

Masses for the Week

Mon, Nov 25	6:15— Aileen DiSilvestre 8:30— Sherry Manalel 12:15— Joseph Blunda+	5
Tues, Nov 26	6:15— James Gusack+ 8:30— Erik Pollock+	
Wed, Nov 27	6:15— Fr. Spychala 8:30— Margaret & Frank Tesoriere+ 12:15— Andrew Joseph DeVito	I I O
Thurs, Nov 28	6:15— Steve Miles 8:30— Leonard & Mary Catherine Stevens+	
Fri, Nov 29	6:15— Patricia Carey+ 8:30— Katherine Tellis	k
Sat, Nov 30	8:30— Jen Lausten 5:30— Jacob Lough+	I
Sun, Dec 1	7:30— Ned Woisard+ 8:45— St. Theresa Parishioners 10:30— Doug Stuard+ 12:30— Jennifer & Sunil Tellis 5:00— Sally Bittel+	F F I I

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	
**Federal Holidays—6:15 and 8:30am Masses only		

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

Prayers For The Sick: Suzanne Miles, Martin Caplan, Gene Epperly, Patricia LeMay, Julie D. Lawrence, Megan Brown, John Forbes, Ronald Lewis Cricks, Tom Poerstel, Pamela Hoeft, Mary Broderick, Mary Giebel, Esther Yager, Tori Edmonds, Daniel John Begley, Michael DeCardona, Stephen Stahl, Steve Smith, Michael Williamson, Brenda Fitzpatrick, Barney Smith, Rick & Kathleen Mikszan, Jeffrey Miller, Raymond Humanik, Kelly Hargreaves, Ellen Russow, Patricia Fuechslin, Pranee Heinjarean, Nellie Gonzalez, Bernadette Valdez, Emma Ciaravino. **Prayers For Our Military:** Sabrina Sokol, Aidan Sullivan, Kyle Sullivan, Heather Hurley, Connor McCarthy, Kraig Broecker Jr., Victoria Carrick Caviston, Jack Ward, Michael Scully, Matthew Baba, Anthony Lupetaliaami, 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, Eric Ciliberti, John Kesterson, Matthew Kesterson, Alexa Katharine Koenig, Russell Escalante, John Conrad.

Caution! Next Week is Advent!

If you've read my bulletin columns through the years, you already know how much I love Advent, and how lamentable I think it is that our culture ignores Advent entirely, blindly rushing headlong into Christmas. Let's recall why Advent is so important, and consider a few ways we can celebrate it.

The term Advent from the Latin word *adventus* meaning 'coming.' For thousands of years, the world waited for the coming of the Messiah to redeem the human race and to restore mankind's relationship to God. We still share that same yearning in two ways. We long for Christ to come into our hearts. (Who among us could say, "I'm already perfect. Christ can't possibly get any closer.") Secondly, we yearn for Christ to come again, as He promised, to restore this broken and tattered world to Himself.

Advent is therefore a season we badly need. It is a season of: 1) hopeful longing, 2) joyful expectation, and 3) prayerful preparation. Advent looks to 1) the messianic yearning of ages past, 2) our present need for closeness to Christ, and 3) his promised coming, to fulfill all things in Himself.

We need time to focus on such things. So, for your own spiritual well-being, don't skip Advent. You wouldn't skip Lent and sail straight into Easter, would you? Every liturgical season of the year has an essential purpose, is very important, and is meant to be lived to the full. Here are a few ways you can live the spirit of Advent.

Get An Advent Wreath: This is the most popular way to celebrate Advent. Four candles count down the weeks until Christmas. Each Sunday of Advent, one of the candles is lit and special prayers are said. Is there anyone who doesn't love lighting a candle at the dinner table? Go get an Advent Wreath for your home!

Try Advent Devotional Reading: There are lots of great Advent books that take you deeper into the profound theology of Advent, most of which are already measured out by the day to allow for just one short reading. At the first Christmas, God came to us as a baby. This is an amazing fact to pray about. Going through each day with devotional reading is one of the best ways to spiritually prepare yourself for Christmas.

Make an Advent Calendar: Kids LOVE this tradition. You count down the days to Christmas, and learn much-needed patience, by opening just one tiny doorway in your Advent Calendar each day. There's usually a piece of chocolate inside each door. You can buy an Advent Calendar, but they're also very easy to make.

Wait for Christmas: Don't decorate right now. Don't say "Merry Christmas" just yet. Put it off, and make it clear that this is the Advent season. Can you put off sending cards until Christmas season? Can you offer a Christmas party during the Christmas season, instead of during Advent? You might be surprised to see how much people appreciate it!

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

Fr. Hudgins

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

Upcoming Early Bulletin Deadlines

Take note of the following upcoming early bulletin deadlines:

December 8 bulletin--due by Tuesday, November 26, 12noon December 15 bulletin--due by Wednesday, December 4 12noon December 22 bulletin--due by Tuesday, December 10 12noon December 29 bulletin--due by Wednesday, December 18 12noon January 5, 2025 bulletin--due by Friday, December 27 12noon

Wanting to hear Fr. Hudgins' homilies?

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

Youth Education and News



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November

<u>Sunday, the 24th</u>-Parish Food Drive (after 8:45am Mass & 5pm Mass)

Monday, the 25th-Food Sort by Expirations Dates, 7-8:30pm

<u>Tuesday, the 26th</u>-Load food for transport, 6:15-7pm

December

<u>Sunday, the 1st</u>-Upper Room Squad, 6pm to 8pm – Showing the Movie 'TRICKED' as part of the Protecting Our Children efforts of the Diocese of Arlington–see below for detailed info

<u>Tuesday, the 3rd</u>-6pm in the school cafeteria - Makeup showing of the Movie 'TRICKED' as part of the Protecting Our Children efforts of the Diocese of Arlington

<u>Sunday, the 8th</u>-Upper Room Squad, 6-8pm

<u>Sunday, the 15th</u>-Upper Room Squad, 6-8pm

Tricked – A video-based safe-training program that explores the dangerous realities of sexual trafficking. Upper Room Squad will be showing the movie 'Tricked: Inside the World of Teen Sex Trafficking' on Sunday, December 1st, at 6pm in the school cafeteria. This is a part of the Youth Training Program established by the Diocese. While parents are the primary educators and caregivers of youth, the Diocese of Arlington enjoys the privilege of sharing in that ministry, in the world we live in today, youth too often are alone and unprepared for the dangers presented. This movie will help students understand and spot the scouting and manipulating techniques that are commonly used by traffickers. Using testimony from survivors of sex trafficking, as well as insider information from a former trafficker, they talk about how to avoid susceptible behaviors. They also provide insights on how to get help if students or their friends get trapped in this terrible situation. To get more information on the program just visit the Arlington Diocese webpage under 'Protecting our Children', follow the 'Youth Training Programs' tab, https:// www.arlingtondiocese.org/childprotection/youth-training-programs/. (the make-up date will be Tuesday, December 3rd, at 6pm in the school cafeteria)

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Office Hours: Mon-Thurs. 9am-4pm; Fri. 9am-noon

There will be Religious Education (RE) on Sunday, November 24th and Monday, November 25th and NO RE on Tuesday, November 26th.

The RE Office will be closed from Wednesday, November 27th through Friday, November 29th for the Thanksgiving Holiday and will reopen on Sunday evening, December 1st.

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.



Saint Theresa Catholic School Educating Tomorrow's Catholic Leaders www.stsashburn.com

STCS Parents, please see the **Thurs**day **Thunder Newsletter** for information on important dates and events, including:

Sunday, Nov. 17-STCS Open House, 1:45pm please join us! Tuesday, Nov. 26-Early Dismissal; Thanksgiving Break thru Monday, Dec. 2 Tuesday, Dec. 3-Students return: Catholic Charities "We Care Week" Wednesday, Dec. 4-Book Fair runs thru 12/11/24 Thursday, Dec. 5-HSPT, early dismissal 8th Grade Friday, Dec. 6-Retreat for grades 5-8; picture re-takes

Shop for Christmas at the Book Fair! Save the dates for the STCS Winter Book Fair, open Wednesday, December 4 thru Wednesday, December 11. We'll also be open for parishioners to visit and shop on Sunday, December 8 during the parish Festival of Trees!



Would you like to learn more about St. Theresa Catholic School, and how Catholic education can make a difference in your child's life? For admissions details, please visit our website at www.stsashburn.com (click "Admissions") or email Admissions Director Denise Rotell, rotelld@stsashburn.com.

News from our Parish

Advent Calendar and Candle Sale to support WorkCamp-Advent calendars and candles will be sold in the Narthex after each Mass during the weekend of November 30th/

December 1st. All proceeds go to help offset costs for the teens participating in the WorkCamp Program next June.

Annual Greens Sale Next Week-The Respect Life Committee will be selling Christmas wreaths and greens in support of A Woman's Choice next weekend only, Nov 31 and Dec 1 after all masses. Decorate your home and doors with beautiful and fragrant large wreaths and sprays. Advent candles and candle holders will also be available. A Woman's Choice is a non-profit pro-life organization that provides many services to women concerning their pregnancy, e.g. information on abortion, adoption and pregnancy; providing infant through toddler clothing/supplies; counseling for women of past abortions. They have two locations in Falls Church and Herndon. So, beautify your home and at the same time support one of the Church's most important ministries. Checks and cash only please.

December Baptism Class—The December Baptism class will be held on Thursday, December 12th vice December 5th. Please make note of this.

Crocheting, Knitting and Crafting Group to start—Eager to Keep your fingers nimble, improve math skills and sharpen your memory through arts and crafts? Come to the new crafting group focusing on Catholics coming together to share the joys of Faith while leaving the "table" with a finished product. Contact Jennie Brusstar at

jlbrusstar@gmail.com/571.598.6854

White House Ornaments are ready for pick-up! If you ordered a White House Christmas ornament, they are now available for pick-up in the Religious Education office Monday-Thursday 10am-12pm and 1:00-2:30pm. Note that pick-up is not available on Fridays or the week of Thanksgiving. St. Theresa School parents may pick-up in the school office during regular business hours. If you missed the pre-order we have some extras for sale! Please email freschir@stsashburn.com or call

Art Contest-Drawing of Jesus. Drawing must be completed by **De**cember 6th and dropped of in the Saint Theresa Parish Office. Parish Office

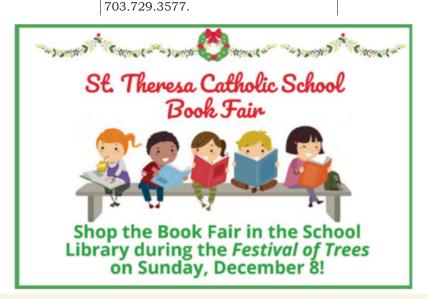
Hours: M-F: 9:30am-3:30pm (closed for lunch 12-1) Website: https://

sainttheresaparish.com Rules: 8 1/2 x 11 Sheet; Name & Age and Parent contact & email on back. Must be a hand drawn picture of Jesus; Only 1 submission per person

Age Groups: up to 5 years old; 6–10 years old; 11-15 years old; 16-24 years old; 25-44 years old; 45 & over

Winners will be announced on December 15th by email. All drawings will be available for pickup on December 16th Angela Haberland will contact you by email.

(6) 1st Place Awards. Winners will get a Trophy and a \$25 Gift Card Questions? Contact: Angela Haberland @ angela.haberland@gmail.com, 703.407.1204



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

In the sacramental life of the Church, Catholic faithful will In order to register, come to the parish office Monday 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.

Friday 9:30am – 3:30pm (closed for lunch from 12-1) 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.



Festival of the Trees

Saturday December 7, 2024 2:30 PM-7:30 PM Sunday December 8, 2024 8:00 AM-2:00PM Winning Tickets Drawn at 2:00 PM Sunday, Winners must pick up items by 4pm on Sunday, Dec. 8th.

Location St. Theresa Parish Center (Across from the Church)

Visit with Santa on Sunday Morning December 8th at the Knights of Columbus Breakfast with Santa

All Proceeds Benefit Divine Mercy Outreach to help families in need.

To Donate a Tree, Wreath, or Basket or have questions or want to volunteer-Contact Marianne Guidos- <u>dmoutreach@sttheresaparish.com</u>

Pre-Sale tickets available 11/23/24 & 11/24/24 after masses &

online through Monday, Nov 25th. (Extra free tickets are possible when you purchase early!)

See Parish Website under Outreach-Festival of Trees

Tickets are also available during the event!

Adult Education and Spiritual Enrichment

Looking for a great New Year's Reso- Legion of Mary?—Want to deepen lution? Beginning on January 1st 2025, you'll have the opportunity to join Catholics in listening to The Bible in a Year podcast with Fr. Mike Schmitz. In 365 days, you'll read through the entire Bible, with Fr. Mike acting as your guide and offering insight and prayer along the way. Maybe you've always wanted to read through the Bible and never knew where to start—this podcast is the solution. Additionally, every Thursday from 7-8pm, you'll have a chance to meet inperson in the Parish Center to discuss the podcast. For more details email Maria Basu at maria_basu@yahoo.com.

your faith, build community, increase in your relationship with our Lord and serve others? We have two praesidium options. Saturdays at 9:15am and Wednesdays at 7pm. Stop by the Saint Louis Martin room and learn more about it.

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 for the Lectio Divina praver is the Mass reading for the upcoming Sunday. Starting September 25th, we will be studying women in the Old Testament. Parish women of all ages

are cordially invited. For more information contact Dawn Garabito, 862.812.0039 or dmarie213@aol.com

That Man is You (TMIY)—Are you looking to strengthen your faith & family and meet other Catholic men at St Theresa's? We met on November 9th and learned about the Eucharist and its importance in our lives, and to share this with our families. Use the QR Code below or contact Jack Hayes at 703.537.6418 or

jack.haves422aol.com for more information.



Knights of Columbus

Food Drive: Many thanks to the parishioners, volunteers, youth group, and Knights for donating, sorting, and delivering 4,905 pounds of food to the Catholic Charities Loudoun Food Pantry in Sterling last month. Your contributions and effort make this program a successful one.

Please keep up the generosity by returning your bag this weekend (November 23-24) with items in the attached flyer. If you were unable to pick up a blue bag, you can always return food in a reusable, paper, or plastic bag. Please, no expired items. The pantry is unable to distribute expired items.

Pancake Breakfast: The KofC pancake breakfast held on November 10 was a great success. We served over 300 parishioners after the morning

Masses and also had a great turnout of volunteers (see photo). Thank you to all! Profits from this breakfast will support the Virginia Special Olympics.



Mark your calendars! Sunday, December 8. Pancake Breakfast with special guest Santa Clause! Bring the kids and enjoy pancakes with Santa! Profits from his breakfast will benefit Divine Mercy Outreach.

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! We do not do outdoor yard or gardening work. Please submit your request on our website at: https:// www.st-louismartin-kofc.org/handyman-services.

Interested in Joining? Guided by principles of charity, unity and fellowship, the Knights of Columbus work to strengthen our parish,

our families and our community. FAQ: https://www.stlouismartin-kofc.org/ fags. To be contacted, please scan the following OR code.



News Around the Diocese

Watch "A Day in the Life of a Catholic Priest"—Ever want a glimpse into the life of a priest in our diocese? Now you can. We invite you to watch "A Day in the Life of a Catholic Priest" to follow Fr. John Paul Heisler from morning prayer to night prayer to see a window into the vocation of the priesthood. To view: https://bit.ly/aday-in-the-life-catholic-priest

Shadow a Wolf for a Day!—Shadow Days at John Paul are in full swing! Do you have an 8th-10th grader who is interested in seeing what it is like to be a JP student? Sign them up for a Shadow Day visit! For registration and more details, please visit: https:// jpthegreat.schooladminonline.com/ portal/new_inquiry Limited spots available!

John Paul is now accepting applications for the 2025-2026 school

year!— To apply please visit: https:// www.jpthegreat.org/apps/pages/ how to apply. For more information about scholarships and to see if your

child will qualify please visit: https:// www.jpthegreat.org/apps/pages/ scholarships

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.

News Around the Diocese Continued

New: Private Retreats at Our Lady of word in the likes of O'Connor, Ches-Bethesda! Dec 6-8, 2024 (Men & Women); Mar 21-23, 2025 (Men & Women); Apr 3-6, 2025 (Men only); Apr 11-12, 2025 (Women only)—Our Lady of Bethesda now offers Private Retreats! A unique opportunity, the Private Retreat allows your soul to explore your spiritual journey at a pace that suits your needs. It coincides with a preached retreat, offering the same access to the sacraments, meals and our facilities, while giving you the flexibility of a private, self-directed experience. Cost is \$226 per person, if registered by the early-bird deadline. Advance Registration is required. Don't wait, sign up now and embrace this sacred time to nurture your unique soul and strengthen your faith. Visit our website to register and to find more dates at ourladyofbethesda.org. Or call 301.365.0612. Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center, 7007 Bradley Blvd., Bethesda, MD 20817.

Advent Women's Silent Retreat Dec

6-8—Retreat to the Arlington Diocese San Damiano Spirituality Center in White Post, Virginia, and savor the silence with your sisters. We will "treasure and ponder" the mysteries of Advent while we read, think, pray... and rest with Jesus Christ. Fr. John Riley will lead us in a consideration of the true meaning of the peaceful and solemn season of Advent and how we might better prepare to welcome the Christ Child with joy into our families and our homes on Christmas morning. The retreat begins at 5pm on Friday, December 6, and ends at 1pm on Sunday, December 8. Retreat cost is \$285 per person. For further information or to register, please contact Deacon Mark Maines at

mark.maines@arlingtondiocese.org.

Finding Divine Truth in Catholic Literature Dec 13-15—Our faith has produced an abundance of Catholic writers throughout the ages, and the grace they received in the Sacraments permeates their works. Come spend a weekend with Fr. Rich Miserendino at the Arlington Diocese's San Damiano Retreat Center in White Post, VA and dive into short stories and snippets of longer works as we contemplate the divine Word glimpsed in the written

terton, Waugh and more. This unique retreat experience is for both men and women. The retreat begins at 5pm on Friday, December 13, and ends at 1pm on Sunday, December 15. Retreat cost is \$285 per person. For further information or to register, please contact Deacon Mark Maines at mark.maines@arlingtondiocese.org

Three to Get Married Marriage Prep in 2024—Dec 19-22, Jan 9-12, Feb 20-23. The Three to Get Married Marriage Preparation Program is 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. \$398 per couple. Space is 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.

St. Therese of Lisieux Women's Silent Retreat Jan 24-26-St. Therese of Lisieux's spiritual doctrine is easily understood and can be applied in our day-to-day lives. Her counsel can ably assist us in enduring and embracing difficulties in prayer, overcoming scruples, and patiently putting up with challenging people. Join Fr. Jack Riley at the feet of Jesus at San Damiano to learn more about this great saint. The retreat begins at 5pm on Friday, January 24, and ends at 1pm on Sunday, January 26, 2025. Retreat cost is \$285 per person. For further information or to register, please contact Deacon Mark Maines at mark.maines@arlingtondiocese.org.

National Adoption Month-November is National Adoption Month-please help us to encourage Catholic families to discern the option of adopting one of the many children in foster care awaiting adoptive families. Live Your Faith, Adopt a Child: Foster Care Adoption is a Pro Life Option. To learn more about Catholic Charities' Waiting Child Adoption Program, please visit www.ccda.net

Interested in Becoming a Foster Parent in Loudoun County?- Want to make a difference right here in your community? Loudoun County is always in need of additional families to join their network of foster care families. Foster parenting is caring for a child placed in your home through the local department of social services. The child placed in your care is unable to remain safely in their home with their parents or relatives. Foster parents are asked to provide a safe, stable, temporary and caring atmosphere for a child placed in their home. Interested applicants are not required to have prior parenting experience but must be able to work as part of a team and support the goal of reunification. For more information, contact parishioner Kathleen Ciliberti at kathleenciliberti@gmail.com or go to www.loudoun.gov/1004/foster-careadoption for more information or at beth.mason@loudoun.gov or 703.771.5941.

Marriage Workshop: Strengthening Your Love Marriage Renewal Workshop, Feb 15-16, 2025—A Christcentered weekend designed to offer practical tools that can help foster effective communication and emotional closeness in your marriage. Make your marriage thrive, not just survive! The expert speaker team includes Catholic psychologists, therapists, and priests who will offer their expertise and experience, plus they will be on hand the entire weekend to offer individual consultation, upon request. Please note: This is NOT an overnight program. Cost: Early-Bird rate: \$480 per couple, if registered by Feb 3rd. Seating is limited. Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center, 7007 Bradley Blvd., Bethesda, MD 20817. See our website for more details about the program and links to register: www.ourladyofbethesda.org.

Solemnity of Christ the King—"My kingdom is not from this world." Are you being called to proclaim the glorious reign of Christ the King as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Contact Fr. Michael Isenberg, michael.isenberg@arlingtondiocese.org or 703.841.2514.

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Learn more, visit www.saintttheresaparish.com

Wishing you all a very Happy Thanksgiving! We are grateful to all who volunteer and donate to help those in need! May God bless you all abundantly!

Light Up Someone's Christmas (LUSC) Items due back by November

25th—Items are due back tomorrow. Drop items before mass to the volunteers today or bring them to the parish office tomorrow. Do not leave items during the week at church. Follow the instructions on the tag. Monetary donations can be made online and gift cards can be placed in the lock boxes or dropped off to the parish office as well. Thank you! Questions? Contact Marianne Guidos at 703.729.2334.

Festival of Trees- December 7th & 8th—The Festival of Trees is a fundraiser raffle of 3-to-4-foot themed Christmas Trees, wreaths, and gift baskets. Fun for all. The proceeds help families in need through Divine Mercy Outreach. See photos from last year on the parish website under Outreach- festival of Trees. Presale tickets this weekend after mass and online until Nov 25th! Buy early to earn extra tickets!

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 **7pm (note the** time change) 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.

Did you know?—Your donations make a difference in the lives of struggling families by preventing evictions and keeping utilities on! We assist struggling veterans, individuals and families due to domestic violence, disabilities, layoffs, medical issues and unforeseen circumstances. Donations accepted online, or by mail or drop off to the parish office. Please indicate DMO in the memo of the check or on the envelope. To donate online go to the parish website 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

Do you have furniture items to donate?—Consider donating to help families in need that are moving out of the shelter. We partner with McLean Bible church to assist families coming out of the shelter. Contact Matthew Broderick at 703.966.0791 or mebroderick1@gmail.com

Friends in Need—Provides meals on a short- term basis for 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.

Bed Ministry—Volunteer for the Bed Ministry –volunteers with trucks or Large SUVS needed especially! We have had an increase in bed requests. Consider taking a short time out of your day to bring some light into another's life. We need extra helpers to bring new beds and bedding from our storage to families moving out of the shelters and other families and children in need.

Interested in helping contact Bea Craig at 571.439.0364 or beds@sainttheresaparish.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.







