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Word

BECAME FLESH AND
MADE HIS DWELLING
AMONG US, AND
WE SAW
HIS GLORY,

JOHN 1:14

Christmas 2023

Church of St. Therese
the Little Flower

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MASSES AND INTENTIONS**Saturday, December 23**

5:00 p.m. For the People

Sunday, December 24

10:00 a.m. For Monika Charette (Birthday)
 By Mindy and Eric Scott
 5:00 p.m. For the Parishioners of St. Therese
 9:00 p.m. For the Parishioners of St. Therese

Monday, December 25

No Mass

Tuesday, December 26

No Mass

Wednesday, December 27

No Mass

Thursday, December 28

No Mass

Friday, December 29

12:00 p.m. For the People

Saturday, December 30

5:00 p.m. Paul Fitzpatrick
 Requested by:
 Edwina Fitzpatrick

Sunday, December 31

10:00 a.m. Sharon Pope
 Requested by:
 Leisa and Dan Strosnider

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

Tabernacle Candle Shines in loving memory of Edward McMahon by Eileen and Robert Shea

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS**Monday, December 25 – Nativity of the Lord**

Is 52:7-10; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

Tuesday, December 26 – St. Stephen, the First Martyr

Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Mt 10:17-22

Wednesday, December 27 – St. John, Apostle and Evangelist

1 Jn 1:1-4; Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Thursday, December 28 – Holy Innocents, Martyrs

1 Jn 1:5-2:2; Mt 2:13-18

Friday, December 29 – Christmas Weekday

1 Jn 2:3-11; Lk 2:22-35

Saturday, December 30 – Christmas Weekday

1 Jn 2:12-17; Lk 2:36-40

Sunday, December 31 – Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17; Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40

SACRAMENTS

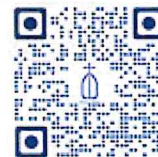
THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: Contact Nadine McGrady to register at N.McGrady@StThersGlo.org or 804-693-5939, ext. 3.

RECONCILIATION

Reconciliation is every third Wednesday of the month from 6:15-6:45 p.m. OR BY APPOINTMENT.

PARISH NEWS**THE SECOND COLLECTION AT CHRISTMAS MASSES WILL BENEFIT CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF EASTERN VIRGINIA –**

Please give to Catholic Charities through the second collection at Christmas Masses. Catholic Charities of Eastern Virginia served more than 7,900 local families last year by providing: free diapers, children's clothing and parenting support; adoption services; eviction prevention and financial education; mental health counseling; guardianship services for those with no one to care for them; and much more! Please visit www.cceva.org for more information on how your support will change lives! May God bless you and your family.

**THE MASS SCHEDULES FOR NEW YEAR'S:**

Feast of the Holy Family, December 30/31,
 Regular weekend schedule

New Year's Day, January 1, the Octave Day of Christmas: 10:00 a.m.

2024 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Please call or come into the office for envelopes.

THE OFFICE WILL CLOSE AT 1PM on Friday, December 22, 2023 and reopen January 2, 2024 for the Christmas and New Year Holy Days.

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 Meeting Room from 2:00-4:00 p.m. Grief Share will resume on Sunday, January 28th. For more information, go to griefshare.org

Opening of the Library

The Library is officially open! The Library is located in the hallway at the back of the Social Hall, down the Hall of Doctors of the Church, on the right side before the sitting area by the Saint Thérèse window. This has been a large endeavor and is for the parish to learn more about their Catholic Faith so that they can “make disciples of all nations,” (Mt 28:19)!

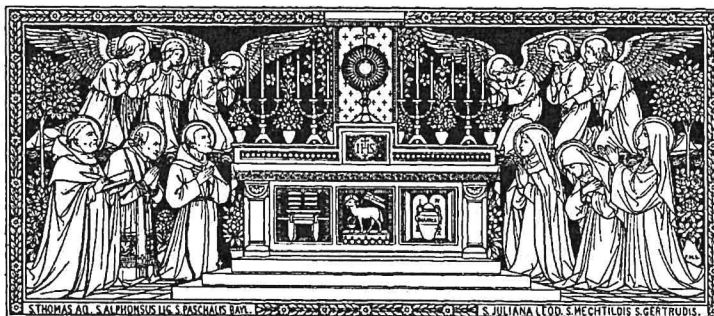


National Eucharistic Revival

Participate in the three-year national eucharistic revival occurring in our nation! There are books about our blessed Lord in the Most Holy Eucharist in the commons. Titles include:

- I. *The Eucharist is Really Jesus* by Joe Heschmeyer
- II. *This is my Body* by Bishop Robert Barron
- III. *Beautiful Eucharist* by Matthew Kelly
- IV. *20 Answers: The Mass* from Catholic Answers

Prayer must inform our study and study along with zeal and devotion for our blessed Lord in the Eucharist fuels our evangelization. Let us not only learn about Him in these great books but also encounter Him truly present in the Eucharist!



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.

THRESHOLD BIBLE STUDY

Threshold bible study will resume in April.

BINGO: Bingo is played on Tuesday Nights. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and Bingo starts at 7:00 p.m. Don't forget to enjoy the concessions stand!!! Bingo will not be played on December 26th.

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.

IN CONJUNCTION WITH OCIA, A STUDY OF THE GOSPELS OF JOHN AND MATTHEW WILL 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. 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.

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

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 at 804-693-5939, ext. 3 for questions or for special requests.

CHILDREN'S FORMATION AND YOUTH MINISTRY HOLIDAY SCHEDULE: There will be NO Children's Formation or Youth Ministry December 24 and 31. Sessions will resume for Children's Formation on January 7th and for Youth Ministry on January 14th.

GRATITUDE REPORT FOR 12/10/23

Annual Operating Budget Fiscal Year 23/24 – \$719,300.00
 Amount needed per week to maintain budget – \$13,827.52
 Actual Plate Contribution – \$4,096.00
 Egiving operating contributions – \$4,171.00
 Other contributions – \$1,625.50
 Weekly Grand Total – \$9,892.50

2nd Collection Schedule

December 25th – Catholic Charities

January 7th – MMR

Please use the QR code for Mobile giving.



THE MORNING BIBLE STUDY: The group meets on Thursday mornings from 10:15-11:45 p.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.

THERESIAN SOCIETY: The next meeting will be held Friday, January 5th at 10:00 a.m. in the Social Hall.

SHOPPING CART RELOCATED

The shopping cart for donations to the Bread for Life food pantry has relocated to the Social Hall near the recycling boxes.



**Happy
New Year!**

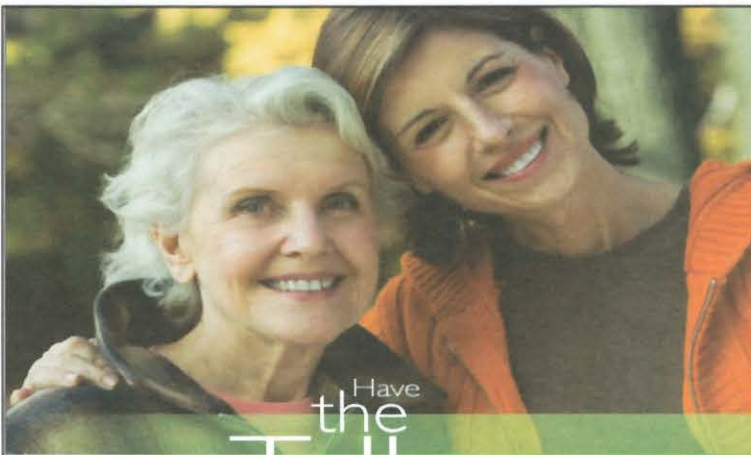
NEW YEAR'S SUNDAY FUNDAY

Everyone is welcome to come and have some New Year's Eve Day fun!! **SUNDAY FUNDAY IS RINGING IN THE NEW YEAR!** All Parishioners are invited to celebrate the New Year from 2:00-4:00 p.m. in the parish social hall. Food, Fellowship and Fun! Sign-up on the cart in the Commons.

LIBRARY UPDATE

It was blessed on Friday, December 15th and is ready for lending.





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