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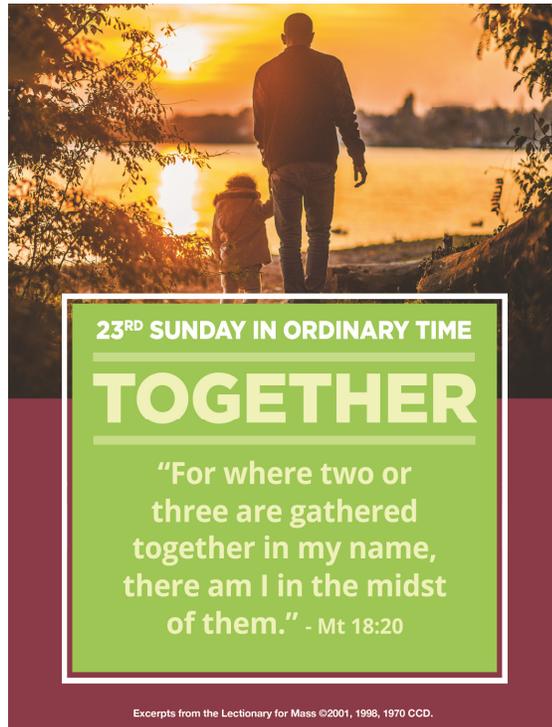
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MISSION STATEMENT

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

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| <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, September 11

8:00 In Loving Memory of
Robert Degaspero *by family*

Tuesday, September 12 - The Most
Holy Name of Mary

8:00 John Ciammetti *by*
Giambrone Family

Wednesday, September 13 - St.
John Chrysostom

5:30 Adolph Bassanello *by Jim*
and Mary Ann Schneider

Thursday, September 14 - The
Exaltation of the Holy
Cross

8:00 Departed Souls

Friday, September 15 - Our Lady
of Sorrows

8:00 Angelina Marin *by Alvina*
Cometto

Saturday, September 16 - Ss.
Cornelius and Cyprian

9:00 Parishioners of St. Teresa's
4:30 Lester and Ruth Schock *by*
family

Sunday, September 17 - 24th
Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 Cathie Badding *by Ron and*
Sherry Shimmel

10:15 Gloria Davis *by Salvatore*
Guadagna



Scripture Readings

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** - Numbers 21:4b-9; Philippians 2:6-11; John 3:13-17; **Friday** - 1 Timothy 1:1-2, 12-14; John 19:25-27; **Saturday** - 1 Timothy 1:15-17; Luke 6:43-49; **Sunday** - Sirach 27:30-28:7; Romans 14:7-9; Matthew 18:21-35

**THE 2018 MASS BOOK IS
HERE! PLEASE CALL ANY
WEEKDAY MORNING TO GET
YOUR DESIRED DATES!
WEEKEND MASSES ARE THE
FIRST TO GO!**



PASTORAL SHARINGS

How'd it go? The first week of school is behind US and things are getting into the groove. Meanwhile our first week of "church school" is happening this weekend. Young people, there's no such thing as useless information, and everything you learn in life is important - but what you learn in Sunday School has eternal impact. It's actually the most important class of the week. The temptation is to tune out because you've already had a whole week of classes. Instead, think of Sunday School as the first class of the week, and listen to these truths that will give you eternal life.

Adults, we do this very same thing - we neglect our prayer and Mass because it feels like other things are more urgent, but what could be more valuable than living forever in paradise? As a parish community, let's devote ourselves all the more to matters of the spirit.

I will hold myself to the same standard. I've begun been making time for serious meditation at the Abbey of the Genesee every month, and have made it a non-negotiable part of my schedule. This is the Trappist Monastery where the Monk's Bread is made. It actually is made by monks!

I will be taking our young adult group to the Abbey for a day of reflection on Sunday, September 24th. If you're in the age range of 18-39 and want to spend a day of quiet and prayer with other young adults, please visit our facebook page and respond to the event. You can get there by clicking on the "Young Adults" tab on our parish website, or directly at facebook.com/FinalFridays

Welcome to our new parishioners! Several new families registered with us last month, and we're so glad you decided to join our community of faith!

In any parish, there are a large number of people who attend regularly but are not registered parishioners. I think it falls in the list of "things we'll do when time allows." Could I ask you to make that time now? I'd like to get to know you better, maybe even come and bless your house if you'd like. Just grab a registration form off the bulletin board in the foyer. You can drop it into the collection basket or mail it to the rectory.

Let's continue to keep the faith together and become one body, one spirit, in Christ.

~ Fr. Dave

Our Prayer Request for the Week: For a good and holy year for our Sunday school students and catechists; 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, Terry Lotz, Liam Williams, Faith Bassanello and for the happy repose of the soul of Clara Varo, Robert Degaspero and Sebastian "Sugar" Mazza.

Religious Education: Welcome to all of our children as we begin classes at all levels today! The first session begins at 9:00 am (K-6). The second session begins at 11:15 (7-11). May God bless all our children, their families, our catechists and assistants as we all come to know and love Jesus together.

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!

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. Please call the Rectory to sign up.

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.

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, individual psychotherapy, 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 counseling and mental health services, visit, www.ccwny.org.

☺ One day an employee came in to work with both of his ears bandaged. When his boss asked him what happened, he explained: "Yesterday I was ironing a shirt when the phone rang and I accidentally answered the iron instead of the phone!" "Well," the boss said, "that explains one ear, but what about the other?" "They called back!"



- **Tuesday, September 5** - **Women's Guild Monthly Meeting** - 7:00 pm in the Parish Hall; All women of the parish are invited to join!
- **Friday, September 8** - **Fully Alive Adoration** - 7:30 pm in the Church
- **Sunday, September 10** - **Religious Education Classes Begin: Grades K-6 from 9:00 - 10:00 am and Grades 7-11 from 11:15 am - 12:30 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.

If God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Father Andrew Lauricella at 716-847-5535.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

"Though I may speak with bravest fire; and have the gift to all inspire and have not love, my words are vain as sounding brass, and hopeless gain. Though I may give all I possess, and striving so my love profess, but not be giv'n by love within the profit soon turns strangely thin." -Magnificat, Sept. 17