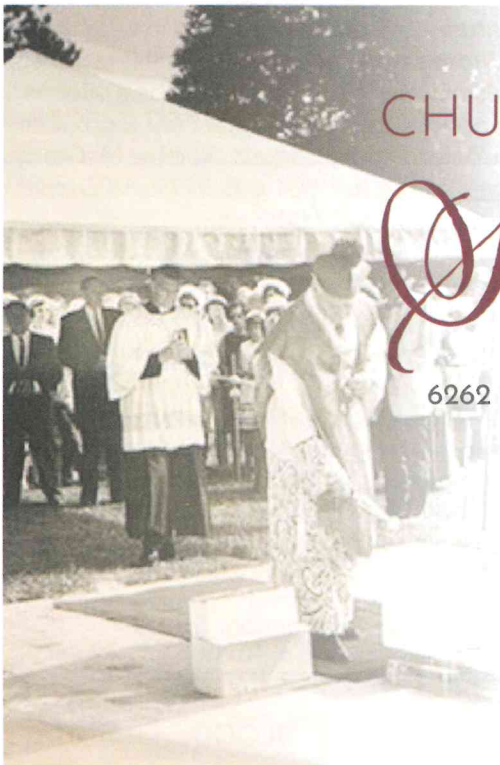


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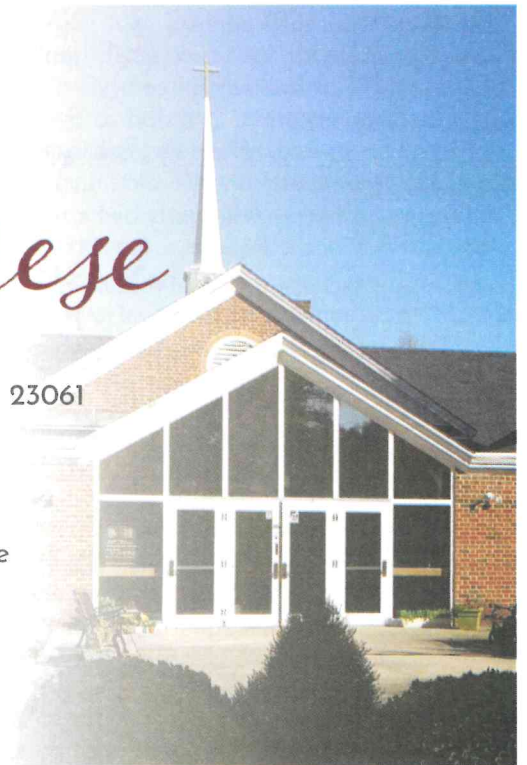
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### **Weekend Mass Schedule**

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  
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registration form.



**AUGUST 16, 2026**

**MASSES AND INTENTIONS**

**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

**Monday, August 17th – No Mass**

**Tuesday, August 18th**  
12:00 p.m. For the People

**Wednesday, August 19th**  
9:00 a.m. Thomas Ealy by the Vanderhoof Family

**Thursday, August 20th**  
12:00 p.m. For the People

**Friday, August 21st**  
12:00 p.m. For the People

**Saturday, August 22nd**  
5:00 p.m. For the People

**Sunday, August 23rd**  
8:00 a.m. Major Richard Keogh by Joanne & Ed Kizer  
10:30 a.m. Marian Campbell Livingston & Nora Campbell by Kay Campbell

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

Tabernacle Candle Shines in loving memory of the Ladies of St. Thérèse.

Altar arrangements provided by Yvonne Blow in Loving Memory of Gardner and Alice Taliaferro.

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.

YOUTH MINISTRY CATECHISTS NEEDED

The youth of the parish need you, your stories, your faith, your presence. This school year catechists are needed to be a part of the instruction and the fun that is Youth Ministry. No formal degrees or certificates are needed, just a willingness to engage with our youth and facilitate instruction.

There are many ways to help, but primarily instructors are needed to pass on the teachings of the Church. If God is calling you to be a part of this ministry, contact Linda Gregory for more information at 804-693-5939, ext. 4 or [youthministry@stthersglo.org](mailto:youthministry@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 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 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

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.

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](http://www.protectvirginia2026.org). A copy is posted on the bulletin board.

SAINT THÉRÈSE BOOK STUDY GROUP

The Saint Thérèse book study group just completed its study of *Saint Teresa of Avila's The Way of Perfection*. On September 9, we will begin a study of *The Confessions of Saint Augustine*. Saint Augustine is one of the great doctors of the Church, widely respected for his understanding of original sin, but he is also widely respected by literary scholars as the originator of the autobiography and for his understanding of introspection and the use of memory. We meet in the study room on Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m. We'll be using the Bibliotheca Magna edition of the *Confessions*, available on Amazon. Hope to see you there!

NEW GRIEF SHARE SESSION BEGINNING

GriefShare is a 13-week grief recovery support group. If you have experienced the loss of a loved one, you know how painful and isolating it can be. It does not have to be endured alone. In this session you will hear insights from grief recovery experts. You will meet others who understand what you are going through because they have been there. You will receive comfort and support and learn practical tips for navigating grief. The next session begins here at St. Therese on Sunday, September 13, from 2:00-4:00 p.m. The group will be in the Meeting Room. There is no cost to attend and receive the workbook. For questions or more information, contact Linda Gregory at 804-815-7695. Go to [GriefShare.org](http://GriefShare.org) to register online.

MORNING BIBLE STUDY

The Morning Bible Study Group will resume its weekly meetings on Thursday, September 3rd. 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. For the first six sessions, the group will be discussing various parables using the book *"Parables – Stories of the Kingdom"* by Amy Welborn. New participants are always welcomed. If interested and would like more information, please call or text Sid Dugas at 804-815-6288 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).

DONUTS

Join us this Sunday, August 16th immediately following the 8:00 and 10:30 a.m. Masses at the **portico** for meeting and chatting with other parishioners. Donuts, muffins, bagels w/cream cheese, fruit, orange juice, coffee and iced tea will be available.



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 [teresahinton@gmail.com](mailto:teresahinton@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](mailto: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.

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](mailto: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 in the parish social hall. Along with tea, will be lots of food, fellowship, and fun. For questions, contact Nadine McGrady at [N.McGrady@StThersGlo.org](mailto:N.McGrady@StThersGlo.org) or 804-693-5939, ext. 3.



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

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.

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](http://evangelizerichmond.org/events).



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 who come to the pantry. To volunteer, contact Tracey Reed at 804-694-9366.

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!



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](mailto: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 AUGUST 2, 2026**

|                                                |               |
|------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| Annual Operating Budget Fiscal Year 2025/2026: | \$ 798,016.00 |
| Amount needed per week to maintain budget:     | \$ 15,346.46  |
| Actual Plate Contributions:                    | \$ 8,262.00   |
| E-giving:                                      | \$ 2,356.50   |
| Other Contributions:                           | \$ 914.00     |
| Weekly Grand Total:                            | \$ 11,532.50  |
| Total Weekend Mass Count:                      | 389           |
| Second Collection:                             |               |
| September 6 – MMR                              |               |
| Please use the QR code for Mobile giving.      |               |

## **EPIC 2026**

The day long event held at Blessed Sacrament Huguenot School in Powhatan, VA was attended by 5 youth and 2 chaperones of our parish, but hundreds of youth from the diocese.

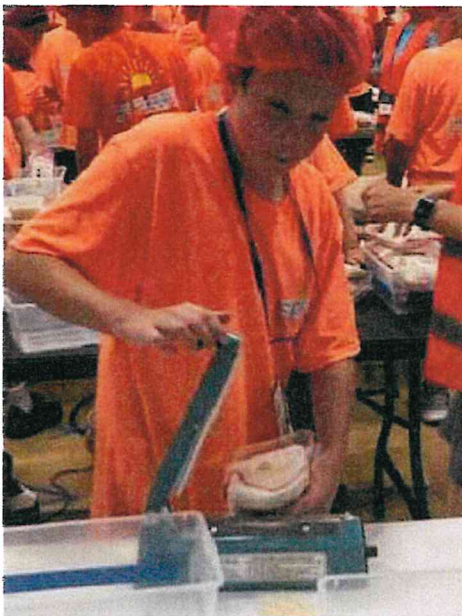
The day started out right with lunch being served from Panera Bread.

Then the youth were able to climb through huge inflatable obstacle courses and slide down humongous slides. There were relay races and activities throughout the day.

The speaker was funny and kept the youth's attention for the most part.

Rise Against Hunger was on site and over 20,000 meals were packed by the youth in one day. These food packets will be going to schools all over the world for hungry children.

This diocesan event is very well organized and all the participants had an incredible experience.



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