

SEPTEMBER 21, 2025

MASSES AND INTENTIONS

Saturday, September 20th

5:00 p.m. Jimmie Kurovics by Pat Kurovics

Sunday, September 21st

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

10:30 a.m. For the People

Monday, September 22nd

No Mass

Tuesday, September 23rd

12:00 p.m. Beaverdam Park – For the People

Wednesday, September 24th

8:00 a.m. For the People

Thursday, September 25th

12:00 p.m. Suzanne & George Henderson
by Patricia Corcoran

Friday, September 26th

12:00 p.m. For the People

Saturday, September 27th

5:00 p.m. Therese Allen by Floyd Allen

Sunday, September 28th

8:00 a.m. Kathleen Mortensen by Jeri and Tom Trudeau

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 John Matthew Hall, and John & Catherine Hall.

Altar arrangements provided by Beverly and Karl Ittner in Memory of Our Parents.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

What does it mean to be an adult Christian? What are the foundations for a mature faith? Join us on Sunday, September 28, between the morning Masses (starting promptly at 9:15 a.m.). Fr. Gregory will talk about the 7 marks of Being an Adult Christian. This will take place in the Meeting Room. All are welcome, Catholic or not!

PILGRIMAGE FOR THE GIFT OF CREATION

Join us on **Tuesday, September 23**, the second day of autumn, at 10:00 a.m. at Beaverdam Park, Roaring Springs Road entrance, for a pilgrimage to pray for creation. US Catholics are embarking on local pilgrimages during the Season of Creation to pray for restoring our relationships with creation and each other. It is the 10th Anniversary of Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato Si'*, which states that caring for our Earth is our moral responsibility as Christians. We will celebrate Pope Leo's Mass for the Care of Creation in the outdoor amphitheater, followed by a reflective half-mile hike on a trail. Afterwards, we will have a Bring Your Own Lunch and Water Bottle picnic. There will be a large cooler of water to refill your bottle, but there will be no plastic bottles or cups as we try to decrease our use of plastics. We hope you will join us as we gather to pray for our common home in the beauty of our local park.

DONUTS

Join us this Sunday **at the portico**, immediately following the 8:00 and 10:30 a.m. Masses for meeting and chatting with other parishioners. Donuts, muffins, bagels w/cream cheese, fruit, orange juice and ice tea will be available.

PARENTS, ATHLETES, COACHES, SPORT FANS!!!

The Church of St Therese will host renowned Catholic Professor of Exercise Science John Acquaviva of Wingate University on September 26, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. His topic will be "Improving Your Sportsmanship Through Catholic Teaching...and Common Sense." A reception and book signing will follow in the Social Hall. John will tell us how to bring Catholic virtues to the playing field. Come listen to his message so you can apply those virtues to your athletic endeavors, whether you are a parent, athlete, coach, or fan.

SAVE THE DATE!



OCTOBER 11, 2025 AT THE DIAMOND, RICHMOND

CATHOLIC VENDORS & EXHIBITORS
SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES
PERFORMANCES FROM LOCAL CATHOLIC TALENT
FOOD TRUCKS
KIDS ZONE
ADORATION
MASS IN THE STADIUM WITH BISHOP KNESTOUT
PERFORMANCES BY SCYTHIAN, THE YOUNG ESCAPE, & MARIE MILLER
KEYNOTE SPEAKER
GAMES & INFLATABLES
VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

AS PART OF THE DIOCESAN CELEBRATION OF THE JUBILEE OF HOPE!



FEAST OF ST. THERESE PICNIC

The Parish Picnic, in honor of St. Therese, will be held on Sunday, September 28th from 12:00-3:00 p.m.

We will supply the hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, fixings, and drinks. We are asking parishioners to supply the sides (salads, vegetables, and desserts, etc.). Please bring your dish ready to serve. It will be held outside on the grounds, weather-permitting. There will be a drawing for a gas grill! Sign-up sheet is in the commons, so we know how much food to purchase. Come to celebrate the Feast of St. Therese!

MORNING BIBLE STUDY

The Morning Bible Study Group resumed 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 welcome. 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.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Coming in September

21st Formation/ Middle & High School YLC and ALC – 12:00 p.m.
24th High School Bible Study – 6:00 p.m. YLC
28th St. Therese Picnic – 12:00-2:00 p.m.

THANK YOU

The Playground Committee would like to extend a heartfelt thank-you to everyone who generously supported our efforts – through prayers, donations, and encouragement. We're excited to share that the new playground equipment has been successfully installed! We will be completing the final stages of site preparation, including safety surfacing and border installation, before it's safe for children to play. This playground will not only serve our parish children, but will also be a welcoming space for families in the wider community – a place of joy, connection, and shared fellowship to reflect Christ's love and hospitality to all. Your generosity and support helped make this possible. Praise God for this blessing and thank you for being a part of it!

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, so any additional help you can provide would be so-appreciated.

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 José for Adoration and Benediction on October 15th at 6:00 p.m. Jesus is Our Hope in the Blessed Sacrament.**

CHURCH OF ST. THERESE CRAFT BAZAAR

Saturday, October 18, 2025, 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
Craft vendor spaces are still available for the 2025 Theresian Craft Bazaar. The deadline to reserve your space is September 25th. Contact Margie Vander Myde at Margie.bazaar@yahoo.com. Concessions will also be available during the Bazaar; BBQ with cole slaw or hot dogs will be for sale. There will be 3 door prizes offered this year: Handmade Nutcracker Soldiers, photos by Jeri Trudeau and handmade metal lawn décor. Vendor spaces are \$30.00/table. Electric outlets may be available at \$35.00/table.

ADULT SCRIPTURE STUDY/OCIA

Back by popular demand...

The Bible Timeline: The Story of Salvation

Want to make more sense of the Bible? Desire a fuller experience of the Mass? Need some tools to better-defend your faith? Join us on Tuesdays, 10:00-11:30 a.m.; or Saturdays 3:00-4:30 p.m., as we trek together through Salvation History from Creation through the Institution of the Church. Week by week, you can choose between Saturday or Tuesday, depending on your schedule. No need to worry about missing some sessions for travel, etc.; there is an online option to keep up while away. Sign up in the Gathering Space, or contact Kerry Fallon for more details at K.fallon@stthersglo.org.

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 simple language.

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

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.

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.



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!!!

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 at 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 with questions. The book is Threshold Bible Study Series "Peacemaking and Non-violence."

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!

CHECK OUT THIS LINK: Catholics Come Home | You're Not Alone www.catholicscomehome.org.

OUR MOST SACRED TREASURE

For the weekend of September 7, 2025

Annual Operating Budget	
Fiscal Year 2025/2026:	\$ 757,901.00
Amount needed per week to maintain budget:	\$ 14,575.02
Actual Plate Contributions:	\$ 7,705.00
E-giving:	\$ 5,576.00
Other Contributions:	\$ 2,493.50
Weekly Grand Total:	\$ 15,774.50
Total Weekend Mass Count:	378

Second Collection Schedule:

September 21th – CEMPOC

Please use the QR code for Mobile giving.



Parents, Coaches, Sport Fans!!!
Gather together to hear about Catholic sportsmanship!

The Church of St Therese is hosting renowned Catholic Athletic Coach John Acquaviva of Wingate University on September 26, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. at the the Church of St Therese, 6262 Main Street, Gloucester, VA 23061. A reception and book signing will follow in the Social Hall.



Dr Acquaviva is a professor of exercise science. You may be familiar with John's courses, books, and Internet podcasts, which address Strength and Conditioning, Sports Nutrition, Exercise Physiology, and has published books titled "Improving Your Body image Through Catholic Teaching," and "Improving Your Kids Body Image Through Catholic Teaching," His latest book is "Improving Your Sportsmanship Through Catholic Teaching...and Common Sense." John brings Catholic virtues to the playing field through discussions on Catholic virtues for coaches, parents and players.

Many of you may already know about John's programs. This is the opportunity to hear from the man in person. He knows the difference between good and bad conduct by players, coaches and parents and could provide many examples. Listening to his message can instill and improve on good Catholic practices of sportsmanship.



*Sport is an activity for one's free time, chosen precisely because it is fun.
It offers children a chance to chase a dream, even if they don't end up
becoming champions.
Pope Francis*