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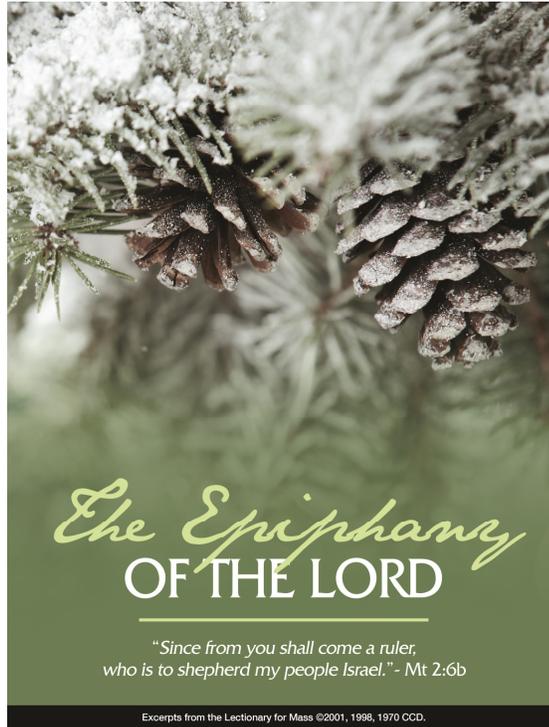
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MISSION STATEMENT

We, the Catholic faith community of St. Teresa of Avila parish, guided by the Holy Spirit, commit ourselves to proclaim and follow the Good News of Jesus Christ. Basing our lives on faith, hope and love, we seek to meet our needs and the spiritual and corporal needs of those around us. It is our humble prayer that our lives will be visible signs of His presence in the world as we celebrate Christ in His Word and Sacraments.



MASS SCHEDULE

<i>Sunday Liturgies</i>	8:00 AM, 10:15 AM
<i>Saturday Vigil</i>	4:30 PM
<i>Weekday Liturgies</i>	
<i>Daily</i>	8:00 AM, except Wednesday 5:30 PM
<i>Saturday</i>	9:00 AM
<i>Vigil of Holy Days</i>	5:30 PM
<i>Holy Days</i>	8:00 AM; 7:30 PM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays 3:45 to 4:15 p.m.

First Saturday 8:15 to 8:45 a.m.

Vigil of Holy Days 3:45 to 4:15 p.m.

or anytime by request.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

As preparation for Baptism, parents are asked to contact the parish office to make an appointment with the Pastor.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Arrangements to be made at the Rectory 6 months in advance.

NEW PARISHIONERS

Please register at the Rectory as soon as you move within the parish.

Note: If you are moving out of the parish, please notify the Rectory.

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

These letters needed for Baptismal and Confirmation sponsors are issued gladly to those who have been registered for 6 months, attend Mass regularly, have been confirmed, if married, have done so in conformity with the Church laws, and children attend Religious Education.



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, January 7 - St. Raymond
of Penyafort

8:00 Departed Souls

Tuesday, January 8

8:00 Intentions for Fathers

Wednesday, January 9

5:30 Intentions for Mothers

Thursday, January 10

8:00 Departed Souls

Friday, January 11

8:00 Greg Batt *by family*

Saturday, January 12

9:00 Parishioners of St. Teresa's

4:30 Connie Philips *by St.
Teresa's Women's Guild*

Sunday, January 13 - The Baptism
of the Lord

8:00 Connie Caprio *by Ron,
Patsy and Lisa Lederhouse*

10:15 Sister In Law Mildred
Wasilewski *by Daniel and
Shirley Wasilewski and
Family*



Scripture Readings For the Week

Monday - 1 John 3:22-4:6;
Matthew 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday - 1 John 4:7-10; Mark
6:34-44

Wednesday - 1 John 4:11-18; Mark
6:45-52

Thursday - 1 John 4:19-5:4; Luke
4:14-22a

Friday - 1 John 5:5-13; Luke 5:12-
16

Saturday - 1 John 5:14-21; John
3:22-30

Sunday - Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11; Titus
2:11-14, 3:4-7; Luke 3:15-16, 21-
22

The 2019 Mass Book is Here!

There are a number of openings in the daily and weekend Mass schedule during the upcoming months. Please contact the rectory any weekday morning to get your preferred dates.



PASTORAL SHARINGS

Following yonder star... we take a third look at the manger scene this weekend, now through the eyes of three wise men. They are the first people outside of the Jewish nation to come and adore Him, and they go home "by another way" (Matthew 2:12). Scholars have always understood this to mean that they began to live differently after seeing Jesus, no longer content with the pagan practices of the East. There's an excellent poem by T.S. Eliot which explores this idea, called "Journey of the Magi."

Last week I compared the manger scene to a family portrait, and with the arrival of the three wise men, we find out that Jesus' adopted family is wide - it now includes all of humanity. Anyone who wants can become part of the family through baptism.

Speaking of family portraits, I have good news to announce. You may recall that we have three major projects planned for our 150th anniversary year. I'm very pleased that a volunteer has come forward to oversee the production of a new parish photo directory. Mrs. Jennifer Brennan, thank you so much for agreeing to lead this effort!

Much help will be needed, and I ask you to consider helping with the process. Mrs. Brennan will coordinate and oversee but will need volunteers to assist with photo sittings and appointments. Many of you recall the last time the parish did this - way back in 2005, how the kids have grown! - and you know how it all comes together. Best of all is that each family who participates will receive a free portrait (with options to order more for a cost).

In this first weekend of our 150th anniversary year, I'm happy to say that two of our three major projects are off to a good start. We are still looking for a coordinator for the Parish Picnic.

There's still one week of Christmas left, so keep on decking the halls! Everything concludes with the Baptism of the Lord next Sunday. Until then...

Glory to the Newborn King!

-Fr. Dave

Our Prayer Request for the Week: That our parish will grow and thrive in our 150th Anniversary year; we pray to the Lord...



Please pray for the sick of the parish and their family members particularly; Shirley Lantz, Lorraine Sylvester, Norma Hackbush, Lucas Lowe, Jim Creed, Liam Williams, Doug Schifferle, Jess Reger, Crystal Howard, Leah Howard, Karen Martin, Christopher Ginestre, Whitey Spoth, Arlene Scheeda, Gloria Rembas, Geraldine Benker, Barbara Litfin and for the happy repose of the soul of Pat Hahn and Father John Kuhlmann. Please also continue to pray for our troops who are serving our country throughout the world.

The 2019 Calendars are here!
Please take one on your way out today!

Religious Education: In Matthew's account of the visit of the Magi, they are never numbered. The fact that three gifts were offered suggests three gift bearers: gold, a most precious of metals; frankincense, offered by the priest in the temple; myrrh, a spice or perfume that was used to prepare bodies for burial. The hymn, "We Three Kings" (#235), is based on today's Gospel. Let us sing and pray: Guide us to thy perfect light.

Youth Ministry News:

- **Middle School:** Sunday, January 13th - 6:00 - 7:30 pm "Put on the full armor of God" Have some Christmas cookies while we keep forging our armor.
- **High School:** Sunday, January 20th - 5:00 - 9:00 pm - "Dashing Through the Snow" - Note the early start time, because we will be carpooling from St. Teresa's to Stella Niagara and Fatima Shrine to enjoy their outdoor sites. A pizza dinner is included. Please dress appropriately for the weather including boots, gloves and scarves. Permission slips are needed! Please pick one up from Father Dave this weekend and bring it with you.

O Come Let us Adore Him - start the New Year off right with some Eucharistic Adoration in soothing candlelight. Our first Fully Alive Adoration takes place on Friday, January 11th. Stop by anytime between 7:30 - 9:00 pm and stay as long or short a time as you wish.

Roe v Wade Observance Mass will take place on Saturday, January 12 at 4 pm at Our Lady Help of Christians Church, 4125 Union Road, Cheektowaga. Main celebrant will be Bishop Richard Malone. During the Mass, the diocesan Office of Pro-Life Activities will present the 25th annual Pro-Vita Awards. Catholics are encouraged to participate in a solemn observance of the Roe v Wade Anniversary by placing a candle in the front window of their homes at sundown on the evening of January 22. The candle serves as a reminder of 50 million unborn babies who have been aborted since the 1973 Supreme Court decision.

Mark your Calendars: The 67th Annual Diocesan Youth Convention will take place the weekend of March 1-3, 2019 at the newly renovated Buffalo Grand Hotel (formerly the Adams Mark Hotel). Convention 2019 will help you to POWER UP your relationship with God. More details will be available soon!

😊 A teacher was helping one of her kindergarten students put his boots on. He asked for help and she could see why. She tried pulling and pushing, but the boots still didn't want to go on. When the second boot was on, she had worked up a sweat. She almost whimpered when the little boy said, "Teacher, they're on the wrong feet." She looked and sure enough, they were. It wasn't any easier pulling the boots off then it was putting them on. She managed to keep her cool as together they worked to get the boots back on - this time on the right feet. He then announced, "These aren't my boots." She bit her tongue rather than get right in his face and scream, "Why didn't you say so?" like she wanted to. Once again she struggled to help him pull the ill-fitting boots off. He then said, "They're my brother's boots. My Mom made me wear them." She didn't know if she should laugh or cry. She mustered up the grace to wrestle the boots on his feet again. She said, "Now, where are your mittens?" He said, "I stuffed them in the toes of my boots..."



- **Sunday, January 6** - Religious Education Classes - 9:00 - 10:00 am and 11:15 am - 12:30 pm
- **Tuesday, January 8** - Women's Guild Monthly Meeting - 7:00 pm at the Ross Funeral Home
- **Friday, January 11** - Fully Alive Adoration - 7:30 pm in the Church
- **Sunday, January 13** - Religious Education Classes - 9:00 - 10:00 am and 11:15 am - 12:30 pm



Prayer For Priests and Religious

God our Father, we thank you for calling men and women to serve in your Son's Kingdom as priests, deacons, and women religious. Send your Holy Spirit to help us respond generously and courageously to your call. May our community of faith support vocations of sacrificial love in our youth. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

If God is calling you to a church vocation call Father Andrew Lauricella at 716-847-5535.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

The wise men came from the East, riding and walking many miles, to give homage to the newborn King. Yet we, who can drive a few short miles to visit the Lord during adoration, find it difficult to visit Him. He is waiting for us to come and talk to Him.