

**DECEMBER 29, 2024****MASSES AND INTENTIONS****Saturday, December 28th**

5:00 p.m. For the People

**Sunday, December 29th**

8:00 a.m. Ronald and Betty Jo Shalaski  
by Ed and Joanne Kizer

10:30 a.m. Philip and Anna Fostek  
by George Grabenstetter

**Monday, December 30th**

12:00 p.m. No Mass

**Tuesday, December 31st**

12:00 p.m. For the People

**Wednesday, January 1st**

10:00 a.m. For the People

**Thursday, January 2nd**

12:00 p.m. For the People

**Friday, January 3rd**

12:00 p.m. No Mass

**Saturday, January 4th**

5:00 p.m. Patrick Shea  
by Eileen and Robert Shea

**Sunday, January 5th**

8:00 a.m. Sylvia Clifton  
by The McCloskey Family

10:30 a.m. For the People

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

Tabernacle Candle shines in loving memory of Leo and Esther Abels



**MEN OF ST. JOSEPH INFORMATIONAL MEETING**  
Save the Date. Monday, January 20th, 6:00-7:00 p.m.  
See Deacon Jose for details.

**BINGO** – There will be no BINGO on December 31st.

**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 10:15-11:45 a.m. in the Meeting Room. New participants are always welcome 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](mailto:spdugas@cox.net) or call Kim Green at 804-824-1073 or email at [kwg853@yahoo.com](mailto: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!!!

**DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS****Monday, December 30** – Sixth Day in the Octave of Christmas

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

**Tuesday, December 31** – Seventh Day in the Octave of Christmas

1 Jn 2:18-21; Jn 1:1-18

**Wednesday, January 1** – The Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God

Nm 6:22-27; Gal 4:4-7 Luke 2:16-21

**Thursday, January 2** – Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church

1 Jn 2:22-28; Jn 1:19-28

**Friday, January 3** – Christmas Weekday

1 Jn 2:29-3:6; Jn 1:29-34

**Saturday, January 4** – St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

1 Jn 3:7-10; Jn 1:35-42

**Sunday, January 5** – The Epiphany of the Lord

Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

**THE THERESIAN SOCIETY** – The Theresians thank all the Bakers, Buyers and Biters who helped make our Big Winter Bake Sale fundraiser a success. Your help made this event possible; THANK YOU! If this sparked your interest, come to the Social Hall for our next meeting, Friday, January 3rd, and learn more about us. The meeting starts at 10:00 a.m. preceded by a social time at 9:30 a.m. We'll be welcoming the New Year after the Rosary (11:15 a.m.) and the Noon Mass.

**JUSTICE AND CHARITY**

**Thank You** to everyone who helped with our Christmas projects! The boxes for cards, shampoo and soap for the inmates were full. The Knights of Columbus purchased postage stamps. The Theresians donated the cost for the purchase of one pair of socks for each inmate. Bingo proceeds from the 50/50 raffle went for Christmas candy. Thirty-four gift bags were stuffed full of joy for the children of migrant workers on the Eastern Shore. Seventeen children in our community received gifts from our parishioners. The generosity of our parish has brought happiness to many people in need.

**The GUEST Homeless Shelter** needs our help. Volunteers are needed for the Night Shelter. Night Shelter will be held at different churches rotating to a new location each week. The Day Shelter will be open 7 days a week 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. during the winter. Volunteers are needed to help staff the Day Shelter, especially on weekends. If you are willing to volunteer, you can sign up at [guestshelter.org](http://guestshelter.org), call GUEST at 804-792-5046 or contact Ann Foster at [anntgfoster@gmail.com](mailto:anntgfoster@gmail.com). Training opportunities will be coming in the near future. Anything you can do to help would be greatly appreciated. A brief training session for anyone able to volunteer at the GUEST shelters for the homeless will be held at St. Therese on Sunday, January 12 at 12:30 p.m. The training is required of all volunteers. If you prefer to do online training, call GUEST at 804-792-5046 for information.

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:k.fallon@stthersglo.org).

**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 the 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](mailto:N.McGrady@StThersGlo.org) or 804-693-5939, ext.3 for special orders or for more information.

**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 or musicministry@stthersglo.org.

#### 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 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.

**OFFICE CLOSURE** – The Parish Office will close at Noon on December 31 and reopen on January 2, 2025.



**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!

### 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**  
December 15, 2024

**Actual Plate Contributions: \$5,529.00**

**E-giving: \$2,212.00**

**Other Contributions: \$649.50**

**Weekly Grand Total: \$8,390.50**

**Weekend Mass Count: 373**

**2nd Collection Schedule**

**January 4/5 MMR**

December 9, 2024

**Actual Plate Contributions: \$283.00**

**Mass Count: 184**



Please use the QR code for Mobile giving.

#### YEAR-END DONATIONS

As Christian stewards, we share the responsibility of making our Church a true community of faith and a vibrant source of service to the larger community. That includes providing financial support for today's needs – and building a firm financial foundation for tomorrow. If you are 70 ½ years old or older, you can make a Qualified Charitable Distribution up to \$105,000.00 from your IRA directly to your parish.

The Holy Spirit brought the early Church alive by giving individuals gifts that would sustain the Church. By sharing your gifts, you can keep the church alive for years to come. Don't miss the chance to make an IRA Qualified Charitable Distribution gift this year! If you are 70 ½ or, please consider making an IRA Qualified Charitable Distribution before December 31.

**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 until December 29. Please call Deb at 804-693-5939 to pick yours up after that.

**LADIES FIAT 90** – We are beginning a 90-day ladies group January 20th to Easter Sunday, meeting weekly. Contact Kerry Fallon at kfallon@stthersglo.org or Karen Melendez at karenmelendez34@gmail.com to learn more. Come grow in faith, community and God's grace with us! Visit Fiat-90.com for more information. Weekly day and time to be determined.

### SAINT BASIL THE GREAT

*Saint of the Day: January 2*

*Patron Saint of Russia*

Basil was on his way to becoming a famous teacher when he decided to begin a religious life of Gospel poverty. After studying various modes of religious life, he founded what was probably the first monastery in Asia Minor.

He was ordained a priest, assisted the archbishop of Caesarea—now southeastern Turkey—and ultimately became archbishop himself, in spite of opposition from some of the bishops under him.

Arianism, one of the most damaging heresies in the history of the Church which denied the divinity of Christ, was at its height. Emperor Valens persecuted orthodox believers, and put great pressure on Basil to remain silent and admit the heretics to Communion. Basil remained firm, and Valens backed down. But trouble remained. When the great Saint Athanasius died, the mantle of defender of the faith against Arianism fell upon Basil. He strove mightily to unite and rally his fellow Catholics who were crushed by tyranny and torn by internal dissension.

Basil was tireless in pastoral care. He preached twice a day to huge crowds, built a hospital that was called a wonder of the world and fought the prostitution business.

Basil was best known as an orator. Though not recognized greatly in his lifetime, his writings rightly place him among the great teachers of the Church. Seventy-two years after his death, the Council of Chalcedon described him as "the great Basil, minister of grace who has expounded the truth to the whole earth."

*Read the full article: "Saint Basil the Great" Franciscan Media, Franciscan Friars, franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-basil-the-great/ (Accessed December 16, 2024).*

