

# St. Teresa of Avila Church Est. 1869

JANUARY 28, 2018 • THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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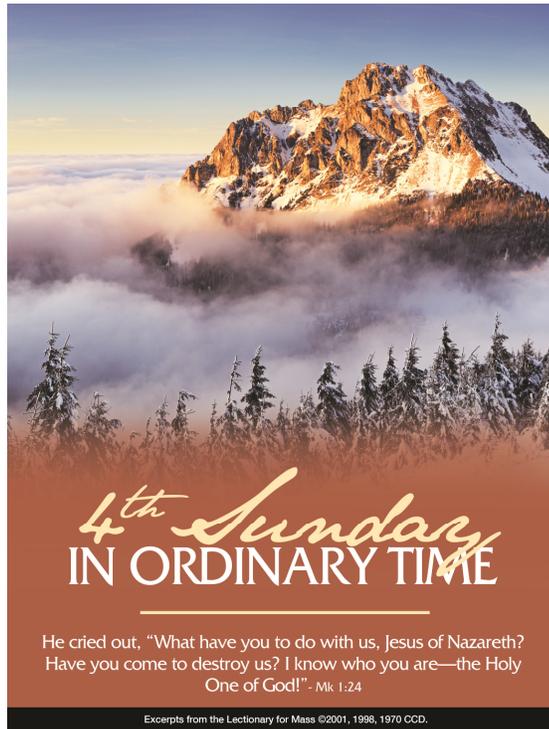
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## MISSION STATEMENT

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 29

8:00 Mary Grace Bergman -  
Birthday Blessings by mom  
and dad

Tuesday, January 30

8:00 Departed Souls

Wednesday, January 31 - St. John  
Bosco

5:30 William and Benjamin  
Moreland and Isaac  
Thomann by The Reigle  
Family

Thursday, February 1

8:00 Deceased Members of the  
Warren and Viskocil  
Families by Carolyn Licata

Friday, February 2 - The

Presentation of the Lord

8:00 Gerald and Catherine Fiegl  
- Anniversary  
Remembrance by family

Saturday, February 3 - St. Blaise/St.  
Ansgar

9:00 Parishioners of St. Teresa's  
4:30 Connie Caprio by Joanne  
Fix

Sunday, February 4 - 5th Sunday  
in Ordinary Time

8:00 Dino Malone by Gary and  
Ann Lyon

10:15 Intentions for Fathers

### Scripture Readings For the Week

Monday - 2 Samuel 15:13-  
14, 30, 16:5-13; Mark 5:1-20

Tuesday - 2 Samuel 18:9-10, 14b,  
24-25a, 30-19:3; Mark 5:21-43

Wednesday - 2 Samuel 24:2, 9-17;  
Mark 6:1-6

Thursday - 1 Kings 2:1-4, 10-12;  
Mark 6:7-13

Friday - Malachi 3:1-4; Hebrews  
2:14-18; Luke 2:22-40

Saturday - 1 Kings 3:4-13; Mark  
6:30-34

Sunday - Job 7:1-4, 6-7; 1  
Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23; Mark  
1:29-39



PASTORAL SHARINGS

You know when you see empty words. A celebrity issues a half-hearted apology for an indiscretion caught on videotape. An athlete hedges his stance on a controversial issue for fear of upsetting some sponsors. A grade school student offers made-up excuses for incomplete homework. Someone is not being completely straightforward, and it puts us on alert. If they keep on acting this way, we find it hard to take seriously anything they say. Their words have lost authority, and we know it.

This is the exact opposite of how the people in the synagogue had reacted after they heard Jesus teach. He was the real deal! There was no evasion or beating around the bush. There was no fear of how the people might react to Him. They could tell that He meant what He said and that He said exactly what He meant. With humble, simple clarity, He spoke about the kingdom of God.

*With authority* (Mark 1:27). That's how Jesus speaks to our hearts as well. Not with the false authority of a bully trying to scare us into submission. Not the insecure authority of a man trying to convince us of something he doesn't believe in himself. No, He speaks with the humble authority of a Messiah motivated by nothing but love for us. It's the authority that a person displays when helping a close friend through a difficult time—talking gently whenever possible, but firmly if necessary, and always with respect and affection. When Jesus speaks to us this way, His words sink into our hearts, and we know He is speaking out of love.

Jesus wants to speak to you with authority at Mass today. He doesn't want to bully you or push you or overpower you. He doesn't want to trick you or deceive you or give you empty promises. No, He wants to stir your heart, kindle your hope, and give you His peace. So come to Mass eager and willing to hear Him.

***"Holy Spirit, help me hear Jesus' voice today."***

**Our Prayer Request for the Week:** For peace in the world and end to senseless violence; 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, Karen Martin, Kate Johnson, Linda Baker and for the happy repose of the soul of John Sowinski, Sr. and Amelia Grace Kelly . Please also continue to pray for our troops who are serving in the military around the world.



The next session of our Bible Study will start up again on Monday, February 5th at 7:00 pm and Thursday, February 8th at 8:45 am. Please read Chapter 9 of Acts of the Apostles before our first class.



Our second graders are preparing to receive a sacrament! "God's Gift: Reconciliation" is the program that guides the children, the catechist and parent for the next six weeks. Let us support them on this journey as both child and parent draw closer to knowing and loving Jesus.

This weekend we are taking up **The Catholic Relief Service Collection** to respond to **Jesus in disguise**. This collection helps six Catholic agencies to provide relief and support to struggling communities and to work toward peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters here and around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection. Learn more about the collection as [www.usccb.org/catholic-relief](http://www.usccb.org/catholic-relief)

**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.



As Valentine's Day approaches, we ask you to make a **Gift of Love to the Response to Love Center** at St. Adalbert's in Buffalo. The Center assists people in that area and is run by the Felician Sisters. Items being collected include personal care products and home essentials that cannot be purchased with food stamps. Open your hearts to those in need. A Valentine box will be in the vestibule thru February 11th. The following are items that are most needed at this time:

dish soap	hand lotion	paper napkins	shampoo
shaving cream	deodorant	paper towels	baby wash
liquid hand soap	sandwich and snack bags		

**Lent is Coming** - Let will be here soon so mark your calendar for the 19th Annual Lenten Lecture Series, sponsored by the parishes of Northern Erie Vicariate. The series is conducted over five Mondays beginning February 19th. This year's theme focuses on **Mary - Different ways we encounter and experience her in Church**. We will explore different ways that we see and experience Mary, whether it be through scripture, apparitions, or even through art. Why give up something for Lent when you can do something positive for your spiritual growth? Plan to come and bring a friend. No cost.

### Ministers for February

**Eucharistic Ministers:** 4:30 pm - Amy Bergman and John O'Donnell; 8:00 am - Nancy Wittman; 10:15 am - Doug Whelan; **Lectors:** 4:30 pm - Deb Hilton; 8:00 am - Brian Bogart; 10:15 am - Wally Smith; **Altar Servers:** 4:30 pm - Brian Bergman and Andrew Bergman; 8:00 am - Emily Mruk; 10:15 am - Lucia Molitor and Mark Molitor

☺ A boy asks his father, "Dad, are bugs good to eat?" "That's disgusting, son. Don't talk about things like that over dinner," the dad replies. After dinner the father asks, "Now, son, what did you want to ask me?" "Oh, nothing," the boy says. "There was a bug in your soup, but now it's gone."



- **Sunday, January 28** - Religious Education Classes - 9:00 - 10:00 am and 11:15 am - 12:30 pm
- **Saturday, February 2** - First Saturday - Rosary before the 9:00 am Mass and Confessions from 8:15 - 8:45 am and 3:45 - 4:15 pm
- **Sunday, February 3** - Religious Education Classes - 9:00 - 10:00 am and 11:15 am - 12:30 pm
- **Monday, February 5** - Bible Study Spring Semester Begins! 7:00 pm in the Parish Hall
- **Thursday, February 8** - Bible Study 8:45 am in the School Meeting Room



### 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 eyes of the Lord are upon those who love Him; He is their mighty shield and strong support, a shelter from the heat, a shade from the noonday sun, a guard against stumbling, a help against falling." ~Sirach 34:16