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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.



OCTOBER 4, 2026

MASSES AND INTENTIONS

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

Monday, October 5th – No Mass

Tuesday, October 6th

9:00 a.m. Dennis W. Osgood III by Alice Osgood

Wednesday, October 7th

9:00 a.m. Sylvia Tucker (for healing)

Thursday, October 8th

9:00 a.m. For the People

Friday, October 9th

10:00 a.m. Daniela LaFata by Rosalia Leone

Saturday, October 10th

5:00 p.m. Anne Frey Bradley by Mary Olekszyk

Sunday, October 11th

8:00 a.m. For the People

10:30 a.m. Kenneth Dalton Brown by
St. Thérèse parishioners

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

Tabernacle Candle Shines in Loving Memory of the Irby Family.

Altar arrangements provided by Arts and Environment.

PARISH PICNIC

The parish picnic in honor of St. Thérèse will be held today, October 4th from 12:00-3:00. We also welcome Father Jun during this celebration! Hamburgers, hotdogs, fixings, and drinks are supplied. 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. Come to celebrate the Feast of St. Thérèse!



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.

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 8-12, 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 November 8, 2026. Also, entry forms may be requested from Knight Tim Brown at tbrown127@gmail.com or 757-871-5034 (text or voice).

Happy Anniversary

We wish to congratulate Janet & Benny Leigh on their 53rd wedding anniversary on October 6th! God bless your union and we thank Him for the years shared and seek His grace for the future!

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.

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.



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

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.

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



MORNING BIBLE STUDY

The Morning Bible Study Group resumed its weekly meetings Thursday, September 3rd. The group meets on Thursday mornings from 10:15-11:45 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 or call Kim Green at 804-824-1073 or email at kwg853@yahoo.com.

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.

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.

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.



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>.

GRACE, GIFTS, AND GRATITUDE GALA BENEFITING THE ST. CLARE OF ASSISI RETREAT CENTER

The St. Clare of Assisi Retreat Center is bringing people closer to God, one retreat at a time. Join us on Saturday, November 21, 2026, at the retreat center in Hampton, Virginia for a plated dinner with wine and dessert in McGivney Hall at 6:00 p.m., followed by a live auction and raffle drawings. Tickets are \$100.00 per person.

Purchase tickets at:

saintclaretretreatcenter.flocknote.com/signup/265883

Prior to the evening's events, Bishop Barry C. Knestout will offer Holy Mass at 4:00 p.m. and bless the new Blessed Ortolana Building at 5:00 p.m.

"Love God. Serve God. Everything is in that."

– St. Clare of Assisi

www.philippians2foundation.org

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.

IRA ROLLOVER

Don't forget! You still have time to make a tax-deductible gift to our parish. If you have an IRA and you're 70-½ years old, you can make a gift to our parish through an IRA Charitable Rollover. It helps you and helps us.

How it helps you: it can lower your taxable income, count towards your required minimum distribution, and help you feel good about giving to our parish.

How it helps us: we can put your gift to use right away in providing financial support to our ministries throughout the parish. For more information, call your IRA administrator, tax preparer or the parish office.

OUR MOST SACRED TREASURE

FOR THE WEEKEND OF SEPTEMBER 20, 2026

Annual Operating Budget Fiscal Year 2026/2027:	\$ 798,016.00
Amount needed per week to maintain budget:	\$ 15,346.46
Actual Plate Contributions:	\$ 5,695.00
E-giving:	\$ 3,762.00
Weekly Grand Total:	\$ 9,457.00
Total Weekend Mass Count:	419

2nd Collection Schedule:

October 4: MMR

October 18: World Missions Collection

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