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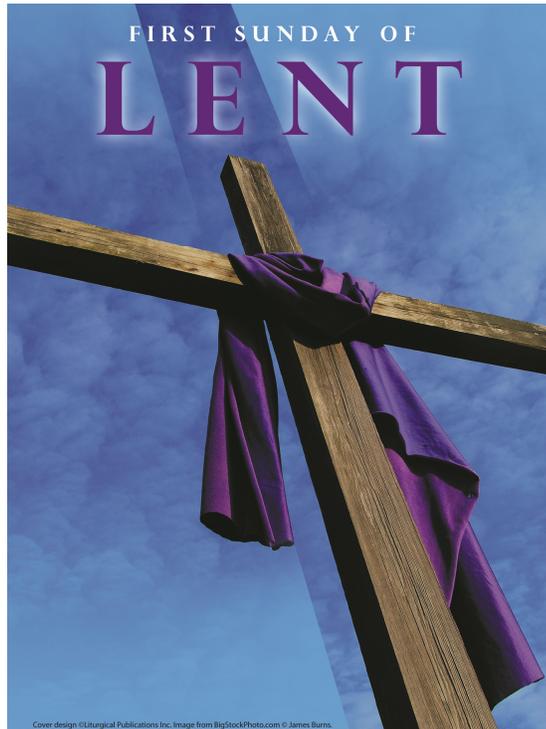
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MISSION STATEMENT

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 19

8:00 Departed Souls

Tuesday, February 20

8:00 Florence Raykowski and
Helen Kutz *by family*

Wednesday, February 21 - St. Peter
Damian

5:30 Robert Tarantelli *by Gary
and Ann Lyon*

Thursday, February 22 - The Chair
of St. Peter the Apostle

8:00 Intentions for Fathers

Friday, February 23 - St. Polycarp

8:00 Intentions for Mothers

Saturday, February 24

9:00 Parishioners of St. Teresa's

4:30 Special Intention

Sunday, February 18 - 2nd Sunday
of Lent

8:00 Women's Guild
Anniversary Mass

10:15 Albert, Helen and Joseph
Konieczny *by Ron
Konieczny*



Scripture Readings For the Week

Monday - *Leviticus 19:1-2,
11-18; Matthew 25:31-46*

Tuesday - *Isaiah 55:10-11;
Matthew 6:7-15*

Wednesday - *Jonah 3:1-10; Luke
11:29-32*

Thursday - *1 Peter 5:1-4;
Matthew 16:13-19*

Friday - *Ezekiel 18:21-28;
Matthew 5:20-26*

Saturday - *Deuteronomy 26:16-19;
Matthew 5:43-48*

Sunday - *Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-
13, 15-18; Romans 8:31b-34; Mark
9:2-10*

2018 Masses

There are several weekend
and weekday Masses
available in the near future.
Please call the Rectory any
weekday morning to get your
preferred dates.



PASTORAL SHARINGS

Now we're in the swing of things. Lent is like getting into a cold swimming pool: once you're in it, it's not so bad. We've completed what they call the "porch" of Lent, those first few weekdays after Ash Wednesday, and now we're into the first full week.

Pope Francis has issued a worldwide call to prayer this coming Friday for the sake of the African continent, most especially the region of the Sudan. You know how many awful things (wars and even genocide) have taken place in that area since the new millennium. Since it will be Friday, you may wish to offer your abstaining from meat (and other fasting or sacrifices) for this intention. When God's people worldwide all unite in prayer for the same purpose, powerful graces are unleashed.

Stations of the Cross began this past Friday and will be offered every Friday of Lent at 7:30. We get a nice-sized crowd for this service, but it tends to be the same faces each week. I'd like to invite you to give Stations a try if you haven't in a while. There's a nice, calming flow to the prayers, and I find that it puts me in touch with the reasons we observe Lent.

Ironically, while we challenge ourselves with prayer and fasting, this will be a week of leisure for our school children as the Akron district takes its mid-winter break. Therefore, there are NO Religious Education classes this weekend. Also, members of the Akron School Music Program will be traveling to Florida to perform at the Disney parks. Many of them are members of our youth groups. Travel safely, everyone, and represent us well!

Speaking of our students, four parishioners were inducted into the National Honor Society in January: Cassandra Brandl, Lucia Molitor, Clare Scroger, and Sara Hoefler. As a member of the society myself (way back in 1988!) I congratulate these scholars. We're very proud of you all!

Due to the school break, I've decided not to have Bible Study this coming week. This frees up our Monday folks to attend the Lenten Speaker Series (see next page for details).

I will try to keep you informed about other special events in the area. This is the last call for the Catholic Women's Conference which happens on Saturday, Feb. 24th. You can call the rectory for tickets or speak to parishioner Lisa Reigle. The Men's Conference is not far behind, on Saturday March 10th. Both of these events take place at O'Hara High School, just off the Delaware exit of the I-290.

Let's all challenge ourselves to try new things - remember, Lent is the Church playoff season, so let's dig deep!

May God show us His Divine Mercy!

-Fr. Dave

Our Prayer Request for the Week: With Pope Francis we pray for peace in the Sudan and Congo; 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, Faith Bassanello, Tracy Lotz, Liam Williams, Arlene Scheeda, Mike Charles, Doug Schifferle, Dan Springer, Mary Lou Bummer, Baby Nicholas Brady, Karen Martin, Linda Baker, Matthew Hanlon, Deb Hilton and for the happy repose of the soul of Msgr. Paul Juenker.



It's good for our children to develop a sense of right and wrong, to know when they have made mistakes or even committed sins. We all falter and fail. But in order to grow as moral persons we also need to accept and receive the gift of God's forgiveness. Let us pray that we trust in God's mercy and accept His forgiveness.

The first session of the Lenten Lecture Series will be held on Monday, February 19th at 7:30 pm in Christ the King Church, 30 Lamarck Drive, Amherst. Rev. Dan Young will speak on our experience of Mary and the 100th Anniversary of the Apparitions at Fatima. No cost! No reservations required. Come and bring a friend! Refreshments served.

St. Teresa's Women's Guild provides prayer quilts for the sick, shut-ins or those who are suffering from a loss or other serious problem. On the 2nd Sunday of every month the prayer quilts are tied and prayers are said before and after all Masses. Contact Mary at 542-2081, Mary Ellen at 542-1124 or Debbie at 542-2219 with the name of a friend, family member or neighbor who you would like to have receive a prayer quilt. We even provide quilts for family members or friends in need that live outside of the area. The quilting group meets every Wednesday morning at the Dee Wright Center at 9:30 am until 2 pm. Bring your lunch and join them any Wednesday. You don't have to be a quilter to help. Donations of leftover fabric or other quilting supplies are always appreciated.



Sister Joanne Gangoff was recently in the area for a short visit. Sister has been in Timau, Kenya for 38 years and worked with Sister Bea for the 4 years that she was able to spend there. Sister Joanne expressed her appreciation for the generosity of St. Teresa's over the past 4 years. The 10 latrines that were built last year have provided many of the people with better hygiene, privacy and dignity. She also mentioned the donations that were collected for their weekly food program, books and shoes for school children, as well as some basic playground toys that were purchased with monies from St. Teresa's. Our kindness and generosity has helped her provide for the people in great need in Timau and she wanted us to know that we are in her prayers.

Jesus was entrusted to and raised lovingly by His earthly parents, Mary and Joseph. Catholic Charities gives ordinary citizens the opportunity to raise an extraordinary child through their Foster Care and Adoption programs. Catholic Charities provides foster care for children of all ages in Erie County who cannot safely live in their own homes. To support Catholic Charities mission of providing happy and safe homes for children across Erie County, please consider donating to this year's 2018 Appeal. The mailing will go out in the next few weeks. Please return your donation to the Church either by mail or in the collection basket at any weekend Mass.

The pamphlet racks have been restocked with Lenten materials for all ages. The racks are located by the doors at the entrance of the Church and all items range from \$.50 to \$5.00.



Two older women were fussing about their husbands over tea one day. "I do wish my Leroy would stop biting his nails. That makes me terribly nervous," the first one said. "Oh, my Elmer used to do the same thing," the other woman commented. "But I broke him of that habit real quick." "What did you do?" "I hid his teeth."



- Sunday, February 18 - No Religious Education Classes - Enjoy your Winter Break!
- Friday, February 23 - Stations of the Cross - 7:30 pm
- Sunday, February 25 - Religious Education Classes - 9:00 - 10:00 am and 11:15 am - 12:30 pm

Prayer for Vocations



Lord Jesus Christ, Savior of the world, show forth, we beseech Thee, in Thy Church the Holy Spirit with whose power the apostles were so abundantly filled. We thank Thee for the blessings bestowed upon the work of priests and religious; and we pray that Thou will add to the number of those who now pray, labor, and sacrifice themselves for Thy glory and the salvation of souls. Give them unselfish zeal for Thy glory. O good Jesus, give us more priests and religious after Thy own Heart! Amen.

Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit into the desert for forty days of prayer and fasting. Likewise, in places of solitude we too can hear the voice of God. Take some time to listen to God this Lent. If God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Father Andrew Lauricella at 716-847-5535.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

"Are you capable of risking
your life for someone?

Do it for Christ."

~Pope Saint John Paul II