

St. Theresa Catholic Church

21371 St. Theresa Lane, Ashburn, Virginia 20147

December 10, 2023
Second Sunday of Advent



Masses for the Week

Mon, Dec 11	6:15— Dagmar & Jim Cook+ 8:30— Anthony Renzette 12:15— Anthony Kirincich+
Tues, Dec 12	6:15— Luis & Estela Santaolalle+ 8:30— Merena Dominguez+
Wed, Dec 13	6:15— Helen Cyran+ 8:30— Paul Unger+ 12:15— Susan Sullivan
Thurs, Dec 14	6:15— Gabriel Miles 8:30— Brendan Baron
Fri, Dec 15	6:15— Joe Price+ 8:30— Joseph Pietrucha+
Sat, Dec 16	8:30— Louis Premkumar 5:30— Religious Ed Students
Sun, Dec 17	7:30— GJ Viatale 8:45— Christina Huth 10:30— Rachel Dsouza 12:30— St. Theresa Parishioners 5:00— Ancy Manalel

Parish Mass Schedule

Saturday:	8:30am, 5:30pm Vigil Mass
Sunday:	7:30, 8:45am & 10:30am 12:30 & 5:00pm
Weekdays:	6:15 and 8:30am, Monday through Friday 12:15pm, Mondays (except Federal Holidays) and Wednesdays
Holy Days:	As announced
Holy Hour:	Wednesdays, 7pm
Confessions:	Wednesdays, 9am (until line ends); Holy Hour, 7pm (until line ends); Saturdays, 4pm (until line ends); and by appointment

Clergy

Reverend James C. Hudgins, Pastor
Reverend Paul Dudzinski, Parochial Vicar
Reverend Christopher T. Vaccaro, Parochial Vicar
Reverend John F. O'Farrell, Parochial Vicar
Deacon Paul C. Konold
Deacon Anthony J. Renzette
Deacon Matthew K. Noah

Prayers For The Sick: Stephen Stahl, Steve Smith, Philip Carrescia, Michael Williamson, Brenda Fitzpatrick, Jack LaFave, Barney Smith, Rick & Kathleen Mikszan, Ron Crick, Jeffrey Miller, Raymond Humanik, Kelly Hargreaves, Ellen Russow, Patricia Fuechslin, Pranee Heinjar-ean, Nellie Gonzalez, Bernadette Valdez, Emma Ciaravino, Keelan Griffen, Helen Atallah, Daniel Ramirez, Cynthia Ramirez, Haley Morris, Anabelle Huster, Russell Ramons, Martha Mason, John Forbes, Ruth Carradini, Mark Naftzger, Thomas Poerstel, Daniel John Begley, Scott Spitnale.

Prayers For Our Military: Tom Short, Bill Short, Sergio Mendez, Geoffrey Galasso, Logan Anna Davis, Stephen Holdorf, Jr. Daniel W. Beverly, Michael Cinnamon, Matthew Schierling, Eric Frames, Bill Freschi, Paul Schierling, Marshall Kellner, Colin Freyne, Eric Ciliberti, John Kesterson, Matthew Kesterson, Alexa Katharine Koenig, Russell Escalante, Eric Reilly, John Conrad, Fr. James Hinkle, Andrew Gillespie, Stephen Gilliland, David Seliquni, Joseph Auler, Adam Parkinson, Jake Shelton, Patrick G. Fitzgerald, Sean Spurr, Jack Hayes.

A Study of the Angels, Continued: The Cherubim

Let's continue studying about the angels. Since it's been a few months since my last column, let's review. There are nine "choirs" of angels in the celestial hierarchy. An angel "choir" is not a musical group. "Choir" refers to the perfection of an angel's being—essentially, a choir is an angelic rank. Thus far, we've looked at the lowest grouping of the choirs of angels (Principalities, Archangels, Angels), who have direct ministry to human beings. We've also looked at the second grouping of angels (Dominions, Virtues, Powers), who concern themselves with the ordering of material creation. Last time, we looked at the Thrones, from the highest sphere of angels, the direct and immediate servants of God himself. Today, let's look at the second-highest among all the angels, the Cherubim.


Among all heavenly beings, none is mentioned more in the Bible frequently than the Cherubim, and yet their role is never specifically elucidated. The Cherubim guarded the Tree of Life in the Garden of Eden. They adorned the Ark of the Covenant as gold figures spreading their wings over the covering. The Cherubim represent the full domain of God's sovereignty over creation in the Book of Ezekiel, appearing with four different faces: a man (to represent all mankind); an ox (to represent domestic animals); a lion (to represent wild animals); and an eagle (to represent the birds). In the book of Revelation, the task of the Cherubim is to make known the full majesty, power, and holiness of God throughout the Earth.

Classic artwork often depicts the Cherubim with the face of an infant, but this derives from a semantic error. The term "cherub" is similar to the Hebrew word *kerub*, meaning "youth," and so the Cherubim were imagined to be very young. "Cherub," however, actually derives from an Assyrian word which means "near," and thus the Cherubim were named for their closeness to God. The "closeness" of the Cherubim to God led St. Thomas Aquinas to theorize that Lucifer, the fallen angel who became known as satan, was once a Cherub. St. Augustine expounds upon this same idea:

Cherubim means the "Seat of the Glory of God" and is interpreted: "Fullness of Knowledge." Though we realize that Cherubim are exalted heavenly powers and virtues; yet if you will, you too will be one of the Cherubim. For if cherubim means "Seat of God," remember what the Scripture says: "The soul of the just is the Seat of Wisdom." (commentary on Ps. 49)

Please remember that the study of mysterious things, such as God and the angels, requires of us an ample measure of humility. There's very little we can know for sure, and so much that will remain a mystery. One day, please God, we will know the angels as our personal friends and companions in God's presence in heaven.

God bless you...and St. Theresa, pray for us!



Fr. Hudgins

Bulletin Deadline: Friday 2pm (9 days prior to publication)

Current Critical Adoration Needs

Critical Need

Saturday

3:00am



Note: The Adoration Schedule online system allows users to cancel commitments from time-to-time to allow for vacation, sickness, or other possibilities that may prevent attendance. In those instances, substitute adorers will provide one-time coverage.

Sign up for one of our open Adoration Time slots – it will change your life, your family's life, and the life of our St. Theresa Parish!

Visit the Parish website to access the Saint Theresa Parish Adoration Scheduler, or use this short web address:

OR www.tinyurl.com/weadore

Please visit the website to signup, or email letusadore@sainttheresaparish.com, or text to 703.608.4278 or 703.728.0168, or come by the parish office.

Upcoming Early Bulletin Deadlines

Due to the upcoming Christmas and New Year's Holidays, here are the early bulletin deadlines:

December 24 bulletin--due by Monday, **December 11**, 2pm

December 31 bulletin--due by Monday, **December 18**, 2pm

Youth Education and News



ymoffice@sainttheresaparish.com

December

Sunday, the 10th-Upper Room Squad,
6-7:45pm

Sunday, the 17th-Upper Room Squad,
6-7:45pm

Mount2000 - A Retreat for High School Students led by Seminarians
MOUNT2000 is a yearly retreat hosted by Mount Saint Mary's Seminary for 1000+ high school teens. Offers youth

an environment to encounter Jesus who is ALIVE and ACTIVE in our day with the Father and the Holy Spirit. Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, Confession, engaging speakers, spirit filled musicians, and breakout sessions led by the seminarians are offered. Held at Mount St. Mary's University Friday, February 2nd to Sunday, February 4, 2024. We depart early Friday afternoon and return Sunday afternoon. Please go to this link for more details and to grab a spot:

<https://tinyurl.com/STCCMount2000>

Email Paul Dwyer at ymoffice@sainttheresaparish.com with any questions.



Office Hours:

Mon-Thurs. 9am-4pm; Fri. 9am-noon

Adults Plan Ahead to Volunteer

Want to volunteer at the many St. Theresa's children based programs/events? We encourage and welcome your involvement however it requires that all volunteers be compliant. For details contact Connie Gilligan, Parish Child Protection Coordinator, at connie@sainttheresaparish.com or call 703.729.3714.



STCS families, we can't wait to see you this week! Please mark your calendars for the following events, and watch for details in the **Thursday Thunder** email newsletter:



Monday, December 11—
Band/Choir Christmas Concert

Tuesday, December 12—
STCS Christmas Pageant

Friday, December 15—
Middle School Retreat;
Extended Day Care closes at 4pm

Monday, December 18—
Christmas Break

Wednesday, January 3—
Students return

Can you help? St. Theresa Catholic School's Thunder Appeal - Anchored in Faith is now underway!

Your tax-deductible gift will impact students and faculty every day, and help us grow in our mission of Educating Tomorrow's Catholic Leaders. Scan the QR code or visit our website,



www.stsashburn.com to make a gift online, or mail a check to St. Theresa Catholic School ("Thunder Appeal" in the memo). For more information, please contact Regina Freschi, freschir@stsashburn.com or 703.729.3577. *Thank you for your support!*

Calling all St. Theresa Catholic School Alumni & Alumni Families!

We would love to hear from you, and add you to our Alumni & Friends Newsletter email list. Please send your news and contact information to alumni@stsashburn.com



Wanting to hear Fr. Hudgins' homilies?

You can find all of Fr. Hudgins homilies recorded on Fatherhudgins.com

News from our Parish

Baptism Class Date Move:

December baptism class is moved to **Dec 14**. Make note, the baptism class is moving to 7pm starting January 4, 2024.

Young At Heart Club -Men and Women 55 and over

We will meet Wednesday, **December 13**, after the 12:15 Mass for lunch and a Christmas gift-exchange. The lunch menu includes subs, chips, wine, tea, Christmas cookies, brownies, and other desserts. Lunch is free for 2023 paid members; the cost is \$10 for non-members. Gifts for the exchange game should be new and wrapped, with a value of \$10. Please RSVP with your choice of subs. Contact Freddie, wallflower64@gmail.com or 703.625.5715 to RSVP. New people are always welcome!

Simbang Gabi (Night Mass)

Everyone is invited to the Filipino tradition of Simbang Gabi or night Mass to be held at St. Theresa's on Friday,

December 15, 7pm with Fr. Mel Portula as the main celebrant. Please visit <https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/simbanggabi/> for the full list of the 9-day Novena of Masses and to learn more about the tradition.

Save the date- Chili cook off **Feb 10**, 2024 - all proceeds benefit Workcamp. Stay tuned!

Considering End-of-Year Giving? St. Theresa Catholic School's Thunder Appeal – Anchored in Faith is now underway -- please consider supporting our parish school! Since our opening in 1994, STCS has been blessed to be part of such a vibrant parish community. Your tax-deductible gift will impact our students and faculty every day, and help us grow in our mission of Educating Tomorrow's Catholic Leaders.



Scan the QR code or visit our website, www.stsashburn.com to make a gift online, or mail a check to St. Theresa Catholic School ("Thunder Appeal" in the memo). For more information, please contact Regina Freschi, freschir@stsashburn.com or 703.729.3577. We are grateful for your support!

Ornaments for sale! We have a few White House Christmas ornaments left for sale – but they're going fast! Please email Regina Freschi for availability, freschir@stsashburn.com, or call the school office at 703.729.3577. The ornaments are \$27/each, with proceeds benefitting the Friends of St. Theresa School tuition assistance program.



Saint Theresa Donut

Sunday & Carnival Games – This Sunday, Dec 10th

Please join us after 7:30am, 8:45am, 10:30am mass for Donuts and Fellowship. We will be serving Donuts, Starbucks Coffee, crumbl cookies, Bagels and Cream Cheese, Fruit Cups, Croissants, Meats & Cheese, Muffins, Crackers, Juice and Water.

Carnival Games include Lucky Duck, Ring Toss, Lollipop Tree, Snowball Throw, Spoon Ball Game and Raffles (Raffle prizes include gift cards to local restaurants and more!)

Please contact Angela Haberland at angela.haberland@gmail.com or 703.407.1204 with any questions. Thank you and God Bless!

Tickets are on Sale now!

Purchase your tickets in advance with QR Code below to Save Time in Lines.

1 Ticket = \$2.00
3 Tickets = \$5.00
8 Tickets = \$10.00
20 Tickets = \$20.00



No refunds on tickets.

Parish Advent Offerings



Advent Retreat – Saturday, December 16, 8:30-11am

See parish website for details

Donut Sunday-, December 24

After 7:30, 8:45 & 10:30am Mass



Additional Confession Times

Wednesdays 9am
Mon., Wed. & Thurs. Dec. 18, 20 & 21: 7pm until the line runs out



Christmas Mass Schedule **Dec. 24: no 12:30pm Mass for the 4th Sunday of Advent**



Sunday, Dec. 24:
Vigil Mass:
4, 6, 8 & 10pm



Monday, Dec. 25:
8 & 10am & 12pm

Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God Sunday, Dec. 31

Vigil Mass: 5:00pm

Monday, Jan. 1:

6:15, 8:30 & 10:30am, 12:00



Adult Education and Spiritual Enrichment

That Man is You (TMIY)

That Man is You (TMIY) is a Catholic men's program that's made a real difference in our lives as husbands and fathers in St. Theresa's parish, helping us to better understand our Faith and to build friendships with fellow Catholic men. During our upcoming meetings to close the fall session we will discuss confronting current cultural problems and bringing springtime to the Church as husbands and fathers. Please join us next Saturday at 630am for fellowship, video and, and discussion (6:30-8am) in the Parish building

across from the Church. Please contact Jack Hayes at 703.537.6418 or jack.hayes422@aol.com for additional information.

Women's Discipleship Group

Meets every Wednesday morning, 9:30-10:30am for Lectio Divina and 10:45-11:45am for spiritual book reading. Our focus is the Mass reading for the upcoming Sunday and a spiritual book selected by our spiritual director Deacon Matthew Noah. Starting October 11th, we will be reading the book, "Four Witnesses: The Early

Church In Her Own Words. Parish women of all ages are cordially invited. For more information contact Dawn Garabito, 862.812.0039 or dmarie213@aol.com

Interested in learning about the Legion of Mary?

Two Legion of Mary groups meet at different times. Check the website for information, or be our guest at any Legion meeting held on Wednesday, 7:15pm; or Saturday 9:15am.



Knights of Columbus

Advent Retreat for the Parish: a Morning of Reflection is

planned for **Dec 16**, 8:30-11:00. All parishioners are invited.

KOVAR: Last month our generous parishioners donated over \$3000 to KOVAR! This Virginia Knights of Columbus charity provides assistance through grants and home loans to special needs organizations. These organizations provide support to persons with intellectual disabilities. Thank you for your generosity.

Food Drive: Many thanks to the parishioners, volunteers, youth group, and Knights for donating, sorting, and transferring the food for the Catholic Charities Loudoun Food Pantry in Sterling. We collected, sorted, and delivered 5,206 pounds of food in November.

There will be no food drive in December. But you can continue to help the Loudoun Food Pantry with Gift Cards or Checks. The Loudoun Food Pantry accepts gift cards (Wegmans preferred)

to purchase needed items. Place gift cards in an envelope marked "Catholic Charities" (or "CCDA").

Make checks payable to "Catholic Charities" and put "Loudoun Regional Office" (or "LRO") in the memo portion. Place the checks or gift cards in the lock box labeled "Divine Mercy Outreach." They are mounted on the wall by each Church entrance. (Note: the box in the Narthex is located by the elevator). Thanks for your support.

Are you a parishioner in need of a home repair?

If you need help in completing a small home repair that you cannot complete yourself or that may cause you financial hardship, we are here to help! Projects should take no more than 1-2 hours and involve no more than 1-2 men. Please submit your request on our website at: <https://www.st-louismartin-kofc.org/handy-man-services>.

Call for Handyman Crew Volunteers:

Are you available to volunteer as a handyman for those in need? The vol-

unteers of the St. Louis Martin Council of the Knights of Columbus are available to complete small home repairs for the benefit of those in need who are physically incapable of performing the work, or for whom the hiring of a professional is cost prohibitive. Typical projects include Plumbing, Electrical, Carpentry, and Painting. As a volunteer, you will have the opportunity to work alongside brother knights in support of a worthy cause. What do you get in return? A smile and a thank you from the people you helped. Learn more here: <https://www.st-louismartin-kofc.org/handy-man-services>.

Catholic men: Interested in learning more about the Knights of Columbus? See our most Frequently Asked Questions at:

<https://www.st-louismartin-kofc.org/faqs> or to submit a request for more information or to be contacted by our Membership Committee scan the following QR code.



How to Register to be a Parishioner of St. Theresa Catholic Church

In the sacramental life of the Church, Catholic faithful will need to prove residency in a parish. Registration with the parish office allows us to track your sacramental data and keep you connected with the life of the church.

In order to register, come to the parish office Monday – Friday 9:30am – 3:30pm to fill out a registration card. Yellow registration cards can also be obtained at all of the Church entrances – these can be mailed to the parish or given to an usher during a church liturgy.

News Around the Diocese

Please Give to the 2023 Parish Christmas Collection—

We can renew our Catholic Faith by sharing it with others in word and deed, through evangelization and spiritual and corporal works of mercy. You can help serve the poor, protect the vulnerable, and welcome the newcomer with your support of today's Parish Christmas Collection for Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Arlington. If donating with check, use the special bulletin insert/contribution envelope. You may also make an online gift at ccda.net/Christmas.

Advent Resources!—This Advent, prepare your hearts for Christ's Nativity with 2minutes2virtue (2m2v) and Searching for More (SFM)! Stay tuned for short and inspiring video reflections led by our diocesan priests and lay faithful during each week of Advent. Stay up-to-date on new releases by subscribing to the diocesan email newsletter, the diocesan YouTube channel. You can also find 2m2v and SFM wherever you subscribe to podcast. You can also find the videos on Instagram, Facebook and Twitter as they release. Receive the weekly 2m2v challenge straight to your phone by texting "2m2v" to 84576, and join our public Facebook Group for further inspiration!

Advent Evening of Reflection for Couples—"No Room at the Inn" Wednesday, **Dec 13, 2023**

Married and Engaged couples are invited to an Evening of Reflection especially for you! The evening will begin with mass and include a delicious dinner, talk, time for quiet reflection and the opportunity for confession. \$75 per couple. Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center, 7007 Bradley Blvd., Bethesda, MD 20817. Registration is required. We also have monthly Mini-Retreats for women and Evenings of Reflection for men. Visit us at www.ourladyofbethesda.org or call 301.365.0612.

Three to Get Married Marriage Prep in 2023—Dec 14-17/ Jan 18-20 / Feb 22-25 (virtual)

A Catholic Pre-Cana program for seriously dating and engaged couples. This marriage preparation course is an intensive preparation experience true to the teachings of the Catholic Church. Convenient one-weekend

schedule. FOCCUS administration is included. \$375 per couple. Space will be limited and these weekends fill up quickly, so reserve your spot today! Find more info on the website ourladyofbethesda.org. Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center, Bethesda, MD.

Advent Mini-Retreats for Women

Evening: **Dec 20**, 6-9pm

Morning: **Dec 21**, 9:15am - 12:15pm

Ladies, we invite you to join us for our Advent Mini-Retreats specially designed for women. Take a break from the hustle and bustle of the holiday season to relax, rejuvenate and connect with other amazing women. Cost is \$25 per person. Advance Registration is required. Babysitting will be available during the morning retreat and must be reserved in advance. Visit our website to register www.ourladyofbethesda.org. Hosted by the Women of Regnum Christi. Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center, 7007 Bradley Blvd., Bethesda, MD 20817. Don't miss out on this opportunity to unwind and recharge before the new year. See you there!

New Years Retreat for Men **Jan 6-7, 2024**

Experience the essentials of the Spiritual Exercises in this abbreviated one-night retreat! Start the new year off right with a Retreat! Experience the essentials of the Spiritual Exercises in this abbreviated one-night retreat. Based on the Spiritual Exercises, the retreat is designed to provide a rejuvenating experience with a more convenient schedule. You will have the opportunity to participate in guided meditations, attend Mass, and benefit from individual spiritual direction. Additionally, you will have plenty of free time to explore the beautiful natural surroundings of the retreat center and spend time in personal reflection. Registration is required. Cost: \$150 per person. Find more information and links to register on the website www.ourladyofbethesda.org. Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center, Miracles Happen Here! 7007 Bradley Blvd., Bethesda, MD 20817.

Marriage Retreat! By offering Married Couples the beautiful experience of a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend, the Catholic Church is affirming and supporting you in your chosen vocation – Marriage. Take advantage of

this great gift to enhance your relationship and enjoy a love-filled weekend away together.

For more info or to register, go to WWME.org, click "Apply" and search for "Virginia" or your desired location. Feel free to contact Mark and Cathy Stangler at 703.378.4150 or mstang1987@aol.com with any questions. Here are a few upcoming experiences: January 26-28, 2024 - Myrtle Beach, SC; March 1-3, 2024 - College Park, MD; April 12-14, 2024 - Herndon, VA

Quo Vadis Seminary Visit for High School Boys—

Ever wondered what college seminary is like? Join Fr. Isenberg and Quo Vadis on **January 27, 2024**, to experience it firsthand on a visit to St. John Paul II Seminary in Washington, D.C. Meet the seminarians and their formators, see where they live, pray, eat and study, celebrate Mass together and tour parts of Catholic University where they have classes. Dads are welcome but not required. Deadline to submit registration form is January 18. Visit www.ArlingtonDiocese.org/QuoVadis or contact the Office of Vocations, vocations@arlingtondiocese.org or 703.841.2514. Quo Vadis events are for high school boys interested in growing in their spiritual life and exploring their vocations.

Separated or Divorced?—St. John's Separated and Divorced Ministry invites all separated or divorced Catholics to their meetings every third Thursday of the month, 7:30pm at St. John's in Leesburg. Email separated.divorced@stjohnleesburg.com for more information.

Do you love someone with a drug or alcohol problem?—

The Nar-Anon is a worldwide fellowship for those affected by a friend's or family member's addiction. As a twelve-step program, we offer our help by sharing our experience, strength, and hope. Please join us for an evening of support and recovery; you're only a stranger until you walk through the door. For more information, contact Deacon Noah at dcnnoah@sainttheresaparish.com. Weekly meetings are held: 2nd & 4th Mondays, 7-8pm, Cascades Library; 1st, 3rd & 5th Mondays, 7-8pm via Zoom; Thursdays, 7-8pm, Leesburg Presbyterian Church.

Pilgrimage to the National Eucharistic Congress

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All offices located at 21370 St. Theresa Lane, Ashburn, VA

Sacraments

Sponsor Certificates

Please contact the Parish Office to obtain a sponsor certificate prior to a Baptism or Confirmation.

Baptisms

Parents desiring Baptism for their child must attend a class (preferably before the child's birth) held the first Thursday of each month at 7:30pm in a Conference Room in the Administration Bldg. You may schedule your child for the Sacrament of Baptism (held all Sundays 1:30pm) by visiting the Parish website under Faith, Sacraments, Baptism. Date is confirmed once all paperwork is received in the office (at least 2 weeks prior to the date of desired Baptism.)

Matrimony

The priest must be contacted at least six (6) months prior to the wedding date.

Visit the Parish Website under Faith, Sacraments, Marriage and fill out the Marriage Preparation Questionnaire prior to contacting the Parish Office. A priest will contact you.

RCIA

Adults desiring instruction in the Catholic Faith should visit the website to register for RCIA classes.

Hospitalized/Homebound

Please contact the Parish Office to ask for Holy Communion or the Anointing of the Sick.



Learn more, visit
www.sainttheresaparish.com

Festival of Trees-Thank you!

Many thanks to all who participated in another successful raffle. The proceeds for Divine Mercy Outreach were \$21,500. to help families in need! Special thanks to Mary & Jim Sinnott, Mary Macguire, Anne Cantwell and Angela Haberland for a beautiful festival! Thank you to all our tree, basket and wreath donors for their time and talent with their beautiful and fun designs. Thanks also to Northern VA Orthodontics, Rubinos, Clydes, Great Harvest, Coopers Hawk, Uncle Julios, Wegmans, Giant, Harris Teeter, Bonefish, Asia Spice, Canine Carousel, American Steakhouse, Radiance Salon, Buffalo Wing Factory, and IHOP for their donations.

Furniture Ministry Coordinator still needed.— We need your help. Our furniture ministry needs a coordinator or two. This includes picking up donated tables and chairs and small dressers and delivering them to families in need. If you are interested in

this ministry, please contact Marianne Guidos at 703.729.2334 or dmoutreach@sainttheresaparish.com.

Monetary Donations—Your donations make a difference in the lives of struggling families! We assist struggling veterans, individuals and families due to domestic violence, disabilities, layoffs, medical issues and unforeseen circumstances that need help in moving forward.

Donations accepted online, by mail or drop off to the parish office. Indicate DMO in the memo of the check or on the envelope. To donate online—<http://www.sainttheresaparish.com> and click on "Donate" tab to make a monetary donation online! Thank you for helping us to bring Christ's love to others by helping them in their time of need.

Bed Ministry—volunteers with trucks or Large SUVs needed especially! Consider taking a short time out of your day to bring some light into another's life. Extra helpers needed to bring new beds and bedding from our storage to families moving out of the shelters and other families in need. Interested, contact Bea Craig at 571.439.0364 or beds@sainttheresaparish.com

Friends in Need—Provides meals on a short-term basis for those families or individuals in the parish who are unable to cook for themselves due to arrival of a new baby, illness or a medical situation in the immediate family...Contact Emily Wilsey at emwilsey@aol.com or 703.585.5435 to volunteer to make meals or if you or a loved one need of help with meals.

The Visitation Ministry

Are you HOMEBOUND? We have wonderful parishioners who would love to visit you or if you are not comfortable with a home visit at this time, they will call you! If you need help with an errand or would like someone to pray with you, let us know. If you are looking to volunteer, please contact us as well. Claudia Lewis at 703.431.8670 or email her at clewis825@gmail.com.

Looking for more ways help? Sign up to receive our Outreach email to get up to date information on needs and volunteer opportunities. If you sign up you will learn about what we do and how you can become more involved in touching the lives of families who are struggling. Contact Marianne Guidos 703.729.2334 or dmoutreach@sainttheresaparish.com.

Please do not leave clothing at church. We are not accepting clothing donations.

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