



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.



## OCTOBER 29, 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, 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

#### Monday, October 30

No Mass

#### Tuesday, October 31

12:00 p.m. Concetta Anna Kelly (RIP)  
 Requested by:  
 Melody & Bruce Bernd

#### Wednesday, November 1

12:00 & 6:00 p.m. Karen Cannon (RIP)  
 Requested by:  
 Deb & Bill Kelly

#### Thursday, November 2

7:00 p.m. All Souls' Day

#### Friday, November 3

12:00 p.m. Patrick Shea  
 Requested by:  
 Eileen & Robert Shea

#### Saturday, November 4

5:00 p.m. Linus Riehle  
 Requested by:  
 Linda Gregory

#### Sunday, November 5

8:00 a.m. For the People  
 10:30 a.m. Loretta Jones (RIP)  
 Requested by: Deb Kelly

**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 The Prays  
 in memory of Sister Estelle De Jesus

### DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

**Monday, October 30 – Weekday** Rom 8:12-17; Lk 13:10-17  
**Tuesday, October 31 – Weekday** Rom 8:18-25; Lk 13:18-21  
**Wednesday, November 1 – Solemnity of All Saints** Rev 7:2-4, 9-14;  
 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a  
**Thursday, November 2 – Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed**  
*(All Souls' Day)* Wis 3:1-9; Rom 6:3-9; Jn 6:37-40  
**Friday, November 3 – Weekday** Rom 9:1-5; Lk 14:1-6  
**Saturday, November 4 – St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop**  
 Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29; Lk 14:1, 7-11  
**Sunday, November 5 – Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 Mal 1:14b–2:2b, 8-10; 1 Thes 2:7b-9, 13; Mt 23:1-12

### 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](http://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!

#### 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](mailto: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.

# Your life was a blessing, your memory a treasure...



**“They whom we love and lose are no longer where they were before.  
They are now wherever we are.”**

Memorial candles will be available again this year for All Souls Day. The candles will be displayed in front of the altar for the All Souls Mass at 6:00 PM on November 2, 2023. You may donate in memory of a loved one by filling out one of the blue envelopes in the commons. The suggested minimum donation is \$11 per candle. We will publish a list of your intentions in the weekly Sunday bulletin of November 5, 2023. You may donate toward candles until Sunday, October 29, 2023. You may pick up your candles after the Mass on November 2, 2023, or you may donate them to be used as the tabernacle candle in the chapel throughout the following months. These intentions will also be included in the bulletin for the tabernacle/chapel.

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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Sunday, Oct 29, 2023

### Look beyond our differences

Healing serious division is challenging. The deeper the breach, the tougher the reconciliation. Since 1567, mainline Protestant denominations have celebrated Reformation Day on this Sunday. Yet in 2016, Pope Francis also acknowledged this observance, reaching out to the head of the Lutheran Church to state: "With gratitude we acknowledge that the Reformation helped give a greater centrality to sacred Scripture in the Church's life." Catholic-Lutheran dialogue continues to express the gifts of the Reformation and to seek forgiveness for division perpetuated by Christians from both traditions. Our witness is stronger together. Collaborate across the aisle.

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

TODAY'S READINGS: Exodus 22:20-26; 1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10; Matthew 22:34-40 (148). *"For from you the word of the Lord has sounded forth.... in every place your faith in God has gone forth."*

Monday, Oct 30, 2023

### Healing on tap

When you read the gospels, you can't help but be amazed by how much of Jesus' public ministry was devoted to healing the sick, whether in body, mind, or soul. The church continues Christ's healing ministry as central to its works in myriad ways. Pope Benedict XVI said, "Healing is an essential dimension of the apostolic mission and of Christian faith in general." In fact, he said, Christianity is a "religion of healing." What troubles your body and spirit? Bring it to Jesus to be restored to health and wholeness.

TODAY'S READINGS: Romans 8:12-17; Luke 13:10-17 (479). *"He laid his hands on her, and she at once stood up straight and glorified God."*

Tuesday, Oct 31, 2023

### Death be not proud

From the Irish we get ancient Celtic elements of Samhain, the idea of a veil separating the living from the dead becoming so thin that it's permeable. From Mexico, we get Día de los Muertos: visiting loved ones' graves, awaiting a festive reunion as the separation between life and death momentarily dissolves. For Halloween, treat-seeking kids dress as devils, vampires, and zombies—traversing yards bedecked with tombstones and skeletons. Or, if we've attended Catholic schools, the focus is more heavenly, with costumes of saints and angels. However we observe this Eve of All Saints, our Catholic belief about the "last things" comes with an assurance that we are meant to return to the one who loved us into existence. "At the evening of life," says Saint John of the Cross, "we shall be judged on our love."

TODAY'S READINGS: Romans 8:18-25; Luke 13:18-21 (480). *"I consider that the sufferings of this present time are as nothing compared with the glory to be revealed for us."*

Wednesday, Nov 01, 2023

### See the saints in living color

Today as the church celebrates All Saints, parishes and websites around the globe will feature an image of 15th-century Dominican Friar Fra Angelico's *The Forerunners of Christ with Saints and Martyrs*. This much-loved painting was originally part of an altarpiece in the Church of San Domenico near Florence. Most of the hallowed figures in the painting look toward Christ. They appear in long rows and represent important male and female

biblical figures, martyrs, and saints, including Saint John the Baptist in the top row, wearing a camel-hair tunic and holding a wooden cross. He looks directly at the viewer and points the way to Christ—exactly his role in salvation history. Christian art is a great tool for learning about the saints, Christian symbolism, and Catholic theology, and the paintings and frescoes of Fra Angelico are a good place to start.

SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS (HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION)

TODAY'S READINGS: Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14; 1 John 3:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12a (667). *"Blessed are the clean of heart, for they will see God."*

Thursday, Nov 02, 2023

### A work in progress

The notion of "purgatory" is really quite simple and true to human experience. All of life is a process, and our best efforts can lead to progress but never perfection in this lifetime. What makes today special is that we can all participate in that process with our dearly departed, by our prayers, our good and generous deeds, and at Mass. Lend a helping hand today to those who are further along in the process. And may we all meet again one day, and, in the meantime we pray, "May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace."

COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED (ALL SOULS' DAY)

TODAY'S READINGS: Wisdom 3:1-9; Romans 5:5-11 or Romans 6:3-9; John 6:37-40 (668). *"And this is the will of the one who sent me, that I should not lose anything of what he gave me, but that I should raise it on the last day."*

Friday, Nov 03, 2023

### The struggle continues

On September 30, 1962 riots broke out at the University of Mississippi as James Meredith, accompanied by U.S. marshals, walked to campus to register for classes. Many fought to keep him out, but justice prevailed. Meredith would become the first black student at Ole Miss. Today, the nearby church of St. John the Evangelist honors this memory with a stained-glass window of Martin de Porres facing the street where Meredith began his walk to the university. De Porres, too, had experienced racism and was barred from becoming a priest in 17th-century Peru because of the color of his skin. Saint Martin de Porres, pray for us on the long march of equality.

MEMORIAL OF MARTIN DE PORRES, RELIGIOUS

TODAY'S READINGS: Romans 9:1-5; Luke 14:1-6 (483). *"My conscience joins with the Holy Spirit in bearing me witness."*

Saturday, Nov 04, 2023

### Be an instrument of change

During his first homily as pope in 2013, Pope Francis quoted Léon Bloy, a 20th-century French novelist who was known for his passionate defense of the faith. In 1904 he became friends with Raïssa Maritain, a poet, philosopher, and Hasidic Jew. She was so influenced by Bloy that she, along with her well-known husband Jacques, and her sister Vera, converted to Catholicism, with Bloy as sponsor. The "three Maritains" as they were known, took their place at the center of a circle of French Catholic intellectuals. Raïssa died on this day in 1960. What kind of influence might you have on those searching for a faith to believe in?

TODAY'S READINGS: Romans 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29; Luke 14:1, 7-11 (484). *"The one who humbles himself will be exalted."*

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### **Haiti Twinning Mission**

Exciting news! Saint Therese is undertaking a new ministry to support the Saint Joseph of Losabeilles Elementary School in Haiti. The school is located in the mountains of eastern Haiti near its border with the Dominican Republic that currently houses grades from pre-school through sixth grade. Our support will be used to fund the current salaries of the faculty and staff of the school. The school has future plans to expand high school grades through twelve grade.

We are taking over this mission from another local parish that was supporting two Haiti missions. This is a wonderful opportunity for our parish community to share the blessings we have received with those less fortunate. The financial obligation is approximately \$4000.00 every six months. We plan to have a second collection the weekend of November 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> to help support this ministry.

In addition, the Church's Youth Group is interested in a pen pal program with the students of the school.

The Haiti Twinning Ministry wants to thank you in advance for your generous support.

Thank you and God Bless.



**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.

**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, 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](mailto: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 at [k.fallon@stthersglo.org](mailto:k.fallon@stthersglo.org) or 804-693-5939.

**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 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month through 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 3rd Wednesday of each month in the Social Hall from 1:00-3:00 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](mailto:lgregory0530@gmail.com).

**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](mailto:N.McGrady@StThersGlo.org) or 804-693-5939, ext. 3 for questions or for special requests.

**GRATITUDE REPORT FOR 10/15/23**

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 totaled – \$4,594.00  
 E-giving Operations support totaled – \$2,667.00  
 Other donations not used for operations totaled – \$1,743.76  
 Total Weekend Mass Count – 343  
 Total Weekend Mass Views – 51

MM&R November 5, 2023

November 26, 2023 – Christmas Flowers

Please use the QR code below for Mobile giving.



**THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:** There will be a Baptismal Preparation session for anyone wishing to have their child Baptized on Wednesday, October 25th at 7:00 p.m. in the parish meeting room. Contact Nadine McGrady to register at [N.McGrady@StThersGlo.org](mailto: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](mailto: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 would like more information, please call Sid Dugas at (804) 642-5869 or email at [spdugas@cox.net](mailto: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.**

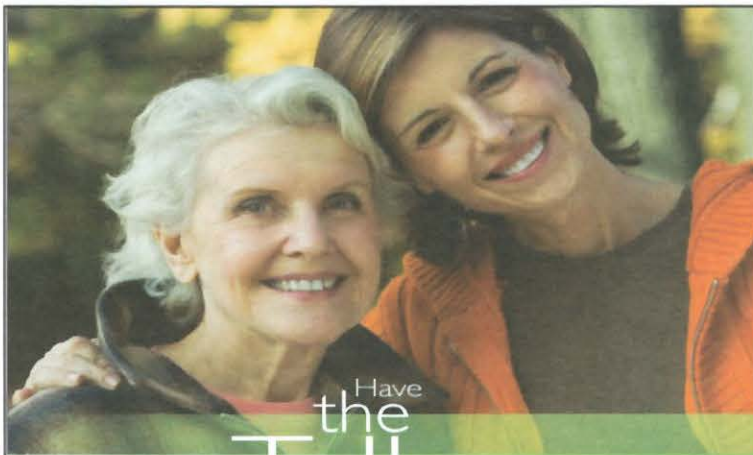
**WINE AND CHEESE**

Mark your calendar!! Wine and Cheese is set for November 18th, after the 5:00 p.m. Mass! Come for food, fun, and fellowship! You don't have to be a wine lover to enjoy this event! There will be heavy hors d'oeuvres, desserts, and beverages (wine and other non-alcoholic options). Look for a sign-up sheet in the commons in the coming weeks! Hope to see you there!

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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 a 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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