

# St. Teresa of Avila Church Est. 1869

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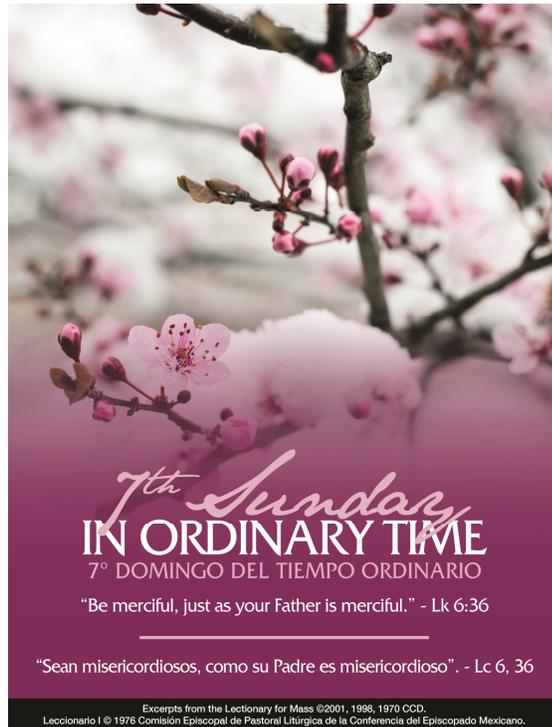
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## MISSION STATEMENT

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 25

8:00 Intentions for Mothers

Tuesday, February 26

8:00 Departed Souls

Wednesday, February 27

5:30 John Hawes *by mom*

Thursday, February 28

8:00 Charles Raymond Groff, Sr.  
*by Jean Haun*

Friday, March 1

8:00 Intentions for Fathers

Saturday, March 2

9:00 Parishioners of St. Teresa's

4:30 Rosario Fiorella *by  
Celestina Abati*

Sunday, March 4 - 8th Sunday  
in Ordinary Time

8:00 Intentions for Fathers

10:15 Ron Konieczny *by Bob and  
Kathy Penn*



### Scripture Readings For the Week

**Monday** - Sirach 1:1-10;  
Mark 9:14-29

**Tuesday** - Sirach 2:1-11; Mark  
9:30-37

**Wednesday** - Sirach 4:11-19; Mark  
9:38-40

**Thursday** - Sirach 5:1-8; Mark  
9:41-50

**Friday** - Sirach 6:5-17; Mark 10:1-  
12

**Saturday** - Sirach 17: 1-15; Mark  
10:13-16

**Sunday** - Sirach 27:4-7; 1  
Corinthians 15:54-58; Luke 6:39-45

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

The weather was clear enough Monday morning for me to attend the Funeral Mass for Monsignor Slubecky at the Cathedral. There were so many priests and deacons in attendance that it felt like the annual Chrism Mass! It was a moving tribute to his decades of priestly service. Some of that service brought him here to Akron-Newstead, as a young assistant priest to Father Frank. Many of you have shared your memories of Father David Slubecky, particularly his excellent singing voice. More recently, many of you remember Monsignor Slubecky as the one who conferred the Sacrament of Confirmation upon your children. It reminded me how many lives a priest affects in a memorable way.

When I was in seminary, a friend joined the Coast Guard Auxiliary. I told him it was an admirable thing to do, and that he'd probably save a life someday. He replied, "As a priest you might too." Perhaps someday. I did hear that one of our parishioners in the local fire hall helped to save a life with CPR last week. What a beautiful thing, to give someone another chance to live!

Lent is now just over two weeks away. In preparation, perhaps we can think about the impact we are having on the world. Like Monsignor Slubecky, in small ways over many years, we leave a legacy. What more would I like to add to that legacy? Lent gives us the chance to ask these questions and challenge ourselves. Are you ready for the challenge? Fortifying your willpower for extra fasting? Sometimes the Church gets a bad rap for focusing so much on sin for 40 days, but in fact it makes us better people.

This Lent will be extra special because we will be accompanying our RCIA candidates. We have three candidates receiving sacraments at the Easter Vigil Mass this year. Various preparatory rituals will take place at different Masses during Lent, so that you all have a chance to pray with and for our candidates.

Meanwhile, please call or email the rectory to sign up for Bible Study. Monday evening or Thursday morning sessions are offered. The Thursday session starts very soon - March 7th - but there's still time to register. There is a \$30 cost for study materials, and the class goes for ten weeks. Monday sessions begin on March 11th.

If you had last week off, I hope you had fun and rested well!

~Father Dave

**Our Prayer Request for the Week:** For safety in our nation's streets, schools and neighborhoods; 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, Tony Scheeda, Eileen Tiedt and for the happy repose of the soul of Msgr. David Slubecky and Emily Dombrowski. Please also continue to pray for our troops who are serving our country throughout the world.

**Religious Education:** The Lenten season is just around the corner. Fasting, giving and praying are ways that we enter the realm of holiness. Here are a couple of ideas for kids and teens: Give up the usual suspects; sweets, video games, smart phones, soda, junk food, social media and other creature comforts. Take a look in the closet and drawers and slim down the selections, that is, consider donating some of the clothes they don't wear. Next weekend we will suggest some prayer ideas.



**St. Teresa's 6th Annual Fish Fry** will be held on Friday, March 22nd from 4:30 - 6:30 pm in the Parish Hall! - The Fish Fry features an 8-10 oz hand dipped battered Haddock, potato, coleslaw, bread and butter, lemon wedge and tartar sauce. The cost is \$11.00 presale. There will also be a kids meal offered for those 14 and under for \$5.00. Presale tickets will be available after all Masses this weekend, March 2-3 and March 16-17. A limited number of tickets will be available at the door but will be \$12.00 so get your tickets early. All proceeds will go towards the Religious Education donation to Catholic Charities. For more information, please call the Rectory office.

**Looking Toward Lent** - Our parish will co-sponsor the popular Lenten Lecture Series again this year. Mark your calendar for 7:30 pm on five Mondays beginning March 11th. You'll hear some of the best speakers in the diocese talk on **The Eucharist**. Each evening will have a speaker who will explore several different aspects of the Eucharist to enrich our understanding, prayer experience and daily life. Plan to come and bring a friend. No cost! No reservations required!

**Investing today in tomorrow's future.** Catholic Charities wants to give others the tools to succeed in life, and that's why we're continuously making strides with our Workforce and Education Services. Catholic Charities provides outreach, recruiting, career coaching, and wrap-around case management at the Northland Workforce Training Center on Buffalo's east side. It's just one way we are helping our neighbors find hope. Will you help us in our mission? **Donate to the 2019 Appeal.**

### Ministers for March

**Eucharistic Ministers:** 4:30 pm - Dick Campbell; 8:00 am - Susan Brown; 10:15 am - Sister Gerard and Volunteer needed; **Lectors:** 4:30 pm - Mary Prentice; 8:00 am - Karen Molitor; 10:15 am - Karen Stachowiak; **Altar Servers:** 4:30 pm - Paul Bergman and Christopher Bergman; 8:00 am - Mark Molitor and Emily Mruk; 10:15 am - Katy and Nathan Geiger

☺ "While sports fishing off the Florida coast, a tourist capsized his boat. He could swim, but his fear of alligators kept him clinging to the overturned craft. Spotting an old beachcomber standing on the shore, the tourist shouted, "Are there any gators around here?" "Nah," the man hollered back, "they ain't been around for years!" Feeling safe, the tourist started swimming leisurely toward the shore. About halfway there he asked the guy, "How'd you get rid of the gators?" "We didn't do anything," the beachcomber said. "The sharks got 'em."



- **Sunday, February 24 - Religious Education Classes - 9:00 - 10:00 am and 11:15 am - 12:30 pm**
- **Saturday, March 2 - First Saturday - Rosary before the 9:00 am Mass and Confessions from 8:15 - 8:45 am and 3:45 - 4:15 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.

How is God calling you to be a instrument of His mercy? If God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Father Andrew Lauricella at 847-5535.

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

"We expect the truth from other people, but so often we dismiss that expectation for ourselves. It seems that we are afraid of the truth, but we needn't be. Truth is beautiful, and the truth about you is beautiful. You and I are not perfect, but we are beautifully imperfect. There is truth in that."

~Matthew Kelly  
(From the *Biggest Lie in the History of Christianity*)