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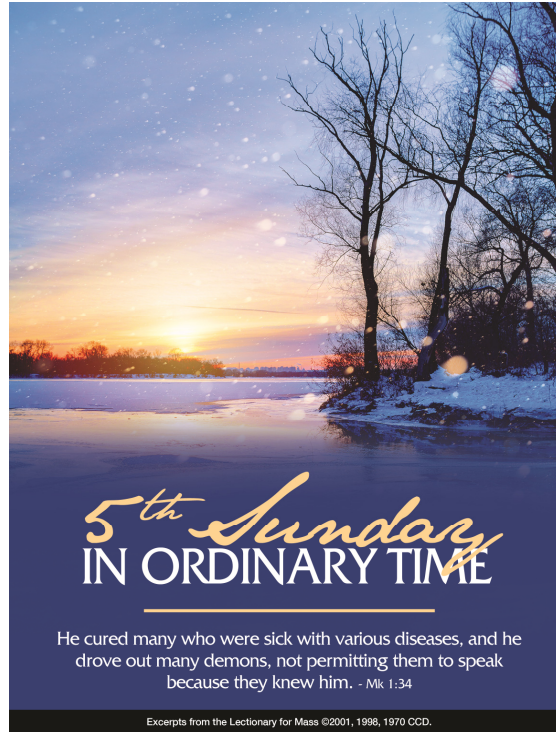
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MISSION STATEMENT

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 5 - St. Agatha**
8:00 For the Buffalo Catholic Women's Conference by *The Reigle Family*
- Tuesday, February 6 - St. Paul Miki**
8:00 Departed Souls
- Wednesday, February 7**
5:30 Joseph and Stella Rembas by *daughter*
- Thursday, February 8 - St. Jerome Emiliani and St. Josephine Bakhita**
8:00 Intentions for Fathers
- Friday, February 9**
8:00 Eleanore Penn and Family by *Bob and Kathy Penn*
- Saturday, February 10 - St. Scholastica**
9:00 Parishioners of St. Teresa's
4:30 Intentions for Mothers
- Sunday, February 11 - 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
8:00 Angelo and Ruth Bartelli by *Mike and Mary Beth Whiting*
10:15 Connie Caprio by *Tracy Oakes*



Scripture Readings For the Week

- Monday** - 1 Kings 8:1-7, 9-13; Mark 6:53-56
- Tuesday** - 1 Kings 8:22-23, 27-30; Mark 7:1-13
- Wednesday** - 1 Kings 10:1-10; Mark 7:14-23
- Thursday** - 1 Kings 11:4-13; Mark 7:24-30
- Friday** - 1 Kings 11:29-32, 12:19; Mark 7:31-37
- Saturday** - 1 Kings 1:26-32, 13:33-34; Mark 8:1-10
- Sunday** - Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46; 1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1; Mark 1:40-45

There are several 4:30 pm Saturday Masses and weekday Masses available in the upcoming months. Please call the Rectory any weekday morning to get your preferred dates.



PASTORAL SHARINGS

Dear Parishioners,

Last week you read some filler text in this space. It had been my plan to write an article before leaving for retreat, but things turned out differently. As you've probably heard, my retreat was postponed due to a family medical emergency. My mother had a very mild stroke which, thankfully, was detected immediately, and some excellent treatment was provided.

Looking back on the incident, it happened at the best possible time when all of us were available to help out. I believe that God gave us the best possible outcome. It's often a good idea, after an urgent situation occurs, to ask yourself "In what ways did God prevent this from being worse than it was?" God is with us always, most especially in suffering and trial.

In my absence, all Masses were offered as usual, and I thank Fr. Jim Fugle for providing the Holy Eucharist for us the past two weeks. In addition, Monsignor Williamson was able to say a Funeral Mass, and I'm always grateful for his help. Religious education also proceeded as usual, and right now we are focusing on preparing our second-graders for their First Reconciliation.

Turning into our parking lot in the evening hours, you will find our north entrance illuminated once again. This will be noticed most at our Saturday Vigil Mass which ends after sunset at this time of year. Please remember that our annual collection of personal care items for the clients of Response to Love Center is going on. Next weekend will be the last opportunity to drop off items for this project. A list of the items most needed can be found on the next page.

Bible study resumes on Monday night (or Thursday for those in the morning session), and I look forward to returning to Acts of the Apostles in Chapter 9. The story takes a major turn here with the conversion of St. Paul. The pace picks up, as Paul moves from city to city, writing all those letters that we read from at Mass.

I hope that these next couple of weeks allow you some time for reflection as we leave behind the first month of the year and head toward the beginning of Lent. My prayers are with all of you who are dealing with illnesses in this difficult flu season.

May God be with us all,
Fr. Dave

Our Prayer Request for the Week: That God may grant His Divine Mercy to the souls of all who have died suddenly, violently, or youthfully in the past year; 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, Linda Baker, Matthew Hanlon and for the happy repose of the soul of Kate Johnson and Paiten Pierce. Please also continue to pray for our troops who are serving in the military around the world.



A priest-author refers to Ash Wednesday as a phenomenon, a day when our secularized culture is willing to sport ashes on their foreheads! The symbol of the cross of ashes is good for the soul, a chance to acknowledge who we are and what we believe. Lent begins soon and we still have time to come up with a Lenten Resolution. One suggestion could be to bring the children to Mass on Ash Wednesday and let them feel the blessed ashes on the forehead and listen to the words of the prayer.

Middle School: Sunday, February 11th - 6-7:30 pm at the Akron Falls Skating Rink - Meet at the Skating rink on Skyline Drive. If there is no ice - Amherst Northtown Center is the backup.

High School Teens: Sunday, February 18th - "Deal or No Deal" - Gear up for Lent by playing some deal or no deal games that lead us into the sacrifice that is Lent - 6-8 pm in the Parish Hall



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		



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.**

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.

Looking Toward Lent - Our parish is a co-sponsor of the popular Lenten Lecture Series again this year. Mark your calendar for 7:30 pm on five Mondays beginning February 19th. You'll hear some of the best speakers in the diocese talk on **Mary - Different ways we encounter and experience her in the Church.** These lectures take place at churches all over the Northern Erie County area. We will explore different ways that we see and experience Mary, whether it be through scripture, apparitions, or even through art. Plan to come and bring a friend. No cost! No reservations required! All are welcome and refreshments will be served.

😊 A Lady is driving for the first time on an expressway. Her husband calls on her cell and says, "Be careful my love, I just heard on the radio, that some one is driving opposite to the traffic on the expressway!" She replied, "Someone...? These rascals are in Hundreds!".



- **Sunday, February 4 - Religious Education Classes - 9:00 - 10:00 am and 11:15 am - 12:30 pm**
- **Sunday, February 4 - Women's Guild Monthly Meeting - 9:00 am in the Parish Hall**
- **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**
- **Sunday, February 11 - 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:

"In Your Mercy, Lord, you called me, taught my sinful heart and mind, else this world had still enthralled me, and to glory keep me blind. Lord, I do not freely choose you till by grace you set me free; for my heart would still refuse you had your love not chosen me."

-Magnificat