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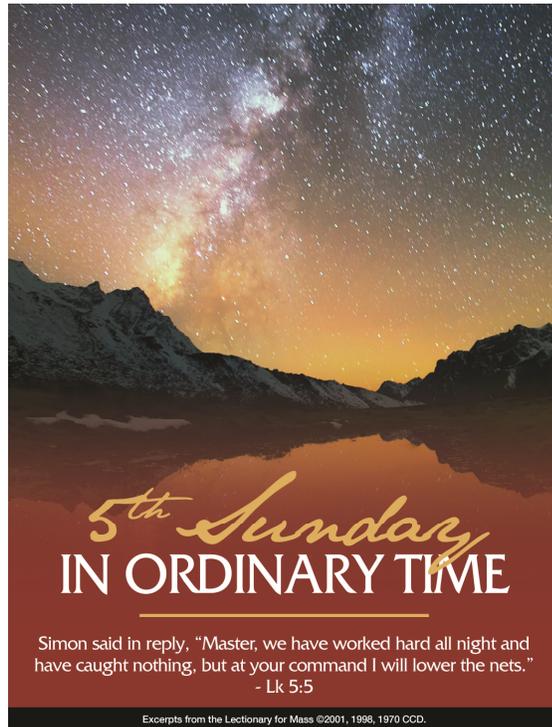
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MISSION STATEMENT

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.



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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>	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 11 - Our Lady of Lourdes

8:00 Departed Souls

Tuesday, February 12

8:00 Intentions for Fathers

Wednesday, February 13

5:30 Departed Souls

Thursday, February 14

8:00 Intentions for Mothers

Friday, February 15

8:00 Departed Souls

Saturday, February 16

9:00 Parishioners of St. Teresa's

4:30 Degasperri Family by The Caprio Family

Sunday, February 17 - 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 Intentions for Mothers

10:15 Ron Konieczny



Scripture Readings For the Week

Monday - Genesis 1:1-19;
Mark 6:53-56

Tuesday - Genesis 1:20-2:4a; Mark 7:1-13

Wednesday - Genesis 2:4b-9, 15-17; Mark 7:14-23

Thursday - Genesis 2:18-25; Mark 7:24-30

Friday - Genesis 3:1-8; Mark 7:31-37

Saturday - Genesis 3:9-24; Mark 8:1-10

Sunday - Jeremiah 17:5-8; 1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20; Luke 6:17, 20-26

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.



PASTORAL SHARINGS

Where did all the snow go? I ask as I write this on Tuesday, looking out at the soggy green grass where there once had been five-foot icicles. What a strange cycle. It does funny things to the sinuses.

I hear that snow will return by the time we gather for Mass. For me, this would be good, as I'm trying to run some ice skating events with our youth groups. Middle-schoolers: if the town pond is frozen Sunday, meet us there from 6-7:30. If it isn't frozen over, then meet us at the Northtown Rink in Amherst, near U.B. Luckily, their open skate is at the exact same time.

It's been a good first week back from vacation. I'm quite glad to be back - there were some bumpy plane rides on that trip! I was very impressed by the pilot who put us down on the Buffalo runway in zero visibility. That's a job I would not have the nerves for!

Air travel is interesting as a priest. Despite the headlines and the way we are viewed with suspicion these days, most people are glad to see a priest step on to the airplane. I was flying out with Fr. DiGiulio, and at the ticket counter a woman asked "Could you seat me right between the two of them?" I guess she saw us as two pillars of prayer. This is humbling, and I pray for the grace to live up to those expectations.

Even though we weren't in any real danger, a bumpy plane ride makes you think about the fragility of life and definitely draws you closer to God. May He always bring our flights in safely!

Thanks to Sister Ruth and Deacon Ron for keeping things going in church while I was away. I appreciate Deacon Ron preaching last weekend, which meant that I didn't have to work on a homily while I was traveling. You won't see Deacon Ron next weekend, because his eldest daughter is getting married! Congratulations to Christie Adamczak and Evan Lewis, soon to be wed at the altar in Hamburg.

Meanwhile, we're working on a few baptisms and weddings here in Akron too. Praise God for these signs of new life and happiness!

Blessed be God forever,

~Father Dave

Our Prayer Request for the Week: For the protection of all unborn life; 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, Barbara Litfin and for the happy repose of the soul of Donald Zich and Msgr. Paul Belzer. Please also continue to pray for our troops who are serving our country throughout the world.

Religious Education: February, the shortest month of the year! We have three class sessions this month: February 3rd, 10th and 24th. February 17th is the beginning of the winter break for local school districts. We are grateful to all the parents who have kept up so well with scheduled classes for the children as well as keeping to the policy of calling when the child(ren) will be absent. The phone number to the Religious Education office is listed on the front of the parish bulletin just above the Mission Statement: (716) 542-5777.

Youth Ministry Upcoming Events:

Middle School: TODAY! 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, 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 this weekend. 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	

Here when you need it. When there is nowhere else to turn, **Catholic Charities** is a beacon of hope and support for those most in need. Across the eight counties of Western New York, Catholic Charities is ready to provide basic and emergency assistance whenever crisis strikes. Your appeal gift helps keep this safety net in place for so many of our neighbors in need. You can help find them hope in the midst of devastation. Letters will be mailed soon. Please return them to us either in the collection basket or through the mail. For more information on Catholic Charities and their services, please visit www.ccwny.org

☺ One day, a grandpa and his grandson go golfing. The young one is really good and the old one is just giving him tips. They are on hole 8 and there is a tree in the way and the grandpa says, "When I was your age, I would hit the ball right over that tree." So, the grandson hits the ball and it bumps against the tree and lands not to far from where it started. "Of course," added the grandpa, "when I was your age, the tree was only 3 feet tall."



- **Sunday, February 10 - Religious Education Classes - 9:00 - 10:00 am and 11:15 am - 12:30 pm**
- **Saturday, February 16 - Monthly Visitation to the Brothers of Mercy Nursing Home - Volunteers meet at the entrance of the nursing home at 10 am; cookies are appreciated!**
- **Weekend of February 16-17 - Akron/Newstead Food Pantry Collection Barrels will be out in the back of Church - Tuna Fish is needed**
- **Sunday, February 17 - No Religious Education Classes - Enjoy your winter break!**



Not long ago we heard about Jesus' vocation as foretold by Isaiah. Today we hear of St. Paul's vocation to spread the Good News of Jesus to people far and wide. What is your vocation? If God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Father Andrew Lauricella at 716-847-5535.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

"The words that the priest pronounces at consecration are greater than the very words that God spoke when He brought creation into being because those words only brought creatures into being. But when the priest speaks the words of consecration, He brings forth our Creator and our Redeemer. We should bow our heads and hearts and our bodies and souls low in profound awe and adoration."

~Dr. Scott Hahn