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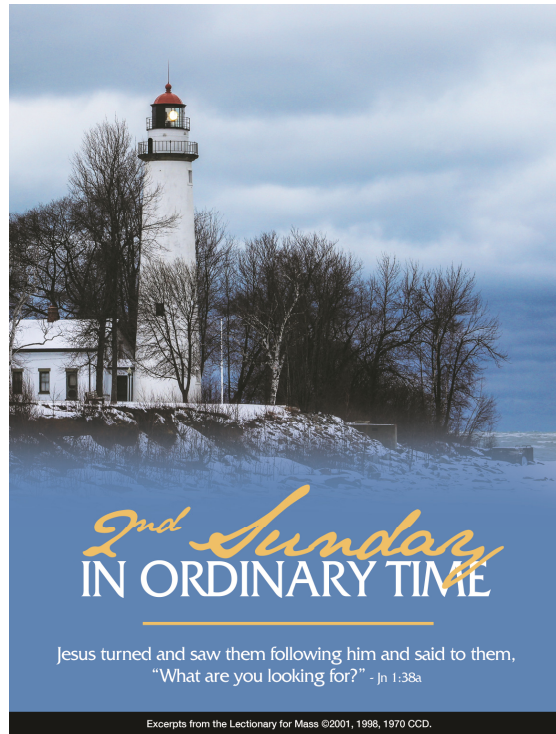
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MISSION STATEMENT

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 15

8:00 Connie Caprio *by family*

Tuesday, January 16

8:00 Bonnie Cescon - Birthday
Remembrance *by Aunt
Dorothy Walf*

Wednesday, January 17 - St.
Anthony

5:30 Matthew Kessler *by The
Flumerfeldt Family*

Thursday, January 18

8:00 John Romance *by wife and
family*

Friday, January 19

8:00 Departed Souls

Saturday, January 20 - St. Fabian
and St. Sebastian

9:00 Parishioners of St. Teresa's
4:30 Gertrude Bartels *by The
Bergman Family*

Sunday, January 21 - 3rd Sunday
in Ordinary Time

8:00 Dolores Totaro *by Pat
Means and the Paquin
Family*

10:15 Abigail Margeson *by family*



Scripture Readings For the Week

Monday - 1 Samuel 15:16-23; Mark 2:18-22

Tuesday - 1 Samuel 16:1-13; Mark 2:23-28

Wednesday - 1 Samuel 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Mark 3:1-6

Thursday - 1 Samuel 18:6-9, 19:1-7; Mark 3:7-12

Friday - 1 Samuel 24:3-21; Mark 3:13-19

Saturday - 2 Samuel 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27; Mark 3:20-21

Sunday - Jonah 3:1-5, 10; 1 Corinthians 7:29-31; Mark 1:14-20

The 2018 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

Life returns to normal and the Mass color returns to green. 2017's Christmas is over, and I'm sad to see it go. Both Advent and Christmas were short this year and I find myself wanting more. The church looked amazing, and those poinsettias are still very hardy. We'll keep some of them for decoration, but many need a good home. Feel free to take one from the bunch in front of the communion rail when you leave church today.

Many priests plan a vacation after the rush of Christmas Masses, and this is usually my custom. I mentioned last week that I'm heading north into Canada. What do I do up there in this cold and snow? Usually snowshoeing, and I'm adding something else this year. There is a boardgaming convention in Ontario for a few days. I don't mean Monopoly or Clue, but rather the German strategy games that have become a major hit in the last decade. I think my favorite of the bunch is a tile-laying game called Carcassonne.

After that, I'll be back for a day to check mail and then off for a five-day retreat at the Monk's Bread monastery. I'll do some snowshoeing there as well, since the monastery's grain fields border the Genesee River's Greenway Hiking Trail. So prayer, solitude, and nature will be the focus of that week.

After that, the pace picks up. Bible Study will resume on Monday, February 5th. Ash Wednesday will be here sooner than we know it, on February 14th. That's right - Ash Wednesday is on Valentine's day this year! No meat at that romantic dinner with your sweetie. Around here, date night is often a fish fry anyway. Buffalo romance! How many of you met your spouse in a bowling alley or polka hall? Good innocent fun!

Lastly, this Monday our nation will celebrate the great Civil Rights leader, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and honor his dream of racial harmony. Dr. King was a Christian minister and his fervent beliefs were rooted in his faith that, as we've discussed often during Christmas, Jesus Christ was born for all people of every culture.

Blessed be God forever

~Father Dave

Our Prayer Request for the Week: May all people overlook their differences and live in harmony; we pray to the Lord...



Please pray for the sick of the parish and their family members particularly; David Hahn, Shirley Lantz, Lorraine Sylvester, Norma Hackbush, Pat Hahn, Jim Creed, Ron Konieczny, Sister Bea Leising, Phil Wittman, Tracy Lotz, Liam Williams, Faith Bassanello, Arlene Scheeda, Mary Lou Bummer, Mike Charles, Doug Schifferle, Dan Springer, Baby Nicholas Brady, and Karen Martin. Please also continue to pray for our troops who are serving in the military around the world.



Classes resume this Sunday: 9 am for Grades K-6; 11:15 am for Grades 7-10. Liturgy of the Word for children continues at the 10:15 am Mass on Sundays.

Liturgy of the Word for Children takes place on Sundays during the 10:15 am Mass. We encourage families to participate. It is geared for children in the primary grades. The children will enjoy it and come to know Jesus and His friends.

Youth Ministry News:

Middle School: The relic hunt resumes with Will Wilder on Sunday, January 14th from 6-7:30 pm in the Parish Hall. Do you dare to enter the undercroft?

High School: Get in the Olympic spirit with some ice skating on Sunday, January 14th from 6-8 pm at the Akron Falls Skating Rink on Skyline Drive. If the pond isn't frozen, our backup location will be the Northtown Center in Amherst. **Check out the new youth group website by clicking the youth ministry tab at stteresasofakron.com**



Respect Life: In observance of the 45th Anniversary of the Supreme Court decision in *Roe v. Wade*, legalizing abortion, Roses for Life, Precious Hands and Precious Feet lapel pins will be available after all Masses next weekend. All proceeds will be forwarded to the Diocese of Buffalo Pro-Life Activities Office. We thank you for your support.

Knights of Columbus Spaghetti Dinner - The John Cardinal O'Hara Council 13661 Knights of Columbus will hold their annual Spaghetti Dinner on Sunday, January 28 from 12 noon until 5:00 pm in the Our Lady of Peace Msgr. Hammerl Parish Center, 10950 Main Street, Clarence. Adult tickets are \$8.00, and for a family of 4 or more the price is only \$25; children under 6 are free. Takeout dinners and a Basket Raffle will also be available.

Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary School invites you to their Open House on Sunday, January 28th from 10:30 am - 1:30 pm. Now enrolling for Pre-K3 thru Grade 8. Financial Assistance is available. Meet students and faculty from the school. For more information, call 633-7441.

Annulment Workshop - Tuesday, February 13th from 7-9 pm at UB North Neumann Center, 495 Skinnersville Road, Amherst. The session will include information on the recent changes in the annulment process and step-by-step help in getting started. For additional information, call Barbara at 716-633-7786 or BJWTR@aol.com. Walk-ins are welcome.

Mo attends a revival and listens to the sermon. After a while, the pastor asks anyone with needs to come forward and be prayed over. Mo gets in line and when it's his turn, the pastor asks, "Mo, what do you want me to pray about?" Mo says, "Pastor, I need you to pray for my hearing." So the pastor puts one finger in Mo's ear and the other hand on top of his head and prays for a while. He removes his hands and says, "Mo how's your hearing now?" Mo says, "I don't know pastor, it's not until next Monday."



- **Sunday, January 14** - Religious Education Classes - 9:00 - 10:00 am and 11:15 am - 12:30 pm
- **Saturday, January 20** - Monthly Visitation to the Brothers of Mercy Nursing Home - volunteers meet at the entrance of the home at 10:00 am; cookies are appreciated!
- **Weekend of January 20 - 21** - Akron/Newstead Food Pantry Collection Barrels will be out in back of Church - Pasta and Sauce are needed!
- **Sunday, January 21** - 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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

"The world draws us into a conversation about all that we don't have, but God invites us into a conversation about all that we do have. We are at our best when we are grateful."

-Matthew Kelly