

Masses for the Week

Mon, Dec 22 6:15— Joan & Robert Burton+

8:30— Kim Mares

12:15— Fr. Richard Guest

Tues, Dec 23 6:15— Teodoro Risos

8:30— Frank Grebowski+

Wed, Dec 24 6:15— Elizabeth & Francis McAndrew+

8:30— Lous Premkumar 4:00— Frances-Maria Pilaro+

6:00— Susanne King+ and Robert Mica+

10:00— St. Theresa Parishioners

Thurs, Dec 25 8:00— Jane Runfola+

10:00— Pina Pilaro+ Noon— Tellis Family

8:00— Agnes O'Neill+

Fri, Dec 26 6:15— Ann Marie & Pavel Celtinski

8:30- Kim Mares

Sat, Dec 27 8:30— David Lyons+

5:30— Dorothy Mullen+

Sun, Dec 28 7:30— Cynthia Alexa+

8:45— St. Theresa Parishioners 10:30— Deceased Members of the

Keane & Bianchet Families+

12:30— McGovern Family+ 5:00— Celinda Almonte

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 Reverend Matthew J. DeForest, In Residence

Deacon Paul C. Konold Deacon Anthony J. Renzette

Prayers For The Sick: Katherine McCray, Maria Theresa Baric, Iris and Romeo Rigor, Jennifer Spurr, Luz Triana, Maddie N., Suzanne Miles, Martin Caplan, Gene Epperly, Patricia LeMay, Megan Brown, John Forbes, Ronald Lewis Cricks, Tom Poerstel, Mary Broderick, Mary Giebel, Esther Yager, Tori Edmonds, Daniel John Begley, Michael De-Cardona, Stephen Stahl, Michael Williamson, Brenda Fitzpatrick, Barney Smith, Rick & Kathleen Mikszan, Jeffrey Miller, Raymond Humanik, Kelly Hargreaves, Ellen Russow, Patricia Fuechslin.

Prayers For Our Military: Joaquin Gabriel, Brady Carmical, Ify Nwabuoku, Cabell Early, Jack Williamson, 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, Matthew Schierling, Eric Frames, Bill Freschi, Paul Schierling, Marshall Kellner, Eric Ciliberti, John Kesterson, Matthew Kesterson.



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Christmas 2025

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Christmas shines as a season of joy, unity, and renewed hope. The Child of Bethlehem comes to draw us together as one family of faith, bridging every distance and healing every division. His radiant light pierces the darkness reminding us that in Christ love triumphs and peace endures.

As we gather once more around the manger of Bethlehem, our hearts are filled with awe and gratitude for the gift of God's love made visible in Jesus Christ. At Christmas, we rejoice in the wondrous mystery of the Incarnation-God made man, dwelling among us to share our humanity, joys, and sorrows. In Him, heaven and earth are united, and through Him, we are reconciled to our Creator. The birth of our Savior reveals that God's love knows no boundaries.

I invite you to celebrate this holy season with renewed thanks for the gift of one another. May we follow the example of the Holy Family, who in faith and love welcomed the will of God with trust and serenity.

May the joy of this Christmas strengthen the bonds of unity among us and may the peace of Christ reign in your hearts and homes.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge

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Bishop of Arlington

Parish Christmas Schedule

Additional Confession Times Mon, Dec 22: 6:30pm till line ends

*Make note, no 9am Confessions on Wednesday, Dec 24th.

Christmas Mass Schedule



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



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



Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God Wednesday, Dec. 31 Vigil Mass: 5:30pm

Thursday, Jan. 1: 8:30 & 10:30am, 12pm



Upcoming Early Bulletin Deadline

Due to the upcoming Holiday season, please make note of these early deadline

January 4 bulletin--due by Monday, December 22, 12noon

Youth Education and News



ymoffice@sainttheresaparish.com

January

Sun, 4th - Upper Room Squad, 6-8pm

Sun, 11th-Upper Room Squad, 6-8pm

<u>Tues</u>, <u>13th</u> – WorkCamp Prep Meeting, 7-8:30 pm: St Zelie Martin Rooms 2&3

Sun, 18th -Upper Room Squad, 6-8pm

<u>Thurs, 22nd</u> - Life is VERY GOOD / Life Fest Evening of Prayer, Eagle Bank Arena, Fairfax, 5:30-10:15pm

Sun, 25th - Parish Food Drive (after 8:45am Mass & 5pm Mass)

Mon, 26th - Food Sort by Expiration Dates, 7-8:30pm

<u>Tues, 27th</u> - Load food for transport, 6:15p-7pm

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Office Hours:

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

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

Wishing our Priests, Deacons, & all parishioners a very Merry Christmas!





The St. Theresa Catholic School Community

Saint Theresa Catholic School

Educating Tomorrow's Catholic Leaders

www.stsashburn.com

For more information, please contact Regina Freschi, freschir@stsashburn.com or

703.729.3577. We are truly grateful for your support!

STCS Parents, mark your calendars for these important upcoming events & see the Thursday Thunder email for details:

- •Christmas Break
- Epiphany Celebration
- •Thunder Appeal Class Competition

Discover the Spirit of Learning at Saint Theresa Catholic School! Join us for a personal tour and experience

our vibrant community where faith meets education. Visit our classrooms, meet our dedicated staff, and see how we nurture young minds in a joyful, faith-filled environment. Request your tour today and see firsthand what makes Saint Theresa Catholic School a special place for your child's education. To request a tour or to complete an application, visit our website, www.stsashburn.com (click "Admissions"). We can't wait to welcome you!

Applications for new families open on January 5th! Siblings of current students may apply now!

Considering End-of-Year Giving? St. Theresa Catholic School's annual Thunder Appeal, "Be the Face of Christ," is now underway -- please consider supporting our parish school! 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. To make a gift online, please scan the QR code or visit our website, www.stsashburn.com, or mail a check to St. Theresa Catholic School ("Thunder Appeal" in the memo).

STCS Thunder Appeal





703.729.2287

Office Hrs: 9:30am-3:30pm (closed for lunch 12-1)

Can you help with an End-of-Year gift?

St. Theresa Catholic School's Thunder Appeal, Be the Face of Christ











Campus Security & Improvements | Curriculum Supplies & Classroom Resources | Faith Formation Opportunities | Faculty Professional Development | Bridging the Gap Between Tuition Revenue and the Cost to Educate Each Student.

Thank you for supporting our students & faculty! Please scan the OR code or make a gift by check to St. Theresa Catholic School, "Thunder Appeal" in the memo line.



TRINITY HOUSE COMMUNITY GATHERINGS



Nurturing Your Holy Family

YOU'RE INVITED - KIDS TOO! Meet up with other families for food, fellowship & support in building a faith-filled home!



TRUST IN

Sat., Jan. 10 FAMILY FINANCES

Sat. Feb. 7

Sat., Mar. 21 AUTHENTIC CONVERSATIONS Sat., May 16



St. Theresa Parish 21370 St. Theresa Lane, Ashburn, VA in the School Cafeteria

6:30 pm: Family Dinner & Fellowship

7-7:45pm: Parent Presentation & Small Groups Discussion while Virtus-trained volunteers supervise kids

7:45-8:30pm: Fellowship & Dessert

Free event for the whole family!

Learn More at TrinityHouseCommunity.org

Ashburn Catholic Young Adults-

Talks: Dec 29--The Heart of Evangelization Part II--6:15-7:30pm in St. Theresa School Cafeteria. Pizza after! Bible Studies: Jan 6--The Nativity--6:30-8pm in St. Theresa Zelie-1 room.

Contact

st.theresas.ya@gmail.com for more info.

Virginia Pro-Life Day, Thursday January 15—Please join fellow pro-life Virginians for this special event in Richmond. Our State Delegates will be voting to decide if the proposed extreme abortion VA constitutional amendment should be placed on the ballot in November. We need to let them hear our voices for life. Information can be found at vaprolifeday.org. If you are interested in carpooling to Richmond contact Barbara Carrescia at philandba@comcast.net.



Cub Scout Pack 997 (sponsored by St Theresa Parish) is accepting

new Scouts to finish out the 2025-2026 school year. We offer an excit-

ing and engaging program. We are open to boys in grades K through 5; Scouts need not be students at St Theresa School. The time commitment is two one-hour meetings per month, plus a handful of miscellaneous events during the year. Sign up now to be included in Pinewood Derby. Interested families should send an email to pack997leaders@googlegroups.com for more information.

Wanting to hear Fr. Hudgins' homilies?

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

Adult Education and Spiritual Enrichment

Looking for a great New Year's Resolution? This year we've got two fantastic self-paced options! Beginning on January 1st, you'll have the opportunity to join fellow Catholics in listening to The Bible in a Year podcast or The Catechism in a Year podcast. The classes are self-paced and they're both free! For additional information contact Andy Johnson at johnson.andrew7003@gmail.com.

That Man is You (TMIY)—TMIY finished our fall session and will start the

spring session in January. If you are looking to strengthen your faith, become a better husband and father, and/or just get to know other men in the parish, we invite you to join us by using the following QR Code, or by contacting Jack Hayes at jack.hayes422@aol.com.

Women's Discipleship Group—

Welcome all women of St Theresa Catholic Church. Our Group meets every Wednesday morning from 9:30-

10:30 for Lectio Divina and 10:45-11:45 for reading of a selected book that provides daily encouragement, spiritual guidance and personal growth for women. Our focus for the Lectio Divina is the Mass readings for the upcoming Sunday. On September 3, 2025 we will be starting the book "Imitation of Christ" written by Thomas a 'Kempis, and translated by Ronald Knox and Michael Oakley. For more information contact Dawn Garabito 862.812.0039 or dmarie213@aol.com



Knights of Columbus

Are you a parishioner in need of a home repair? If you are physically or financially unable to complete basic home repairs, we can help. Our Handy -Man team skills include Plumbing, Electrical, Carpentry, and Painting but exclude outdoor yard or gardening work. If you are in need of repairs, or would like to be part of the Handyman Team, please visit this website to submit your repair project request or to join the team https://www.stlouismartin-kofc.org/handy-manservices.

Foster Care Information Sessions:

Loudoun County's Department of Family Services (DFS) is holding foster care information sessions in early 2026:

- •Mon, Jan. 12, 2026, 6-7:30 pm
- •Wed, Feb. 18, 2026, 6-7:30pm •Mon, March 16, 2026, 6-7:30pm

In these virtual information sessions, they will discuss: General information on foster care needs:

Who is eligible to become a foster parent; The process of becoming a foster parent, including training requirements; and Support provided to foster



parents by DFS. Attendance is free, but registration is required. Scan the QR code or visit loudoun.gov/ FosterCare to register.

Answer the Call to Serve. Guided by principles of charity, unity, and fraternity, the Knights of Columbus are men of faith and action - supporting our parish, our families, and our community. Want to learn more? Check out our FAQs at https://www.stlouismartin-kofc.org/faqs or scan the QR code to be contacted and learn more about the Knights and what we do.



Legion of Mary

Want to be part of something bigger than yourself, build community, serve others, and grow your relationship

with our Lord? There are two praesidium options: Saturdays at 9:15am and Wednesdays at 7pm. We invite you to join us in the St. Louis Martin room to say the Rosary with us and learn more.

Our Works

Invite Jesus into your home through a Sacred Heart Enthronement—a formal ceremony where Jesus is invited into your home and given authority over your family/household, bringing grace and blessings. Also, hosting the Pilgrim Virgin Statue is a beautiful way to invite God's blessings into your home, unite your family in prayer, and a tangible reminder that Mary is truly present and active in your daily lives. To schedule, complete the request forms online at https:// sainttheresaparish.com/activity/ legion-of-mary/

Prayer Request -Are you in need of prayer?

Are you in need of prayer and would like the Legion of Mary to pray along with you? Email us at legionofmarysttheresa@gmail.com or scan the QR code to send us your prayer reauest.



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

"What will convert America and save the world? My answer is prayer. What we need is for every parish to come before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament in holy hours of prayer."—St. Mother Theresa Won't you consider signing up for one hour a week to sit with Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament in our Perpetual Adoration Chapel? To sign up, go to: http://sainttheresa.letusadore.com

As a committed adorer, if you are unable to attend due to planned travel or vacation, just let us know and we will find someone to come in and fill in your hour that week.

Please consider spending one hour with the Lord. It will be the best time you will spend on earth.

Urgent Need for Committed Adorers

We have an urgent need for committed adorers who can spend a grace-filled holy hour every week with our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament for the following vacant one hour adoration slots:

Sunday: 3:00am

Monday: 1:30am, 2:30am

Wednesday: 1:00am, 10:00pm

Thursday: 12:00am

Friday: 3:00am, 5:30pm, 6:30pm

Saturday: 12:00pm, 5:30pm

Please 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, you can vacate the slot in advance and substitute adorers will provide one-time coverage.

To sign up for one of our open Adoration time slots above, please go to http://sainttheresa.letusadore.com or come by the parish office.

News Around the Diocese

Private Retreats at Our Lady of Bethesda!-Jan 22-25, 2026 (Women only); Feb 20-22, 2026 (Men & Women). 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 \$276 per person. 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.

Three to Get Married Marriage Prep in 2026: Jan 15-18 (In-Person); Jan 29-Feb 1 (In-Person); Feb 26-Mar 1 (Virtual)—The Three to Get Married Marriage Preparation Program is a Catholic Pre-Cana program for seri-

ously 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. \$525 per couple. Find more information on the website ourladyofbethesda.org.

Finding Jesus with St. Therese of Lisieux-Women's Silent Retreat-St. Therese is a magnificent manifestation of "the Feminine Genius" and a "Wise Woman" in the fullest sense of the words. Pope St. Pius X called her "the Greatest Saint of Modern Times" before Pope St. John Paul the Great declared her a Universal Doctor of the Church. Join Fr. John Riley at the Arlington Diocese's San Damiano Retreat Center in White Post, Virginia to read, pray, and rest with Jesus as we consider her great autobiography, Story of a Soul. This retreat begins at 6 pm Friday January 23rd and concludes Sunday January 25th at noon. Retreat cost is \$299, and financial assistance may be available. For further information, please contact

Father John Riley at: retreat@sacredheartwinchester.org or visit our website at www.arlingtondiocese.org/retreat

Praying with the Saints: Married Couples' Retreat—Retreat to our Arlington Diocese's San Damiano Retreat Center in White Post, Virginia. Join Father Stephen Vaccaro and Father Ed Guilloux as they team up to lead a retreat for Married Couples. With conferences on the lives and teachings of great saints, they'll help couples to incorporate a deeper spiritual life into their vocations. This retreat begins at 6 pm Friday February 13th and concludes Sunday February 15th at noon. Retreat cost is \$499, and financial assistance may be available. For further information, please contact Deacon Mark Maines at: mark.maines@arlingtondiocese.org. Visit our website at www.arlingtondiocese.org/retreat for more information about San Damiano and retreats being offered in the months ahead.

More News Around the Diocese

Marriage Workshop: Strengthening Your Love Marriage Renewal Work**shop—Feb 14-15, 2026**: Our Lady of Bethesda, Bethesda, MD; Apr 18-19, 2026: St. John the Evangelist, 689 Ritchie Highway, Severna Park, MD The "Strengthening Your Love Marriage Workshop" is a Christ-centered weekend offering practical tools to foster effective communication and deeper emotional closeness in your marriage. An expert team of Catholic psychologists, therapists, and priests will present throughout the weekend and be available for individual consultation upon request. Please note: This is not an overnight program. Cost: \$650 per couple. Registration is required and seating is limited. Visit www.ourladyofbethesda.org for details and to register.

Catholic Homeschoolers & Potential Catholic Homeschoolers--Join the

Fun!—New to homeschooling this spring semester or a homeschool veteran? Would you like your kids/teens (and you?) to build lasting friendships? Look no further! Mayflower Homeschoolers is a Roman Catholic homeschool support group whose mission is to build friendships while building our Catholic Faith. We have a full weekly schedule for ALL ages: field trips, clubs, PE, works of mercy, including quarterly teen dances! To top off all the fun, we even offer 2 academic fairs and a graduation! Inquire/Apply at www.mayflowerhomeschoolers.org!

John Paul the Great Clinics & Workshops - 4th-8th grades!—Saint John Paul the Great Catholic High School has a few exciting opportunities for younger students to hone their skills and explore their interests! Boys Wrestling Camp is back (ongoing - end of January), Super Science Saturday (Sat, Feb 28th), and more on the way! Click here to start your registration: https://

saintjohnpaul.mypaysimple.com/s/middle-school-event-registration

2026 Catholic Charities Ball—

Bishop Michael F. Burbidge and Catholic Charities invite you to join us on **Friday, February 6, 2026**, at 6 pm at The Ritz-Carlton in Tysons Corner, McLean, for the 2026 Catholic Charities Ball. This elegant evening is an opportunity to come together to celebrate the great works of Catholic Charities and raise the funds necessary to continue to support the ministries. Purchase a table, a seat, or make a donation to help us reach our goal of \$1.7 million by visiting ccda.net/ball.

Diocesan Newspaper Second Collection—The Arlington Catholic Herald is the official newspaper and news source of the Diocese of Arlington. This award-winning, biweekly publication provides Catholic news and information about our diocese, the U.S. bishops, and the Vatican, reaching approximately 100,000 homes across Virginia and beyond — and offering

24/7 coverage at catholicherald.com. Please consider contributing to the annual second collection on January 31–February 1, 2026, which helps our parish support the Catholic Herald in its mission to spread the Good News. Checks may be made payable to [name of parish], with "ACH Second Collection" written on the memo line.

The Mystery of Christ's Death & Resurrection-Women's Retreat—

Gather at the midpoint of Lent and retreat to our Arlington Diocese's San Damiano Retreat Center in White Post, Virginia. Join Msgr Mangan from Mt. St. Mary Seminary as we renew our sorrow for our sins, and we express our gratitude to God for the new life that comes to us through the Mystery of Christ's Death and Resurrection. We will listen to His Holy Word, and we will participate in His grace-filled Sacraments. This retreat begins at 6 pm Friday March 13th and concludes Sunday March 15th at noon. Retreat cost is \$299, and financial

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mark.maines@arlingtondiocese.org. Visit our website at www.arlingtondiocese.org/retreat for more information about San Damiano and retreats being offered in the

months ahead.

(Practicing) Catholic-Beneath the Surface By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Mini reflection: Advent is drawing quickly to a close, and Christmas is coming soon. The change is upon us. Do we rise to accept it, or do we fall on our faces in fear?

The First Transfiguration

I imagine Joseph waking up the morning after the dream, blinking in the dim half-light of the dawn.

One day, decades from now, the baby his wife carries will stand on a mountaintop. His face will shine like the sun, and those who look upon him will fall down upon their own faces in fear. We call this the transfiguration, and Joseph won't be there to see it. But that doesn't matter. What those men will learn on the mountaintop, Joseph already knows. He learned it last night.

Today, he shrugs off the remnants of slumber and stands up.

"Rise, and do not be afraid." This is what the baby — a baby no longer, but a man now, one in the last days of his life — will say to his companions on the mountain a few decades from now. They will look up to see him standing there the same as he always was, and they will realize that he did not change at all. They did.

"Do not be afraid." This is what the angel said last night as he revealed to

Joseph the will of God: that Joseph take Mary and the Child as his own, despite having so many reasons not to do so. And today Joseph wakes up and the world is the same as it always was: Mary is pregnant, and the Child does not belong to him.

No, the world has not changed. Joseph has.

He rises, and goes to Mary.

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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 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.

OCIA

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

Hospitalized/Homebound

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



Learn more, visit www.saintttheresaparish.com

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas!—Thank you for making many families feel loved by your help this Christmas. They are so grateful! God bless you!

Festival of Trees—Thank you again to all who donated trees, wreaths and baskets, those who volunteered or participated in the Festival of Trees especially to our committee: Cathy & John Branly, Mary Maguire, Ann Cantwell, Danielle Zuccaro, and Anh and Vernon Wong, for their dedication to making this such a wonderful event. Thank you to the Young Adults of our parish for providing delicious cookies and punch, the KOC who helped us with the setup, Troop 997 who were such a great help in the clean up! The proceeds from the event are \$25,890.00 to help families in need. God bless you all!

Are you interested in becoming part of next year's committee? Contact Myriam at

dmoutreach@sainttheresaparish.com.

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.

Did you know? 99 percent of the funds you donate go directly to families in need! Your donation makes 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. The families are so grateful!

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 that are moving out of the shelter. We partner with McLean Bible to assist these families. Contact Matthew Broderick at 703.966.0791 or mebroderick 1@gmail.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...Contact Emily Wilsey at emwilsey@aol.com or 703.585.5435 to volunteer or if you or a loved one need of help with meals.

Bed Ministry—volunteers with trucks or Large SUVS needed especially! Great to do this with your teenager too! 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? Consider signing up to receive our Outreach email to get up to date information on needs and volunteer opportunities. If you would like to sign up to be placed on our Outreach email you will learn about what we do and how you can become more involved in touching the lives of families who are struggling. Contact Myriam Perez 703.729.2334 or

dmoutreach@sainttheresaparish.com

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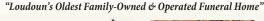
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