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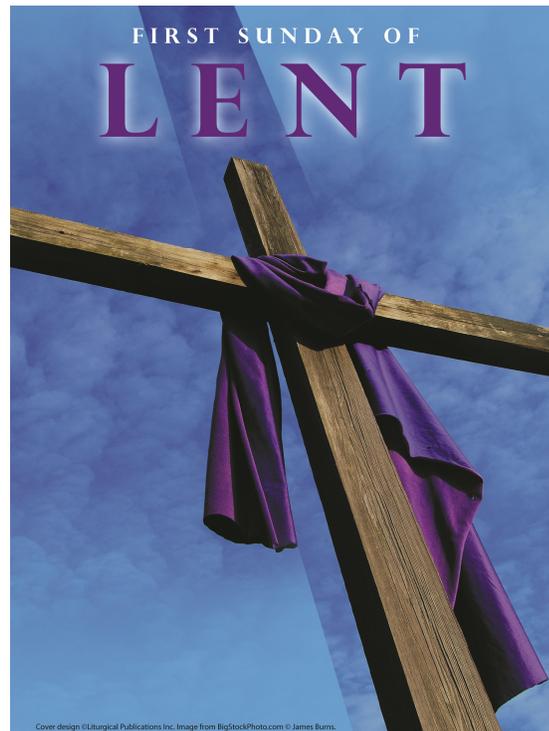
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MISSION STATEMENT

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 11

8:00 Christian Bruno *by mom*

Tuesday, March 12

8:00 Departed Souls

Wednesday, March 13

5:30 Intentions for Mothers

Thursday, March 14

8:00 Alfred Slazak *by family*

Friday, March 15

8:00 Intentions for Fathers

Saturday, March 16

9:00 Parishioners of St. Teresa's

4:30 Anthony Mattioli - Birthday
Remembrance *by wife and family*

Sunday, March 17 - Second Sunday
of Lent

8:00 Intentions for Mothers

10:15 Msgr. Robert Williamson -
57th Anniversary of
Ordination into the
Priesthood *by St. Teresa's
Women's Guild*



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 - Esther C:12, 14-16, 23-
25; Matthew 7:7-12

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

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

Sunday - Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18;
Philippians 3:17-4:1; Luke 9:28b-
36

2019 Masses

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



PASTORAL SHARINGS

Perhaps Lent has caught you unprepared. No worries! The first few days after Ash Wednesday are casually known as the "porch" of Lent. There's still time to come in off the porch. If you didn't put a penance program together yet, give it some thought and begin this week. The usual options are prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Here are some other suggestions:

- pick one person at work you'd rather not talk to, and every day make sure to say "Hi" as you walk by their station.
- make a Morning Offering: using a smartphone or email delivery, connect with the saint of the day and Scripture readings from daily Mass. It's one click away at morningoffering.com
- more of an audio person? Subscribe to the "Daily Disconnect Podcast" with meditations from St. Teresa and other Carmelite saints.

In the wider Church, our diocese will make 2019 a year of reparation and healing, beginning now in Lent. This initiative is led by the Priest Council. Each week, I will include a prayer for healing during the Intercessions at Mass. More formal expressions of repentance will be done at the vicariate level.

Our diocese is divided into regions (vicariates) and each region will take a different month to offer acts of reparation. Orleans County Vicariate will be first for the month of March. Our vicariate is Northern Erie, and when our turn comes up I'll keep you informed. I think this is an excellent idea, to give us all a chance to show how deeply we regret what has taken place within our diocese in the past.

Also in the wider Church, Deacon Ron and I will be taking our RCIA candidates to the Cathedral today for the Rite of Election. They will gather for prayer with the bishop and candidates from parishes all over the diocese. Did you know that each year hundreds of people right here in Buffalo convert to the Catholic faith through their local parish RCIA? We may be struggling right now as a diocese, but events like this remind us that we will always endure.

Let us enter into penance, but not without hope.

-Father Dave

Our Prayer Request for the Week: For the courage to make greater acts of fasting and penance this Lent; 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 and Eileen Tiedt. Please also continue to pray for our troops who are serving our country throughout the world.

Youth Ministry Upcoming Events:

Middle School: TONIGHT! Sunday, March 10th, 6:00 - 7:30 pm - Complete your Armour of God and be knighted for spiritual combat.

High School Teens: Sunday, March 17th from 6-8 pm - "Shamrocks and Saints - Celebrating St. Patrick". We will be playing several St. Patrick's themed games while also learning about the philosophy of and leadership of St. Patrick.



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 next weekend and at the Rectory. 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.

Update on Milk and Porridge for the Babies in Kenya - Sister Joanne at the mission in Kenya is happy to report that the 21 babies and toddlers that our parish is providing milk, porridge and vegetables to for a year are thriving. They are weighed and measured every two weeks and all of the children have gained weight and gotten taller since the program was started last May. The mothers have been going to nutritional meetings at least once a month to learn how to better care for their children and there has been less illness among the babies and toddlers. Sister also reports that she feels that their bones are growing stronger. They are all appreciative that people from around the world would be willing to help them care for their families in such a generous way.

The 17th Annual Catholic Men's Conference will be held on Saturday, April 6th at Cardinal O'Hara High School, 39 O'Hara Drive, Tonawanda from 8 am - 3 pm. Speakers include Dr. Ray Guarendi, Father Ronan Murphy and Father David Baker. Additional information can be found at www.cmfofwny.org.

Eucharistic Prayers—Lifting Up Our Hearts - For the second session of the Lenten Lecture Series, Deacon William Hynes will speak on the topic of Eucharistic Prayers and how they can "Lift Up Our Hearts to God", on Monday, March 18 at 7:30 pm in St. Pius X Church, 1700 North French Road, Getzville.

"The Power and the Passion", a three day Lenten Retreat with author, retreat director and educator, Alice Camille, on March 18, 19, and 20 at 7 pm at the Church of the Annunciation, 7580 Clinton Street, Elma. A reception will follow each presentation. This is free and open to the public. For more information, call 716-683-5254.

 Bobby and his grandmother were looking at vacation pictures. "It looks just like an artist painted this scenery," Grandma said. "Did you know God painted it all for you, Bobby?" "Yes," Bobby said. "God did it with His left hand." This confused his grandmother a bit, "What makes you say God did this with His left hand?" "Well," said Bobby, "we learned at Sunday School last week that Jesus sits on God's right hand."



- **Sunday, March 10 - Religious Education Classes - 9:00 - 10:00 am and 11:15 am - 12:30 pm**
- **Monday, March 11 - Bible Study - 7:00 pm in the Parish Hall**
- **Thursday, March 14 - Bible Study - 8:45 am in Room 1 of the School**
- **Friday, March 15 - Stations of the Cross - 7:30 pm**
- **Saturday, March 16 - 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 March 16-17 - Collection Barrels for the Akron/Newstead Food Pantry will be out in the back of Church - Cans of Vegetables and Fruits are needed!**
- **Sunday, March 17 - Religious Education Classes - 9:00 - 10:00 am and 11:15 - 12:30 pm**



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 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:

"Saints never deny hell, they fear it. Unrepentant sinners never fear it, they deny it."

~Fulton J. Sheen