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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 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, September 9 - St. Peter
Claver

8:00 Intentions for Fathers

Tuesday, September 10

8:00 Departed Souls

Wednesday, September 11

5:30 Departed Souls

Thursday, September 12 - The
Most Holy Name of Mary

8:00 Intentions for Mothers

Friday, September 13 - St. John
Chrysostom

8:00 Intentions for Fathers

Saturday, September 14 - The
Exaltation of the Holy Cross

9:00 Parishioners of St. Teresa's

4:30 Joseph and Stella Rembas
by daughter

Sunday, September 15 - The 24th
Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 Bernie Thoma *by Ed and
Barb Burke*

10:15 Paul and Joyce Walsh *by he
O'Donnell Family*



Scripture Readings For the Week

Monday - Colossians 1:24-
2:3; Luke 6:6-11

Tuesday - Colossians 2:6-15; Luke
6:12-19

Wednesday - Colossians 3:1-11;
Luke 6:20-26

Thursday - Colossians 3:12-17;
Luke 6:27-38

Friday - 1 Timothy 1:1-2, 12-14;
Luke 6:39-42

Saturday - Numbers 21:4b-9;
Philippians 2:6-11; John 3:13-17

Sunday - Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14; 1
Timothy 1:12-17; Luke 15:1-32

**We have several weekday
and Sunday 8:00 am Masses
available in the upcoming
months. Please call the
Rectory any weekday
morning to get your
preferred dates.**



Pencils up and thinking caps on! Today begins our Religious Education program for all grades. Pretty soon the grown-ups will follow suit - Bible Study and RCIA begin in a few weeks.

RCIA stands for Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults. It's a process for people of other faiths (or no faith) to join the Catholic Church. It's also an option for adult Catholics who haven't made Confirmation to finish their basic Sacraments. Much spiritual growth and learning takes place along the way. See Deacon Ron or myself to hear more!

As mentioned last week, our new Bible Study will tackle the Gospel of Matthew, beginning the week of October 7th. As in years past, we'll offer both Monday evening and Thursday morning classes. We invite new participants to join in as we begin a brand new study!

We're still accepting RSVPs for the 150th Anniversary Dinner. The invitation due date was September 6th, but we can stretch that a bit longer. Please place the completed card with payment into any collection at Mass (or mail-in or drop-off at the rectory). I'm excited to celebrate our parish's legacy in this way!

I hope it's been a good first week of school for our families with young children. Let us pray for them and also for the seminarians of our diocese, as this weekend we have the annual Appeal for Christ the King Seminary. Usually I give this appeal myself, but since Deacon Ron graduated recently, I've asked him to speak about the seminary's programs of formation.

You have undoubtedly seen news reports of protests calling for the seminary's closure. I myself cannot understand this demand. Seminarians drop out of the program all the time. My first semester there were four guys who left. Some return years later when the time is right.

Priestly formation consists of four facets: spiritual, intellectual, pastoral, and human. In my time, the spiritual facet was lacking, but the pastoral and human formation was well done. We were prepared for a celibate life and shown how to approach it positively. I never saw anything on campus like what the protesters allege.

For all students whether seminary, college, high school, or elementary: St. Thomas Aquinas, patron of students, pray for us.

-Fr. Dave

Our Prayer Request for the Week: For all who study at Christ the King Seminary: lay people, deacons and seminarians; we pray to the Lord...



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

Religious Education: Welcome! All our children are welcome as we resume classes for Grades Kindergarten thru Eleven. Room locations are listed as you enter. Parents are welcome to greet the catechists as we begin this new year of instruction and faith sharing with parents and children. May God bless our families, our catechists and all who support this faith-filled community.

Youth Ministry:

High School - Sunday, September 15 from 6-8 pm - **Exaltation of the Cross** - Recipes for Hot Cross Buns and Hot Pretzels. Father Dave will lead discussion of what it means to exalt the cross.

Building community. Be a part of the future of our Church. Each year over 8,000 people answer God's call by seeking a deeper understanding of faith and service through lectures, retreats and classes at **Christ the King Seminary**. Seminary students learn and minister together, forming relationships that serve our community in many ways after they graduate. Come and see all that is happening at your seminary. **This weekend is the annual collection for Christ the King Seminary.** This is your opportunity to help support the education of our future priests, deacons and lay leaders. Please invest in the future of the church in our area by helping our seminary continue its important work of ensuring that all who answer God's call to ministry will be well educated and well prepared to serve. For more information on **Christ the King Seminary** or to give online go to www.cks.edu.

Our Lady of Pompeii Faith Enrichment Presentation: **FORGIVEN**, an evening of reflection on Monday, September 23 from 7-9 pm in the Our Lady of Pompeii Ministry Center Auditorium, 129 Laverack Ave., Lancaster. Sessions presented by area deacons include: How to Forgive Others, Forgive the Church, Forgive Yourself, Forgive Your Past and How to Ask for Forgiveness. You may choose two of five breakout sessions. For more information, call 716-683-6522.

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 including: marriage counseling, family and group therapy, substance abuse treatment, diocesan counseling for church ministers, children's clinics, and individual, children and family counseling. For more information on **Catholic Charities** services, visit www.ccnny.org.

😊 A bachelor opened the door of his BMW, when suddenly a car came along and hit the door, ripping it off completely. When the police arrived at the scene, the man was complaining bitterly about the damage to his precious BMW. "Officer, look what they've done to my Beemer!" he whined. "Don't be so materialistic, you make me sick!" retorted the officer, "You're so worried about your car that you didn't even notice that your left arm was ripped off!" "Oh no, replied the man finally noticing, "Where's my Rolex!"



- **Sunday, September 8 - Religious Education Classes** Grades K-6 meet from 9-10 am; Grades 7-11 meet from 11:15 am - 12:30 pm
- **Friday, September 13 - Fully Alive Adoration** - 7:30 pm in the Church
- **Saturday, September 14 - Monthly Visitation to the Brothers of Mercy Nursing Home** - Volunteers meet at the entrance of the home at 10:00 am; cookies are appreciated!
- **Weekend of September 14-15 - Akron/Newstead Food Pantry Collection** Barrels will be out in the back of Church; Peanut Butter and Jelly is needed!
- **Sunday, September 15 - Religious Education Classes** 9:00 - 10:00 am and 11:15 am - 12:30 pm
- **Sunday, September 15 - High School Youth Ministry** - 6-8 pm in the Parish Hall



Knowing what we are created for also means knowing what we are not created for. Deceiving ourselves to believe that our vocations are not from God would be utter foolishness, and leave us unfulfilled. If God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Father Andrew Lauricella at 716-847-5535.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:**

"Couples should let Jesus live His spousal love for the Church over again in their own love for one another. Marriage is not just a 'self-help' relationship; it is a deep partnership with Christ."

~Deacon James Keating