

AUGUST 17, 2025

MASSES AND INTENTIONS

Saturday, August 16th

5:00 p.m. Mary McElligott by Rowena and Tom Fauber

Sunday, August 17th

8:00 a.m. For the People

10:30 a.m. Salvatore Leone, Jr. by Rosalia Leone

Monday, August 18th

No Mass

Tuesday, August 19th

12:00 p.m. Jean Box by Teresa Hinton

Wednesday, August 20th

8:00 a.m. Wayne Bradshaw by Teresa Hinton

Thursday, August 21st

6:30 p.m. For the People

Friday, August 22nd

12:00 p.m. Phyllis Taylor by Teresa Hinton

Saturday, August 23rd

5:00 p.m. For the People

Sunday, August 24th

8:00 a.m. Connie Francis by Joanne & Ed Kizer

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 Joan and Bernie Gillott

Altar arrangements provided by Joan and Tony Gattuso in honor of their 71st Wedding Anniversary.

TNT

Our next TNT (Theater 'N' Theology) takes place on *Friday, August 22*, 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 August feature is the 2004 film, *The Passion of the Christ*. It depicts the final 12 hours in the life of Jesus, His Passion and crucifixion. **REALIZE THAT THE MOVIE CAN BE HARD TO WATCH IN SOME PARTS**, heart-wrenching and emotionally draining. Stars Jim Caviezel. Directed and co-written by Mel Gibson. Rated R. Facilitated by Fr. Gregory. Come watch this stirring movie with your brothers and sisters in Christ!

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

The meaning of Eucharist has many different levels. To gain a better appreciation of the riches of this Sacrament, join us on Sunday, August 24, between the morning Masses (starting promptly at 9:15 a.m.). Fr. Gregory will talk about *Models of the Eucharist*. This will take place in the Meeting Room. All are welcome, Catholic or not!



We are now at **123%** of our Diocesan Annual Appeal target goal of \$30,350.00! Payment of \$7,096.00 for the first installment from the 2025 ADA through June 30, 2025 has been received. Please continue to send in your 2025 Annual Diocesan Appeal in support of the Parish Playground Project, as we receive 50% back when we are over our goal. Thank you again for the faith and trust you have put into your contributions!



FOOD PANTRY

Please **CONTINUE** giving to the Food Pantry. The shopping cart is in the Social Hall. Please note their new addresses as well.

DONUTS

Join us next Sunday, August 24th, immediately following the 8 and 10:30 Masses **at the portico** for meeting and chatting with other parishioners. Donuts, muffins, bagels w/cream cheese, fruit, orange juice and iced tea will be available.



LITNIC SEASON AT ST. THERESE!

Litnics are *Liturgy picnics*, and here's how they work. Someone who wants to host a litnic calls the Parish Office and signs up for one of the posted available dates. They receive parish guidelines for hosting a litnic which must be read carefully. Litnics are particularly intended for Catholics in the host's neighborhood, but **all parishioners** are invited to Litnics. A Mass is celebrated in the home or the yard (the *lit*) followed by a potluck supper (the *nic*). A suggested time for a Litnic would be 6:30 p.m., but that would be up to the host. All remaining dates for this summer have been filled!

Steve & Donna Raschke and Rick & Donna Harper invite you to the Thursday, **August 21st** "Litnic" at 5210 Aberdeen Creek Road, Gloucester, 6:30 p.m. Please bring your favorite dish to share; we will have hamburgers, hotdogs and brats. Please RSVP 757-509-0068 or 757-593-7473. **Bring your lawn chair!**

Karen Schenck invites you to the Wednesday, **August 27th** "Litnic" at 8049 Riverwatch Ct, Gloucester, 6:30 p.m. Please bring your favorite dish to share. Please RSVP 571-224-5450. **Bring your lawn chair!**

JUSTICE AND CHARITY

The Salvation Army representative expressed her appreciation for the 933 school supply items donated by our parishioners and the 48 backpacks donated by Bingo. Thank you!

COFFEE, DONUTS, AND JUST A FEW MINUTES CUTTING CHURCH GRASS... put all three in your life and feel so much better about yourself! For more information, leave a message with Jim Gierlak at 804-832-8595 or jegierlak@gmail.com.

MORNING BIBLE STUDY

The Morning Bible Study Group will resume its weekly meetings on September 4th. The group meets on Thursday mornings from 10:15 to 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 welcomed. If interested and would like 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.

COME AND SEE!

The Youth Ministry program has begun to grow and there is a need for catechists. The program serves youth between 6th and 12th Grade. As the number of youth increases, the number of helpers, teachers, chaperones and the like also increases. It is a wonderful problem to have. Please pray and discern if God may be calling you to be a part of this dynamic program here at St. Therese.

Catechists should be members of the church in good standing, be confirmed and over 18 years of age.

Contact the Coordinator, Linda Gregory if you are interested or have any questions. Training will be provided.

Blessings,
Linda Gregory
804-693-5939, ext. 4



ARTS AND ENVIRONMENT AND YOUTH MINISTRY are working together to create youth inspired altars. See the results of their beautiful work at Masses on August 23/24 (How to Invite Jesus to our Picnic).

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. Any additional help you can provide would be so appreciated.

Check out this link: **Catholics Come Home I You're Not Alone**
www.catholicscomehome.org.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

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 Adoration and Benediction on August 20th at 6:00 p.m. Jesus is Our Hope in the Blessed Sacrament.**

GET ON BOARD THE ST. THERESE MEAL TRAIN!

Whether it's a new baby, an illness/surgery, or a death in the family, meal trains can help ease the burden and show love and support to those in need. Contact Beverly Sabourin-Moore, 757-817-3698, if you are in need of a meal train or to learn more on how to be involved.

COMMUNITY LIFE EVENT COMMITTEE (CLEC)

Greetings. My name is Beverly Sabourin-Moore, and I am inviting you to be part of St Therese's Community Life Event Committee (CLEC).

The CLEC brings the community together through fellowship gatherings, seasonal celebrations, etc. The committee plans events for the church community, and your skills and insights would be a valuable asset.

Committee responsibilities include:

- Brainstorming event ideas
- Assisting with planning and logistics
- Helping with event setup and execution
- Promoting events to the congregation

The committee typically meets on the second Thursday at 6:00 p.m. The next meeting will be **September 11th** (check this). If flexibility is needed, such as attending meetings virtually or delegating tasks, please inquire. Involvement offers the opportunity to contribute to important church events, build relationships, and gain experience in event planning and teamwork.

I would be thrilled if you would join me in planning events for our parish. Please respond if you are interested in being part of this dynamic group.

May God bless you abundantly,
Beverly Sabourin-Moore

Chair, Community Life and Event Committee
Beverly080904@gmail.com or 757-817-3698

GriefShare The 13-week session for GriefShare began on June 8, 2025. We meet in the Meeting Room in the classroom wing from 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Anyone experiencing the loss of a loved one and may be looking for support is invited to join us.

GriefShare is a national organization that uses scripture, group discussion and videos of well-known grief counselors to give strategies to overcome grief and to navigate through the journey of grief. If you are interested in this program, go to griefshare.org to learn about the sessions and to sign up. There is no cost to attend this program and everyone receives a workbook.

Contact Linda Gregory if you have any questions at 804-693-5939, ext. 4.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Spread the Good News to all the World! Children's Liturgy of the Word is seeking people to join the team and spread the Good News to the youngest members of our parish. Children's Liturgy is available at the 10:30 a.m. Mass using the same readings and Gospel proclaimed in the sanctuary, but in a simpler language.

Please contact Nadine McGrady at N.McGrady@StThersGlo.org for more information or to join the team.

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!!!

LOST AND FOUND

The lost and found cabinet is located in the Social Hall. If you are missing an item, please check the cabinet. It will be cleaned out and items removed by the end of August.

BAPTISM, FIRST EUCHARIST AND CONFIRMATION FOR YOUTH AGES 8 – 17

OCIA Adapted for Children – The process of Christian Initiation is also available to children who for some reason or circumstance have not yet been baptized or received the other Sacraments of Eucharist, Reconciliation & Confirmation. The OCIA process adapted for children is being offered this coming year. It's an opportunity for children beyond the second grade to prepare with their parents for reception of the sacraments and welcome into the Catholic Church at the Easter Season. Contact Nadine McGrady at N.McGrady@StThersGlo.org or 804-693-5939, ext. 3 for questions or more information.

YOUTH MINISTRY GATHERING

On Wednesday, August 20, from 6:00-8:30 p.m. at Grace on Main, our first event will take place. Youth from all churches are invited to come with a church designee and enjoy a night of faith, food, fun and friendship. There will be outdoor and indoor games for everyone. Those with hand-held electronic games are invited to bring them also. We will offer hot dogs, chips and s'mores and drinks for everyone attending.

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 had 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. Please note: the meeting on August 5th will be in the meeting room.

THRESHOLD BIBLE STUDY

Thursday evening Bible Study has changed to afternoons 3:00 p.m. at Jim Lee's home at 5489 Hickory Fork Road, Gloucester. It's located between Wawa and Belroi Market. Call Jim at 804-693-0826 if interested or questions. The book is Threshold Bible Study Series "Peacemaking and Nonviolence."

GIVE THE GIFT OF LOVE

Prayer shawls are available to gift for the holidays, holy days, birthdays and more and are free! Slippers, hats and scarves are now available! 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 or 804-693-5939, ext. 3 for special orders or for more information.

**HOW OLD IS YOUR REGISTRATION WITH ST. THERESE?**

Are your records up to date? We may need to reach you or visit you and the contact information on file could be outdated.

Please check with the office and ensure we have correct information for you.

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS!

We would like to hear from you! Please register with us, especially if you or a family member anticipate receiving any sacraments in the future. Forms are located in the commons next to the office entrance or fillable electronic forms may be emailed upon request. Thanks!

OUR MOST SACRED TREASURE

For the weekend of August 3, 2025

Annual Operating Budget	
Fiscal Year 2025/2026:	\$ 757,901.00
Amount needed per week to maintain budget:	\$ 14,575.02
Actual Plate Contributions:	\$ 7,115.00
E-giving:	\$ 4,447.00
Other Contributions:	\$ 6,003.50
Weekly Grand Total:	\$ 17,565.50
Total Weekend Mass Count:	383

Please use the QR code for Mobile giving.



Church of St. Therese
Statement of Operating Income
For the (9) months of the current fiscal year beginning July 2024 and ending June 2025

	Budget Fiscal year July 2024/June 2025	Actuals Fiscal year Mar 2025
Church Operating Receipts:		
Regular offertory/loose/envelope/egiving	\$497,186.00	\$385,211.52
Cath Va/Stole Fees/Dividends/Interest/Rel Goods	\$3,800.00	\$2,568.32
Votive offerings	\$5,500.00	\$929.63
Bequests/Legacies/General holiday donations/misc/xfr	\$24,000.00	\$16,971.28
Fundraising/Bingo/Hall Rental	\$81,300.00	\$2,976.47
Designated donations: mmr/bldg/cap imp/fuel/columbarium	\$56,000.00	\$27,280.73
Liturgical/Ministry donations	\$0.00	\$5,283.53
Faith Formation tuition	\$1,500.00	\$5,109.95
Charity/Social Ministry/Haiti	\$11,000.00	\$12,322.06
Diocesan Grants	\$5,000.00	\$9,000.00
Non-Diocesan Grants	\$0.00	
Annual Appeal	\$14,000.00	\$9,494.81
Miscellaneous	\$0.00	
Total operating receipts	\$699,286.00	\$477,148.30
Church Operating Expenses:		
Ministry Expenses:		
Worship:music/liturgy/flowers/hosts/altar candles, etc.	\$15,500.00	\$9,216.85
Hospitality/Ministry/Parish Community Life/Bereavement	\$9,800.00	\$4,044.71
Social Ministry/Haiti	\$15,500.00	\$5,586.51
Faith Formation Expenses:		
Children's Faith Formation/Gen FF	\$8,450.00	\$4,978.65
Youth Ministry	\$6,000.00	\$3,754.29
OCIA/AE	\$1,930.00	\$2,319.28
Min Gen/Evangelization	\$8,200.00	\$2,276.84
Total ministry expenses	\$65,380.00	\$32,177.13
Diocesan Mandates:		
Clergy comprehensive package (sal+rect)	\$88,956.00	\$61,825.75
Lay personnel	\$297,628.00	\$222,839.67
Deacon Convo, etc	\$1,350.00	\$0.00
CDR Mandates:PR fees/screen/software/cath va/schools/cathedralicum	\$109,972.00	\$50,202.86
Total diocesan mandates	\$497,906.00	\$334,868.28
Overhead:		
Utilities	\$40,000.00	\$40,966.34
R&M/svc cont/grounds	\$56,000.00	\$11,854.12
Capital improvements/Property,Plant&Equip/Depreciation	\$0.00	
Janitorial/taxes/insurance	\$21,000.00	\$11,733.63
Off exp/furnish/equip/bull/copy/sub/pstg	\$19,000.00	\$11,673.15
Total overhead	\$136,000.00	\$76,227.24
Total operating expenses	\$699,286.00	\$443,272.65
Net income from operations	\$0.00	\$33,875.65

SAINT THERESE FINANCIAL SUMMARY
July 2024- June 2025

This memo provides information on the financial position of St. Therese for the third quarter (9 months) of the Fiscal Year. This Statement of Operating Income depicts a net income gain from operations of \$33,875.65. The church has unrealized gains from investments and the endowment fund of \$26,560.70 which cannot be spent without diminishing the principal (selling investments).

We continue to see a rise in online giving platforms with now 36% of the parish giving electronically. Of the 545 registered households at the parish, 447 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.



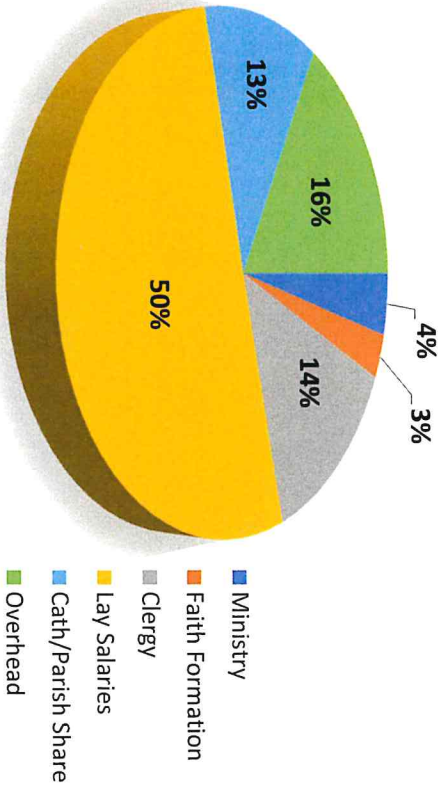
Condensed Operating Synopsis

Operating Income:	\$477,148.30
Operating Expenses:	\$443,272.65
Potential Net Gain	\$ 33,875.65
Actual Net Gain From Operations:	\$ 33,875.65

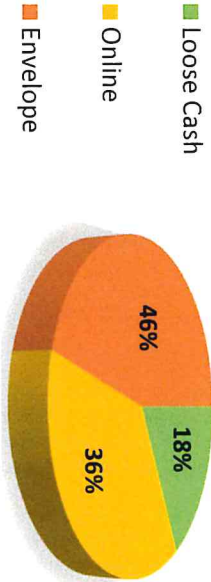
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Church Expenses 2024-2025



Givers by Type



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Church Operating Receipts

