



CHURCH OF

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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.

DECEMBER 3, 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 Witt
Evangelization and Youth Ministry Coordinator: Kyle Glauner
Facilities & Maintenance Coordinator: Gary Dietz
Custodian: Rosa Rodriguez

MASSES AND INTENTIONS**Saturday, December 2**

5:00 p.m. Ginny Groff
 Requested by:
 Bob and Cheryl Davis

Sunday, December 3

8:00 a.m. For the People
 10:30 a.m. Joan & Bernie Gillott (RIP)
 Requested by:
 Deb Kelly

Monday, December 4

No Mass

Tuesday, December 5

12:00 p.m. Lt. Col. Carl H. Johnson
 Requested by:
 Joe Syslo

Wednesday, December 6

8:00 a.m. For the People

Thursday, December 7

12:00 p.m. For the Parishioners of
 St. Therese

Friday, December 8

12:00 & 6:00 p.m. For the People

Saturday, December 9

5:00 p.m. Max Lupei
 Requested by:
 Linda Gregory

Sunday, December 10

8:00 a.m. For the People
 10:30 a.m. Daniela La Fata (RIP)
 Requested by:
 Rosalia Leone

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

Tabernacle Candle Shines
 in loving memory of
 Those We Love
 by Ed and Joanne Kizer

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Monday, December 4 – *Monday of the First Week of Advent*

Is 2:1-5; Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday, December 5 – *Tuesday of the First Week of Advent*

Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday, December 6 – *Wednesday of the First Week of Advent*

Is 25:6-10a; Mt 15:29-37

Thursday, December 7 – *Memorial of Saint Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church*

Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday, December 8 – *Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

Gn 3:9-15, 20; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

Saturday, December 9 – *Saturday of the First Week of Advent*

Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

Sunday, December 10 – *Second Sunday of Advent*

Is 40:1-5, 9-11; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8

SACRAMENTS

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

RECONCILIATION

Reconciliation will be held on December 14th at 7:00 p.m.

PARISH NEWS

THE SECOND COLLECTION AT CHRISTMAS MASSES WILL BENEFIT CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF EASTERN VIRGINIA. Please give to 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.



OUR ADVENT TNT (Theatre 'N' Theology) will be on Friday, December 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 Advent feature will be the 2009 film *Into Temptation*. A clever, poignant, buoyant, gritty, and witty film about a priest desperately trying to locate an anonymous penitent to save her life. A combination of an excellent screenplay and considerable talent, including Jeremy Sisto and Kristin Chenoweth. Rated R. Facilitated by Fr. Gregory. All are welcome. Come watch a great movie with your brothers and sisters in Christ!

MASSES FOR THE FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, December 8, will be at Noon and 6:00 p.m.

THE MASS SCHEDULES FOR CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S:

4th Sunday of Advent, December 23/24:

Saturday, 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, 10:00 a.m.

Christmas, December 24/25:

Sunday, 5:00 p.m., 9:00 p.m.

Monday, 10:00 a.m.

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.

THE OFFICE WILL CLOSE AT 1:00 P.M. on Friday, December 22, 2023 for the Christmas and New Year Holy Days and will reopen January 2, 2024.

Church of St. Therese Statement of Operating Income

For the (9) months of the current fiscal year beginning July 2022 and ending June 2023

	Budget Fiscal year July 2022/June 2023	Actuals Fiscal year March 2023
Church Operating Receipts:		
Regular offertory/loose/envelope/egiving	\$510,000.00	\$356,260.65
Catholic Virginian collection	\$1,000.00	\$534.00
Votive offerings	\$1,000.00	\$791.34
Stole fees:weddings/baptisms/funerals	\$500.00	\$810.00
Bequests/Legacies/General holiday donations/misc/xfr	\$24,200.00	\$12,677.73
Dividend/interest income	\$100.00	\$64.41
Fundraising/Religious Goods/Bingo/Hall Rental	\$21,200.00	\$3,993.96
Designated donations: mmr/bldg/cap imp/fuel/columbarium	\$45,000.00	\$24,655.16
Liturgical/Ministry donations	\$49,452.00	\$5,717.26
Faith Formation tuition	\$1,500.00	\$2,186.20
Charity/Social Ministry	\$2,000.00	\$3,993.10
Diocesan Grants	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
Non-Diocesan Grants	\$2,000.00	\$50.00
Annual Appeal	\$19,000.00	\$7,327.50
Miscellaneous	\$1,125.00	
Total operating receipts	\$681,077.00	\$422,061.31
Church Operating Expenses:		
Ministry Expenses:		
Worship:music/liturg/flowers/hosts/altar candles, etc.	\$14,872.00	\$11,459.83
Hospitality/Ministry/Parish Community Life/Bereavement	\$9,600.00	\$9,542.48
Social Ministry	\$6,000.00	\$4,363.73
Faith Formation Expenses:		
Children's Faith Formation/Gen FF	\$7,850.00	\$4,778.92
Youth Ministry	\$15,435.00	\$1,644.21
RCIA/AE	\$5,000.00	\$379.59
Parish Sharing Assessment for Catholic schools	\$20,757.00	\$13,840.00
Misc/Gen ministry expenses	\$3,300.00	\$0.00
Total ministry expenses	\$82,814.00	\$46,008.76
Diocesan Mandates:		
Clergy comprehensive package (sal+rec)	\$80,822.00	\$58,319.58
Lay personnel	\$296,575.00	\$183,453.52
Cathedralicum/Catholic Virginian	\$66,500.00	\$42,287.36
Other mandates/software fees/bank fees	\$7,556.00	\$3,079.50
Professional Services/Fees	\$3,400.00	\$2,513.16
Communications/collection supplies	\$1,600.00	\$1,178.73
Total diocesan mandates	\$456,453.00	\$290,831.85
Overhead:		
Utilities	\$51,500.00	\$31,708.40
Repairs & maintenance/maint contracts/grounds/janitorial	\$65,500.00	\$47,416.30
Capital improvements/Property,Plant&Equip/Depreciation	\$12,400.00	\$8,142.83
Office expense/furnishings/small equipment	\$11,610.00	\$7,972.79
Real estate taxes	\$800.00	\$282.41
Total overhead	\$141,810.00	\$95,522.73
Total operating expenses	\$681,077.00	\$432,363.34
Net income from operations	\$0.00	-\$10,302.03

SAINT THERESE FINANCIAL SUMMARY

July 2022- June 2023

This memo provides information on the financial position of St. Therese for the first three quarters (9 months) of the Fiscal Year. This Statement of Operating Income depicts a net **loss** from operations of **\$10,302.03**. The church has unrealized gains from investments and the endowment fund of **\$25,336.22** which cannot be spent without diminishing the principal (selling investments).

We saw a huge rise in online giving platforms with now **34%** of the parish giving **electronically**. Of the **558** registered families at the parish, **433** of them give via some form of registered giving, with **8%** contributing to **loose cash or not contributing**. This information also indicates that the majority of our income is from Regular Contributions and Special Designated Donations. Many thanks also to parishioners who continue to donate to the Endowment Fund. In addition, donations to the endowment are on track to fund the spending plan which allows for the use of interest income above the amount of the spending plan threshold. The generosity of the parish has enabled us to establish this fund which will allow a future income stream for the parish.

Operating expenses this quarter reflect our Diocesan Mandates/Overhead. Utility reductions have helped offset lower overall income. The church staff has always maintained meticulous records and demonstrated exemplary fiduciary responsibility with our donations during these difficult economic times. In accordance with Father Gregory's direction, only necessary expenditures are currently funded.

We appreciate your generosity and ask that you continue to support Saint Therese with your time, talent and treasure. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me, Sylvester McClellan, Finance Council Chair at 804-642-6881 or any member of the Finance Council.

Janet Leigh 804-693-4962 Jim Lee 804-693-0826 Janet Brown 757-871-0945 Joe Syslo 804-725-6590

Please consider e-giving online by signing up today at www.sttherglo.org or click the square here.



ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL: Advent is all about prayerful reflection and preparation for the celebration of the birth of Jesus, so it is a good time for us to look more closely at Jesus. Who is He? What were His most important values? On DECEMBER 17, between the morning Masses (starting about 9:15 a.m.), Father Gregory will present JESUS in the MEETING ROOM. Bring your Bible. All are welcome, Catholic or not!

2024 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Your parish offertory envelopes will be available in the Social Hall (on the white cabinet to the left) beginning Saturday, December 2, 2023. You will need to pick them up before the Christmas Holy Day Masses (on December 21 they will be stored, so please call the office if you need them after that). Thank you, Deb

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.

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.

LAUDATE DEUM WEEKLY DISCUSSION GROUP: Every Thursday in November from 7:00 p.m. EST, the Secular Franciscans from Charlottesville will facilitate a weekly online reading group centered around "Laudate Deum," Pope Francis' latest apostolic exhortation directed to "all people of good will" on the climate crisis. All are welcome.

Register here: <https://www.meetup.com/LaudateDeum/>

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.

GRATITUDE REPORT FOR 11/26/23

Annual Operating Budget Fiscal Year 23/24 – \$719,300.00
Amount needed per week to maintain budget – \$13,827.52

2nd Collection Schedule
December 3rd MMR
December 25th Catholic Charities



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 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.

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

BIG WINTER BAKE SALE AND BASKET RAFFLE

The Theresians are seeking additional bakers for the Big Winter Bake Sale and Basket Raffle, December 16th and 17th. The sale will take place before and after each of the Masses. Please bring Sale items to the Kitchen starting at 3:00 p.m. Saturday, December 16th. Raffle tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00 (you choose the basket you'd like to try to win). Individual baked goods will be priced. Cookies will be \$6.00 per pound. Pick up gloves and a box and take home an assortment of our bakers' finest Holiday Treats. It is always with the help of our Parish Volunteer Bakers in addition to the Theresian Bakers that we can offer the GREAT VARIETY of cookies and baked goods at the Big Winter Bake Sale and Basket Raffle.

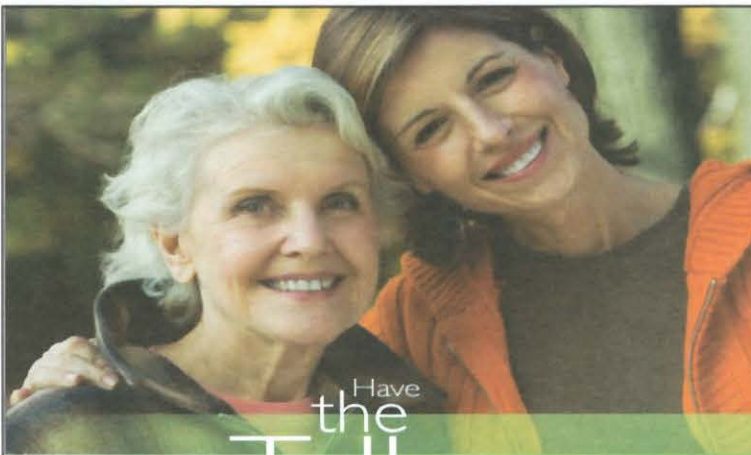


Justice and Charity

THE ANGEL TREE is in the Commons. The gift bags are for the children of migrant workers on the Eastern Shore. The requests are very specific. Please follow the suggestions on the tag attached to the gift bag. All items must fit in the bag. The Angels are for the Salvation Army gifts for children. Please return your unwrapped angel gifts or the gift bags by December 3. Be sure to attach the tag to your gifts. Thank you for helping to bring the joy of Christmas to those in need.

WE ARE GOING TO HELP BRING CHRISTMAS to some people who are incarcerated. The jail has requested that Christmas donations be delivered the first Monday of December. In order to facilitate their request, we ask for donations of individually wrapped candy, small bars of soap (travel size), and Christmas cards to be dropped into the boxes in the Church Commons until Sunday, December 3rd.

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 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.



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