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Walking with Purpose

Women's Bible Study Program
Meet-up 8/20/25; Studies resume 9-24-25

Meg.small352@gmail.com

October 1, WED, **St Therese Feast Day**

3PM Mass, followed by parish-wide dinner.
[No noon Mass that day.]

Mark your calendar!

[Watch soon for invitation and RSVP so we can plan.....]

St. Therese Choir Rehearsals to begin ***WED, Sept. 3 at 7PM***

The initial welcome-back meeting will be in the Parish Hall. Bring your calendars, as the schedule for the upcoming year will be gone over...

A brief "voicing" will also be done to sort soprano, alto, tenor and baritone.
(No preparation is required!)

New members are encouraged to come....
[Open to: Adults & Youth Twelve-years or older!]

Questions? Need more information?

Contact: Margaret Slavinsky
music@catholicwb.org

St. Therese Pro-Life Apostolate

In the Parish Hall, Monthly, *First Friday*
10:00AM*

Contact: jpaparozzi@yahoo.com 910.471.1534

Come Learn more about Abortion, Euthanasia, Human Trafficking, the Death Penalty, Abortion pill reversal, and other pro-life topics.....

Despite how powerful the culture of death seems, we foster in ourselves and others, an uninterrupted confidence that the tools of grace with which God has equipped the People of Life are far more powerful! We do, however, have to be faithful to our own role in proclaiming, celebrating, and serving that victory. Thank you Lord for conquering death and giving us what we need to counteract its destructive power within the culture of death which is so evident in our day.

Need Help?

Lifeline Pregnancy Center - 910.392.0001

Abortionpillreversal.com

HOPEAFTERABORTION.ORG

Project Rachel - 1.888.456.4673

Struggling with Infertility? Popepaulvi.com

Natural Family Planning: www.usccb.org/NFP

Interested in the Knights of Columbus, the largest Catholic fraternal service organization in the world?

Frank Bio, frankbio2@gmail.com OR https://kofc12885.org/ - OR ask any Knight for information on the St. Therese Council, #12885, Wrightsville Beach, and our principles of: charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism!

SVDP Our Lady of the Rosary Cape Fear Founders Day Celebration

September 27, Saturday, 5PM, at St. Mark

Mass with Archbishop Kurtz, Movie, Rosary and Dinner

Reservations or information: office@svdpCapeFear.com

\$35 per person - proceeds benefit St. Vincent de Paul, Cape Fear Conference

This Week		Stewardship		
Saturday, August 23 7:30AM - Men's Group [No recreational parking after 11:00AM] [2:00 Wedding] 4:00PM - Confession 5:00PM - Mass - St. Therese Parishioners Sunday, August 24 8:00AM - Mass - Robert Cameron (D) 10:30AM - Mass - Michael Finnegan (D) Monday, August 25 No Mass, nor activities noted Tuesday, August 26 11:30AM - Rosary 12:00PM - Mass - Rusty Fuller (D) Wednesday, August 27 11:30AM - Rosary 12:00PM - Mass - Benjamin Sonne (D) Thursday, August 28 11:30AM - Rosary 12:00PM - Mass - Brenda Bartizek (D) 12:30PM - Adoration Friday, August 29 11:30AM - Rosary 12:00PM - Mass - Richard A. Rischling (D) Saturday, August 30 7:30AM - Men's Group 3:00PM - Baptism 4:00PM - Confession 5:00PM - Mass - Karen Housler (D) Sunday, August 31 8:00AM - Mass - St. Therese Parishioners 10:30AM - Mass - Anna & Lorenzo DeBellis (D) Monday, September 1 - Labor Day Mo Mass, nor activities noted Tuesday, September 2 11:30AM - Rosary 12:00PM - Mass - Robert Alford (D) Wednesday, September 3 11:30AM - Rosary 12:00PM - Mass - Phyllis McGovern (D) [7PM Choir practice resumes!] Thursday, September 4 11:30AM - Rosary 12:00PM - Mass - Stephanie Hackney (L) 12:30PM - Adoration 3:00PM - Benediction/Reposition (note earlier time during Summer) [Check with organizers re: St Joseph Men's group]		Offertory	Needed	Received
		August 5, 2025	\$ 16,730.00	\$ 16,359.50
		August 12, 2025	\$ 16,730.00	\$ 20,651.51
		August 2025	\$ 83,650.00	\$ 37,011.01
		Consider online giving: visit www.catholicwb.org, Click on "Giving" and follow the prompts..... TODAY'S READINGS First Reading - The Lord will gather all the nations to Mount Zion, and He will reveal His glory to them. This event is expected to happen in stages. (Isaiah 66:18-21) Psalms - Go out to all the world and tell the Good News. (Psalm 117:1,2) Second Reading — Without divine wisdom, one might mistake the trials of life for signs of God's anger. But, like an athletic coach, imagined by the author as encouraging his runners, He summons our energies and we easily head to the finish line. (Hebrews 12: 5-7,11-13) Gospel — Our salvation depends first and foremost on God's grace. It then comes about by our cooperation and obedience. Christ invites His family from the four corners of the compass - both Jews and Gentiles, to celebrate with Him and the patriarchs of the Faith. (Luke 13:22-30)		
Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>"Strive to enter through the narrow gate...."</i> This Week's Saints/Special Observances Sunday: 21st Sunday of Ordinary Time Monday: Saint Louis or Saint Joseph of Calasanz Tuesday: Tuesday of the 21st week in Ordinary Time Wednesday: Saint Monica Thursday: Saint Augustine Friday: The Beheading of St. John the Baptist Saturday: The Blessed Virgin Mary Sunday: 22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time		This Week's Scripture Readings		
		Monday 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10 Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b Mt 23:13-22 Tuesday 1 Thes 2:1-8 Ps 139:1-3, 4-6 Mt 23:23-26 Wednesday 1 Thes 2:9-13 Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab Mt 23:27-32 Thursday 1 Thes 3:7-13 Ps 90:3-5a, 12-13, 14 and 17 Mt 24:42-51 Friday 1 Thes 4:1-8 Ps 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12 Mk 6:17-29 Saturday 1 Thes 4:9-11 Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9 Mt 25:14-30 Sunday Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29 Ps 68:4-5, 6-7, 10-11 Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a Lk 14:1, 7-14		
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Enjoy some peaceful prayer time....

Eucharistic Adoration

Come Let Us Adore Him

**Thursday Devotion, following the 12PM Mass
12:30PM until 3:00PM during the Summer**

**Consider taking a weekly hour to spend time
with Jesus in prayer!
(It will be the best hour of your week.)
Adorers needed Thursdays....**

*[Come anytime Thursday when you can spend a
few peaceful minutes, or a whole Holy Hour.]*

All Welcome! Bring a friend!

Need a priest to visit you while in NOVANT- NHRMC?

You, your family, or your nurse must contact our Parish office or the Spiritual Care Dept. in the hospital . (There may be infection-control procedures in place.) *Scheduled surgery?* Contact the Parish Office *prior* to it in order to schedule a time for Anointing of the Sick by Father before you are admitted.

Any person wishing a low-gluten host must come to the *back-door* of the sacristy *early* and ask Father directly, well prior to the start of Mass. (So preparations may be made.)

SUPPORT YOUR PARISH

In 2025 Give Online Giving a Try!

Visit: www.catholicwb.org

Click on: "Giving"

Read the online data, then hit click [here](#).

Follow the instructions to set up an account and password. *Use the email address on file with your Parish enrollment.....* You can set up a recurring scheme, or do a one-time gift on the weekends you are away...

The Knights of Columbus Shrimparoo

is scheduled for Saturday, September 20

Visit the Courtyard during the weekends prior to get tickets ahead from the Knights!

Questions?

Ask any Knight, but don't miss it!

Diocese of Raleigh

Bishop's Annual Appeal

2025: "Open Your Heart - Open a Door"

[Please complete your pledges....]

**[https://dioceseofraleigh.org/bishops-annual-appeal/
bishops-annual-appeal-donate-online](https://dioceseofraleigh.org/bishops-annual-appeal/bishops-annual-appeal-donate-online)**

***[We are already 83% committed at this writing!]
(QR Code to give is on poster on bulletin board)***

SACRAMENTS

Reconciliation: Confessions are heard on Saturdays from 4:00 PM - 4:45PM in the Reconciliation Room at the Church, and other times by appointment. (Additional time may be offered during Advent and Lent.)

Eucharistic Adoration: Thursday 12:30PM - 5:30PM

Baptisms: Important information can be found on our website at www.catholicwb.org/sacraments as to how to get started. Baptisms for children are scheduled no more than 2 months in advance. Adults interested in becoming Catholic should inquire about the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA).

Anointing: Persons concerned about their health are encouraged to receive the Sacrament of the Sick. (Hospital & nursing home patients should notify the Registration Department, the social worker, or Pastoral Care upon check-in.)

Marriage: Couples from St. Therese planning marriage are asked to contact the Parish Office *at least 6 months prior* to their proposed wedding date.

Confirmation: Adults seeking Confirmation should call the Parish Office.

Faith Formation, Confirmation, First Communion classes are ongoing. (Except during Summer vacation.....)

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**St. Therese is a joyful and welcoming Catholic Parish,
united in Christ, promoting discipleship through community,
outreach and service.**

More Charitable/Volunteer Information

There is a need for volunteers to bring lunch to the families of those in **Lower Cape Fear Hospice** on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of the month. You can choose a date that works for you. Try it just once! If you are interested in finding out more about this wonderful opportunity call Meg Small, 910-742-7027 or email Meg.small352@gmail.com

Or: Would you like to Volunteer to help with meals
at the **Eugene Ashley Center**?

Please contact Sally Pete Klingenburger or Rosemary Burney if you are interested in joining some of your fellow parishioners in helping to provide Friday meals for the residents of this transitional housing center for veterans. This very flexible volunteer opportunity includes such tasks as cooking, prep work, etc.

(The veterans themselves do the clean-up.)

Contact to find out more:

Petek123@aol.com or BurneyRM@hotmail.com

Think you have a vocation to the Priesthood?

Diocese of Raleigh **Office of Vocations**

www.ncpriest.org

Upcoming Vocation Discernment Retreats

SEP 13	Raleigh	NCSU
OCT 04	Durham	DUKE
NOV 22	Greenville	ECU
JAN 24	Chapel Hill	UNC-Chapel Hill
MAR 21	Wilmington	UNCW
APR 25	Elon	ELON

Pre-registration required.

Email: vocations@raldioc.org

Other 2026 Vocations Events

JAN 30-FEB 1	St. Vincent de Paul Seminary: "Come & See" Weekend
JUN 26-28	Young Adult Pilgrimage (Eastern NC)
JUL 20-23	Quo Vadis High School Retreat

Wilmington Catholic Radio

Wilmington Catholic Radio can be heard on station **93.1 FM** in Wilmington. Shows can also be heard *online* on their website. Visit:

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Men - start your weekend off right!

Join other men of St. Therese on Saturday mornings for coffee, bagels, and candid conversation about how we can become better Catholic men.

We read and discuss scripture, but most of the time spent together consists of open dialogue about how these readings relate to real events in our lives. We are fortunate to have our faith to guide us. Meeting like this helps our faith to stay strong and to grow.

Inquiries? Email: jim@gibson-consultants.com

Please Pray for...

Rob Alford, Robert & Phyllis Anderson, Grace Anton, Jeanne Ashey, Bill Baker, Jr., Mark Bianco, Eileen Ballance, Tish Baker, Mary Barnhart, Paula Basso, Bill Batley, Connie Bergh, Doreen & Ed Bill, Nicole Birt, L. Black, Ted Bost, Shealyn Breen, Chuck Brown, Silas Brown, Kaitlin Burns, Matthew Burns, Leonel Cardenez, Rob Carroll, Rocco Campagna, Grayson Carfagno, Jimmy Carl, Tina Carter, Kurt Christiansen, Sarah Cicuto, Caroline Ciocca, Carla Clark, Anne Cline, Mary Condra, Sally Lynn Costa, Dale Cromarrtie, Brown Crosby, Darlene Carrier, Shawn Dahm, N. Davy, Jim Dvorak, Bob & Nancy Farris, Charlie P. Farris, Larry Ferrell, Joe Foley, Mary Galioto, Pete Galioto, Robert George, Rev. Gene Grabowski, Beth Grady, Jacqueline Gurarino, Gerry Geist, Wyatt Gildersleeve, Thomas Giorgio, The Griffin Family, Esther Caeli Gripshover, Jacqueline Guarino, Elizabeth Hagan, Phyllis Ham, Craig Hoffman, Ryan Hogan, Dan Holt, Bob Horne, Clayton T. Housler, Donna Howard, Lenore Hulser, Ed Hyer, Rachel Jacobs, David Johnson, Valerie Johnston, Noah Joseph, Laurie King, David Kmiec, Frank Kohn, Isabella Kolcun, Marie Korlacki, Mike Kranchalk, Kathy L., Rich Lalier, Kathleen LaMonica, Anna Langlois, Cheryl Lee, Annie Lewis, Barrett Loomis, Aubrey Lueck, David Mabee, Jessica MacKay, Miriam Marlar, Joey Manett, Danny McComas, Elizabeth M. McConnell, Bill McCord, Holly McKittrick-Boyle, Anne Meister, Kristen Metkiff, Greg Meyers, Michele Milkiewicz, Janice Miller, Nicole Miller, Carmel Moffo-Hackert, Patricia Moore, Toni Meunier, John Moody, Grace Morchauser, Nicole Miller, Mary Murray, Terry Noe, Nick Onufrak, Kerrie Ostrowsky, Gregory O'Toole, Chris P., Erin Pascaros, Lauren Peterson, Debbi Pollock, Peter Pruium, Marylee Reaume, Amanda Reda, Alexa Reid, Omaira Reid, Eleanore Rhoades, Marissa Rhyne, Kathleen Rice, Gunther Rohland, Judy Ross, Sonya Row, Garry Rust, Mary Sanza, Charlie Sarracino, Cheryl Schmitter, Joanie Scott, Steve Scott, Carol Schultz, David Scullin, Diane Sheedy, Gerald Sheehan, Lou Skrapits, Melanie Smith, Susan Snell - Callanen, Don Sonne, Stella Spratt, Karen Soteco, Nora Stamper, Alison Stone, Archie Stone, Cynthia Sullivan, Shawn & Margaret Sweeney, Tom & Martha Swyney, Ashley, Brian & Clara Stamper, Mary Teller, Mary Ann Thacker, David Thompson, Joanela Townsend, Janet Trowell, Hailey Tucker, Donna Tumolo, Ben Van Pilsum, Larry Vacek, Stan Vaughn, Nota Violagis, Laura Von, Melinda & Dale Walker, Elaine Ward, Stephen Weber, Mary Ellen Wegrzyn, Nancy Weicht, Phil Williams, TJ Wilson

Other Opportunities to Give....

JUL 6	Priests' Welfare & Retirement
SEP 7	Priests' Welfare & Retirement
SEP 13	Catholic University
OCT 19	World Mission Sunday

Thank you for your generosity!

Catholic Charities

"Stuff the Truck"

Food Drive

[SEPT 6 & 7]

Collect: canned vegetables, canned meat & fish, canned or boxed soup, pasta, rice, or grains, nut butters, cereals (hot or cold,) healthy snack bars or crackers. Cleaning supplies.

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wagner7845@gmail.com

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Save the Dates

Priests' Retreat: September 15 - 19

No Masses, nor activities that week: as the Diocese of Raleigh has use of our facilities.

Thank you for your patience. Please mark your calendar & plan ahead....

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

RECRUITMENT WEEKEND, SEP. 27-28

Visit the tables in the Courtyard or speak with any Knight!

Pray the Rosary!

Many gifts are attributed to those who faithfully pray the rosary, including: receipt of signal graces & armor against Hell, destruction of vice, decrease of sin, defeat of heresies, and more! Pray *before* daily Masses at

11:30AM. in the church....!

All Welcome! Join Us!

Altar Flowers

Want to donate flowers in 2025 "in Memory of" or "in Honor of" a special event, like an anniversary? Contact the Parish Office!

**Aug 2 - 3
Aug 9 - 10**

**In Memory of Brenda Bartizek
In Memory of Ed Basso and his
and Paula's anniversary**

**Aug 16 - 17
Aug 23 - 24**

**In Memory of Kenneth S. Cowlin
In Honor of
the Rendon - Miller wedding**

THANK YOU!

Food Pantry News

"....some are last who will be first..."

YOU can help the poor and working-poor in our area (over 200 families) who use the Food Pantry.

You can also make a monetary donation - write your check (with a notation that you are a St. Therese parishioner) and mail directly to:

St. Joseph's Food Pantry, 1303 US 117, Burgaw, NC 28425

Want to help drive St. Therese's weekly donations to Burgaw? Contact: Jane Yemma, 910.547.4243

The Pantry thanks St. Therese parishioners for their donations!

Remember: Soups, stews, chili, etc. continue to be welcomed, as do "the usuals".....canned fruit, vegetables, cereals, canned tuna, chicken, rice, beans, macaroni/pasta, peanut butter.....[Please make sure your donations have not exceeded expiration dates....]

Want to make arrangements to drop off food at Joseph's directly? It can be done MONDAY, 10AM-12PM only. Contact Patricia Kopchick: 518-275-9887

Driving to Burgaw? Always call first to check if any schedule changes are planned...

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