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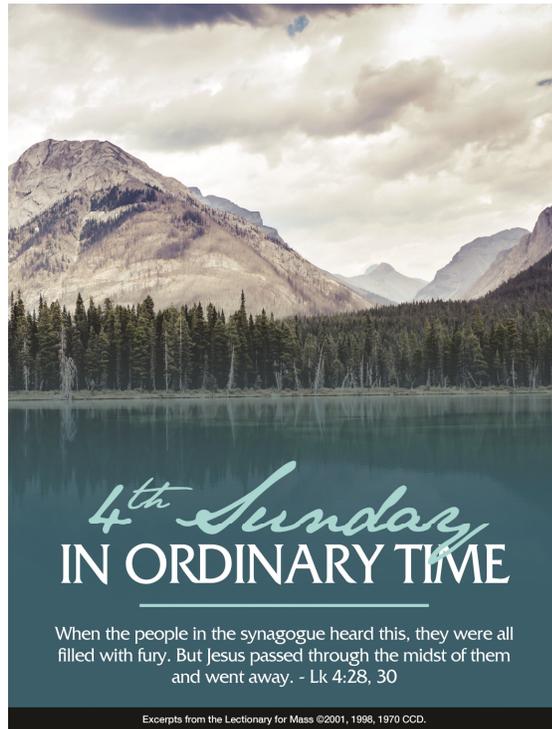
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MISSION STATEMENT

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, February 4

8:00 Departed Souls

Tuesday, February 5 - St. Agatha

8:00 Intentions for Mothers

Wednesday, February 6 - St. Paul

Miki and companions

5:30 Intentions for Fathers

Thursday, February 7

8:00 Departed Souls

Friday, February 8 - St. Jerome

Emiliani and St. Josephine

Bakhita

8:00 Intentions for Fathers

Saturday, February 9

9:00 Parishioners of St. Teresa's

4:30 Mary Strollo *by family*

Sunday, February 10 - 5th Sunday

in Ordinary Time

8:00 Intentions for Mothers

10:15 Abigail Margeson *by family*



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 - Hebrews 12:18-19, 21-24; Mark 6:7-13

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

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

Sunday - Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Luke 5:1-11

We have several weekday and weekend Masses available in the upcoming months. Honor a loved one who is still with us or has passed with the gift of the Mass. Call the Rectory Office any weekday morning for your preferred dates.



Well, I had a great time on vacation! At least I presume that I did. I'm writing this article two weeks in advance before I leave. But it's a pretty safe bet to predict that I'll enjoy it, sound enough to put in writing.

We've got a good run of Ordinary Time ahead of us. Last year at this time we were already getting ready for Lent. Can you believe that Ash Wednesday was on Feb. 14th last year? We had just wrapped up Christmas and already I was ironing the purple vestments. This year we have much more time to catch our breath. Ash Wednesday isn't until March 6th.

Still, it's never too early to start spreading information about our annual Fish Fry, which is planned for Friday, March 22nd. There will be a few minor changes this year. We will have a slightly later start time, to ensure that we have hot fish ready as soon as we open up. Hours of operation will be 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Also, we all are aware that the cost of food is ever-increasing. We've held our price steady for years, but must raise it this year. Pre-sale tickets will be your best value at \$11. At the door, the cost will be \$12.

A fish fry is a standard part of Lent in Buffalo, but so is extra prayer and Scripture. With that in mind, we are preparing to launch the next installment of our Parish Bible Study. Last fall we completed a big session, and we're ready to start something new. So, it's a perfect time for you to begin.

This Lenten Scripture Study will take place on Monday nights for ten weeks, studying the Old Testament Prophets. These are the First Readings you hear every week at Mass. What a great chance to understand them better! Our plan is to finish the study before Memorial Day. More details on cost and start date will be forthcoming.

Meanwhile, I predict that it will be good to return home and worship with you at the altar again this weekend.

Blessed be God forever,

-Fr. Dave

Our Prayer Request for the Week: For our Salt and Light Ministry members and all their good works; 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.

Liturgy of the Word for Children - Children in the primary grades are invited to listen to the Sunday Gospel in a special way. They will hear the wonder of Jesus in vocabulary that they will understand and express their thoughts with a simple activity. Each child receives a Family Sheet to follow up at home or even in the car on the way home.

Religious Education: Here are the answers to the January quiz:

- 1.) Bishop Fulton J. Sheen attracted more than 30 million weekly viewers. His popular TV how was called, "Life is Worth Living".
- 2) Only the Gospels of Matthew (6:9-13) and Luke (11:2-4) include the story of Jesus teaching His disciples how to pray (The Lord's Prayer)
- 3) "Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest". (Matthew 11:28)

Youth Ministry Upcoming Events:

Middle School: Sunday, February 10th - 6-7:30 pm at the Akron Falls Skating Rink - Meet at the Skating rink on Skyline Drive. Hot chocolate will be provided in the lodge. If there is no ice - Amherst Northtown Center is the backup.

High School Teens: Sunday, February 17th - Ice Skating 6-8 pm at the Akron Falls Skating Rink - Meet at the Skating rink on Skyline Drive. Hot chocolate will be provided in the lodge. If there is no ice - Amherst Northtown Center is the backup.

A quick note from the Business Manager: The tax letters have been mailed out totaling your 2018 donations to the parish. Some of you will notice a new line that says "*Less total of non-deductible amounts*". This is the amount you donated for Mothers Day and Fathers Day Masses. Because they are for Masses, they are a non-deductible donation. If you have any other questions concerning your statement, please feel free to call the Rectory Office any weekday morning.



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 10th. The following are items that are most needed at this time:

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



Just to let you know

The pamphlet rack has been updated with new items for your winter reading pleasure. There is something there for all ages. Feel free to browse the rack before or after Mass in the upcoming weeks. **You can also check out our Library** for some good winter reading. Father Dave has a section with his recommended books for you to check out. The Church is open every weekday morning until 12:30 pm and on weekends before and after all Masses.



One Sunday after Church, a mom asked her very young daughter what the lesson was about. The daughter answered, "don't be scared, you will get your quilt." Needless to say, the mom was perplexed. Later the Pastor stopped by for tea and the mom asked him what the morning's Sunday school lesson was about. He said, "Be not afraid, thy Comforter is coming."



- **Sunday, February 3 - Religious Education Classes - 9:00 - 10:00 am and 11:15 am - 12:30 pm**
- **Friday, February 8 - Fully Alive Adoration - 7:30-9 pm in the Church**
- **Sunday, February 10 - 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.

St. Paul reminds us that of all the gifts that God gives to us, love is the greatest. How can we best show our appreciation of what God has given to us? If God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Father Andrew Lauricella at 847-5535. You can also check out the "Priest of the Month" stories at www.buffalovocations.org!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

"The Rosary is the best therapy for those distraught, unhappy, fearful, and frustrated souls, precisely because it involves the simultaneous use of three powers: the physical, the vocal, and the spiritual."

~Venerable Archbishop
Fulton Sheen