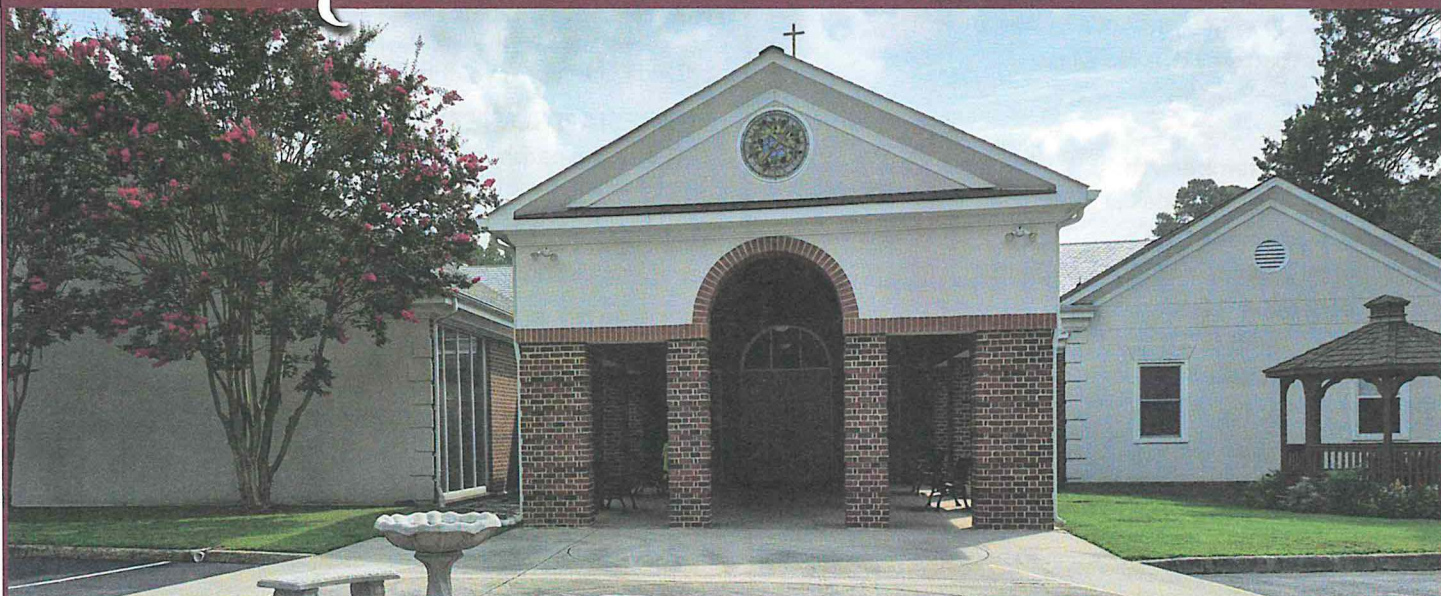




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Weekend Mass Schedule

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 18, 2026

MASSES AND INTENTIONS

Saturday, October 17th

5:00 p.m. José Rascon by Rosa Rodriguez

Sunday, October 18th

8:00 a.m. For the People

10:30 a.m. Salvatore Leone, Jr. by Rosalia Leone

Monday, October 19th – No Mass

Tuesday, October 20th

9:00 a.m. Anna Wisniewski by Lorraine Jones

Wednesday, October 21st

9:00 a.m. Timothy Dempsey by Allen and Denise Canada

Thursday, October 22nd

9:00 a.m. For the People

Friday, October 23rd

12:00 p.m. For the People

Saturday, October 24th

5:00 p.m. Steven Prakapas by Ruth Hartkopf

Sunday, October 25th

8:00 a.m. For the People

10:30 a.m. Evelyn Osgood by Alice Osgood

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

Tabernacle Candle Shines in Loving Memory of Jerome Hoover.

Altar arrangements provided by
Michelle Smithson & Rosalyn Cook in Loving Memory

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.

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).

MEMORIAL CANDLES ARE AVAILABLE FOR ALL SOULS' DAY, NOVEMBER 2ND

The candles will be displayed in front of the altar during Mass on November 2nd. You may donate towards a candle in memory of a loved one by filling out one of the blue envelopes in the commons. The suggested minimum donation is \$12.00 per candle. You may donate towards candles until October 25th. You may pick up your candles after the Masses the following weekend, or you can donate them to be used as tabernacle candles in the chapel throughout the following year. These intentions will also be included in the bulletin for the tabernacle in the chapel. Thank you.

Thank You

As we think about this past year, we recognize the many gifts and miracles that were in abundance. Your support of prayers, donations, time, cards, and Mass Intentions have been the love that continues to hold us together. Thank you, St. Therese parish community. We are blessed to call you Family.

Deacon José and Karen Melendez

HAPPY BIRTHDAY AND HAPPY ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY!

We wish a very happy birthday to our own deacon, **Deacon José Melendez** on October 16th! Also, we celebrate Deacon José's 11th anniversary of his ordination as a deacon on October 17th! Join us for cake to celebrate and chat with Deacon José following the weekend Masses.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

We extend blessings and good wishes to **Henry Swist** who celebrated his birthday on October 14th!

May the Lord bless you and keep you close to His heart. May His face shine upon you and fill your days with peace and joy, reminding you of His endless love and kindness on your special day.

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

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

BASKET DRAWING

The drawing for the fall basket of items in the commons will take place at the 10:30 p.m. Mass this Sunday, October 18th. Get your name in the box this weekend!

THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who helped make the St. Thérèse picnic a success! Although the rain forced us to be inside, a good time was had by all. There was plenty of delicious food and fun. If you missed the picnic or left early, you missed Fr. Jun kicking off the karaoke. A special thanks to Jim McFadden and the Knights of Columbus who withstood the elements and grilled all the meat; to Linda and Chris Conway for shopping, set up and making sure things were running smoothly; to Linda Gregory and the Youth group for running the kids' games; and to Beverly Sabourin for doing so many things behind the scenes they can't be counted. Thanks again to everyone who volunteered and made it run so smoothly.



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!

YOUTH LOCK-IN!

Come be a piece of the fun.

One Night. Tons of Fun. Memories That Last!

DATE & TIME:

Friday, October 30, 7:00 p.m.—Saturday, October 31, 8:00 a.m.

LOCATION: Church of St. Therese

- 🎮 Games & Team Challenges • 🎬 Movies
- 🍕 Food & Snacks • 🎵 Music
- 🙏 Worship & Fellowship

WHO: Youth in grades 6th-12th

COST: One non-perishable item for the Food Pantry

BRING: Sleeping bag, pillow, comfortable clothes, toiletries, and a signed permission form.

**Get registration form at Youth Ministry and return it filled in
and signed by Sunday, October 25**

**Questions: Ask Mrs. Gregory or
call her at 804-693-5939 Ex #4**



CALENDAR FOR YOUTH MINISTRY – OCTOBER

Sunday, October 18 Class
 Sunday, October 25 Class 12:00-1:30 and later 5:00 p.m.
 TRUNK or TREAT
 Friday, October 30 LOCK IN 7:00 p.m. – Saturday 8:00 a.m.

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.

MORNING BIBLE STUDY

The Morning Bible Study Group resumed its weekly meetings 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 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>.

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.

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!



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.

TOILETRIES FOR HOSPITALIZED VETERANS

The Knights of Columbus is collecting travel-size toiletries for hospitalized veterans from now until November 8th. The collection box is near the water cooler in the Social Hall. All items will be given to veterans at the Hampton Veterans Affairs Hospital. Thank you for your generosity.

OLD GLORY

The Knights of Columbus will be collecting worn and tattered U.S. flags for proper disposal. A faded or torn flag should be retired properly and replaced with a vibrant new flag. Please bring in your old flags and place them in the Old Soldier's Footlocker which will be located in the Social Hall during November in honor of our Veterans. Thank you.

VETERANS

Our Knights of Columbus Council invites Veterans and their families to the Annual Veterans Brunch on Sunday, November 8th, at 11:45 a.m. in the Social Hall. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Commons or contact Eric Anderson at 518-354-2374 or eranderson13@gmail.com by November 1st to indicate your attendance and ensure that the "chow line" is properly stocked. Also, please submit pictures for our Veterans Slide Show to Eric by the same date. In keeping with military tradition, we encourage veterans to wear their medals, ribbons, and badges and veterans service organization hats for this event.

OUR MOST SACRED TREASURE

FOR THE WEEKEND OF October 4, 2026

Annual Operating Budget Fiscal Year 2026/2027:	\$ 798,016.00
Amount needed per week to maintain budget:	\$ 15,346.46
Actual Plate Contributions:	\$ 8,951.00
E-giving:	\$ 4,727.00
Other Contributions:	\$ 1,239.40
Weekly Grand Total:	\$ 14,917.40
Total Weekend Mass Count:	352

2nd Collection Schedule:

October 18: World Missions Collection
 November 1: MMR

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