

DECEMBER 8, 2024**MASSES AND INTENTIONS****Saturday, December 7th**

5:00 p.m. Barbara Novotny by her family

Sunday, December 8th8:00 a.m. August Stacklin
by Friends and Family of Augie
10:30 a.m. For the People**Monday, December 9th**12:00 p.m. For the People
6:00 p.m. For the People**Tuesday, December 10th**12:00 p.m. Thomas Cahill, Jr.
by Donna Harper**Wednesday, December 11th**12:00 p.m. Mass of Christian Burial
for Diane Duchin**Thursday, December 12th**12:00 p.m. Salvatore Leone, Jr.
by Rosalia Leone**Friday, December 13th**

12:00 p.m. For the People

Saturday, December 14th

5:00 p.m. Jan Olekszyk by Phil Olekszyk

Sunday, December 15th8:00 a.m. Evelyn Cleary by Patty Shaw
10:30 a.m. Daniela LaFata
by Rosalia Leone

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

Tabernacle Candle Shines in loving memory of Patrick Shea.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL – Has anyone ever asked you if you've accepted Jesus as your personal Lord and Savior? And if you have, how do you share that personal faith with others? On **December 22**, between the morning Masses (starting about 9:15 a.m.), Father Gregory will present on **Personal Faith and Mission** in the Meeting Room. Like good Catholics, BYOB: bring your own Bible! All are welcome, Catholic or not!

ADVENT TNT – Our Advent TNT (Theatre 'N' Theology) will be on *Friday, December 20*, 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 1996 film *Entertaining Angels*. It is a by-the-numbers biography, set in the 1920s and '30s, of Dorothy Day, certainly the most important female influencer in American Catholicism in the 20th century. The scenario of the movie spotlights her spiritual evolution from journalist and suffragette in Greenwich Village to her conversion to Roman Catholicism and her devotion to helping Christ's poor. Stars Moira Kelly and Martin Sheen. Rated PG-13. Facilitated by Fr. Gregory. **ALL ARE WELCOME.** Come watch a great movie with your brothers and sisters in Christ!

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Monday, December 9 – Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Gn 3:9-15, 20; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday, December 10 – Weekday
Is 40:1-11; Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday, December 11 – Weekday
Is 40:25-31; Mt 11:28-30

Thursday, December 12 – Our Lady of Guadalupe
Zec 2:14-17; Lk 1:26-38

Friday, December 13 – St. Lucy
Is 48:17-29; Mt 11:16-19

Saturday, December 14 – St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church
Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Mt 17:9a,10-13

Sunday, December 15 – Third Sunday of Advent
Zep 3:14-18a; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18

JUSTICE AND CHARITY**PRISON MINISTRY – CHRISTMAS FOR INMATES**

There are labeled boxes in the Commons for small, travel-size bars of soap and small, travel-size containers of shampoo. In a separate box labeled "Christmas Cards," please donate cards for the residents to mail to friends and family. Thank you for helping to bring the Christmas spirit to those incarcerated.

BINGO – Bingo is played on Tuesday Nights. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and Bingo starts at 7:00 p.m. Bingo could use some help working in the kitchen and selling pull tabs. Many of our staff are out with surgeries. Additional help would be so appreciated.

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.

MORNING BIBLE STUDY – Our group meets on Thursday mornings from 10:15 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. in the Meeting Room. New participants are always welcomed and may join the group at any time. For more information, please call Sid Dugas at 804-642-5869 or email at spdugas@cox.net. or call Kim Green at 804-824-1073 or email at kwg853@yahoo.com.

FOOD PANTRY – Please continue giving to the Food Pantry. The shopping cart is in the Social Hall. Please note their new addresses as well.

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. BYOK!!!

THE THERESIAN SOCIETY – Thinking about Holiday Treats? Come to the **Big Winter Bake Sale, December 14th and 15th**, and select ALL your favorites. As in seasons past, cookies will be \$6.00 per pound. Something new: larger and multiserving treats will be prepackaged and prepriced so as not to overbalance the scales and smash the cookies. If you'd like to help bake, pick up a few trays in the Commons. Fill them, drop them off on Friday, December 13th or before Mass on December 14th or 15th. They will be sold gratefully and purchased by your neighbors in the parish. Not a baker? Buy homemade treats and impress your family and friends with many good tastes.

TRUE LIFE IN GOD PRAYER GROUP – Please join us for Bible readings, saying the Rosary, meditation, and sharing. Our main purpose is to pray for Christian Unity as our Holy Father Pope Francis has asked of us. Point of Contact is Trudy Vanderhoof. You may reach her at btcentauri@aol.com. We meet the 1st Tuesday of the month at 10:00 a.m. at the church in the library.

CALLING ALL PARISHIONERS TO SERVE IN LITURGICAL MINISTRIES! Prayerfully consider which of the liturgical ministries you are drawn to. We need 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. Contact Kerry Fallon in the office at 804-693-5939 or email k.fallon@stthersglo.org.

THE FOUR PILLARS OF OUR FAITH – Join the Adult Faith Formation team for a study of the second pillar of our faith: The Sacraments. We will begin in January for 12 weeks on Saturdays from, **3:00-4:30 p.m.** You can order the workbook yourself through AscensionPress.com (click on "Bible Studies" and scroll down to "**Pillar 2: The Sacraments**"), or Kerry Fallon can order the book for you. Please contact Kerry Fallon in the office or via email, k.fallon@stthersglo.org.

COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND: Contact the office or Linda Gregory at lgregory0530@gmail.com.

ARTS AND ENVIRONMENT – Flower donations for POINSETTIAS are now being accepted. Please use designated envelopes to submit your generous gift. Intentions end December 15th for the bulletin list. A & E has posted the 2025 Altar Flowers Sign-up calendar on the bulletin board in the hallway. Your donation keeps on giving even after Sunday Masses as we place the arrangements in the chapel for weekly Mass or before the statue of St. Therese for all to enjoy.

GIVE THE GIFT OF LOVE – Prayer shawls are available to gift for the holidays, holy days, Birthdays and more. Slippers are now available and hats and scarves are on the way! Each is crafted with prayer, that the recipient knows they are loved not only by the giver but by our Lord, Jesus Christ. Contact Nadine McGrady at N.McGrady@StThersGlo.org or 804-693-5939, ext.3 for special orders Or for more information.

PARENTS, MARK YOUR CALENDAR! Kids Only Funday will be held Saturday, December 21st from 12:00 Noon to 3:00 p.m. Crafts, games, and snacks will keep your little ones busy while you prepare for the holidays, take a nap, have a lunch date, etc. A sign-up sheet will be available the beginning of December. Contact Nadine McGrady at N.McGrady@StThersGlo.org or 804-693-5939, ext.3 for questions or more information.

ADVENT IS HERE... Advent Candles, wreaths and holiday gift items are available in the Religious Goods cabinet located in the Commons next to the office. Items are on a first-come, first-served basis due to shipping delays. Special requests or refill orders may not arrive before the holidays. Prices are marked on each item. Place donations in the designated box. Contact Nadine McGrady at N.McGrady@StThersGlo.org or 804-693-5939, ext.3 for questions or more information.

LET EVERY HEART PREPARE HIM ROOM! Children, do you like to sing to Jesus? Well, this invite is for YOU and ALL adults who want to join our Christmas Choir during December 24th and December 25th Christmas Masses. Rehearsals will be on December 8th at 1:00 p.m. and December 23rd at 10:00 a.m.; you must make at least one of the rehearsals. A list of songs is available on top of the organ in the Sanctuary. Contact Beverly with any questions: musicministry@stthersglo.org.



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament comes easily. Never feel worried if you find you have no thoughts at all while you are before the Blessed Sacrament. Never feel inadequate about being an Adorer even if you have not developed a spirit of devotion, if you are numb, down and out, weakened by life. The all-important factor is that you are before the Lord. Before Him who knows you inside-out. He reads your innermost thoughts and He still loves you immensely.

Imagine that!

St. John Vianney once compared Adoration to spiritual sunbathing. You are taking in the warmth of the grace and love radiating from the Sacred Host.

Join Deacon Jose for monthly Adoration and Benediction on December 18th from 6:00-7:00 p.m.



MUSIC IS WHAT FEELINGS SOUND LIKE... The Music Ministry is seeking a skilled pianist to play at Masses/ liturgical services and church music programs. If you have a passion for sacred music, and feel moved to be part of a dynamic ministry, contact Beverly Sabourin at 757-817-3698/ musicministry@stthersglo.org.



PLEASE UPDATE YOUR PARISH REGISTRATION INFORMATION – We appreciate having your current information on file, including telephone numbers added or deleted, address updates and existing household members. Call the office and confirm your data as we have several folks with outdated land line phone numbers and no current way to reach out. Thanks for your cooperation!

YOUTH MINISTRY

Church of St. Therese Youth Ministry
Grades 6-12
Sundays, 12:00 Noon to 1:30 p.m. at the YLC

Youth Ministry would like to thank all parishioners who donated shoe boxes, games, toys and clothes for the Operation Children's Christmas project. The youth were able to pack full 20 boxes to take to the collection center at Newington Baptist Church. Each box will provide a child with possibly their first ever Christmas gift. Blessings to all.

YOUTH MINISTRY FUNDRAISER

The youth will be accepting donations to offset the cost of attendance at the Diocesan Youth Conference to be held in February of 2025. The youth will be wrapping holiday gifts for you during the Kids Only Funday on Saturday, December 21 from 12:00-3:00 p.m. at the YLC. Wrapping paper will be available, but if there is a special paper you want used, feel free to bring it.

BASKET OF GOODIES DRAWING – Be on the lookout for the drawing for a basket of goodies...details to follow in next week's bulletin.

YEAR END DONATIONS – When you make a gift of a distribution from your IRA to your parish, it allows you to demonstrate a legacy of love for Christ and His Church. If you're over 70 ½, making a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) to our parish from your IRA can also save on taxes. To make a Qualified Charitable Distribution from your IRA, contact parish staff with questions.

YOUR 2025 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES are available in the Social Hall on the white cabinet to the left. Thank you so much for your continued support! They will be out from December 8 to December 29. Please call Deb at 804-693-5939 to pick yours up after that.

OUR MOST SACRED TREASURE

Annual Operating Budget Fiscal Year 24/25: \$699,286.00
Amount needed per week to maintain budget is \$13,447.81
November 24, 2024

Actual Plate Contributions: \$11,188.00

E-giving: \$3,462.00

Other Contributions: \$297.50

Weekly Grand Total: \$14,947.50

Weekend Mass Count:

2nd Collection Schedule

Christmas flower intentions end December 15

December 7/8 – Retired Religious

December 24/25 – Catholic Charities



Please use the QR code for Mobile giving.

ST. THERESE HAITI TWINNING MISSION UPDATE

To date, St. Therese has sent Fr. Richardson \$4,000.00 (equal to approximately \$540,000.00 Haitian dollars) to support the salaries of the elementary school teachers and staff. The committee's goal is to send Fr. Richardson \$12,000.00 per year; \$4,000.00 every March, July, and November. Our first order of bricks has arrived to the church. The second order of bricks has been placed and will arrive soon. To date, our parishioners have purchased approximately 35 bricks. We are truly blessed! Bricks will be set in the garden area to the left of the front entrance.

Engraved bricks will make great Christmas presents. Although the bricks will not arrive in time for Christmas, we will give you a card with a picture of your engraved brick to wrap.

Bricks can be ordered at: <https://polarengraving.com/stthersglo>

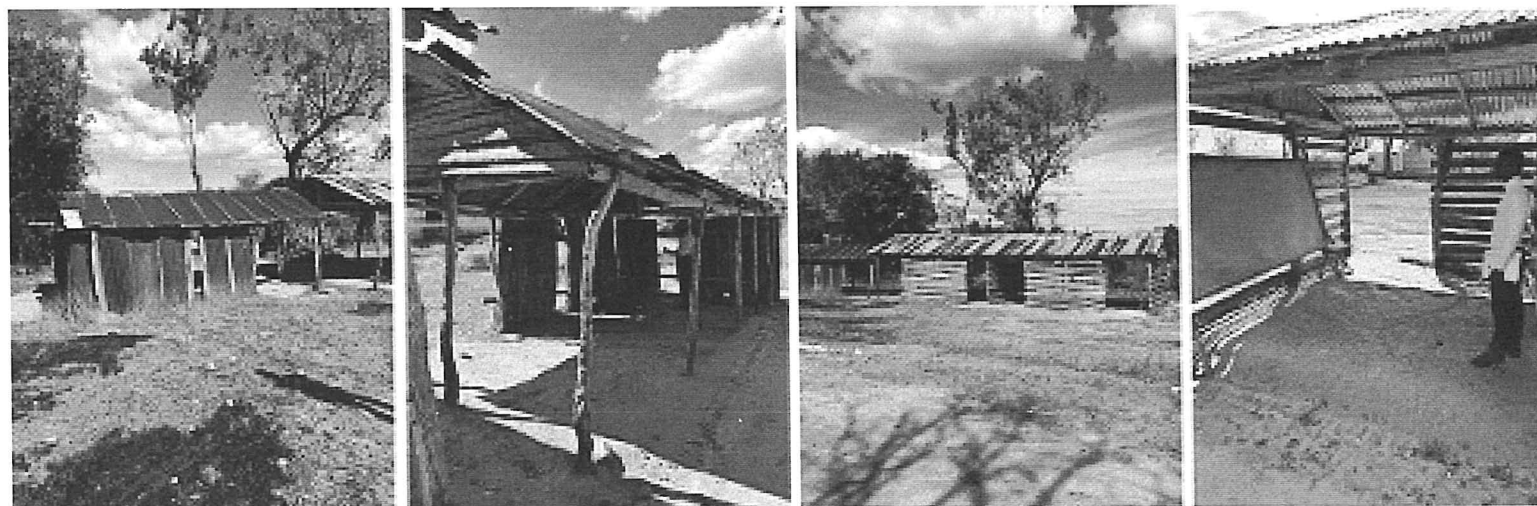
How can you support this mission?

1. Purchase a brick on our "Haiti Twinning Mission" brick fundraising program.
2. Donate on the "Giving" page on the church website.

Future fundraising programs:

- A 50/50 "Drawn Down" event
- Haitian-made items for sale.

If you have any questions, please contact a committee member. Members include: Walter and Barbara Priest, Marion Scott, Linda Gregory, Michael Weathers, Dennis Tate, and Anne Foster. God Bless.



2024 ADVENT SCHEDULE

December 8

Second Sunday of Advent

December 9

Immaculate Conception Masses at Noon & 6:00 p.m.

December 15

Third Sunday of Advent

December 18

Advent Reconciliation Service at Church of the Visitation, 6:30 p.m.

December 18

Adoration, 6:00-7:00 p.m.

December 19

Advent Reconciliation Service at St. Francis de Sales, 6:30 p.m.

December 21

Kids Only Funday, 12:00-3:00 p.m.

December 21

YM Wrapping Fundraiser

December 22

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 22

Christmas Music Program, 3:00 p.m.

December 24

Christmas Eve Masses at 5:00 p.m. & 9:00 p.m.

December 25

Christmas Day Mass at 10:00 a.m.

