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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.



God Bless America!
Independence Day

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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, July 3 - St. Thomas
8:00 Reigle, Sass and Wolfe
Families by *The Reigle
Family*

Tuesday, July 4
8:00 Parishioners of St. Teresa's

Wednesday, July 5 - St. Anthony
Zaccaria and St. Elizabeth
of Portugal

5:30 Frances Springer by *Jim and
MaryAnn Schneider*

Thursday, July 6 - St. Maria Gorreti
8:00 In Loving Memory of
Joseph Degaspero by *family*

Friday, July 7
8:00 Sally Ann Kmicinski by
Janet Brzezniak

Saturday, July 8
9:00 Parishioners of St. Teresa's
4:30 Lester and Ruth Schock by
family

Sunday, July 9 - 14th Sunday in
Ordinary Time
8:00 Ciro Gerace by *Donna and
Jan*

10:15 Catherine Fiegl - Birthday
Remembrance by *family*



Scripture Readings During the Week

Monday - Ephesians 2:19-22; John 20:24-29; *Tuesday* - Genesis 19:15-29; Matthew 8:23-27; *Wednesday* - Genesis 21:5, 8-20a; Matthew 8:28-34; *Thursday* - Genesis 22:1b-19; Matthew 9:1-8; *Friday* - Genesis 23:1-4, 19, 24:1-8, 62-67; Matthew 9:9-13; *Saturday* - Genesis 27:1-5, 15-29; Matthew 9:14-17

Parish Goal:
605,000.00

**Amount Raised
to Date:**
\$394,976.55

% of Goal:
65%



PASTORAL SHARINGS

Greetings to all and Happy Birthday to America!
History was always a favorite school subject of mine. I was very good at math, but enjoyed history more. I still read a lot of history books, and there's no end of excellent literature about the founding of our nation. David McCullough's "1776" is a standout, and on a recent roadtrip, I listened to "Union 1812" by A. J. Langguth.

There is a trend in our culture to disparage the founding fathers, to claim that what we learned about them is myth. But McCullough's well-researched portrayal of George Washington shows that the general was indeed a larger than life figure. We are a great nation with strong leadership and a proud history. I guess you could call me a patriot.

Fireworks will fly in the Akron celebration on Monday, July 3rd. The fireworks are launched from next door's Veteran's Park, and our parking lot is a popular viewing location. I especially invite you, our parishioners, to come and enjoy the show. The lot does fill up, so come early!

I thank our **Knights of Columbus** members who provide a security detail for this event. Mainly they just make sure people treat the property with respect, since it is holy ground. You'll see them in reflective vests. Thank you, Brother Knights! The Knights also had their installation of new officers recently at Our Lady of Peace. We are a joint council between Nativity, OLP, and St. Teresa's, and I'm happy to be a council member myself. We invite men of any age to join our Knights.

Website Update: I believe a solution has been found for our current website problem. If you type "stteresasofakron.com" directly into the address bar, leaving off the "www." it should load just fine. It only seems to fail when one types www. I just verified this now, and it seems to be consistent. Thanks to all those who reported this - including Fr. Dan Serbicki, the new pastor at St. Maximilian Kolbe. Fr. Dan wanted to invite me to dinner, and looked up the number on our website (I think I mentioned that he's a computer guru). I look forward to taking Fr. Dan up on his dinner offer!

Now that the new concrete has been poured at the School Main Entrance, we can go ahead and plug holes in the parking lot. I know this will be welcome news to you all, and to me as well. I probably use those driveways more than anybody else - except Sister Gerard who is always rushing out for urgent tech-support calls (she is a computer guru too!).

Blessings upon all of your summer celebrations, picnics, and vacations! See you in church, as we give thanks to the God of all creation.

~Fr. Dave



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, Father Mike Uebler, Phil Wittman, Connie Philips and Walter Lemanski. Please also continue to pray for our troops who are fighting for our freedom in Iraq, Afghanistan and throughout the world.

Our Prayer Request for the Week: May God bless America with life, liberty, happiness and safety; we pray to the Lord...

Religious Education: Colorful gardens are blooming everywhere these days. "Fruit of the earth and work of human hands" as we hear at Mass is manifest in nature all around us. Consider this . . . seeing the beautiful faces of our children and youth at Mass is also good and beautiful . . . the "fruit" of our work as family and parish community. Enjoy summer and grow in God's love!

Registration for the new school year is under way. Earlybird registration ends July 15th! If you have misplaced your forms, please go to stteresasofakron.com to find blank copies.

Youth Group Upcoming Summer Dates:

Middle School: Mondays from 7:00 - 8:30 pm in the Parish Hall

High School from 6-8 pm in the Parish Hall:

July 16th - "Made for a Purpose"

August 20th - "Finding God Everywhere" Scavenger Hunt



Please join us for Akron's Fireworks this year on Monday, 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 14th 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 **Maker Fun Factory**. This fun-filled week of Bible stories, games, crafts and snacks will run from July 17-21 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.

Annunciation Mission 2017 - Join Church of The Annunciation, 7580 Clinton Street in Elma for their 8 nights of spiritual renewal starting July 15th and ending on July 22nd from 6:30 - 9:30 pm each evening. The theme is **Hope and Trust in God**. There is a different topic and speaker each night, with each evening opening a door to the next. Mission becomes more meaningful as the week progresses. There will be prayer, Catholic liturgies, scripture, warm fellowship and plenty of food. To register call Christine Peters at 655-5108.



Our Lady of Peace Church, 10950 Main Street, Clarence, invites you to their Annual Blood Drive on Thursday, July 20 from 1-6 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 minister told an eighty-year-old woman that, at her age, she should be giving some thought to what he called "the hereafter." She said to him, "I think about it many times a day." "Oh, really?" said the minister. "That is very wise." "It's not a matter of wisdom," she replied. "It's when I open a drawer or a closet and I ask myself, 'What am I here after?'"



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.

There are many things that claim our focus and energy, but God must be our highest priority. What is the voice of God saying to you? If God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Father Andrew Lauricella at 716-847-5535. You can also check out the "Priest of the Month" stories at www.buffalovocations.org!

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.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

"It is impossible to rightly govern the world without God and the Bible. Do not let anyone claim to be a true American patriot if they ever attempt to separate religion from politics."

-George Washington