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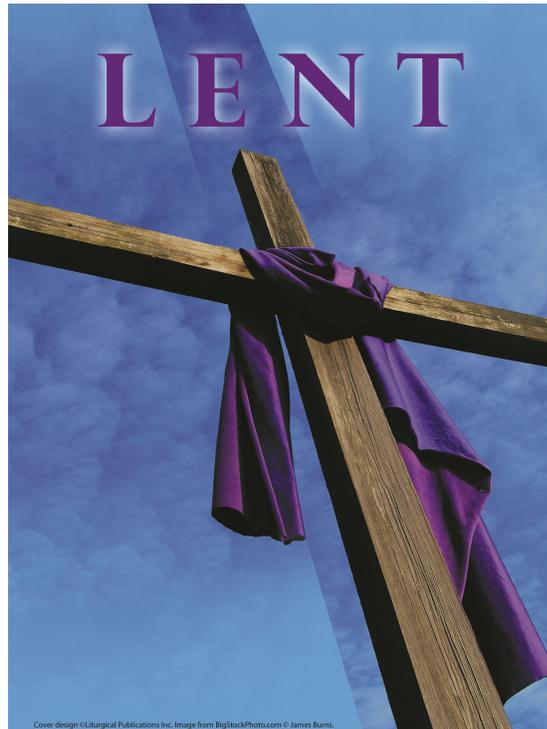
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MISSION STATEMENT

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 12

8:00 Mary Strollo *by family*

Tuesday, February 13

8:00 The Gerald Feigl Family *by
Bob and Kathy Penn*

Wednesday, February 14 - Ash
Wednesday

8:00 Departed Souls

12:00 Distribution of Ashes

5:30 Jerry Klostermann *by
George and Barbara
Golibersuch*

Thursday, February 15

8:00 Special Intention

Friday, February 16

8:00 Intentions for Fathers

Saturday, February 17

9:00 Parishioners of St. Teresa's

4:30 Adeline Raykowski *by son*

Sunday, February 18 - 1st Sunday
of Lent

8:00 Agnes Vanburen *by family*

10:15 Michael Pieroni and
Braelyn Smythe-Campos *by
The Ross Family*



Scripture Readings For the Week

Monday - James 1:1-11;
Mark 8:11-13

Tuesday - James 1:12-18; Mark
8:14-21

Wednesday - Joel 2:12-18; 2
Corinthians 5:20-6:2; Matthew
6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday - Deuteronomy 30:15-
20; Luke 9:22-25

Friday - Isaiah 58:1-9a; Matthew
9:14-15

Saturday - Isaiah 58:9b-14; Luke
5:27-32

Sunday - Genesis 9:8-15; 1 Peter
3:18-22; Mark 1:12-15

Ash Wednesday Schedule

8:00 am and 5:30 pm -

Mass with distribution of
Ashes

12:00 pm - Distribution of
Ashes and Scripture Sharings



PASTORAL SHARINGS

Dear Parishioners,

Here it is, the time of year we all dread! This week brings Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent with its call to repentance, fasting, and self-denial. This is so good for us! Just like a hard workout or a dentist appointment, we don't look forward to these things, but they make our quality of life better.

The same is true of Lent. The Church is so wise in giving us a yearly chance to examine ourselves and try to make permanent changes. And it helps to know that millions of people are going through it with us.

"Make this your best Lent ever!" Matthew Kelly challenged us last year. Again this year, Matthew and Dynamic Catholic are running the online Best Lent Ever program, with new video content at www.dynamiccatholic.com/bestlentever

Whether you try this program or not, I encourage you to follow Matthew's advice, "Don't just give up chocolate this Lent -- let's do something different and creative." Lent can become too routine for us and lose its power to transform.

That's why we workout, to transform our bodies, inside and out. That's why we go to the dentist, to transform our smile. Transformation is also what we should want from Lent, so that we are different - stronger and holier - when the forty days are over.

Meanwhile, I'll keep you apprised on opportunities to try new things. Lots of special events happen during Lent, and I'll try to keep you informed right here in this space.

Of course, the usual regulations of fasting and abstinence are printed in this bulletin for your reference, as well as Mass times for Ash Wednesday. It's not a holy day of obligation but certainly a good day to come to church, and most Catholics do.

This weekend is the last call to bring items for Response To Love Center. This can be one form of almsgiving to begin Lent with charity.

One final note: we are postponing our High School Youth Group by one week, because most of our teens are taking the Akron Band trip to Florida. We'll meet on Sunday the 25th when everyone is back home. Safe travels to our young people! And to all on our icy Buffalo roads.

May God Preserve Us in His Mercy,

-Fr. Dave

Our Prayer Request for the Week: That this year's Lent may help us grow in prayer and strengthen our willpower to resist temptation; 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, and Matthew Hanlon. Please also continue to pray for our troops who are serving in the military around the world.



February 14, 2018 - Ash Wednesday

Marks the beginning of the Season of Lent

Abstinence: All Catholics who have reached their 14th birthday are bound to abstain totally from meat on the following days: *Ash Wednesday, all Fridays of Lent and Good Friday.*

Fasting: All Catholics between their 18th and 60th birthdays are bound to observe the Law of Fast on the following days: *Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.* This practice involves limiting oneself to a single full meal and avoiding food between meals. Light sustenance may be taken on two other occasions in the course of the day.

Easter Duty: After they have been initiated into the Most Holy Eucharist, all the faithful are bound by obligation of receiving Communion at least once a year. This precept must be fulfilled during the Easter Season, unless for a good reason, it is fulfilled another time during the year. This obligation may be fulfilled between February 18th (First Sunday of Lent) and May 27th (Trinity Sunday).

Reconciliation: Catholics are bound by an obligation faithfully to confess serious sins at least once a year. Check future bulletins for our Combined Parish Penance Service.



Join us for Soup! Lenten Meal - Parishioners are invited to attend our annual Lenten Meal on Wednesday, February 14th, immediately following the 5:30 pm Mass in the Parish Hall. The meal will consist of a variety of meatless soups, bread, butter and beverages. No reservations necessary. Hope to see you there!



Last weekend we welcomed our first infant of the year into our faith through the saving waters of Baptism. **Sophia Catherine Durfee** is the daughter of Elissa (Penn) and Michael Durfee (and the granddaughter of Bob and Kathy Penn) of our parish. Congratulations and God's richest blessings to the entire family!

Youth Ministry: Middle School: Tonight! 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 25th - "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



God our Father is like the father in the parable of the Prodigal Son. When we sin, He waits for us to come home to Him. He wants to welcome us back in the sacrament of reconciliation. Developing a good conscience is a lifelong task. As our second graders prepare for their first confession, let us all ask for the grace of becoming more and more attuned to the voice of God that resounds within the human heart.

Instead of giving up something for Lent this year, why not do something special for your spiritual life by coming to the Lenten Lecture Series, sponsored by the parishes of the Northern Erie Vicariate. Beginning next Monday, February 19th at 7:30 pm at Christ the King Church in Amherst.



I had a knock at my door earlier, it was a policeman... "Mr. Cook?" "Yes," I replied. "I'm afraid your dog has just been reported to have chased someone on a bike." I said, "That's not possible, my dog doesn't have a bike."



- Sunday, February 11 - Religious Education Classes - 9:00 - 10:00 am and 11:15 am - 12:30 pm
- Monday, February 12 - Bible Study - 7:00 pm in the Parish Hall
- Wednesday, February 14 - Women's Guild Lenten Meal - immediately following the 5:30 pm Mass in the Parish Hall
- Thursday, February 15 - Bible Study 8:45 am in the School Meeting Room
- Friday, February 16 - Stations of the Cross - 7:30 pm
- Saturday, February 17 - Monthly Visitation to the Brothers of Mercy Nursing Home - volunteers meet at the entrance of the home at 10:00 am - cookies are appreciated!
- Weekend of February 17-18 - Akron/Newstead Food Pantry Collection Barrels will be out in the back of Church; Tuna fish is needed!
- Sunday, February 18 - No Religious Education Classes - Enjoy your Winter Break!

We hear today that Jesus healed a leper. Lepers in those days were exiled by the community. Jesus' action pierced through many walls of division. How is Jesus calling you to help bring reconciliation to places of division. If God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Father Andrew Lauricella at 847-5535.