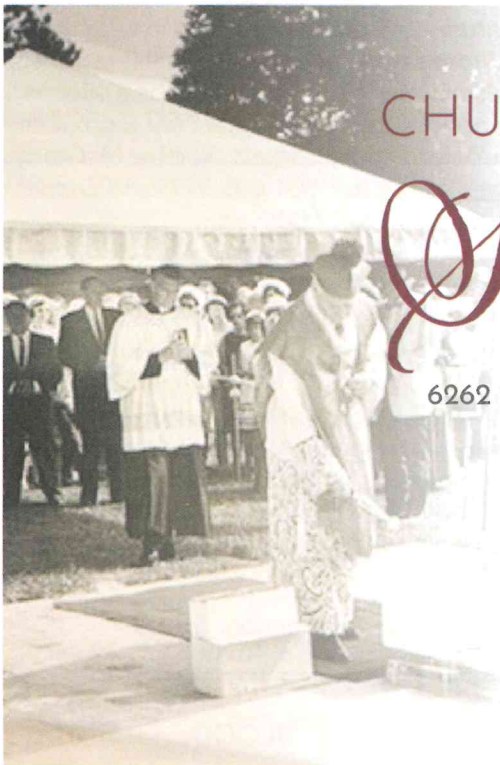


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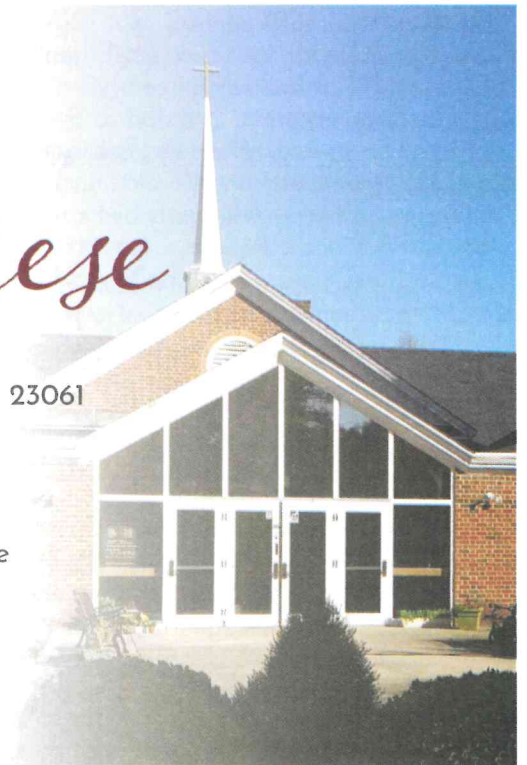
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Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday - 5:00 p.m.

Sunday - 8:00 and 10:30 a.m.

Daily Mass Schedule

Listed inside bulletin
each week

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Third Wednesday of the
month at 6:15 p.m. or by
appointment



Office Hours

Monday-Thursday -

9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Friday - 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

The parish community of
St. Therese welcomes you.

Please see an usher or
contact the
Parish Office for a
registration form.



AUGUST 9, 2026

MASSSES AND INTENTIONS

Saturday, August 8th
5:00 p.m. Michael B. Witty, Jr. by Janet & Benny Leigh

Sunday, August 9th
8:00 a.m. For the People
10:30 a.m. Sherrayn Haggerty by Ron and Katherine Haggerty

Monday, August 10th – No Mass

Tuesday, August 11th
12:00 p.m. For the People

Wednesday, August 12th
9:00 a.m. For the People

Thursday, August 13th
12:00 p.m. For the People

Friday, August 14th
12:00 p.m. For the People

Saturday, August 15th
5:00 p.m. Sylvia Luy by Rowena and Tom Fauber

Sunday, August 16th
8:00 a.m. For the People
10:30 a.m. Salvatore Leone, Jr. by Rosalia Leone

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

Tabernacle Candle Shines in loving memory of Zeleznik and Stout Families.

Altar arrangements provided by Beth Kemp in Loving Memory of Exler and Kemp Families.

FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION
Registration for Sunday classes will begin for all youth of the parish, grades K-5 and 6-12 after Masses starting August 15th and continuing until August 30th. Please be sure to stop by the table and fill out the form for your child(ren). Registration fees will be collected at this time also. If your child needs sacramental preparation, be sure to let us know.

ROSARY WALK/MEDITATION GARDEN UPDATE
Phase I of the Rosary Walk/Meditation Garden is complete! But we still have some work to do. Phase II will involve a substantial amount of landscaping. Our plan will include low maintenance shrubs, flowers and plants native to our area. These will primarily be on the inside of the Rosary Walk, to complement the tree that has been planted. To achieve a quiet setting, the Rosary Walk Committee will consider plantings on the outside perimeter of the Walk/Meditation area. Please prayerfully reflect on contributing to the landscaping effort. Donations can be made online through the church website, or you can drop your donation in the black box near the door to the office. Please make sure your donation is clearly marked "Rosary Walk." Thank you to all our parishioners.

MAGNIFICA HUMANITAS
We began the study of Pope Leo XIV's encyclical, *Magnifica Humanitas*, on Monday, July 13th and will be finishing up on August 24th. This is a chapter per week to reflect upon. Questions? Contact Kerry Fallon in the parish office or by email to k.fallon@stthersglo.org.

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES
Watch the bulletin for future Mass times for weekday Masses. Beginning **September 1st**, weekday Masses will be celebrated Tuesdays through Thursdays at 9:00 a.m. and Fridays at 12:00 p.m. Noon. *Effective immediately*, every **Wednesday**, Mass will be celebrated at **9:00 a.m.** followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for Adoration in the sanctuary until Benediction at 3:00 p.m.

RECONCILIATION
The Sacrament of Reconciliation is scheduled on the third Wednesday of each month from 5:00-6:00 p.m. followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 6:15 p.m., instead of 3:00 p.m.

 **ABORTION AMENDMENT 2026 – BISHOP KNESTOUT LETTER AND WEBSITE**
A letter from Bishop Barry C. Knestout, of the Catholic Diocese of Richmond, on the Virginia Right to Reproductive Freedom Amendment may be found at this link: www.protectvirginia2026.org. A copy is posted on the bulletin board.

PILGRIMAGE OPPORTUNITY
Pilgrimage to Fatima, Lourdes, with Burgos & Barcelona Spain – March 7-16, 2027. Teresa Mary Hinton is partnering with Collette Tours. Please contact her if you are interested at 804-824-5735 or email teres2hinton@gmail.com. There is limited space available. \$3,849.00 per person double occupancy or \$4,549.00 for single occupancy. Travel insurance is available. This price includes airfare, the tour and transportation to the Richmond airport.

 **OCIA**
The Church of St. Therese is offering OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) as of August 1st, Saturdays, from 3:00-4:30 p.m. We are using a brand new study that is getting rave reviews: *Invited: Your Journey into the Catholic Church* published by Ascension Press.

This is a 28-week program covering everything one can imagine regarding what we believe, why we believe, how we practice, etc., covering topics like "How Can We Know That God Exists?" and "If God Is Good, Why This Mess?" ALL ARE WELCOME, and in fact encouraged, because most of us have forgotten more than we ever knew about our Catholic faith. Time to brush up your apologetics skills! Questions? Contact Kerry Fallon in the office at 804-693-5939, ext. 5 or k.fallon@stthersglo.org. Sign-ups are in the Gathering Space – the earlier the better so we can order the books.

JUSTICE AND CHARITY
With warm weather here and the GUEST shelter open only Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, the following items have been requested to help keep the shelter well stocked. You can take donations directly to the shelter at 6536 Moose Drive or deposit them in the basket outside of the office. Items requested are: bug spray, sunscreen, body wipes, ready-to-eat food, snack foods (Nutri-grain bars, chips, Pop-Tarts), creamer, sugar, paper towels, paper plates.

ATTENTION MINISTRY LEADERS AND EVENT CHAIRS
Just a friendly reminder to please ensure all doors are locked and lights out when exiting the church after meeting/events.

SOCIAL MINISTRY ADVOCACY NETWORK
 There are two feet of social justice that the Catholic Church stands on: charitable works and social justice. There are often many ways available to engage in charitable works but the ways to engage in social justice might be less known. There is a new Advocacy Network opportunity available for those who would like to learn more about legislative advocacy and might be open to an opportunity to assist in a greater capacity in advocacy work. Join Us in this work. Come and See if this work is for you. Get in touch with the Office of Social Ministry osm@richmonddiocese.org, to be connected to your congressional district team.

RING CAMERA
We now have a replacement Ring Camera installed at the church entrance for the convenience of our guests. If you find that the doors are locked and need to gain access, press the doorbell and if staff are on the premises, they can assist.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM
Parents interested in having their children baptized should contact Nadine McGrady at N.McGrady@StThersGlo.org or 804-693-5939, ext. 3 for more information on sacrament preparation.



If Teacups Could Talk...

All ladies of the parish are invited to tea on
August 22nd from 12:00-2:00 p.m.
in the parish social hall.

Along with tea, will be lots of food, fellowship, and fun. Look for the invitation insert in this bulletin. For questions, contact Nadine McGrady at N.McGrady@StThersGlo.org or 804-693-5939, ext. 3.

CATHOLIC DAY AT BUSCH GARDENS
October 3, 2026

 All families, youth ministries, and young adult groups from around the Diocese are invited to Catholic Day at Busch Gardens on Saturday, October 3, 2026! The day at the park includes Sunday Vigil Mass and an optional all-you-can eat dinner buffet as a Diocese. Registration is \$82.00 per individual for an all-inclusive pass, \$55.00 per individual for a single-day admission, and \$27.00 per individual for the all-you-can eat dinner buffet only. Don't wait to register and enjoy a day riding roller coasters and celebrating the Eucharist with Catholics in our Diocese! For more information, visit evangelizerichmond.org/events.

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.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE
A diocesan pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington DC is scheduled for October 24, 2026. Visit the diocese page for details evangelizerichmond.org/events/diocesan-pilgrimage-2/

ST. THERESE DIVINE MERCY GROUP
Meetings are held the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 10:30 a.m. in the parish meeting room. All are welcome!

 **LOOKING FOR AN OPPORTUNITY TO VOLUNTEER IN THE COMMUNITY?**
Or perhaps you need service hours for a school club or organization. The Bread for Life Food Pantry would love to have you. The Pantry is open for guests on Monday or Wednesday and needs help with packaging donated food, stocking the bins or serving the clients that come to the pantry. To volunteer, contact Tracey Reed at 804-694-9366.

MUSIC MINISTRY
The Music Ministry is looking for men of praise to become part of the different choirs. We invite all men who can sing or play an instrument to join us. Rehearsals: Each choir practices one hour before their respective Mass, and on the 1st Sunday at 12:30 p.m. Come and lend your voice in harmony to the Lord!
– Beverly Sabourin, Coordinator of Music Ministry

ST. THERESE PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY
Began by Betty Zahn many years ago, the prayer shawl ministry creates and prays over not only shawls, but also, hats, scarves, slippers and lap robes for gifting to others. Opportunities for gifting are the reception of sacraments, birthdays, weddings, surgeries, illnesses and more. Items are available in the Social Hall along the back wall and are free for all. We meet each Wednesday from 1:00-3:00 p.m. in the Parish Social Hall. For more information, contact Nadine McGrady at 804-693-5939, ext. 3 or N.McGrady@StThersGlo.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.

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.

THRESHOLD BIBLE STUDY
Afternoon Threshold Bible Study meets the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month from 3:00-4:00 p.m. at Jim's home. The book entitled, "The Sacred Heart of Jesus" is the book we are using for the session which began in July. For more information, call Jim Lee at 804-693-0826.

OUR MOST SACRED TREASURE		
FOR THE WEEKEND OF JULY 26, 2026		
Annual Operating Budget Fiscal Year 26/27		\$798,016.00
Amount needed per week to maintain budget is		\$ 15,346.46
Actual Plate Contributions:		\$ 5,463.00
E-giving:		\$ 3,429.50
Other Contributions:		\$ 50.00
Weekly Grand Total:		\$ 8,942.50
Total Weekend Mass Count:		423

If Teacups Could Talk...

Sharing a cup of kindness with treasured friends

All ladies of the parish are invited to tea
Saturday, August 22, 2026
12:00 Noon – 2:00 PM

If possible bring your 'best-tea' for an afternoon
of remembrances, refreshments and renewal

Please R.S.V.P. by August 18, 2026
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