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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.



4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Blessed are the merciful,
for they will be shown mercy.
Blessed are the clean of heart,
for they will see God."

Mt 5:7-8

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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>	4:30 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 30

8:00 Intentions for Mothers

Tuesday, January 31 - St. John Bosco

8:00 Departed Souls

Wednesday, February 1

5:30 Dino Malone - Birthday Remembrance *by family*

Thursday, February 2 - The Presentation of the Lord

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

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

8:00 Intentions for Fathers

Saturday, February 4

9:00 Parishioners of St. Teresa's

4:30 Nancy Smith *by The Tom Bergman Family*

Sunday, February 5 - The 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 Joyce Breckenridge *by Mike and MaryBeth Whiting*

10:15 Denise Needham *by Anita Calnan*



Scripture Readings for the Week

Monday - Hebrews 11:32-40; Mark 5:1-20

Tuesday - Hebrews 12:1-4; Mark 5:21-43

Wednesday - Hebrews 12:4-7, 11-15; Mark 6:1-6

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

Friday - Hebrews 13:1-8; Mark 6:14-29

Saturday - Hebrews 13:15-17, 20-21; Mark 6:30-34

Next Sunday - Isaiah 58:7-10; 1 Corinthians 2:1-5; Matthew 5:13-16

The 2017 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

Greetings on the first day of Catholic Schools Week! Our diocese has a long history of Catholic education, and I'm sure that many of you attended parochial grammar schools, and perhaps even Catholic high schools while growing up.

Unfortunately there doesn't seem to be such an emphasis on Catholic education in our current age. Part of the reason is that public education has improved a great deal in our lifetime. Akron and it's surrounding districts provide a very fine education.

However, by definition, there are elements of the human person, such as faith, which public education does not address. The current model of public education is becoming more focused on a small set of skills. You have heard of the STEM model - Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math. This seems weighted very heavily on "left-brain" activities and knowledge. The "right-brain" subjects of art and humanities get somewhat neglected in this model.

Catholic Schools offer a different model called STREAM. This includes all the content of the STEM model, but also adds funding for Religion and the Arts. I myself am a product of public education in the Clarence district, but looking back I wonder how my life might have been enriched if I'd attended Nativity school in Harris Hill.

Catholic Schools Week gives us a chance to ask that very question: is Catholic education something that I could provide for my children?

Now that New York public schools are being forced by the state to conduct social experiments such as multi-gender bathrooms, many parents are concerned about the privacy of their children. Catholic schools offer a solution to these concerns, as they take a different approach to accommodating gender identity without compromising individual modesty and privacy.

In this bulletin, you'll find Open House dates for the surrounding Catholic schools. I encourage you to consider visiting and just taking a look at the fine environment they provide.

Enjoy your weekend! Please consider having dinner on Sunday at our Knights of Columbus spaghetti dinner, served at Our Lady of Peace in Hammerl Hall from Noon - 6 p.m. More details can be found on the next page of this bulletin. Perhaps I'll see you at the dessert table!

~ Fr. Dave

Our Special Prayer Request for the Week: For all faculty and staff of parochial and public schools; let us pray to the Lord...



Please pray for the sick of the parish and their family members particularly; David Hahn, Shirley Lantz, Lucas Lowe, Michael Nanni, Jim Schmatz, Keith Bergman, Lorraine Sylvester, Madisyn Ross, Norma Hackbush, Arlene Scheeda, Adolph Bassanello and for the happy repose of the soul of Father Robert Marino, Irene Staebell, Dr. Frank Nappo and Jerome Burck. Please also continue to pray for our troops who are serving our country in Iraq, Afghanistan and throughout the world.

Religious Education: Parents are the primary educators of their children. We have invited the parents of our current second grade class to reacquaint themselves with the sacrament of reconciliation. Whatever our age in life Jesus wants us to experience His love and life. Jesus invites us to get to know Him better through the sacraments. Each of the lessons begins with a story from the Bible and leads to a key concept such as forming a good conscience. This is a special time for families of second graders and we ask for the prayerful support of parishioners.

High School Teens:

*Sunday, February 19th - Ice Skating at the Northtown Center in Amherst - drop off at 6:00 pm and pickup at 7:30 pm.

*March 3rd-5th -- This winter the Department of Youth and Young Adult Ministry will hold the 65th Annual Diocesan Youth Convention, "Positively Dangerous", at the Adam's Mark Hotel, downtown Buffalo. This inspiring weekend will bring together over 800 high school aged youth and their adult leaders for 3 days of prayer, faith, evangelization and community service. For more information, contact Father Dave.

Knights of Columbus Spaghetti Dinner - The John Cardinal O'Hara Council 13661 Knights of Columbus will hold their annual Spaghetti Dinner on Sunday, January 29 from 12 noon until 6:00 pm in the Our Lady of Peace Msgr. Hammerl Parish Center, 10950 Main Street, Clarence. Adult tickets are \$8.00, youth 6-12 years old are \$6 and for a family of 4 or more the price is only \$25.

Catholic Schools Week

Nativity of Mary School in Harris Hill invites you to an Open House on Sunday, January 29th from 10:30 - 1:30 to see what Nativity has to offer! Tour the school, meet the faculty and staff and chat with parents. For more information, call Courtney Frisch at 716-633-7441.

St. John the Baptist School in Alden invites you to their Open House on Sunday, January 29th from 12:15 - 2:15 pm. Meet the teachers, discover their sports programs, clubs, and extracurricular activities. Come and enter any K through 8 classroom and see a "slideshow" playing on Smart Boards describing what a typical day is like in that classroom. For more information, call Angela at 937-9483.

St. Joseph School in Batavia also invites you to their Open House on Sunday, January 29th. Open house begins at 10 am, followed by a celebration Mass at 11:30 and then a luncheon reception at the school. All are welcome. For more information, call Mrs. Karen Green at 585-343-6154.

☺ A man got lost in his car during a snow storm. He remembered something he had read earlier: "If you ever get stuck in a snow storm, wait for a snow plow and follow it." Pretty soon a snow plow came by, and he followed it for about 45 minutes. Finally the driver of the truck got out and asked the man what he was doing. He explained that he had read somewhere that if he ever got stuck in the snow, to follow a plow. The driver nodded and said, "Well, I'm done with the mall parking lot, now you can follow me over to the ice rink."



- Sunday, January 29 - Religious Education Classes - 9:00 - 10:00 am and 11:15 - 12:30 pm
- Sunday, January 29 - Parents of 2nd Graders - Meeting at 9:05 am in the Church
- Monday, January 30 - Bible Study - 7:00 pm in the Parish Hall
- Thursday, February 2 - Bible Study - 8:45 am in the School Meeting Room
- Sunday, February 5 - Religious Education Classes - 9:00 - 10:00 am and 11:15 am - 12:30 pm



Bible Study Class #6
January 30/February 2
Reading: 1 & 2 Kings,
Ezra and Nehemiah

Bible Study Class #7
February 6/February 9
Reading: 1 Maccabees and
Luke Ch. 1-18

How is God calling you to share your talents? If God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Father Andrew Lauricella at 716-847-5535. You can also check out the "Priest of the Month" stories at www.buffalovocations.org!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

"I am not capable of doing big things, but I want to do everything, even the smallest things, for the greater glory of God."
~St. Dominic Savio