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St. Therese of Lisieux
Her feast day is October 1

26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
28 SEPTEMBER 2025

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Hours Mon-Wed: 9am-noon, 1-3pm
Thursday: Closed, Friday: 9am-noon

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THE HOLY SACRIFICE
OF THE MASS

Saturday (Anticipatory) – 4 pm
Sunday – 7 am, 10 am, & 6:30 pm
Mon, Tues, Wed, & Fri – 12:10 pm

Confessions

Saturday – 3 pm to 3:50 pm
+ Half an hour before other Masses

FROM THE HEART OF THE PASTOR

Dear Parish Family,

LEAVING FOR EUROPE THIS WEDNESDAY

This Wednesday, October 1, I will lead 38 of our parishioners on a pilgrimage to the great Marian shrines at Fatima, Portugal and Lourdes, France. We will have the opportunity to walk in the footsteps of great saints. I promise to remember you at all the holy sites.

We will return on October 10, and I plan to celebrate the weekend Masses on the 11th and 12th. Please take good care of the substitute priests who will take my place while I am away. I have tried hard to find substitutes for every Mass, but there were a few Masses where no subs were available due to retreats and convocations. *Please see the complete Mass schedule (below).*

PRAY FOR A SAFE TRIP FOR US

And Stay Tuned to Our Facebook

Know that I will carry each of you in my heart as we stop and pray at the various shrines and holy sites. Please hold our pilgrimage group in prayer. I will do my best to keep you updated daily with photos and videos through our parish Facebook.

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR LOURDES AND FATIMA

Intention Boxes Available in Church

If you would like to write a prayer petition to be taken by me to Lourdes or Fatima, there are slips of paper and two baskets in the back of church. These intentions will be prayed with throughout the pilgrimage, and delivered to priests at the respective shrines.

- Fr. Istre

ALL SOULS CANDLES

Available in the Office Starting Wed., October 1

This year, we continue our tradition of offering All Souls Day Candles. Candles can be reserved in memory of a departed loved one. This year, the Feast of All Souls will be celebrated at all the weekend Masses on November 1 and 2 (Saturday 4pm, Sunday 7am, 10am, and 6:30pm). The candles will burn throughout ALL the weekend Masses on November 1 and 2.

Candles can be reserved in the parish office for \$5 each.

Pickup Procedure: Candles will be available for pickup beginning on Monday, November 3 outside of the church office.



THE HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS

29 September - Saints Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels

Lee J. Guarisco fly. (L&D), Stephen McReynolds fly. (L&D), In thanksgiving to our Archangels, Tina Franklin fly. (L&D)

30 September - Saint Jerome

All Adams III fly., Pat Robbins, Tina Franklin fly. (L&D)

1 October - St. Therese of the Child Jesus

Frank Russo, Jr. fly. (L&D), In thanksgiving to St. Therese of Lisieux, In thanksgiving to St. Maximilian Kolbe, Tina Franklin fly. (L&D)

3 October - Votive of the Sacred Heart

The Poor Holy Souls in Purgatory, Marcel, Himel, Falgout & Breaux flys. (L&D), Onesime & Hazel Richard, Asa & Aline Stewart, Laura Larive, In thanksgiving to St. Anthony of Padua, In thanksgiving to St. Padre Pio, Tina Franklin fly. (L&D)

4 October - 4 pm Anticipatory Mass

Louis Boudreaux, Wade J. Landry, Sr., Miles Liner fly (L&D), E.J. & Gerry Lemoine fly. (L&D), Herman Pellerin fly. (L&D), Hazel Richard, Leroy Gray, John Tholen, Louis & Girlie Berthelot, Leroy & Mercedes Naquin, Anatole & Marcelite Naquin, Bobby Naquin, Tommy Naquin, In thanksgiving to St. Francis

5 October - 7am Mass

Deanna Sampey, Kenneth Garber, Sr., Ray & Chaille Rasberry, Calvin Leleux fly. (L&D), Blessed Fr. Seelos, St. Faustina in thanksgiving for her vision of Divine Mercy

10 am Solemn Mass

Pro Populo, Laura Magee Larive fly. (L&D), Bob Radtke, Annalee Daigle, Hazel Richard, Tina Franklin fly. (L&D)

6:30 pm Mass

Craig Nini

ONGOING MAINTENANCE

AT ST. STEPHEN'S

Trees on Back Side of Church Removed

This week, four trees on the back side of church were removed and the stumps ground. The roots of these trees damaged the shed and were beginning to reach the foundation of the church. I never like to cut down trees, but this was necessary to protect the integrity of the church's foundation. I'm grateful to the parishioners who tackled this job. I'm also grateful for the assistance of the town of Berwick.

Ongoing AC Repairs in Church

The large air conditioning units in church have presented ongoing issues over the past two months. We've been able to help them along with multiple repairs this summer. These units are 25 years old, and have served the church well. But, this week, we spoke with three local companies to discuss possible next steps for a long-term plan. I'll keep you updated when I return from Europe.

-Fr. Istre

LOOKING AHEAD

PARISH BLESSING OF PETS

Sunday, September 28 at 2pm

PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA AND LOURDES

October 1 - October 10

See Mass schedule on opposite page

ALL SOULS CANDLES AVAILABLE

Wednesday, October 1, in the Parish Office

NO CATECHISM CLASSES - OCT. 1

Wednesday, Oct. 1 - due to Homecoming

NO FIRST SATURDAY MASS THIS MONTH

Saturday, October 4 - Fr. will be on pilgrimage

SAVE THE DATE for NOEL NIGHT

Thursday, December 11, 2025,
6 pm at the Petroleum Club



Tickets will be available beginning October 20.

For advance information, call Ros in the parish office.

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

October 4 & 5

for Building & Maintenance

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Offertory	\$ 9,016
Building & Maintenance	\$ 225
Total Weekly Giving	\$ 9,241

ONLINE GIVING

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"THEOLOGY IN A BOTTLE" DATES:

"SIPPING & SERVING"

Living Lives of Service



Dr. Denise Benton
UL Lafayette,
Professor

October 14, 6 pm

"PRUNING THE VINE"

Digital Overload & Toxicity



Fr. Jamin David
Vicar General,
Baton Rouge

November 13, 6 pm
at One80 Downtown

MASS SCHEDULE OCTOBER 1 - 10

While Fr. Istre is away on pilgrimage,
Mass will be offered:

Wednesday, Oct 1 - 12:10 pm Mass

Friday, Oct 3 - 12:10 pm Mass

No First Friday Adoration
No 8am First Saturday Mass

Saturday, Oct 4 - 4pm Vigil Mass
(Bishop Deshotel, celebrant)

Sunday, Oct 5
7am, 10 am, and 6:30 pm Masses

Monday, Oct 6 - 12:10 pm Mass

Tuesday, Oct 7 - No Mass

Wednesday, Oct 8 - 12:10 pm Mass

Friday, Oct 10 - 12:10 pm Mass