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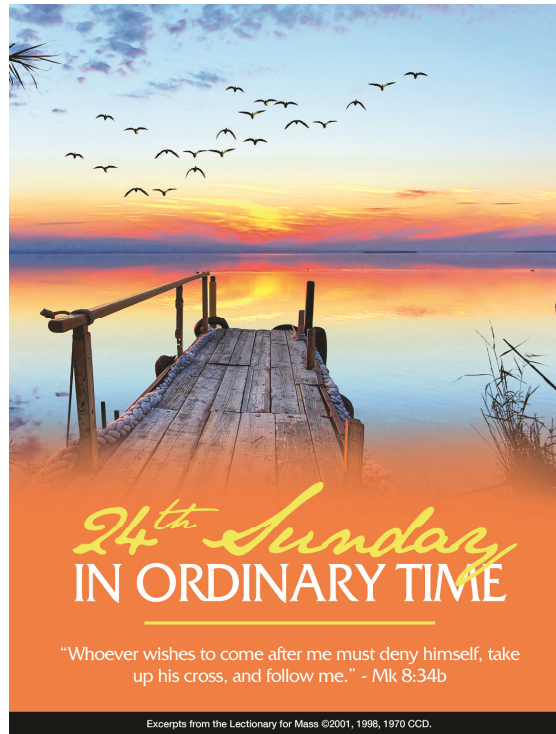
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MISSION STATEMENT

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, September 17 - St. Robert Bellarmine

8:00 Francis Dahill *by The Kleparek Family*

Tuesday, September 18

8:00 Albert, Ron, Joseph and Helen Konieczny *by family*

Wednesday, September 19 - St. Januarius

5:30 John Romance *by wife and family*

Thursday, September 20 - St. Andrew Kim Tae-Gon and Paul Chong Ha-Sang

8:00 Joyce Bassanello *by family*

Friday, September 21- St. Matthew

8:00 Parishioners of St. Teresa's

Saturday, September 22

9:00 John and Helen Capan *by daughter*

4:30 Tom and Amy Bergman - 25th Anniversary Blessings *by mom and dad*

Sunday, September 23 - The 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 Bonnie Cescon *by Ron and Sherry Shimmel*

10:15 John Ciammetti *by Joseph and Sandra Digiacomio*



Scripture Readings For the Week

Monday - 1 Corinthians 11:17-26, 33; Luke 7:1-10

Tuesday - 1 Corinthians 12:12-14, 27-31a; Luke 7:11-17

Wednesday - 1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13; Luke 7:31-35

Thursday - 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Luke 7:36-50

Friday - Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13; Matthew 9:9-13

Saturday - 1 Corinthians 15:35-37, 42-49; Luke 8:4-15

Sunday - Wisdom 2:12, 17-20; James 3:16-4:3; Mark 9:30-37



PASTORAL SHARINGS

Come, O Holy Spirit! We have received an official date for the Sacrament of Confirmation this year - Sunday, November 4th, at 4:00 p.m. The confirming prelate will be the Vicar General of the diocese, Fr. Peter Karalus. Most people know Monsignor Slubecky as the Vicar General, since he held that post for over ten years. He has retired, and for a brief time Fr. Mark Noonan replaced him, but Fr. Mark decided to become pastor of a large parish & school in Orchard Park. So, Fr. Peter Karalus was appointed.

I've known Fr. Peter since the days when I was thinking about entering seminary. He was very active with teens and young adults, and I really looked up to him. He led several pilgrimages to World Youth Day, including the one I took to Toronto in 2002. He's a great choice to preach the Gospel to our teens in a compelling way, and I'm excited to introduce him to you all.

Since we will have the Sacrament on a Sunday evening, the Mass will count for your Sunday Obligation, and so I encourage you to make that your Sunday Mass, meet the new Vicar General, and show support for our teens.

Remember that this is all biblical. Acts of the Apostles shows us two Confirmation ceremonies, in chapters 8 and 15. One of these is often the Second Reading at Confirmation Mass. Both accounts show the Twelve Apostles (who were the first bishops) laying hands on people who were already baptized, and asking the Holy Spirit to descend upon them -- with interesting results!

These are some of the things we talk about at Bible Study, which will resume on October 15th. The Thursday morning class will begin on October 11th.

All of the kids seemed very excited for their first religion class of the year. We had a nice response to children's liturgy of the word.

Thanks again to all our faithful catechists on this Catechetical Sunday.

Blessed be God forever!

- Fr. Dave

Our Prayer Request for the Week: For the ongoing purification of our diocese and the worldwide Church; we pray to the Lord...



Please pray for the sick of the parish and their family members particularly; Shirley Lantz, Lorraine Sylvester, Norma Hackbush, Lucas Lowe, Pat Hahn, Jim Creed, Liam Williams, Doug Schifferle, Crystal Howard, Leah Howard, Karen Martin, Jess Reger, Elizabeth Russo, Christopher Ginestre, Whitey Spoth, Arlene Scheeda, Jack Powell, Jim Bradley, Gloria Rembas and for the happy repose of the soul of Connie Philips. Please also continue to pray for our troops who are serving our country around the world.

Religious Education: A Prayer for Catechists

O God, Our Heavenly Father, you have given us the gift of catechists to be heralds of your Gospel to our parish family. May they be good stewards of all who pass through their care, nurturing the faith of those they teach, and helping them to grow in love and understanding of you and your church. We ask that you strengthen them for their labors and that you bless them with wisdom, understanding and patience. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Youth Ministry News:

- **High School: TONIGHT** - from 6-8 pm in the Parish Hall - "Superhero Dodgeball"
- **Middle School: Sunday, Sept. 23** - from 6-7:30 pm in the Parish Hall - "Will Wilder's Final Escape"

Liturgy of the Word for Children has begun! At the 10:15 am Mass, children from grades Kindergarten thru Three are called forward. Their leader will read the Gospel of the day and guide the children to a better understanding of the scripture. Also, if you can help out with the program, please contact Sister Ruth.

St. Teresa's Women's Guild will be holding their **Annual Country Craft Show** on Saturday, September 29th from 10:00 am until 3:30 pm. There will be a variety of new crafters so come and browse for gifts or decorating ideas. Take a chance at our raffles, buy some delicious baked goods or sit and relax and enjoy lunch and dessert. Pie tins will be available in the vestibule next weekend for your baked good donations.

"Let the Holy Spirit Set Your Free" - a Woman's Day of Spiritual Renewal on Saturday, September 22 from 10 am - 3 pm at St. Gregory the Great Ministry Center, 220 St. Gregory Court, Williamsville. Special Guest Speaker Trish Short. Day includes prayer, spiritual activities, music and song. Relax, renew your faith with fellowship, fun, refreshments and a catered lunch. For more information or to register contact Joy Bila at 716-834.0128.

Have you ever been curious about a "Life Chain"? A Life Chain is intended to promote a respect for life, especially the unborn. Peaceful volunteers hold signs with a respect life message along the road for a period of 1 hour. Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Parish will host a "Life Chain" on Sunday, September 30 from 1-2 pm. The event will take place on Abbott Road between Lake Avenue and Wilett Road, Orchard Park. Gather at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart at 12:45 pm. Eucharistic Adoration will take place in the Church at the same time for those who would prefer to spend time in prayer. Please note that this is in addition to the Life Chain on Niagara Falls Blvd. which will take place October 7.

☺ Three ladies were discussing the travails of getting older. One said, "Sometimes I catch myself with a jar of mayonnaise in my hand, while standing in front of the refrigerator, and I can't remember whether I need to put it away, or start making a sandwich." The second lady chimed in with, "Yes, sometimes I find myself on the landing of the stairs and can't remember whether I was on my way up or on my way down." The third one responded, "Well, ladies, I'm glad I don't have that problem. Knock on wood," as she rapped her knuckles on the table, and then said, "That must be the door, I'll get it!"



- **Sunday, September 16** - **Religious Education Classes** 9:00 - 10:00 am and 11:15 am - 12:30 pm
- **Sunday, September 16** - **High School Youth Group** - 6-8 pm in the Parish Hall
- **Sunday, September 23** - **Religious Education Classes:** 9:00 - 10:00 am and 11:15 am - 12:30 pm
- **Sunday, September 23** - **Middle School Youth Group** - 6-7:30 pm in the Parish Hall

**Prayer for Vocations**

Almighty and eternal God, in your unfailing love you provide ministers for your Church. We pray for those whom you call to serve the Church as priests. Inspire in them a generous response. Grant them courage and vision to serve your people. May their lives and service call your people to respond to the presence of your Spirit among us that, faithful to the Gospel and hope of Jesus the Christ, we may: announce glad tidings to the poor proclaim liberty to captives, set prisoners free and renew the face of the earth. Amen.

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

"Let nothing disturb you,
nothing frighten you,
all things are passing,
God is unchanging.
Patience gains all
Nothing is lacking to those
who have God:
God alone is sufficient."
~St. Teresa of Avila