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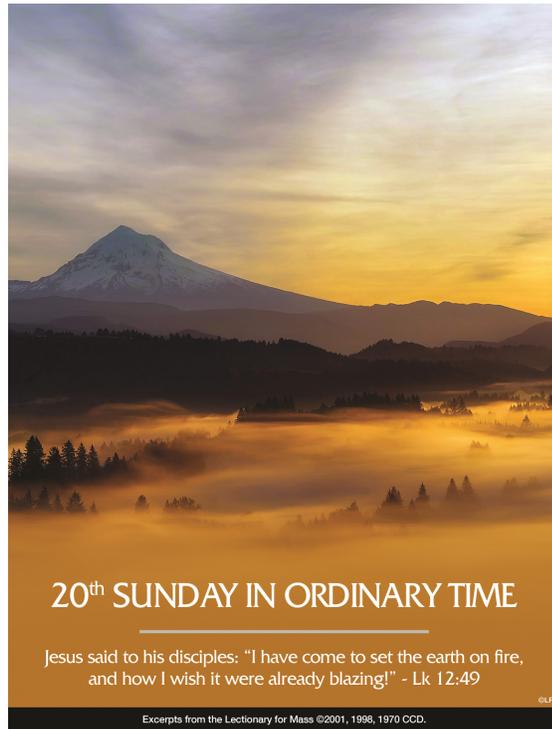
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## MISSION STATEMENT

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.



## 20<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus said to his disciples: "I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing!" - Lk 12:49

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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 4:45 to 5:15 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, August 19 - St. John Eudes

8:00 Daniel Ottney *by mom*

Tuesday, August 20 - St. Bernard

8:00 Norma M. Hackbush *by husband*

Wednesday, August 21 - St. Pius X

5:30 Francis and Brenda Dahill - 55th Anniversary Remembrance *by The Dahill Family*

Thursday, August 22 - The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 In Memory of Gertrude and Andrew Korszykowski *by the Estate of Gertrude Bartels*

Friday, August 23 - St. Rose of Lima

8:00 Stephen J. Valint, Jr. *by Ed Hackbush*

Saturday, August 24 - St. Bartholomew

9:00 Parishioners of St. Teresa's  
4:30 Eugene Dziekan - Birthday Remembrance *by Cary and Sue Crane*

Sunday, August 25 - The 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 Cathy Scott *by family*

10:15 Ron Konieczny *by Bill and Nancy O'Donnell*



### Scripture Readings For the Week

Monday - Judges 2:11-19;  
Matthew 19:16-22

Tuesday - Judges 6:11-24a;  
Matthew 19:23-30

Wednesday - Judges 9:6-15;  
Matthew 20:1-16

Thursday - Judges 11:29-39a;  
Matthew 22:1-14

Friday - Ruth 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22;  
Matthew 22:34-40

Saturday - Revelation 21:9b-14;  
John 1:45-51

Sunday - Isaiah 66:18-21;  
Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13; Luke 13:22-30



PASTORAL SHARINGS

A good time was had by all at last Sunday's 150th Anniversary Parish Picnic. We entertained over 200 people, which is a record attendance for my time as pastor. At an event so big, there isn't enough space in this column to properly thank everyone who helped. But please know of my personal gratitude to all who brought food, all who signed up for one of the crews, and those who have been weeding and trimming the property over the last few weeks. Sue and Wendy were very well-organized and kept all volunteers busy and informed. Special thanks to them, to the Knights of Columbus for grilling, and Women's Guild members for the many ways you assisted.

We couldn't have asked for a more lovely day, just the right temperature and mix of sun and fluffy clouds. The lawn games were very popular this year out in that great weather. Congratulations to this year's balloon toss winners -- the annual Tiger Trophy went to a sibling team from the Brennan family.

It was fun to walk through the decades in our parish history. The slideshow you saw was a "teaser" for the full show, which is still in development and will debut at the formal dinner held on October 13th. After much searching, we have one raffle prize currently unclaimed and are looking for Blue Ticket #567123. If you are the winner, please bring this ticket stub to the rectory or to Mass.

More to come! We will continue to celebrate our big anniversary throughout the year. Another round of Lifetouch portraits have been delivered and can be picked up at Mass. Invitations to the formal dinner at Sean Patrick's will soon be mailed. Also, there will be a special evening Mass on the Feast of St. Teresa of Avila, October 15th - a Tuesday this year.

And we look to the future, too! From the pulpit last weekend I mentioned that we will be restarting our RCIA process in the fall, for adults who would like to join the Catholic Church or complete their Sacraments. Perhaps someone is always asking you questions about your faith. This might be the time to invite them in! Deacon Ron or I will be delighted to give more details.

Happy anniversary St. Teresa's Parish, and blessed be God forever!

-Fr. Dave

**Our Prayer Request for the Week:** For God's grace to be with all new college students, that they will hold true to their faith and values; we pray to the Lord...



Please pray for the sick of the parish and their family members particularly; Lorraine Sylvester, Lucas Lowe, Jim Creed, Liam Williams, Doug Schifferle, Crystal Howard, Leah Howard, Whitey Spoth, Marygrace Marinello, Gini Klonowski, Phil Wittman, Kathy Karaskiewicz, Sterling McCarriagher, Waylon Palizay, Donna Hahn and David Schneider. Please also continue to pray for our troops who are serving our country throughout the world.

**Religious Education:** Some time ago, the children of the parish would notice that a new school year was very near. “They’re baaaack”, said parents and kids at the Sunday Mass. The nuns were back from their summer assignments, and a sure sign that St. Teresa’s school year would begin. Our Catholic school has a proud history from the sixties and seventies. The Sisters continued in the Religious Education of the children with the help of many dedicated lay catechists. Classes begin this year three weeks from today. Remember to register if you haven’t already done so.

**YOUTH MINISTRY:**

- **High School: TONIGHT! Sunday, August 18th - 6-8 pm in the Parish Hall “Selfie Scavenger Hunt”** - Students will race against the clock and against the list to take as many selfies from the list of objects on the church grounds.
- **Young Adults (ages 18-39):** We are joining with young adult Catholics from several other parishes on Friday, August 23rd, for a kickball game followed by a visit to the Egyptian Festival on Payne Avenue in Tonawanda. Ultimate frisbee will also be an option. Location will be determined, in a park near the Egyptian Church. Please check our young adult facebook page for more info, [www.facebook.com/FinalFridays](http://www.facebook.com/FinalFridays) or check with Father Dave.

**Mark Your Calendars:** The Diocese of Buffalo Annual Golden Anniversary Special Mass will take place on Sunday, September 22nd at 10:30 am at St. Joseph’s Cathedral. Bishop Richard Malone invites all married couples who are celebrating their 50th, 60th or 70th anniversaries to this very special Mass. For more information, please contact the Rectory. Registrations are due to the Chancery by 8/23.

**Women’s Retreat:** The Felician Sisters in Buffalo invite you to come into the restful silence of God during their upcoming retreats. The schedule and registration form are found in the brochure, “Searching for Inner Freedom”. Pick up the colorful yellow brochure from the table in the vestibule.

**Annual Men’s Retreat,** sponsored by the Holy Name Societies of the Buffalo Diocese, September 13-15 at Christ the King Seminary, 711 Knox Road, East Aurora. This year’s theme is Evangelization and limited to 60 men. For reservations or more information, call the Holy Name Office at 716-847-2201 or Father Paul Sabo at 716-604-4948.

**Eucharistic Adoration and Holy Hour for Mercy** on Thursday, August 29 from 6-7 pm at St. Andrew Church, 1525 Sheridan Drive, Kenmore. All invited to come and spend time in the presence of our Lord. Following Holy Hour, the rosary will be prayed for our nation. Join them for any length of time. Deacon Mike Ficorilli, presiding.

☺ The young woman sat in her stalled car, waiting for help. Finally two men walked up to her. “I’m out of gas,” she purred. ‘Could you push me to the gas station?’ The men readily put their muscles to the car and rolled it several blocks. After a while, one looked up, exhausted, to see that they had just passed a filling station. “How come you didn’t turn in?” he yelled. “I never go there,” the girl shouted back. “They don’t have full service.’



- **Sunday, August 18 - High School Youth Group - 6-8 pm in the Parish Hall**
- **Friday, August 23 - Young Adults event at St. Amelia’s; see Father Dave for more information.**



**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.

Although God’s truth is not always welcome, it is only in such truth that we can find any assurance. Don’t mislead yourself about the truth of your vocation. If God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Father Andrew Lauricella at 847-5535.

**Are you traveling this summer? Don’t miss Mass. Go to [www.masstimes.org](http://www.masstimes.org) and you can find a Catholic Church anywhere in the United States.**

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

“It is poverty to decide that a child must die so that you may live as you wish.”

~St. Teresa of Calcutta