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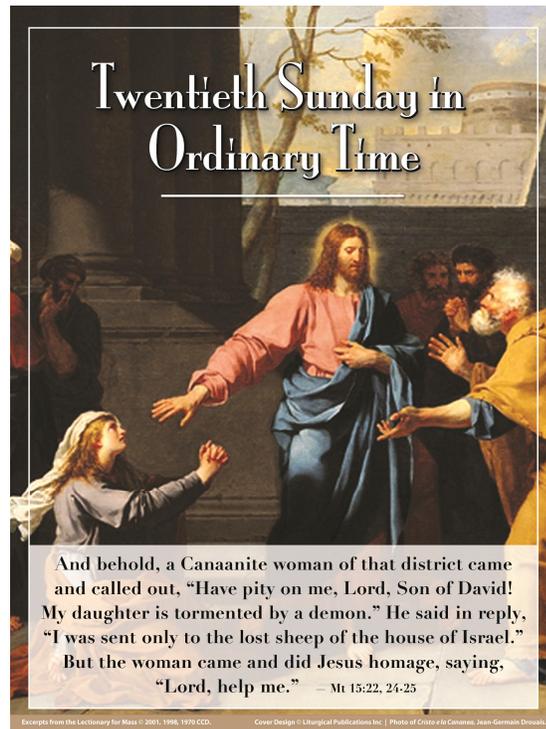
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MISSION STATEMENT

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, August 21 - St. Pius X
8:00 Christopher Gadomski *by*
Barbara Diorio
- Tuesday, August 22 - The
Queenship of the Blessed
Virgin Mary
8:00 Departed Souls
- Wednesday, August 23 - St. Rose of
Lima
5:30 Francis and Brenda Dahill -
53rd Anniversary
Remembrance *by Dahill*
Family
- Thursday, August 24 - St.
Bartholomew
8:00 Albert, Helen and Joseph
Konieczny *by Ron Konieczny*
- Friday, August 25 - St. Louis/St.
Joseph Calasanz
8:00 Intentions for Mothers
- Saturday, August 26
9:00 Parishioners of St. Teresa's
4:30 In Loving Memory of
Augusto Degasperi *by*
family
- Sunday, August 27 - 21st Sunday in
Ordinary Time
8:00 Jerry Klostermann *by*
Sandy Giordano
10:15 May Beth Szalkowski *by the*
Koch Family



Scripture Readings

*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 - Revelation 21:9b-14;
John 1:45-51; Friday - Ruth 1:1,
3-6, 14b-16, 22; Matthew 22:34-40*



Parish Goal:
605,000.00

**Amount Raised
to Date:**
\$ 414,931.55

% of Goal:
68%



PASTORAL SHARINGS

Everyone seems to agree, it was a terrific picnic last Sunday! God gave us a real gift with ideal weather, and you all did the rest - bringing tasty dishes and enjoying each others' company. A special thanks goes out to all our volunteers in the kitchen, at the grill, setup crew, cleanup gang. Lots of people lent some elbow grease to bring it all together for a great afternoon.

Congrats to this year's picnic winners: Cindy Hayes was the lucky winner of the Quilt Raffle, and the 2017 Balloon Toss Champions are Sean Brennan & Justin Syroczyński. The Tiger Trophy will spend six months in each of their homes, before returning to the picnic grounds for the 2018 competition. Have you heard: the tiger trophy has been named "Jeff" by popular acclamation. We hope Jeff enjoys his new home(s) for the year to come.

This past Monday was the conclusion of our parish Reboot. Back in May, many of you hopped on the bus and spent an evening at St. Leo's with Chris Stefanick. Chris asked that the spirit of his Reboot event continue after that night, and we've done just that. Many parishioners took part in small group faith-sharing, and our middle-school ministry began. Thanks to all who tried something new! We hope it gave your faith a gentle reboot, and I know it will bear fruit in our community into the future.

This fall we'll return to Monday Night Bible Study, and dive into Acts of the Apostles. Details will be coming soon.

Also, our Middle-School Ministry is now ready to begin monthly meetings on Sundays. The first one will be October 1st. What will we be doing? Click on the preview link in the video gallery of our parish website to find out!

High-School Teens, we certainly haven't forgotten you, either! Tonight, Sunday the 17th, is our monthly youth night from 6-8 p.m. in the Parish Hall. We are bringing a hi-tech twist to an old favorite game - a Selfie Scavenger Hunt! Bring some kind of digital device, or bring a friend who has one, and join the hunt. Prizes will be awarded for the top finishers, and everyone will get pizza.

So many ways to have fun with our faith! And that's what we all did at last week's picnic. It was small-town church life at its best. I feel like we have that all the time here in Akron-Newstead, and thank you for being such a great community of believers.

In Christ,

~ Fr. Dave

Our Prayer Request for the Week: That all students returning to college may pursue knowledge and holiness; 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, Phil Wittman, Arlene Scheeda, Tracy Lotz, Liam Williams and Faith Bassanello. Please also continue to pray for our troops who are fighting for our freedom in Iraq, Afghanistan and throughout the world.

Youth Ministry News:

- **High School:** Sunday, August 20 - from 6-8 pm in the Parish Hall - "Finding God Everywhere" Selfie Scavenger Hunt
- **Middle School:** Sunday, October 1 - 6-7:30 pm in the Parish Hall - "Become a Relic Hunter with Will Wilder" - Click on the preview link in the video gallery of our parish website to learn more!

Religious Education: Children, what do you do when someone says no to your request? Jesus says He is surprised yet pleased about the woman's great faith: In today's Gospel we hear about a woman who continued to tell Jesus what she wanted and that she believed He could help her daughter, even after Jesus said He wouldn't help her. Here we learn that Jesus wants us to trust Him and continue to tell Him what we need. In this way, we are praying prayers of petition.



Congratulations to **Cindy Hayes** who won the quilt raffled at our church picnic. Thanks to all who bought tickets or made donations we were able to send the mission \$643 to help feed the people of Timau, Kenya in Africa.

The Diocese of Buffalo and the Office of Family Life Ministries invite you to their **Annual Marriage Celebration, honoring those with 50,60, and 70 or more years of marriage.** The date for the Cathedral event will be Sunday, October 15, 2017 at 3:00 pm. During the Mass couples will renew their marriage vows and a reception will follow at the Adam's Mark Hotel. If you are celebrating a milestone anniversary this year and would like to take part in this celebration, please call Melissa and let her know you are interested.

Annual Men's Retreat from September 15-17 at Christ the King Seminary, East Aurora. The theme is "Evangelization" and the presenter will be Deacon William Hynes. This is open to all men. Registration begins at 4pm on Friday, September 15 and concludes with Mass on Sunday, September 17. For more information or reservations, contact Rev. Paul Sabo at 716- 604-4948 or the Holy Name Office at 716-847-2201. Reservations are limited, so call soon if interested.

Walking with Grief is a monthly lecture series and support group provided to assist any person 18 years of age or older in their journey of grief. Each month St. Christopher's Parish hosts a speaker who will provide knowledge and insight into the grief journey. Time for Q&A is provided. After the 20-30 minute presentation, attendees have the option to participate in small groups according to their loss. The group meets on the second Wednesday of every month from 6:30-8:30 pm at St. Edmund Campus, 530 Ellicott Creek Road, Tonawanda. There is no charge for attendance and all are welcome.

☺ A woman walked into the kitchen to find her husband stalking around with a fly swatter. "What are you doing?" she asked. "Hunting flies," He responded. "Oh, killing any?" She asked. "Yep, three males, two females," he replied. Intrigued by this she asked, "How can you tell?" He responded, "Three were on a beer can, two were on the phone."



- **Sunday, August 20 - High School Ministry - 6-8 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 the m 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.

Like the Canaanite woman, there are many people seeking Christ who are in need of healing and peace. How is God calling you to help make this connection? 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 their website www.buffalovocations.org!

Vacationing over the next couple of weeks? Don't miss Mass while you are away. Go to www.masstimes.org for information on Mass times throughout the United States and Canada.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

I alone cannot change the world, but I can cast a stone across the waters to create many ripples."
~Mother Teresa