budgeting and in relationships. Pope Francis reminds us on this World Mission Sunday that sharing the Good News is the horizon for all church activity. Our aim isn't just to save our souls but to share in the rescue of the world God so loves. "Everyone has the right to receive the gospel. Christians have the duty to announce it without excluding anyone ... as one who shares a joy, signals a beautiful horizon, offers a desirable banquet" (*Evangelii Gaudium*, 14). Embrace the mission!

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 45:1, 4-6; 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b; Matthew 22:15-21 (145). "I am the LORD, there is no other."

Monday, Oct 23, 2023

Break new ground

When most people think of the Catholic Worker Movement, started by Dorothy Day and Peter Maurin in 1933, its "Houses of Hospitality" that help the urban poor often come to mind. But the movement also started farms that follow a similar model of communal living in voluntary poverty—and they are experiencing a resurgence throughout the country (see if there's one near you). Many Catholics, in parishes and lay or religious communities, make tilling the earth on farms or in community gardens a spiritual practice and are leading the way in sustainable living. Pitch in and help them bring forth bounty!

MEMORIAL OF JOHN OF CAPISTRANO, PRIEST

TODAY'S READINGS: Romans 4:20-25; Luke 12:13-21 (473). "Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist of possessions."

Tuesday, Oct 24, 2023

Live your vocation inspired by Mary

When Saint Anthony Mary Claret was appointed archbishop to Cuba in 1849, he initiated practical changes to help the working poor: He taught effective farming methods so families could feed themselves while making a living, began credit unions, and set up vocational training for disadvantaged youth. All of this angered wealthy land owners, who expected cheap labor to help them plunder the land for sugar as a lucrative cash crop. Remember Anthony during October's observance of Free Trade Month, supporting supply chains that honor workers instead of corruption and greed. But also remember Anthony this month as we honor Mary. His prayer: "O Heart of Mary, furnace and instrument of love, enkindle me with love of God and my neighbor."

MEMORIAL OF ANTHONY MARY CLARET, BISHOP

TODAY'S READINGS: Romans 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21; Luke 12:35-38 (474). "Be like servants who await their master's return from a wedding, ready to open immediately when he comes and knocks."

Wednesday, Oct 25, 2023

Stay a while

Chapter 1 of the Book of Ruth recaps the tragic decade that Naomi endured: A famine chased her from her home; her husband died; her sons died. She was alone—or so it seemed, until her daughter-in-law Ruth promises to stay with her. Little by little, with

Ruth at her side, Naomi can dig out of what must have felt like a living hell. Who has been like Ruth for you? When have you been like Ruth for someone? This week, as we celebrate Pastoral Care Week, we give thanks for the people who provide spiritual care to those struggling with grief, trauma, and other difficult situations. Learn more at the Pastoral Care Week website.

TODAY'S READINGS: Romans 6:12-18; Luke 12:39-48 (475). "Much will be required of the person entrusted with much."

Thursday, Oct 26, 2023

All creation divinely sings

We're entering the cold season in the North, and nature's show has become more subtle. But the natural world is an ongoing expression of God that anyone can embrace simply by paying close attention. The work of poet Mary Oliver celebrates this. She writes: "Why do people keep asking to see God's identity papers when the darkness opening into morning is more than enough?" Look around. Listen. How is God showing up in your natural surroundings right now?

TODAY'S READINGS: Romans 6:19-23; Luke 12:49-53 (476). "Jesus said to his disciples: 'I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing!'"

Friday, Oct 27, 2023

Breathe in the blessing

Being human is a gift, but sometimes it can feel like a curse. As humans, we are *imago dei*, made in the image and likeness of God. This includes having free will, which oddly enough, we can use to hide or deny our *imago dei*. When we struggle, we might pause and pray with Saint Augustine: "Breathe in me, O Holy Spirit, that my thoughts may all be holy. Act in me, O Holy Spirit, that my work, too, may be holy. Draw my heart, O Holy Spirit, that I love but what is holy."

TODAY'S READINGS: Romans 7:18-25a; Luke 12:54-59 (477). "For I do not do the good I want, but I do the evil I do not want."

Saturday, Oct 28, 2023

Help is at hand

The gospels do not elaborate on the life of Saint Jude, but he must have had a reputation for a sunny disposition to later come to be known as the saint of hopeless causes and desperate situations. Which, in a sense, makes him the saint of us all. The human condition, prone to illness, aging, and death, would be fairly desperate if it were not for redemption. Saint Jude is worthy of a daily "thank you" for being there when the chips are down.

FEAST OF SIMON AND JUDE, APOSTLES

TODAY'S READINGS: Ephesians 2:19-22; Luke 6:12-16 (666). "He called his disciples to himself, and from them he chose Twelve."

Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time



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VETERANS

Our Knights of Columbus Council invites Veterans and their families to the Annual Veterans Brunch on Sunday, November 12th, at 11:45 a.m. in the Social Hall. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Commons, or contact Eric Anderson at 518-354-2374/eranderson13@gmail.com by November 5th to indicate your attendance and ensure that the "chow line" is properly stocked. Also, please submit pictures for our Veterans Slide Show to Eric by the same date. In keeping with military tradition, we encourage veterans to wear their medals, ribbons, and badges and veterans service organization hats for this event.

TOILETRIES FOR HOSPITALIZED VETERANS

The Knights of Columbus is collecting travel-size toiletries for hospitalized veterans from now until November 12th. The collection box is near the water cooler in the Social Hall. All items will be given to veterans at the Hampton Veterans Affairs Hospital. Thank you for your generosity.

**K OF C AUXILIARY PRESENTS...**

TRUNK OR TREAT. October 29th, from 4:00-6:00 p.m. (you can start setting up your trunk at 3:00 p.m.) here in the parking lot of St. Therese. Prizes for best costumes for children and adults and best decorated Trunk!! If you would like to donate candy,

there is a box in the commons by the office door. Please bring your family, friends, and neighbors. Questions? Call Mindy Scott at 804-693-5939.

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, AND 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.

IN CONJUNCTION WITH OCIA, A STUDY OF THE GOSPELS OF JOHN AND MATTHEW began SEPTEMBER 18th AND RUNS 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 – 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: k.fallon@stthersglo.org or 804-693-5939. More information and a sign-up sheet will also be available in the gathering space.

THRESHOLD BIBLE STUDY:

The Evening Bible Study group is studying "MYSTERIES of the ROSARY." We meet for one hour starting at 6:00 p.m. in the church on the second and fourth Thursday to November. For more information, please contact Jim Lee at 804-693-0826.

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

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.

GRATITUDE REPORT FOR 10/8/23

Annual Operating Budget Fiscal Year 23/24 – \$719,300.00
Amount needed per week to maintain budget – \$13,827.52
Actual Plate Contributions towards
Operating Budget Totalled – \$4,243,00
E-giving Operations Support Totalled – \$6,381.00
Other Donations not used for Operations Totalled – \$1,660.50
Total Weekend Mass Count 310
Total Weekend Mass Views 84

MM&R November 5, 2023
November 26, 2023 – Christmas Flowers

Please use the QR code for Mobile giving.



PARISH LIBRARY UPDATE: The Library has been moved. It is now located next to the St. Therese Sitting Room at the end of the Social Hall. Please be patient as we update, catalog and organize our space.

GIVE THE GIFT OF LOVE: Items knitted and crocheted by the Prayer Shawl Ministry are now available for gifting. Items are located on the table in the Social Hall by the white cabinet. Items are free for gifting. Gift a prayer shawl for any occasion – birthdays, First Communion, weddings, holidays, Confirmation, in support for someone grieving, etc. Contact Nadine McGrady at N.McGrady@StThersGlo.org or 804-693-5939, ext. 3 for questions or for special requests.

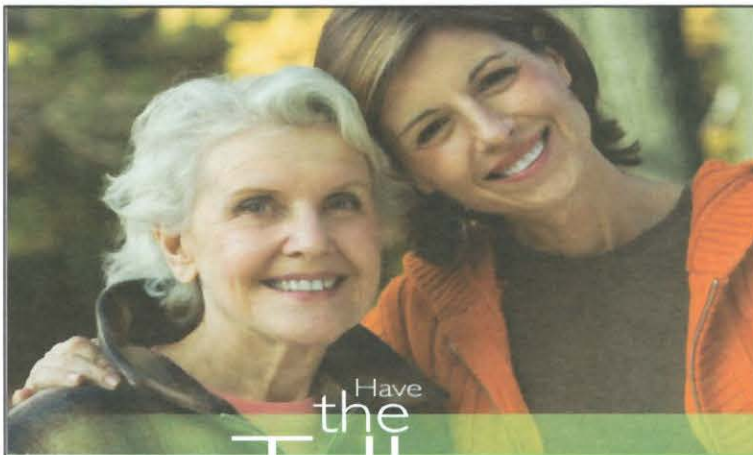
THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: There will be a Baptismal Preparation session on Wednesday, October 25th at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Meeting Room for anyone wishing to have their child Baptized. Contact Nadine McGrady to register at N.McGrady@StThersGlo.org or 804-693-5939, ext. 3.

A MORNING SPENT WITH JESUS AND THE EUCHARIST: Dr. James M. Starke from St. Mary's Seminary and University will present: **Nourishment of the Mind and Soul: A Morning with Jesus and the Eucharist**, on Saturday, October 28, 2023 from 9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at St. Bede Catholic Church. This event is sponsored by the Catechetical Leaders of Deaneries 4 and 5 and is open to everyone. Continental Breakfast and Gift Basket Raffle are included. Contact Nadine McGrady at N.McGrady@StThersGlo.org or 804-693-5939, ext. 3 for more information. See flyer on bulletin board in hallway to social hall for more information.

THE MORNING BIBLE STUDY: The group meets on Thursday mornings from 10:15-11:45 a.m. in the Meeting Room. Various sections or themes of the Bible are discussed in an informal setting. New participants are always welcome and may join the group at any time. If interested, or you would like more information, please call Sid Dugas at 804-642-5869 or email at spdugas@cox.net.

MUSIC MINISTRY: This year, the Music Ministry, comprised of the choirs from all three Masses, will be presenting a Christmas cantata on Sunday, December 17th. We would like to extend an invitation to anyone in the congregation who likes to sing or who plays either a brass, woodwind or stringed instrument proficiently to join us. You must be at least in the 7th Grade to participate. **We'll rehearse on Sunday afternoons.**

Newington Baptist Church will be holding their **Blood Drive** on October 26th from 12:00-6:00 p.m.



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