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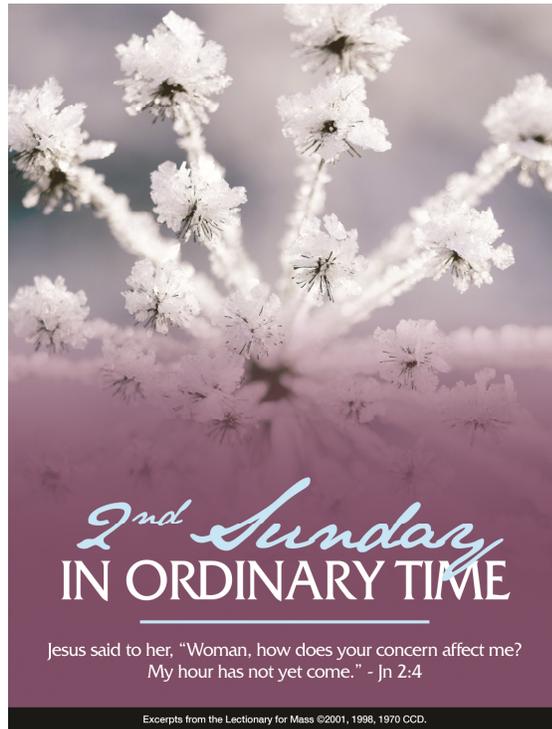
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MISSION STATEMENT

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 21 - St. Agnes
8:00 Intentions for Mothers

Tuesday, January 22
8:00 For Aborted Babies

Wednesday, January 23-St. Vincent
5:30 Communion Service with
Deacon Ron

Thursday, January 24
8:00 Communion Service with
Sister Ruth

Friday, January 25
8:00 John Hawes *by mom*

Saturday, January 26
9:00 Communion Service with
Deacon Ron
4:30 Rita Bednarek *by family*

Sunday, January 27 - 3rd Sunday
in Ordinary Time
8:00 Marianne Rejewski *by The
Flumerfeldt Family*
10:15 William R. Scheu *by The
Brookfield Family*



Scripture Readings For the Week

Monday - Hebrews 5:1-10;
Mark 2:18-22

Tuesday - Hebrews 6:10-20; Mark
2:23-28

Wednesday - Hebrews 7:1-3, 15-
17; Mark 3:1-6

Thursday - Hebrews 7:25-8:6;
Mark 3:7-12

Friday - Acts of the Apostles 22:3-
16; Mark 16:15-18

Saturday - 2 Timothy 1:1-8; Mark
3:20-21

Sunday - Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-
10; 1 Corinthians 12:12-30; Luke
1:1-4, 4:14-21

*The Rectory Office
will be closed from
Friday, January 25 -
Wednesday, January
30th.*



PASTORAL SHARINGS

Dear Parishioners,
A good, long stretch of Ordinary Time lays before us. This year's Easter is almost as late as it can be, which means that Lent won't begin until March 6th. That's almost a month later than last year! It's quite a dramatic swing in the liturgical calendar. This gives us some time to focus on daily duties, being faithful to our responsibilities.

It's also the time of year when priests go away. With the intense seasons of Advent and Christmas complete, some recuperation time is in order. Each year, priests are supposed to take vacation, retreat, and continuing education. I like to schedule two of these things in a row, so that I'm only away for one weekend. So, I'll be on vacation from the 22nd-26th, and at a continuing ed seminar from the 27th-30th.

During that time, the weekend Masses will be covered Fr. Andrew Lauricella, the Vocations Director of the diocese. Fr. Andrew is a young & jolly priest, and I think you'll enjoy his spirit. The weekdays will be mostly Communion Services, provided by Deacon Ron and Sister Ruth, except for days when Mass intentions are already reserved. All of this is indicated in the Mass Schedule on the left side of this page.

The rectory office will be closed for some of this time, because Melissa will also be away for a few of those days. **Please be advised that the rectory will be closed from Friday January 25th through Wednesday January 30th.** Regular office hours will resume on Thursday the 31st.

Deacon Ron, meanwhile, will be hosting our monthly Young Adult gathering on the Final Friday of the month, January 25th at 7 p.m. Ages 18-39 are invited to the Parish Hall to meet other young Catholics, enjoy some Chick-fil-A takeout, and be part of the National Dialogue With Young Adults - a major church initiative for the younger generations. Just click the "YOUNG ADULTS" tab on the sidebar of our parish website for details on our 2019 events.

Be healthy, be holy, and I will see you in a couple of weeks.

-Fr. Dave

Our Prayer Request for the Week: For success with the National Dialogue with young adults; 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, Whitey Spoth, Gloria Rembas, Geraldine Benker, and Barbara Litfin. Please also continue to pray for our troops who are serving our country throughout the world.

Religious Education: For many Sundays in this lectionary cycle (Cycle C) the gospels will be taken from the Gospel of Luke. Occasionally we will read from the Gospel of John, as is true of today's reading which describes Jesus' first miracle, the beginning of His ministry. Jesus' mother asks him to respond to an awkward situation at a wedding. Jesus' miracle produces large quantities of wine, six jars holding thirty gallons each of the finest wine! This lavish response to a simple human need is a vision for us of the abundance of God's kingdom. It challenges us to respond generously when confronted with human need today. We respond as best we can, fully confident that God can transform our efforts, bringing his kingdom to fulfillment in us.

Youth Ministry News:

- **High School: TODAY!** 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.



Respect Life: In observance of the 45th Anniversary of the Supreme Court decision in *Roe v. Wade*, Catholics are encouraged to participate in a solemn observance 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 Calendar: The Knights of Columbus of St. Teresa's, Our Lady of Peace and Nativity Church invite you to their **Annual Spaghetti dinner** on Sunday, January 27 from 2:00 - 6:00 pm. Tickets are \$8.00 for adults \$25.00 for a Family of four or more and Children Under 6 are Free. The event takes place at Our Lady of Peace Parish Center, 10950 Main Street, Clarence. Dine-in or Take-out and there will be basket raffles.

Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary School invites you to their Open House on Sunday, January 27th from 10:30 am - noon. Now enrolling for Pre-K3 thru Grade 8. Financial Assistance is available. Meet students and faculty from the school. For more information, call Kathy Sutter, Advancement Director at 633-7441, ext. 317.

St. John the Baptist in Alden invites you to their Open House on Sunday, January 27th at noon. All families are invited to come, enjoy FREE pancakes, take a tour, meet teachers and see interactive student demonstrations and STREAM displays.

☺ One Sunday morning, the priest saw little Danny staring up at the large plaque that hung in the church's foyer. The plaque was covered with names and small American flags were mounted on either side of it. "Father Jim," the boy asked, "what is this?" "Well, son, it's a memorial to all the young men and women who died in the service," the priest explained. They stood together quietly, staring at the memorial plaque. Little Danny softly asked, "Which service? The 8:00 or the 10:00?"



- **Sunday, January 20 - Religious Education Classes - 9:00 - 10:00 am and 11:15 am - 12:30 pm**
- **Sunday, January 20 - High School Youth Group - 5:00 - 9:00 pm**
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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.

The miracle that Jesus performed at the Wedding at Cana made it clear that Jesus came to do remarkable acts of love for us. These acts continue, and Jesus asks some of us to assist Him in very privileged ways. Is God calling you to the commitment of being a priest or religious sister? If so, call Father Andrew Lauricella at 847-5535.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

"The Spirit makes us conscious of our sin in order to lead us to the Cross. At the same time that He points out sin, He also points out the forgiveness of sin. He shows us sin in order to save us from it."

~Fr. Wilfrid Stinissen