

# St. Teresa of Avila Church Est. 1868

AUGUST 27, 2017 • THE 21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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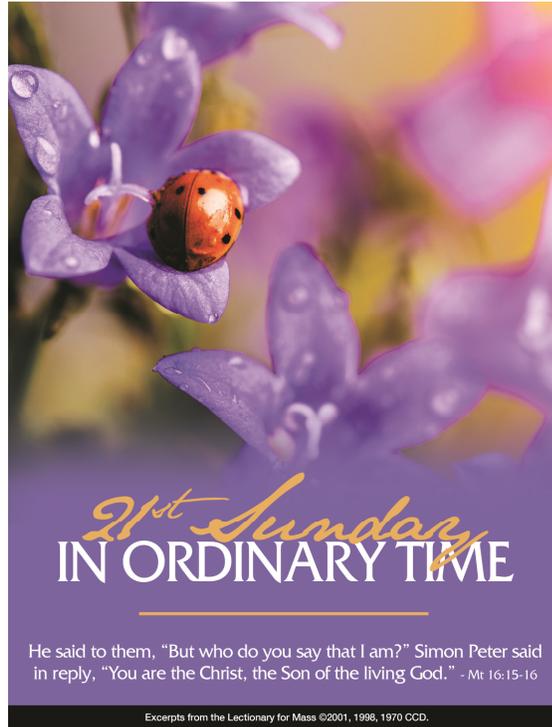
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## MISSION STATEMENT

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 28 - St. Augustine  
8:00 Intentions for Fathers

Tuesday, August 29 - The Passion  
of St. John the Baptist  
8:00 Departed Souls

Wednesday, August 30  
5:30 Raykowski Family by  
Richard Raykowski

Thursday, August 31  
8:00 John Ciammetti by M/M  
Tony Cosmano

Friday, September 1  
8:00 Irene Swift by Bernadette  
Connolly

Saturday, September 2  
9:00 Parishioners of St. Teresa's  
4:30 Larry and David Stock by  
family

Sunday, September 3 - 22nd  
Sunday in Ordinary Time  
8:00 Cathie Badding by St.  
Teresa's Women's Guild  
10:15 Joseph Konieczny -  
Birthday Remembrance by  
Ron Konieczny



### Scripture Readings

**Monday** - 1 Thessalonians  
1:1-5, 8b-10; Matthew  
23:13-22; **Tuesday** - 1  
Thessalonians 2:1-8; Mark 6:17-29;  
**Wednesday** - 1 Thessalonians 2:9-  
13; Matthew 23:27-32; **Thursday** -  
1 Thessalonians 3:7-13; Matthew  
24:42-51; **Friday** - 1 Thessalonians  
4:1-8; Matthew 25:1-13; **Saturday**  
- 1 Thessalonians 4:9-11; Matthew  
25:14-40; **Sunday** - Jeremiah 20:7-  
9; Romans 12:1-2; Matthew 16:21-  
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**Parish Goal:**  
605,000.00

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

**% of Goal:**  
68%



### PASTORAL SHARINGS

"Summer's going fast, night's getting colder. Children growing up, old friends growing older." You may recognize that as a song from the band Rush titled "Time Stand Still." I always think of that song this time of year. January 1st is when we celebrate the new year, but September is when it sinks in - we're a year older and the cycle is starting again. This last week of vacation, children are thinking, "Time stand still!"

But, the fall is something we should face with faith & hope. Think of the new friends we'll meet, and how much wiser we'll be after another year of learning.

Exciting opportunities are coming up here at church too. I'd like to highlight three things in particular:

1) Bible Study resumes: we had a tremendous turnout last fall, and we hope everyone will come back for round two! Last year's study was very challenging, but this year's will be much simpler. We'll focus on just one book - Acts of the Apostles - so there will be less reading per week. There are two options, Monday evenings or Thursday mornings, and there is a \$25 cost for study materials. Our start date will be Monday, October 2nd.

2) Middle-School Ministry: for grades 6-8, we'll begin meeting one Sunday a month from 6-7:30 p.m., starting on October 1st. We'll be following the adventures of Will Wilder, from a new teen book series. The kids don't have to read the book, but they'll enjoy the activities more if they do. We'll be giving the books out for free but would like to know how many to order, so please let us know if you have an interested kid(s). For more details and a preview video, see the Youth Ministry tab on our parish website.

3) With the start of religious education classes, our Children's Liturgy will start up again at the 10:15 Mass. I'm making a personal effort this year to highlight the sacred, solemn nature of this ministry. It isn't a recess from Mass for our youngsters, but rather a prayerful chance to encounter the Word of God at their level. We'll be having a formal procession and ritual sending forth of the children each week.

And every weekend we will continue to lift up the Holy Sacrifice of the Body & Blood of Christ, as it has been done for 200 years throughout all Christendom. We are a part of something so majestic! There's only one Mass, and it's taking place in Heaven. Every Eucharist plugs us into that Divine Liturgy described in the Book of Revelation, chapter 4. It's at the Consecration of Mass when time really stands still.

See you at the altar!

~ Fr. Dave

**Our Prayer Request for the Week:** For a safe and happy last week of summer vacation; 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, Faith Bassanello and for the happy repose of the soul of Shirley Koss and Sue Loeb. 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, September 17 - from 6-8 pm in the Parish Hall - "Bible Broom Ball"
- **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:** Dear Parishioners who have been asked to serve as a sponsor for one of our Confirmation candidates: remember to contact Father Dave for your letter of recommendation. Please pray for your candidate and support their preparation for a new beginning in life.

**Do you like to sew?** We sure could use your help! Volunteers from our parish have been making dresses for schoolgirls in Haiti. We deliver them to Sr. Johnice at Response To Love Center, and she gets them to the poor in Haiti. So far we've made 337 dresses, and it doesn't take much time. We supply the materials and a pattern, and you can make them on your own time, as quickly or slowly as you'd like. To join the sewing team, please call Deb Kuhn at 716-343-3304, and please take a look at the photo layout in the foyer this weekend. Those are some happy girls in their new outfits!

**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.

**Retrouvaille** - Do you feel helpless, stressed or worried about your marriage? Is your marriage or that of a relative or friend heading for separation or divorce? Retrouvaille is designed to help troubled marriages regain their health. It helps spouses uncover and re-awaken the love, trust and commitment that originally brought them together. The program is highly successful in saving hurting marriages, even bringing reconciliation to couples who have already separated or divorced. The next weekend is October 20-22 at Stella Niagara. For more information, call 716-474-9371 or go to [www.MarriageSaved.com](http://www.MarriageSaved.com)

**Ministers for September**

**Eucharistic Ministers:** 4:30 pm - Randy Bergman, John O'Donnell and Lynn O'Donnell; 8:00 am - Nancy Wittman and Judy Bell; 10:15 am - Cindy Hayes, Patrick Buczek and Patricia Buczek; **Lectors:** 4:30 pm - Tom Bergman; 8:00 am - Tony Scheeda; 10:15 am - Edmund Burke; **Altar Servers:** 4:30 pm - Natalie Ginestre and Lauren Bergman; 8:00 am - Cydney Brandl and Emily Mruk; 10:15 am - Katy Geiger and Tiffany Judge

☺ Every week Murray goes to Church and prays, "God, please let me win the lottery. Just once, please let me win the lottery." This goes on week after week, month after month, "God, please let me win the lottery." One day this majestic voice booms down from above, "Murray, meet me halfway, buy a ticket!"



- **Saturday, September 2 - First Saturday -** Rosary before the 9:00 am Mass and Confessions from 8:15 - 8:45 am and 3:45 - 4:15 pm

**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.

God led Peter to proclaim that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. How is God calling you to make His presence known? If God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Father Andrew Lauricella at 716-847-5535.

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

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

If you have not the Spirit of Christ you are not His. There is no such thing as a Christian without the Spirit.

~Anonymous