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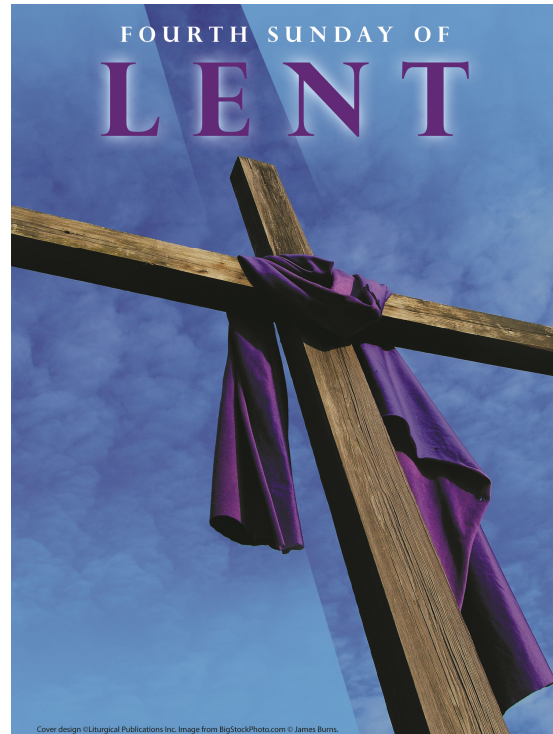
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MISSION STATEMENT

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 12

8:00 Richard Compton *by Bud and Mary Ulander*

Tuesday, March 13

8:00 Departed Souls

Wednesday, March 14

5:30 Alfred Slazak *by family*

Thursday, March 15

8:00 Florence Raykowski *by family*

Friday, March 16

8:00 John and Helen Fliss *by Gloria Rembas*

Saturday, March 17 - St. Patrick

9:00 Parishioners of St. Teresa's

4:30 Msgr. Robert Williamson -
56th Anniversary of
Ordination into the
Priesthood

Sunday, March 18 - 5th Sunday of
Lent

8:00 Leonard and Alice Rejewski
by The Flumerfeldt Family

10:15 Joseph Mattioli *by family*



Scripture Readings For the Week

*Monday - Isaiah 65:17-21;
John 4:43-54*

*Tuesday - Ezekiel 47:1-9, 12; John
5:1-16*

*Wednesday - Isaiah 49:8-15; John
5:17-30*

*Thursday - Exodus 32:7-14; John
5:31-47*

*Friday - Wisdom 2:1a, 12-22; John
7:1-2, 10, 25-30*

*Saturday - Jeremiah 11:18-20;
John 7:40-53*

*Sunday - Jeremiah 31:31-34;
Hebrews 5:7-9; John 12:20-33*

2018 Masses

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



PASTORAL SHARINGS

Congratulations to our Second Grade students who made their First Reconciliation this Saturday. This is a big step in the children's life of faith, learning that God is merciful, and that Jesus wants us to come to Him and be healed. He doesn't want us to hide away from Him. Among the first words God spoke to the Prophet were "Come, let us set things right" (Isaiah 1:18).

The children remind us that we should take time during Lent to enjoy this Sacrament of Confession too. Enjoy? Well, the process may not be exactly enjoyable, but the feeling when you walk out of the box sure is. Spiritually, there's a weightlessness like the astronauts must feel when leaving earth.

Our local cluster of parishes is offering a Penance Service again this Lent on Tuesday, March 20th, 7 p.m. at nearby Our Lady of Peace. I will be there with the other pastors from the area, so you can take your pick of priests for Confession.

"Well, I just go to God." This is a frequent response I hear to the idea of sacramental confession. I always reply that Jesus wants us to go to His priests for absolution, in fact He Himself set it up that way. In John 20:21 Jesus comes to the Twelve Apostles and says "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." For what? You can imagine the Apostles asking this question. What are you sending us out to do? Surprisingly, Jesus gives them a direct answer: "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them." Right there, the Sacrament of Confession began by Jesus' command.

"But only God can forgive sins!" is another objection I often hear. And that's precisely how Confession works. Notice how Jesus said to the Apostles "Receive the Holy Spirit" before He gave them this power. It's God who does the work in Confession, just like the Holy Spirit is really the one who consecrates the Eucharist at Mass. Listen closely to the prayers, and you'll hear them say exactly that.

So, "let us set things right" with God before Lent is over, and feel like astronauts blasting off to leave the strains and anxieties of this world behind.

We adore You, O Christ, and we praise You,
because by Your Holy Cross You have redeemed the world.

-Father Dave

Our Prayer Request for the Week: That our young people may remain close to Jesus and the Sacraments as they grow, especially after they leave home; 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, Doug Schifferle, Dan Springer, Mary Lou Bummer, Baby Nicholas Brady, Karen Martin, Matthew Hanlon, Deb Hilton and Kim Kwiatkowski. Please also continue to pray for our troops who are serving our country throughout the world.



Today at Mass we hear St. Paul's upbeat message to the Church in Ephesus. He talks about the grace of God that saves us and gives us life. Along with our children let us praise God for the gift of grace given to us without our earning it. Let us accept this life-giving gift as we approach the sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist.



St. Teresa's 5th Annual Fish Fry will be held this Friday, March 16th from 4-7 pm in the Parish Hall! Presale tickets will be available after all Masses this weekend. All proceeds will go towards the Religious Education donation to Catholic Charities. For more information, please call the Rectory office.

Youth Ministry:

Middle School: Tonight! Sunday, March 11, 6-7:30 p.m. "The Last Jedi & The First Monks." Explore themes of Catholic faith in the Star Wars Universe. "The Lord will be with you... always."

High School: Sunday, March 18th, 6-8 p.m. "Deal or No Deal?" The famous game show will make us think about risk and sacrifice during Lent.

Father Richard DiGuilio, Director of Charismatic Renewal and Burning Bush House of Prayer, welcomes you to a Healing Mass, here at St. Teresa's Church, on Wednesday, March 14th at 5:30 pm. The healing Mass will be incorporated into the regular Mass that day. For more information, please call Father DiGuilio at 716-683-6522.

Come to the fourth session of the Lenten Lecture Series where Rev. Steven Jekielek will speak about The Passion of Mary, how Mary experienced the passion of Jesus throughout her life. The lecture will be on Monday, March 12th at 7:30 pm at St. Mary's Church, 6919 Transit Road, Swormville. No cost! No reservations required!



St. Clare of Assisi, our patron saint of the 2018 Appeal believed that "we are to become the vessels of God's compassionate love for others." Today, Catholic Charities shows that same compassion and love for others by offering individual, children and family counseling, and mental health and chemical dependency treatment through our Family and Community Services sites, Monsignor Carr Clinics, Marriage Counseling Center, and Diocesan Counseling Center. Your gift to our 2018 Appeal helps to continue these services in Western New York.

Update from Timau, Kenya - The people in Timau have been without rain for many months and are experiencing one of the worst droughts in years. Their crops are drying up. Water for drinking, cooking and washing has to be carried long distances and they are finding it difficult to feed their families. At St. Elizabeth's School there is water being carried by oxen in barrels from high up in the mountains to provide water for the school children. March and April is their fall (their seasons are opposite of ours in North America) and usually the last 2 weeks in March is their rainy season. Sister Joanne is asking for our prayers that the rain comes and is plentiful this year.



A snail goes to buy a car and looks at several models. He looks at the 'z' car, an 'x' car, and an 's' car. He decides to buy the 's' car. Now when he drives down the street, everyone says looks and says look at that 's'-car-go!



- Sunday, March 11 - Religious Education Classes - 9:00 - 10:00 am and 11:15 am - 12:30 pm
- Monday, March 12 - Bible Study - 7:00 pm in the Parish Hall
- Thursday, March 15 - Bible Study - 8:45 am in the School Meeting Room
- Friday, March 16 - 5th Annual Fish Fry - 4-7 pm in the Parish Hall
- Friday, March 16 - Stations of the Cross - 7:30 pm
- Saturday, March 17 - Monthly Visitation to the Brothers of Mercy Nursing Home - meet at the entrance of the home at 10:00 am; cookies are appreciated!
- Weekend of March 17-18 - Akron/Newstead Food Pantry Collection Barrels will be out in the back of Church; Breakfast Cereals are needed!
- Sunday, March 18 - Religious Education Classes - 9:00 - 10:00 am and 11:15 am - 12:30 pm



God so loved the world that He gave us His only begotten Son Jesus, who is the light for the world. How is God asking us to spread His light? If God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Father Andrew Lauricella at 847-5535.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

"The ashes mean that
I am a sinner.
The shape of the cross means
I have a savior."
~Father Mike Schmitz