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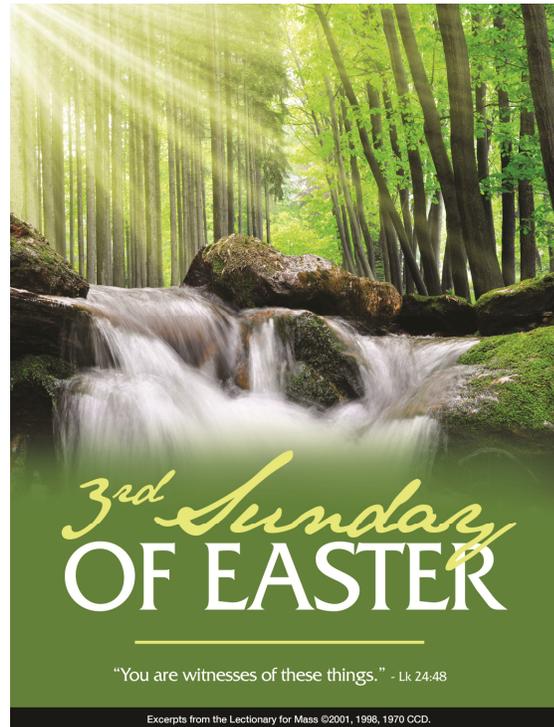
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MISSION STATEMENT

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, April 16

8:00 Intentions for Fathers

Tuesday, April 17

8:00 Departed Souls

Wednesday, April 18

5:30 Joseph and Stella Rembas
by daughter

Thursday, April 19

8:00 Albert, Helen and Joseph
Konieczny *by Ron Konieczny*

Friday, April 20

8:00 Intentions for Mothers

Saturday, April 21 - St. Anselm

9:00 Parishioners of St. Teresa's

4:30 Adeline Raykowski *by son*

Sunday, April 22 - 4th Sunday of
Easter

8:00 Audrey Brackett *by Mike
and Marybeth Whiting*

10:15 Paul J. Walsh *by Bill and
Nancy O'Donnell*



Scripture Readings For the Week

Monday - Acts of the
Apostles 6:8-15; John

6:22-29

Tuesday - Acts of the Apostles
7:51-8:1a; John 6:30-35

Wednesday - Acts of the Apostles
8:1b-8; John 6:35-40

Thursday - Acts of the Apostles
8:26-40; John 6:44-51

Friday - Acts of the Apostles 9:1-
20; John 6:52-59

Saturday - Acts of the Apostles
9:31-42; John 6:60-69

Sunday - Acts of the Apostles 4:8-
12; 1 John 3:1-2; John 10:11-18

The pamphlet rack has been emptied of Lent pamphlets and there are plenty of new materials on May and the Month of Mary. There is something for all ages and priced between \$.50 and \$5.00. Check them out on your way out today!



PASTORAL SHARINGS

Happy Easter Once Again! On this 3rd Sunday of Easter we read Luke's account of the Risen Jesus appearing in the Upper Room. The passage contains one of my all-time favorite quotes from Jesus: "Have you anything here to eat?" I find this absolutely delightful. Our God has truly become one of us, if He comes in at all hours of the night asking for a sandwich. Jesus gives even the most ordinary details of our lives new meaning.

We've had some struggles with ordinary life here recently: a three-day electrical outage and a brief tree fire near the edge of the property (none of the buildings were in danger). Thanks to our local fire department which rushed right over and kept an eye on things until the power company could respond.

Two young parishioners are currently in training with the Akron Fire Department, cousins Joe and Brian Bergman. I know that quite a few of you are involved in the nearby fire halls, and I think it's a great way to live out the Gospel of Jesus, helping those in dire need.

Speaking of service, two parishioners recently received awards from Bishop Malone:

- Brian Bergman was recognized as our Altar Server of the Year in a Mass at St. Joseph's Cathedral. Brian has continued his altar service after making his Confirmation and has risen to the top of the art, often anticipating the needs of the priest. Brian is currently a senior at Akron High and, remarkably, owns his own landscaping business. If your lawn needs some attention as a late spring finally arrives, give Brian a call at 292-1123 or brbergman22@gmail.com

- Ann Sayers received the St. Joseph The Worker Award at the Cathedral in March. Parishes are only permitted to nominate someone for this prestigious award every few years. It typically goes to someone who has spent decades in a wide variety of ministries. Ann was the natural choice for her longtime work in choir, lectoring, Charismatic healing, and of course beautifying the parish grounds. You will see her outside in all types of weather, coaxing more beauty out of our plant life. I particularly enjoy the ivy arch which surrounds the statue of St. Teresa in front of the rectory.

Spring will arrive eventually! Someone recently greeted me with, "how are you doing on the 97th day of January?" I'm doing great and praising the Risen Lord!

-Fr. Dave

Our Prayer Request for the Week: May those who have given in to hopelessness have their spirits renewed by the Easter joy of Jesus' Resurrection; we pray to the Lord...



Please pray for the sick of the parish and their family members particularly; 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, John Gehl, and Kim Kwiatkowski.

Religious Education: When the electricity goes out and it's dark outside, the middle of the night, we reach for a flashlight. We comfort the children with reassuring words and our presence. A simple example, but the element of fear is one we all can relate to. Jesus comforted and assured His disciples that He was truly among them, truly present, truly alive. Let us ask Jesus for the grace to believe in Him and feel His presence today.

High School Youth Ministry: "Game Night Throwdown" - **TONIGHT** - Sunday, April 15, 6-8 pm in the Parish Hall. Come compete in various games, puzzles and musical challenges.

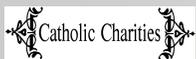


St. Teresa's Annual A to Z Sale - Saturday, April 28th from 9 am - 2 pm in the Parish Hall. Your donations of old "stuff" can be dropped off next Saturday, April 21st and Sunday, April 22nd from 9 am until noon; and from 10 am until 5 pm the week of the sale. **No TV's, computers or paint products will be accepted this year!** For pickup, please call Jennifer at 542-5892. Volunteers are needed the week before the sale. If you are available for 1 hour or 6 hours, please stop up to the Parish Hall and someone will give you a job; lunch will be provided. Pie tins will be available next weekend for your donations of baked goods for the sale.

Blessed Mary Angela - A special edition of "Journeying With Blessed Mary Angela" is available in the vestibule of the Church. We Felician Sisters are celebrating the 25th anniversary of her Beatification. You are welcome to take home a copy of this beautiful and inspiring publication.

Announcement from new diocesan Chancellor, Sr. Regina Murphy SSMN: "Bishop Malone's Presbyteral Council are looking to promote the spiritual welfare of priests and liturgical life of parishes. ... With a declining number of priests, we should not expect priests to celebrate more liturgies on a weekend than needed; and, fewer Masses with larger attendance would encourage more vibrant celebrations of the Eucharist."

The Bishop is asking all parishes to collaboratively look at Mass schedules and attendance. This will be coordinated at the Vicariate level with suggestions sent to a Diocesan Task Force established by the Bishop. ...this process at the parish level will be vital in creating a revised and coordinated Vicariate Mass schedule that will promote the well-being of priests as well as provide quality liturgical celebrations in each parish."



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☺ A preacher, newly called to a small country town, needed to mail a letter. Passing a young boy on the street, the pastor asked where he could find the post office. After getting his answer, the minister thanked the boy and said, "If you'll come to the community church this evening, you can hear me tell everyone how to get to heaven." "I don't know, sir," the boy replied. "You don't even know how to get to the post office."



- **Sunday, April 15 - Religious Education Classes - 9:00 - 10:00 am**
- **Thursday, April 19 - Parish Council Monthly Meeting - 7:15 pm in the Rectory Meeting Room**
- **Saturday, April 21 - Monthly Visitation to the Brothers of Mercy Nursing Home - volunteers meet at the entrance of the home at 10:00 am - cookies are appreciated!**
- **Sunday, April 22 - Religious Education Classes - 9:00 - 10:00 am**



It is an unspeakable blessing that from our Lord flows boundless mercy, a mercy that forgives even the deadliest of sins. We should never forget this or take it for granted. Can God be calling you to make His mercy known? If God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Father Andrew Lauricella at 847-5535.

After some time of journeying to Emmaus, and after failure to recognize the risen Jesus at first, two of Jesus' disciples recognized the Risen Lord as He broke bread with them. Might Jesus be calling you to make His presence known by this very gesture? If God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Father Andrew Lauricella at 847-5535.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

"O Blood and water,
which gushed forth from the Heart
of Jesus as a fount of mercy for us,
I trust in You!
Jesus I trust in You."
~Divine Mercy Chaplet