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# Word

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

JOHN 1:14

*Christmas 2023*

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**MASSES AND INTENTIONS****Saturday, January 6**

5:00 p.m. Mr. & Mrs. Alberto Alfaro  
 Requested by:  
 Jeff & Theresa Chesser

**Sunday, January 7**

8:00 a.m. Betty Green (RIP)  
 Requested by:  
 Joann Kizer  
 10:30 a.m. For the Parishioners of  
 St. Therese

**Monday, January 8**

No Mass

**Tuesday, January 9**

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

**Wednesday, January 10**

8:00 a.m. For the Souls in Purgatory

**Thursday, January 11**

12:00 p.m. For the People

**Friday, January 12**

12:00 p.m.

**Saturday, January 13**

5:00 p.m. Karen Chesser (RIP)  
 Requested by:  
 Jeff and Teresa Chesser

**Sunday, January 14**

8:00 a.m. August Staklin (RIP)  
 Requested by:  
 McClosky family  
 10:30 a.m. For the People

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

**Tabernacle Candle Shines**  
 in loving memory of  
 Matthew Schmeltzer  
 by Margie Vandermyde

**DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS****Monday, January 8 – The Baptism of the Lord**

Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11 or Acts 10:34-38 or 1 Jn 5:1-9; Mk 1:7-11

**Tuesday, January 9**

1 Sm 1:9-20; Mk 1:21-28

**Wednesday, January 10**

1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Mk 1:29-39

**Thursday, January 11**

1 Sm 4:1-11; Mk 1:40-45

**Friday, January 12**

1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Mk 2:1-12

**Saturday, January 13**

1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1; Mk 2:13-17

**Sunday, January 14 – Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42

**SACRAMENTS**

**THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:** Contact Nadine McGrady to register at [N.McGrady@StThersGlo.org](mailto: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 OFFICE IS CLOSED** January 15th.

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

Our next TNT (Theatre 'N' Theology) will be on *Friday, January 12*, 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 January feature will be AN ENCORE PRESENTATION of 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!

**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL:** As we begin the new year, it's time to grow in our relationship with Jesus, but we must know Him if we are going to follow Him. How did He look at things? What were His most important values? On January 21, between the morning Masses (starting about 9:15 a.m.), Father Gregory will present on JESUS in the MEETING ROOM. Bring your Bible. All are welcome, Catholic or not!

**GRIEF SHARE**

Grief Share will be on Sundays in the Meeting Room from 2:00-4:00 p.m. Last session for Grief Share this Session was December 17th. Grief Share will resume on Sunday, January 28th. For more information, go to [griefshare.org](http://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. Our Council 9428 will be serving breakfast on January 14th.

**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 February 13th.

**DIVINE MERCY** will be held on January 9th at 1:00 p.m.

**SAVE THE DATE:** Mardi Gras will be February 10th between 6:30-9:00 p.m. in the Social Hall.

**SOUP WITH LOVE** will start Friday, February 16th and run through March 22nd at 2:00 p.m. in the Social Hall. (Fridays only)

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

**GRATITUDE REPORT FOR 12/17/23**

Annual Operating Budget Fiscal Year 23/24 – \$719,300.00  
Amount needed per week to maintain budget – \$13,827.52  
Not Available at this time.

**2nd Collection Schedule**

MMR January 7th

Respect Life January 21st

Please use the QR code for Mobile giving.



**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).

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

**DONUT SUNDAY** will be today, January 7th after both Masses.

**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.



**CHILDREN'S FORMATION AND  
YOUTH MINISTRY HOLIDAY SCHEDULE**

Youth Ministry Sessions will resume for Children's Formation today, January 7th and for Youth Ministry on January 14th.

**HUMBLE BEGINNINGS**

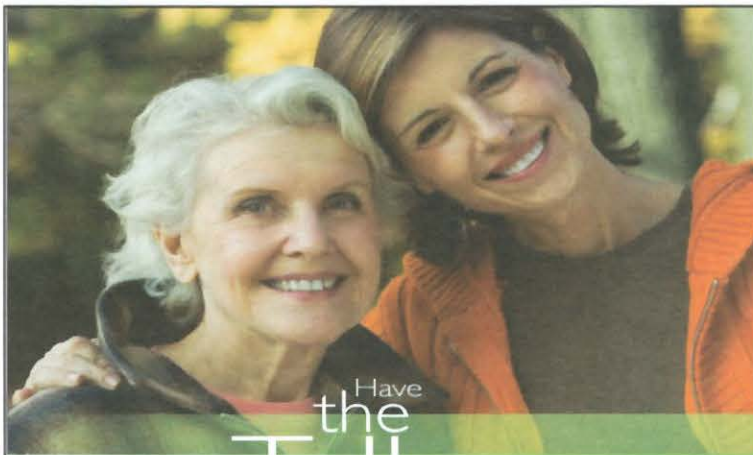
*Reflection on Matthew 2:1-12*

The Prophet Isaiah foresees all the nations of the earth, with their wealth, streaming toward the radiant Jerusalem, which stands as a beacon of God's glory. This pilgrimage of nations begins in the Epiphany story, as the Magi from the East arrive in Jerusalem seeking this radiant glory, this Light, the newborn King of the Jews.

Naturally, the Magi go to the palace, where one expects to find royalty. But instead, as they follow the light of the star, they are led to a humble house. A birth in humble surroundings, a visitation by these exotic foreigners, a frightening flight to Egypt to escape Herod's murderous wrath – these are not the kind of great events one would expect to accompany the arrival of a new King. Yet this is precisely where God's glory and light are revealed.

We see in the Incarnation, and in all the experiences that unfold around the birth of Jesus (as well as in His life, death and Resurrection), God's determined will to bring light to darkness, hope to the oppressed, meaning to suffering, peace to turmoil, new life to death.

~ Fr. Jay



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the  
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