



St. Theresa Catholic Church

21371 St. Theresa Lane, Ashburn, Virginia 20147

August 2, 2026
Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses for the Week

Mon, August 3	6:15— Miles Family 8:30— Greg DiMuzio+ 12:15— Joseph E. Reinboldt+
Tues, August 4	6:15— Louis & Mary Ruggilo 8:30— Anastazia Kapalata+
Wed, August 5	6:15— Michael Morris+ 8:30— Ronald Thurman+ 12:15— Leonard & Mary Catherine Stevens+
Thurs, August 6	6:15— Maureen Ward+ 8:30— Jose Morais
Fri, August 7	6:15— Michael Robert Hogan+ 8:30— Eric Wong 12:15— Degbola Odutola
Sat, August 8	8:30— Una Giachinta 5:30— Teodorico Dino+
Sun, August 9	7:30— St. Theresa Parishioners 8:45— Lorraine Murphy+ 10:30— Truc Van Tran+ 12:30— Frances & John Tarantino+ 5:00— Louise Pittelli+

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 Alex Solsma, Parochial Vicar
 Reverend Matthew J. DeForest, In Residence
 Deacon Paul C. Konold
 Deacon Anthony J. Renzette

Prayers For The Sick: Eve Katherine Tinsley, Ashley Augustine, Regina McGrath, Mary Corrigan, Carol Logue, Lloyd Quist, Mr. Melchor Dizon, Megan Brown, Katherine McCray, Maria Theresa Baric, Iris and Romeo Rigor, Jennifer Spurr, Luz Triana, Maddie N., Suzanne Miles, Martin Caplan, Patricia LeMay, Megan Brown, John Forbes, Ronald Lewis Cricks, Tom Poerstel, Mary Broderick, Mary Giebel, Esther Yager, Tori Edmonds, Daniel John Begley, Michael DeCardona, Stephen Stahl, Michael Williamson, Brenda Fitzpatrick, Barney Smith.

Prayers For Our Military: Ron Willer, Michael Perez, Ethan Battaglini, Garrett Batt, Nicole Batt, 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.

Clarifying the Confusion about Confirmation (Part I)

Confirmation might be the most misunderstood sacrament in the Catholic Church. If I were to ask any parishioner to explain the basic idea of Baptism, or Confession, or the Eucharist for example, I'm certain I would receive a solid response. Confirmation, by contrast, is very widely misunderstood. And since it's almost time for a new class of high school students to receive Confirmation this year, I thought this would be an ideal time to help clarify the most common misunderstandings about this sacrament. Let's begin by explaining a few things that Confirmation is *not*:

Confirmation does not make you an "adult in the Church"

It is entirely false, and actually quite silly, to believe that Confirmation makes someone an "adult" in the Catholic Church. Fourteen and fifteen year-olds are certainly not adults, and Confirmation confers no special ecclesiastical status on its recipient. And yet somehow, the idea has been widely disseminated and accepted that Confirmation is a kind of "Catholic Bar Mitzvah," in which we "come of age" in our Church. Please know this is not true. The Church's Code of Canon Law clearly states that we become an "adult" in the Church at age 18. (CIC 97, 1) The misunderstanding that Confirmation somehow confers "adulthood" only obscures the true meaning of this great sacrament.

The Eucharist, not Confirmation, is the greatest Sacrament of Initiation

The first three sacraments we receive—Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist—are known as the "Sacraments of Initiation," because they begin or "initiate" our lives in God's grace. In most places in the world, Confirmation is the last of these to be received, which leads many to believe that Confirmation must be the most important of the three. However, according to a tradition that dates back to the first century, it was the Eucharist, not Confirmation which was received last of all. This ancient practice of offering "Eucharist last" is still observed in the Church—for example, when new Catholics receive their sacraments at the Easter Vigil. It's also the practice of all the Eastern Rites of the Church, and is the norm in many dioceses in our country. (In the Diocese of Fargo, North Dakota; Tyler, Texas; Phoenix, Arizona; and Denver, Colorado, the Bishop gives Confirmation to seven year olds, then offers them their first Holy Communion at the same Mass.) Please remember that even though most people receive Confirmation last, the Eucharist is still more important.

Confirmation is not a Sacrament of Maturity

As the Catechism states:

Age of body does not determine age of soul. Spiritual maturity is possible even in childhood. Many children, through the strength of the Holy Spirit they have received, have bravely fought for Christ even to the shedding of their blood. (CCC 1308)

Canon Law (891) states that Confirmation is to be administered at "about the age of discretion," which is understood to be seven. The same Canon allows the conference of bishops to "determine another age" for reception of the sacrament, which is what most bishops have done. Why have bishops set a later age for Confirmation? Because it makes good sense at many levels—it encourages young people to continue learning about their faith; it helps them understand and appreciate their faith at a deeper level; and it helps them be an example to their peers, that following Christ is the work of a lifetime. Now that I've mentioned a few things that Confirmation is *not*, next week I will try to explain what Confirmation is.

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



Fr. Hudgins

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

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: 2:30am

Monday: 11pm

Tuesday: 3am

Thursday: 2:30am

Saturday: 12:30 & 10pm

Also, urgent need for substitute adorers, especially for 9pm-5am

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.

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.

Youth Education and News



Office Hours:

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

RE Registration for 2026-2027

School Year—opened on **1 June** for the 2026-2027 school year. **Regular registration fee begins today Aug 2.** Any questions contact the RE office at 703.729.3714 or email kasbanr@sainttheresaparish.com

RE Teachers needed for 2026-27

The Religious Education program needs teachers for the following grades and days for the 2026-27 RE Year:

Monday Afternoons - 4:30-5:45pm

- 1st grade; - 2nd grade; - 7th grade

Monday Evenings - 6:15-7:30pm

- 1st grade; - 3rd grade; - 4th grade

Tuesday Afternoons - 4:30-5:45pm

- Kindergarten; - 7th grade

Wednesday Afternoons - 4:30-5:45pm

- 7th grade; - 8th grade

Please contact the RE Office right away for details if you are interested in volunteering.

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.



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August

Sun, 2nd-Upper Room Squad, 6-8pm

Sun, 16th-Upper Room Squad, 6-8pm

Sun, 23rd-Parish Food Drive (after 8:45am Mass & 5pm Mass)

Mon, 24th-Food Sort by Expiration Dates, 7-8:30pm

Tues, 25th-Load food for transport, 6:15-7pm

Sun, 30th-Upper Room Squad, 6-8pm



It was wonderful to see our students & families at PTO Summer Bingo!

STCS Families, we hope you're having a fantastic summer! Summer has a way of flying by -- don't forget to check the school website (stsashburn.com), click on "Parent Links" for **Summer Reading and Math for each grade level!** Assignments are due when school begins in August!



Saint Theresa Catholic School

Educating Tomorrow's Catholic Leaders

www.stsashburn.com

STCS Summer Office Hours: The school office will be open on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Please note we are closed the week of July 5. *Have a wonderful and safe summer break!*

REGISTRATION IS OPEN for the 16th Annual Friends of St. Theresa School (FOSTS) Golf Tournament for tuition assistance on Monday, October 5, 2026 at Belmont Country Club. This is a wonderful parish event --and the *primary fundraiser for FOSTS, which provides tuition assistance to STCS students who might not otherwise have access to a Catholic education.* **Not a golfer? Please join us for dinner & the silent auction!** To sponsor, golf, purchase a dinner-only ticket, or make a donation please scan the QR code or visit our parish website (www.SaintTheresaParish.com). **Sponsors are needed for the tournament** (individuals, businesses, families), please contact Regina Freschi, freschir@stsashburn.com or 703.729.3577.



STCS Employment

Join the STCS team! Interested in learning about employment opportunities at St. Theresa Catholic School? Scan the QR code to learn more!



FOSTS Golf 2026

News from our Parish

2026 Bishop's Lenten Appeal: "In Christ We Are One" – 94% to Parish Goal—Thank you to all the Saint Theresa families who have given to the 2026 BLA! If you have yet to participate in this year's BLA, will you join the 861 families who have made a gift? Your support, no matter the size, will steward over 40 ministries caring for seminarians, youth, families and many more across the diocese. Thank you, and please consider making your gift at www.arlingtondiocese.org/BLA or by scanning the QR code below:



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Voter Registration Drive—Are you new to the area? Are your children heading to college in the fall? Have you just changed your local address? Then this event is for you! Before and after all masses THIS weekend! – you and your family members who will be 18 by November 3rd will have an opportunity to register to vote in time for the critical election in November when amendments to the state constitution will be decided. Just stop by the table in front of the church to fill out the simple form.

Olivewood Carvings—On the weekend of **Aug. 8th/ 9th, 2026**, there will be a display of beautiful olivewood handmade carvings from the Holy Land in Our Church. These Carvings made by the Christians of Bethlehem who use them as their source of income. During this difficult time in the Holy Land, Bethlehem is still isolated and suffering. Tourism has completely stopped for more than two years. Most Christians in Bethlehem have no jobs

and no support for their Families, they are living in constant fear.

Christians in the Holy Land used to be more than 37% of the population. There is less than 1% now. As Christians of faith, it is our duty to support our brothers and sisters in Bethlehem. YOU can support them by purchasing some of these beautiful carvings after mass.

For more information, please contact us at 202.302.5889 or visit www.BethlehemCarvings.org.

Kidney Donation Needed for a Parishioner—Twenty-five years ago, a generous Catholic parishioner from our Diocese donated a kidney to Ashley Rader, then just a high school junior. But now, that kidney has expired, and a new kidney is desperately needed. Ashley is an adult parent and a parishioner here at St. Theresa. She must once again undergo life-saving dialysis until a kidney is donated. Please prayerfully consider a kidney donation for Ashley. You may contact the Fairfax Hospital Living Donor Coordinator at 703.776.8053 about your transplant questions, without obligation. To learn more about Ashley and her need for a kidney donation, visit <https://nkr.org/GLK967>.

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Join us for a new year of Walking With Purpose—Bible studies for women, young women, and middle school girls!—Walking With Purpose is a Catholic women's ministry offering Bible studies designed to meet women of all ages right where they are in their faith journey. At St. Theresa Parish, our small groups meet weekly from September through May, blending personal study with meaningful small-group discussion. Together, we explore everyday challenges through the lens of Christ's teachings and the truths of the Catholic Church.

New This Fall: Spiritual Motherhood This year we are introducing *The Transforming Power of the Feminine Genius*, a beautiful study on spiritual motherhood. This study will lead you to discover your true identity and embrace your calling to help mother the world back to Jesus.

Spiritual motherhood is **not** just for biological mothers or women in religious life. It is a universal call for every woman: a new way of seeing, a radical gift of self, and the feminine genius in action. It has the power to transform both us and those we love.

Free childcare is available on Thursday mornings.

*Adult groups begin meeting the week of **September 28**

*Registration opens **August 15**

If you're looking to grow in faith within a supportive community of Catholic women, **Walking With Purpose is for you.**

Questions? Email us at stthere-sawwp@gmail.com

REGISTRATION OPEN! FOSTS 2026



More News from our Parish

Would You Like to Help Poor Children, By Donating Your Used Basketball Shoes?—"Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the Lord." – Proverbs 19:17—St. Theresa is helping The Eric Okenchi Athletic Foundation (information below) to help send shoes to Nigeria. Would you consider donating new or gently used basketball shoes (all sizes) to children in Nigeria? Your gift can provide hope, opportunity, and encouragement. In future weeks, we will make a pulpit announcement to tell you when and

where to drop off shoes. To learn more, please write or call—inquiries only please. NO MONETARY DONATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED.

EricOkenchiAthleticFoundation@gmail.com, 703.964.6061

Red Cross Blood Drive—Please consider supporting the American Red Cross at our next St. Theresa blood drive on **Thursday, August 13th** from 10am-3:15pm. As always, your help will save lives!

Please call 1-800-RED-CROSS or go to www.redcrossblood.org and use sponsor code: "StTheresaChurch" to schedule your life-saving donation! If you have ANY difficulty, please e-mail Colleen Dwyer at colleenhome87@gmail.com or call/text 703.969.3667 & she will register you. The Red Cross is extremely grateful to the very generous St. Theresa parishioners for their continued support in these blood drives. Thank you!!



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 Handy-man Team, please visit this website to submit your repair project request or to join the team <https://www.st-louismartin-kofc.org/handy-man-services>.

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 com-

munity. Join us as we put our faith into action. Check out our FAQs at <https://www.st-louismartin-kofc.org/faqs> - or scan the QR code learn more about becoming a Knight.



Adult Education and Spiritual Enrichment

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 started 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

That Man is You (TMIY)—TMIY begins a new year on Sept 12 – a great opportunity for men to strengthen

faith, family and the parish community. See the flyer in this weekend's bulletin. All men of the parish are invited to join us. We will be in the Narthex and at Church side exits after Masses on August 8/9, to answer questions and register those interested in joining our program.

Young Adults (ages 18-35)—

YA Summer Speaker Series

Based on his 10+ years of young adult ministry, Fr. Vaccaro will be giving a series of talks on relationships and dating over the summer

8/10 - Five Phrases that are a Must for Successful Relationships and Happy Marriages

Talks are held on alternating Mondays from 6:15-7:30pm in the Admin Building, Zelig 2 and 3 conference rooms.

There will be pizza after! College students eat for free.

YA Bible Study

8/3 - Moses: Drawn from the Water (Part 3)

The ACYA Bible Study is covering salvation history, especially through the lens of covenant.

Sessions held from 6:30-8pm at Barnes & Noble in One Loudoun on alternating Mondays. The study is designed so that anyone joining in part-way through the year or missing sessions will be caught up.

Visit <https://tinyurl.com/AshburnCatholicYA> for more information.



Wanting to hear Fr. Hudgins' homilies?

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



THAT MAN IS YOU!

is an interactive men's program combining the best research from science with the teachings of the Catholic faith and the wisdom of the saints to develop the vision of man fully alive. By honestly addressing the pressures and temptations that men face in our modern culture, That Man is You! seeks to form men who will be capable of transforming homes and society.



APOSTLES OF THE NEW SPRINGTIME

FEATURING A POWERFUL TEAM OF PRESENTERS

EXPERIENCE THE POWER OF TRANSFORMATION AS YOU DISCOVER:

- The sacrificial, sacramental, and communal lives of the Apostles as an extension of the Body of Christ on earth.
- The faith and witness of the Apostolic Fathers, those direct successors of the Apostles.
- How the call to sainthood and apostleship continues throughout the ages to our very day.
- The five Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary and your call to be the light of the world.
- The vision of Paradisus Dei and how we understand the mission field that God has called us into.
- A new springtime of Christianity and an encounter with the same Spirit that was poured out at Pentecost!



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PARADISUS DEI

PROGRAM INFORMATION:

Saturday Mornings
St. Theresa Parish
Administrative Offices
Ashburn, VA

SCHEDULE:

6:30 AM: Breakfast/Fellowship
7:00 AM: Video Presentation
7:30 AM: Small Group Sessions



REGISTRATION:

Scan the QR code for registration or more information.

Contact: Jack Hayes (703) 537-6418
Jack.hayes422@aol.com

WWW.THATMANISYOU.COM

PARADISUS DEI

Status of Adult Children of Parishioners -- Upon reaching adulthood, children of registered parishioners must register again (if they reside within St. Theresa boundaries), separately and independently, as members of St. Theresa parish, even if they continue to live at home with their parents. These new registrations are valid until adult children move to another address. Upon moving elsewhere, they should register at the local parish in which they reside. Adult children of parishioners who no longer live within the parish will not be able to continue to claim parish membership.



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 legionofmarystthere-sa@gmail.com or scan the QR code to send us your prayer request.



News Around the Diocese

Summer Ignatian Retreats— Week-Long Retreats (\$650): Men: **August 3-10**

Weekend Retreats for Women (\$368): **August 14-16**

Draw closer to Christ through the Ignatian Spiritual Exercises, a powerful method of prayer developed by St. Ignatius of Loyola. Step away from daily life for silence, reflection, and a deeper encounter with God. Private retreats are also available during these dates, offering flexibility for those seeking a more personalized experience. Find more details on our website www.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: Aug 20-23, Sep 17-20 (virtual only) Oct 22-25—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. \$525 per couple. Space is limited, so reserve your spot today! Find more information at ourladyofbethesda.org. Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center, Bethesda, MD.

Weekend of Intellectual Renewal—Christendom College invites you to a weekend of intellectual renewal at this year's summer conference, "Faith and Science: From Wonder to Human Genius." Leading Catholic thinkers—including Stephen Barr, Fr. Tad Pacholczyk, David Deavel, John Cud-

deback, and others—will explore the profound harmony between faith and science. Together, we'll contemplate the wonder of creation and consider how human genius, rightly ordered, can serve truth, culture, and the dignity of the human person. Enrich your mind, renew your spirit, and celebrate our Catholic Faith. Join us for the day on August 8th or enjoy extended access with the special 3-day VIP access ticket from **August 7-9th**! Register and learn more at conference.christendom.edu.

Personal Retreat Day, Friday, August 21, 9am-4pm—Summer is a season for rest and renewal. Why not set aside one day to rest in God's presence? Join us at Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center for a Personal Retreat Day, a peaceful opportunity for prayer, silence, and reflection. The day includes Mass, Confession, Eucharistic Adoration, and the option for spiritual direction, plus lunch and light snacks. You will be nourished and cared for while Our Lord speaks to your soul about the depths of His love for you. Advance Registration is required. Cost is \$135 per person. To register and find more dates, go to ourladyofbethesda.org. Or call 301.365.0612. Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center, 7007 Bradley Blvd., Bethesda, MD 20817.

Men's Spiritual Bootcamp Weekend Retreat, Sep 25-27, 2026—Join us for a dynamic weekend retreat designed specifically for men! The Men's Bootcamp Weekend Retreat combines the structure of the Spiritual Exercises with engaging breakout groups and powerful talks tailored to strengthen

your faith, leadership, and brotherhood. While not a silent retreat, the schedule will include time for personal reflection, prayer, and discussion. Step away from the demands of daily life and strengthen your faith alongside other Catholic men. Cost to attend: \$368 per person. Find more details on our website www.ourladyofbethesda.org or call 301.365.0612. Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center, 7007 Bradley Blvd., Bethesda, MD 20817

Please join A Woman's Choice for our Advocates for Life Dinner on September 20, from 5-9pm, at Westwood Country Club in Vienna, Virginia. We are honored to welcome Angie Thomas of Alliance Defending Freedom as our keynote speaker. It promises to be an inspiring evening as we come together to celebrate the dignity of life and the values of justice, compassion, and hope.

We look forward to sharing this special evening with you! You can purchase tickets at awomanschoicecenter.com.

Associates of St. John Bosco Benefit—Please come help the Associates of St. John Bosco celebrate 15 years of serving, mentoring, and supporting young Catholics in Northern Virginia and beyond! **Thursday, October 15th** at 6pm at Falls Church Marriott Fairview Park

Enjoy a classy dinner, good company, and a keynote address by Dr. Peter Kilpatrick, President of Catholic University of America while supporting the next generation of Catholic leaders in the Church! Sponsorships & tickets available www.asjb.org/boscobenefit

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

Before contacting the Parish Office, visit the Parish Website under Faith, Sacraments, Marriage. **You must be registered at least 3 months** prior to filling out the Marriage Preparation Questionnaire. 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.sainttheresaparish.com

Save the Date: Fall Consignment sale Sept 26th. More information: go to www.littleflowerconsignments.org
Proceeds help families in need through Divine Mercy Outreach.

Don't want to consign but have items to donate? Contact Jean Nowakowski at john.jean90@verizon.net

Save the Date: Festival of Trees Dec 5th & 6th - More information coming soon!

Did you know?—We assisted with almost \$6,300 in rent help in June, \$1,300 in utilities, \$520 in bedding and \$3,268 in miscellaneous assistance. 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!

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Bed Ministry—Volunteers! We need extra helpers to assist in delivering new beds, bedding and household items from our storage facility to families transitioning out of shelters, as well as other local families and children in need. Interested in helping? Please contact Brian Dwinnell at beds@sainttheresaparish.com.

Do you have furniture items to donate? Consider donating to help families in need that are moving out of the shelter. Your donation makes a difference. 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

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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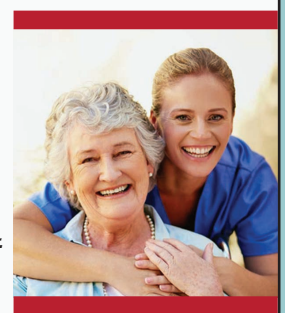
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