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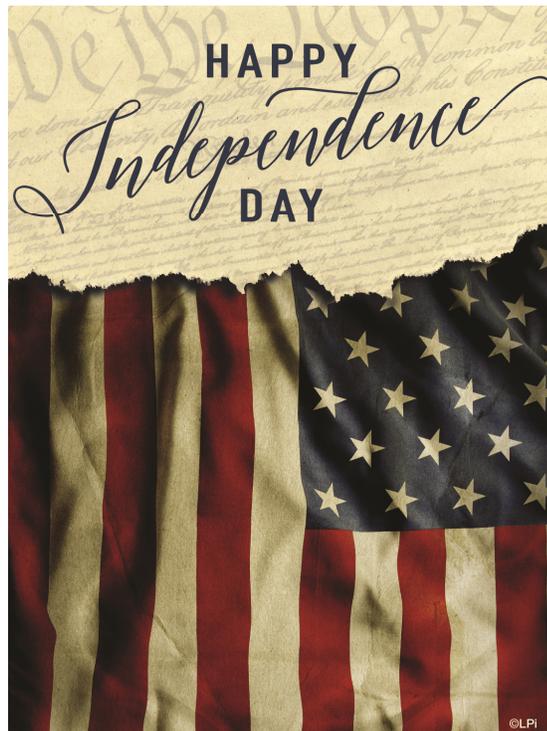
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MISSION STATEMENT

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

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| <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, July 2

8:00 Ann Wilkin *by Sister Ruth*

Tuesday, July 3

8:00 Departed Souls

Wednesday, July 4

8:00 Connie Caprio *by The Degasperi Family*

Thursday, July 5 - St. Anthony Zaccaria/St. Elizabeth of Portugal

8:00 Intentions for Mothers

Friday, July 6 - St. Maria Gorreti

8:00 In Loving Memory of Joseph Degasperi *by family*

Saturday, July 7

9:00 Parishioners of St. Teresa's

4:30 Adolph Bassanello *by family*

Sunday, July 8 - The 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 Irene Janek *by Larry and Lori Reisdorf*

10:15 John Ciammetti *by Crane Family*



Scripture Readings For the Week

Monday - Amos 2:6-10, 13-16; Matthew 8:18-22

Tuesday - Ephesians 2:19-22; John 20:24-29

Wednesday - Amos 5:14-15, 21-24; Matthew 8:28-34

Thursday - Amos 7:10-17; Matthew 9:1-8

Friday - Amos 8:4-6, 9-12; Matthew 9:9-13

Saturday - Amos 9:11-15; Matthew 9:14-17

Sunday - Ezekiel 2:2-5; 2 Corinthians 12:7-10; Mark 6:1-6a

Are you traveling this summer? Don't miss Mass. Go to www.masstimes.org and you can find a Catholic Church anywhere in the United States.



PASTORAL SHARINGS

Apologies to parishioners in parts North, who will have a harder time getting to church this summer while the Buell Street Bridge is replaced. I'm not sure how this will affect us for the July 3rd fireworks. Some may decide it's easier to watch from home. Nonetheless, all are invited to enjoy our prime viewing location. Special thanks to our Knights of Columbus who patrol the property during this event.

July 4th falls on a Wednesday this year, and we will move our normal 5:30 evening Mass to the morning at 8 AM, so as not to conflict with the town parade. If you have the day off, join us for Holy Mass.

Last winter, I read Bill O'Reilly's account of the American Revolution, *Killing England*, and learned a lot about our nation's independence. I found George Washington an even more impressive figure, and I was surprised by the many layers of Benedict Arnold's treachery. It reminded me that human nature doesn't change. Despite all our technology we're very fallible, and often money or prestige are our downfall. "Save us, Savior of the world!" We need a higher power to conquer these inner weaknesses.

We are much more churchgoing than any country in Europe, and I pray this trend will continue. I'm thankful for the religious freedom guaranteed by our Bill of Rights. Recently this freedom was upheld by the Supreme Court's ruling in favor of Jack Phillips. In a Wall Street Journal editorial, Mr. Phillips asked: "Can the government strip people of their careers because of what they believe about inherently religious issues like the meaning of marriage? Will devout Christians, Muslims and other believers be told that some professions are now off limits to them...?"

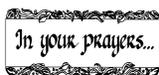
Recalling that America was founded by pilgrims whose faith was oppressed by the Anglican Church, freedom of religion is the foundation of the nation. In the Bill of Rights, it is the very first item in the list.

So let us celebrate this great land and its freedoms, and ask God to bring us conversion that we might be a holier people and treat each other with kindness, especially in our dealings on the internet. May every word we speak leave behind a drop of grace.

Blessed be God forever,

-Father Dave

Our Prayer Request for the Week: That God will help us to be a holier and safer nation; 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, Pat Hahn, Jim Creed, Faith Bassanello, Liam Williams, Doug Schifferle, Dan Springer, Mary Lou Bummer, Baby Nicholas Brady, Crystal Howard, Leah Howard, Karen Martin, John Gehl, John O'Donnell, Jess Reger, Elizabeth Russo, Christopher Ginestre, Whitey Spoth and Arlene Scheeda. Please also continue to pray for our troops who are serving our country throughout the world.

YOUTH MINISTRY:

Middle School: Sunday, July 8th 6-7:30 pm “The Sequel” - Part 2 of the Relic Hunt with Will Wilder.

High School: Sunday, July 15th 3-5 pm “Are you Smarter than a First Communicant?” Bring your best religious knowledge as you compete in various team quizzes, puzzles and musical challenges.

Religious Education: Please remind your friends to register their children for September’s classes. The holiday this week affords us the opportunity to see each other at the fireworks display, at the hot dog stand, or at the baseball game. Registration forms and the fee may be returned in the Sunday collection basket, by mail or at the rectory office. The calendar for the new school year is now posted online.



Please join us for Akron’s Fireworks this year on Tuesday, July 3rd. Our parking lot is the perfect place to watch the sky light up with beautiful colors. Our Knights of Columbus members will be on duty making sure all are safe.

Fully Alive Adoration - Friday, July 13th from 7:30 - 9:00 pm in the Church. Come and go as you need. Stay for 10 minutes or the whole thing. Concludes with Benediction at 9:00 pm.



2 Weeks Until Vacation Bible School! The theme this year is Shipwrecked. This fun-filled week of Bible stories, games, crafts and snacks will run from July 16-20 from 6-8 pm in the evening. Those who are entering grades K-5 in the fall are invited to attend—and bring a friend too! Register online thru our website at stteresasofakron.com. For more information, please contact Karen at 442-6084.



Our Lady of Peace Church, 10950 Main Street, Clarence, invites you to their **Annual Blood Drive** on Thursday, July 19th from 1-7 pm in the Msgr. Hammerl Parish Center. All blood types are needed! Please call Sister Barbara at 759-8554 to schedule an appointment. Walk-ins are welcome!



The Parish Picnic is approaching fast! The date is Sunday, August 12th, immediately following the 10:15 am Mass. If you are interested in helping with the planning of the picnic this year, please contact Father Dave.

You don’t have to struggle with mental health, familial or marital problems. **Catholic Charities can help!** The agency offers several different types of support. For more information on **Catholic Charities** counseling and mental health services, visit www.ccwny.org and click on the “Counseling and Mental Health” tab under the “service” menu on the right-hand side.



A woman returning home from church one Sunday came face to face with a burglar at her house. “Acts 2:38!” she yelled. “Turn from your sins!” The burglar froze and the woman called the police, who came to the home immediately. As the burglar was being handcuffed, the woman told the officer that she had stopped him by citing a Bible verse. “A Bible Verse?” protested the burglar, “Heck no! She told me she had an ax and two .38s!”



- **Saturday, July 7** - First Saturday Rosary before the 9:00 am Mass and Confessions from 8:15 - 8:45 am and 3:45 - 4:15 pm
- **Sunday, July 8** - Middle School Youth Group - 6:00 - 7:30 pm in the Parish Hall



Prayer for Vocations

God our Father, we thank you for calling men and women to serve in your Son’s Kingdom as sisters, brothers, and religious priests. Renew their knowledge and love of you, and send your Holy Spirit to help them respond generously and courageously to your will. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

How are you called to remind those in despair of the great and unmatched hope that they have in Jesus? If God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Father Andrew Lauricella at 716-847-5535.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

“Father of all nations and ages, we recall the day when our country claimed its place among the family of nations; for what has been achieved we give You thanks, for the work that still remains we ask your help, and as you have called us from many peoples to be one nation, grant that under your providence, our country may share Your blessings with all the peoples of the earth.”

-From the Mass of July 4th