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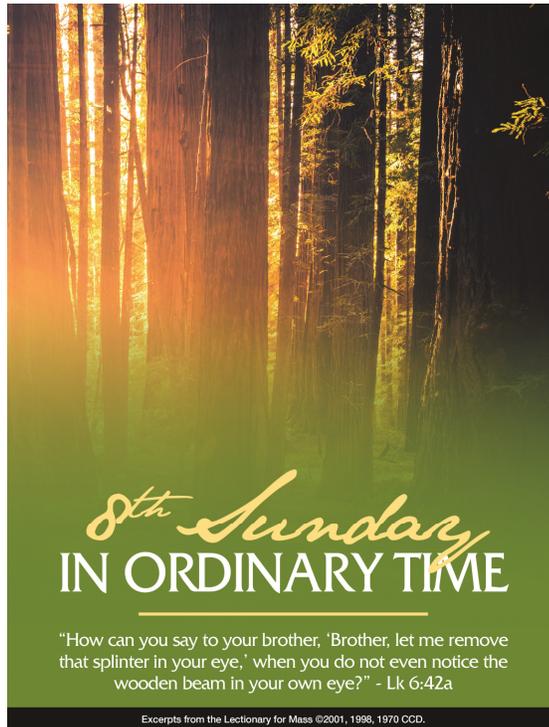
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MISSION STATEMENT

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, March 4 - St. Casimir

8:00 John Herman *by wife and family*

Tuesday, March 5

8:00 Sister Agnes Marie of the Eternal High Priest *by Donna Bruno*

Wednesday, March 6 - Ash
Wednesday

8:00 Departed Souls

12:00 Scripture Readings and Ashes

5:30 Francis Dahill - Birthday Remembrance *by The Dahill Family*

Thursday, March 7 - Ss. Perpetua and Felicity

8:00 Intentions for Mothers

Friday, March 8

8:00 Greg Batt *by family*

Saturday, March 9 - St. Frances of Rome

9:00 Parishioners of St. Teresa's

4:30 Gertrude and Andrew Korszykowski *by The Estate of Gertrude Bartels*

Sunday, March 10 - First Sunday of Lent

8:00 Intentions for Fathers

10:15 Connie Caprio *by Dawn and Mike James*



Scripture Readings For the Week

Monday - Sirach 17:20-24;

Mark 10:17-27; **Tuesday** -

Sirach 35:1-12; **Mark** 10:28-31;

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 - **Deuteronomy** 26:4-10;

Romans 10:8-13; **Luke** 4:1-13

Ash Wednesday Schedule

8:00 and 5:30 pm

Mass with distribution of Ashes

12:00 pm - Distribution of
Ashes and Scripture Sharings



PASTORAL SHARINGS

After saying for so many weeks "Lent is coming," it's still surprising when Ash Wednesday arrives. It's a bit like tax season - even with the extra weeks we had to prepare, I don't feel ready.

This bulletin lists the required Lenten penances for Catholics, but of course we are encouraged to add a more personal penance which you would discern through prayer.

Lent is a time of change as well. Often people use this season as a time to make personal changes in their life. During Lent, the parish will be making a gradual change to our music ministry at the 10:15 Mass. Marilyn Boyd, our choir director, is completing a degree program and moving on to other endeavors. Our choir has grown much smaller in recent years, and so I have decided to take a different approach. I've asked the choir to retire and I have asked the Gehl family to provide music for the 10:15 Mass in a contemporary style. Many of you have known John Gehl (of happy memory) and his wife Marlene. Their sons Josh and Ben, along with their wives Maria and Lori, will provide the music with a little backup from their older children. Josh has quite a bit of experience from leading worship at the Franciscan University at Steubenville. I think you will enjoy the sound.

This transition will happen gradually. Our choir will continue to sing through the first three weeks of March, then Marilyn will mentor the new group for a couple of weeks, and the Gehls will take the helm entirely on April 7th. I'm grateful to Marilyn for helping us to make this transition, and for coming to my rescue two years ago when Laurie Mozee was no longer able to lead the choir. I've always liked guitar as a worship instrument and have enjoyed her music at Mass. I also thank our choir members, past and present, for decades of cheerful singing in our choir loft. It was St. Augustine who first said "those who sing pray twice!"

Speaking of praying, a friend told me about a podcast called the Daily Disconnect, which I recommend as a prayer supplement during Lent. It's an eight-minute quiet meditation, using quotes from St. Teresa and other Carmelite saints. You can find it at carmelites.net or subscribe through your podcast app. Let us pray, fast, and suffer with Jesus.

-Father Dave

Our Prayer Request for the Week: For spiritual purification during these solemn forty days; we pray to the Lord...



Please pray for the sick of the parish and their family members particularly; Shirley Lantz, Lorraine Sylvester, 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 Norma Hackbush and Walter Lemanski. Please also continue to pray for our troops who are serving our country throughout the world.



March 6, 2019 - 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 March 10 (First Sunday of Lent) and June 16 (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.



Lenten Meal - Parishioners are invited to attend our annual Lenten Meal on Wednesday, March 6, 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 another baby into our faith community through the saving waters of Baptism. **Abigail Ruth Borden** is the daughter of Rachel (Clavers) and Andrew Borden of Akron. Congratulations and God's richest blessings to the entire family.



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. For those who don't like fish, we will be selling a Macaroni and Cheese dinner with bread and butter from Mooney's for \$5.00. Presale tickets will be available after all Masses this weekend 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.

What will you do for Lent? 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. The first session will be held on Monday, March 11 at 7:30 pm at Good Shepherd Parish Hall, 5442 Tonawanda Creek Road, North Tonawanda. Mrs. Eileen Warner MAPM will help us understand how we are the Body of Christ and therefore a sacramental community called to become what we receive in the Eucharist. No cost! No reservations required!



I told my boss that three companies were after me, so I needed a raise in pay to stay with the current job. He asked which companies? I told him gas, electric, and cable.



- **Sunday, March 3 - Religious Education Classes - 9:00 - 10:00 am and 11:15 am - 12:30 pm**
- **Tuesday, March 5 - Women's Guild Monthly Meeting - 7:00 pm at the Ross Funeral Home**
- **Wednesday, March 6 - Poor Man's Supper - immediately following the 5:30 pm Mass in the Parish Hall**
- **Thursday, March 7 - Bible Study - 8:45 am in Room 1 of the School**
- **Friday, March 8 - Stations of the Cross - 7:30 pm**
- **Sunday, March 10 - Religious Education Classes - 9:00 - 10:00 am and 11:15 - 12:30 pm**



While we are all called to lead each other to Christ, we must have the humility to recognize our own blind spots. What can you do to bring greater clarity to your sense of Jesus and how He is calling you? If God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Father Andrew Lauricella at 716-847-5535.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

"As Lent is the time for greater love, listen to Jesus thirst ... 'Repent and believe', Jesus tells us. What are we to repent? Our indifference, our hardness of heart. What are we to believe? Jesus thirsts for us even now, in your heart and in the poor - He knows your weakness. He wants only your love, wants only the chance to love you."

~Mother Teresa of Calcutta