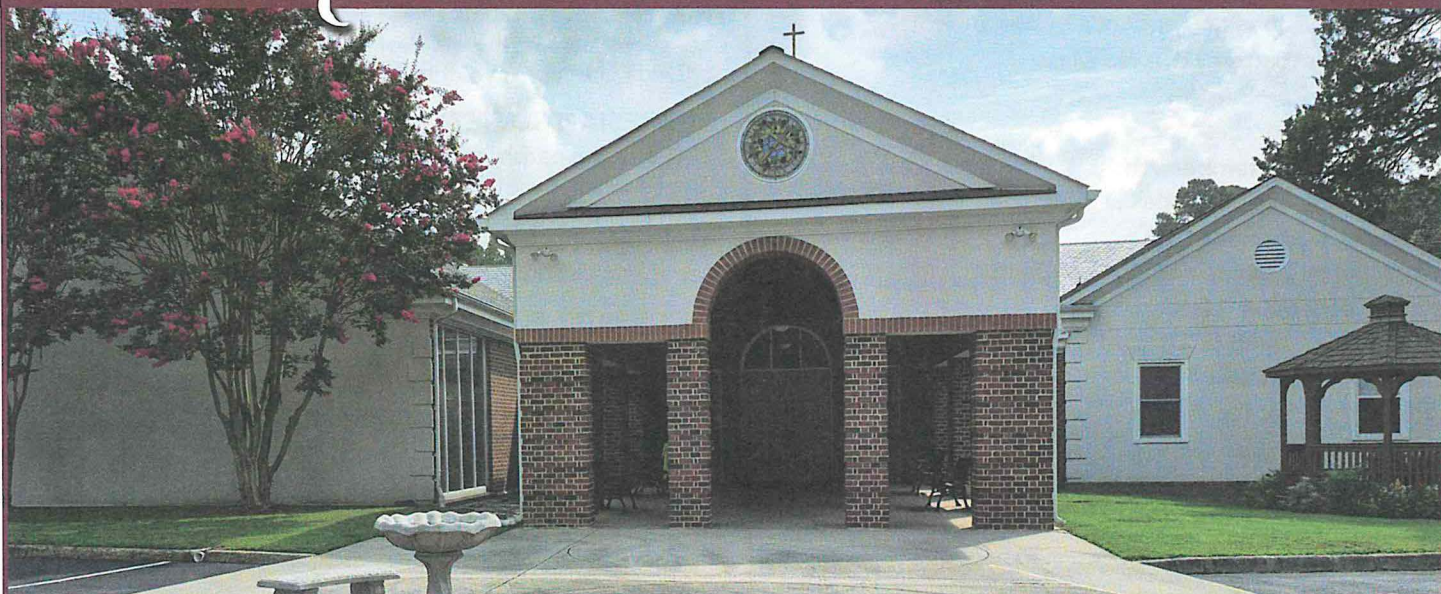




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Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday - 5:00 p.m.

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

Daily Mass Schedule

Listed inside bulletin each week

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesdays following the 9:00 a.m. Mass
until 3:00 p.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Third Wednesday of the month 4:00-5:30 p.m.
or by appointment



The parish community of St. Therese welcomes
you. Please contact the Parish Office for a
registration form.



SEPTEMBER 27, 2026

MASSES AND INTENTIONS

Saturday, September 26th
5:00 p.m. Arlene Krizman by Jerry & Karen Gustin

Sunday, September 27th
8:00 a.m. Mel and Will Barker by Nancy Gunn
10:30 a.m. For the People

Monday, September 28th – No Mass

Tuesday, September 29th
9:00 a.m. Miguel Melendez by Glenda and Larry Espiritu

Wednesday, September 30th
9:00 a.m. Salvatore Leone, Jr. by Rosalia Leone

Thursday, October 1st
9:00 a.m. Miguel Melendez by Debbie Kelly

Friday, October 2nd
10:00 a.m. Patrick Shea by Robert & Eileen Shea (Mass for the Care of Creation/Beaverdam Park)

Saturday, October 3rd
5:00 p.m. Tom and Joann Zurga by Matt Zurga

Sunday, October 4th
8:00 a.m. For the People
10:30 a.m. John & Shawn Campbell by Kay Campbell

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

Tabernacle Candle Shines in Loving Memory of Mike Hogge.

Altar arrangements provided by Benny & Janet Leigh in Loving Memory of deceased family members of Lilly and Leigh Families.

MASS FOR THE CARE OF CREATION AND BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Join us on Friday, October 2 at 10:00 a.m. at Beaverdam Park, Roaring Springs Road. entrance, for the Mass for the Care of Creation. Fr. Jun will be celebrating Mass followed by the Blessing of the Animals. Pets must be on a leash or in an appropriate carrier. We will have a "Bring Your Own Lunch" picnic after Mass in the picnic shelter and pizza delivery! Have a slice of pizza, while supplies last. Bagged lunch is encouraged for those with dietary restrictions. We hope you will join us as we gather to pray for our common home in the beauty of our local park. A cooler of water will be available. Please bring your own water bottle to help reduce the use of plastics.

FEAST OF ST. THÉRÈSE MASS & BREAKFAST

Mass attendees, join us for breakfast following the 9:00 a.m. Mass this Thursday, October 1st to honor our patron saint; St. Thérèse of Lisieux.

PARISH PICNIC

The parish picnic in honor of St. Thérèse will be held on Sunday, October 4th from 12:00-3:00 a.m. We will supply the hamburgers, hot dogs, fixings, and drinks. We are asking parishioners to supply the sides (*salads, vegetables, chips or desserts, etc.*). Please bring your dish ready to serve. It will be held outside on the grounds, weather permitting. Sign-up sheet is in the commons, so we know how much food to purchase. Come to celebrate the Feast of St. Thérèse!



BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

Do you have a birthday or anniversary you'd like printed in the bulletin? If so, contact Denise with your information at 804-693-5939, ext. 1.

ESSAY CONTEST

Would you like your children to be recognized for their writing skills? Knights of Columbus Council 9428 is offering that opportunity through the national Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest. The contest is open to Church of St. Thérèse Catholic students (in catechetical classes or homeschooled) in grades 8 through 12, with recognition certificates for each entrant and a winner in each grade. The topic this year is a selection from our first Catholic President John F. Kennedy's 1961 inauguration speech: *"The rights of man come not from the generosity of the state but from the hand of God."* The contestant should explain what this quote means and its importance for the flourishing of a nation in 500-750 typewritten words, and the work must be original. Entry forms will be handed out at Masses starting September 26-27. Due date is 8 November 2026. Also, entry forms may be requested from Knight Tim Brown at tbrown127@gmail.com or 757-871-5034 (text or voice).

ROSARY WALK/MEDITATION GARDEN

The Committee has been working with Green Planter's Garden Center and Landscaping to finalize the design plan. We are happy to announce they will be installed on or about October 8 – weather permitting. Some parishioners have expressed an interest in purchasing a plant in honor of or in memory of loved ones. If you would like to support the garden or dedicate a plant, please visit the committee table in the church commons during the weekend of October 3-4. A poster showing all the plants/shrubs/trees will be displayed in the church commons on the weekend of October 3-4. Committee members will be on hand to answer questions, and provide those interested with an opportunity to contribute financially. We are ever grateful for the tremendous parish support now and going forward, as this garden grows.

CHILDREN'S HOLY ADORATION

We would love to start a Children's Holy Adoration Hour every Wednesday during weekly Benediction. Mary Biederman (757-652-2500) attends every week with her 5-year-old, 3-year-old, and 9-month-old children. We will meet from 11:00-11:30 a.m. in the church, say a children's Rosary together, followed by some playground and lunchtime outside (weather permitting). Spending time with Jesus is one of the greatest virtues we can instill in our children! Please reach out if you have any questions and we hope to see you there!

JOIN US IN SUPPORTING A MEAL TRAIN!

One of our cherished Parish families is going through a tough time and would greatly appreciate the comfort of a warm meal. Reach out to Beverly Sabourin at 757-817-3698, to get involved and lend a hand.

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.

CONTRIBUTIONS

Thank you for your continued generosity! Please remember to put your first and last name on pew envelopes for 2025 or older envelope stock issued. We have reduced the number of envelope packets and older envelope sets are no longer coded to a donor.

It is increasingly difficult to find the older donor records for cross reference during posting. We very much appreciate your cooperation and continued support! Reach out to Deb at 804-693-5939, ext. 2 with any questions.



25TH & 50TH ANNIVERSARIES

If you have a 25th or 50th wedding anniversary in your future and are interested in a celebration and vow renewal, contact the parish office for further details!

CALENDAR FOR YOUTH MINISTRY – OCTOBER

Sunday, October 4	Youth Games for Parish Picnic 12:00-2:00 p.m.
Sunday, October 11	Class
Saturday, October 17	Theresian Craft Bazaar 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
Sunday, October 18	Class
Friday, October 23	LOCK-IN 7:00 p.m.-Saturday 8:00 a.m.
Sunday, October 25	Class 12:00-1:30 p.m. and later, 5:00 p.m. TRUNK or TREAT

FAMILY & FRIENDS CPR AND AED CLASS

It covers: Adult, child, infant CPR & AED, basic first aid such as choking, heart attack, stroke, dehydration and drug overdose.

When: October 9 – 12:00 p.m. Noon
October 23 – 12:00 p.m. Noon

Where: Edna Bauer's residence:
8741 Farys Mill Road,
Gloucester 23061
Certificate of attendance will be provided by American Heart Association.

Instructor: Edna Bauer, Certified CPR, AED,
First Aid BLS instructor (AHA),
Phone: 757-509-0143



FOOD PANTRY



As we head into October and November the Pantry is preparing for a busy Fall. We are serving an additional 400-900 clients monthly. Virginia Peninsula Foodbank notified Bread for Life that the food supply is becoming tighter. Based on current projections, we expect to receive approximately 10% less food than we did previously. That makes community support more important than ever.

If you are able, please consider helping us collect or donate local farm fruits and vegetables, canned fruits and vegetables, soups, canned tuna, pasta and pasta sauce, rice, peanut butter, breakfast items, nutritious non-perishable foods. Financial donations are equally important as they allow the pantry to purchase foods needed when Foodbank supplies fall short. Here's how you can help: <https://www.breadforlifefoodpantry.com/how-to-help>.

JUSTICE AND CHARITY

GUEST Shelter needed supplies include deodorant for men and women, lotion, small shampoo and conditioner, women's underwear of all sizes and trash bags (kitchen and contractor size). You can drop off supplies at the Day Shelter located at 6536 Moose Drive on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. or place them in the basket outside of the office.

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.

ST. THÉRÈSE DIVINE MERCY GROUP

Meetings are held the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 9:45 a.m. following Mass in the parish meeting room. All are welcome!

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.



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.

LANDLINE TELEPHONES



Have you been notified that your landline will be going away? Have you discontinued your landline telephone and now your primary contact phone number is a mobile number? If so, have you contacted your parish with this change? Give Denise a call at the office at 804-693-5939 ext. 1 to verify we have your current information.

OUR MOST SACRED TREASURE

FOR THE WEEKEND OF SEPTEMBER 6, 2026

Annual Operating Budget Fiscal Year 2026/2027:	\$ 798,016.00
Amount needed per week to maintain budget:	\$ 15,346.46
Actual Plate Contributions:	\$ 4,845.00
E-giving:	\$ 3,548.50
Other Contributions:	\$ 220.00
Weekly Grand Total:	\$ 8,613.50
Total Weekend Mass Count:	361

FOR THE WEEKEND OF SEPTEMBER 13, 2026

Actual Plate Contributions:	\$ 8,087.34
E-giving:	\$ 6,231.00
Other Contributions:	\$ 1,079.00
Weekly Grand Total:	\$ 15,397.34
Total Weekend Mass Count:	410

2nd Collection Schedule:

October 4: MMR
October 18: World Missions Collection

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