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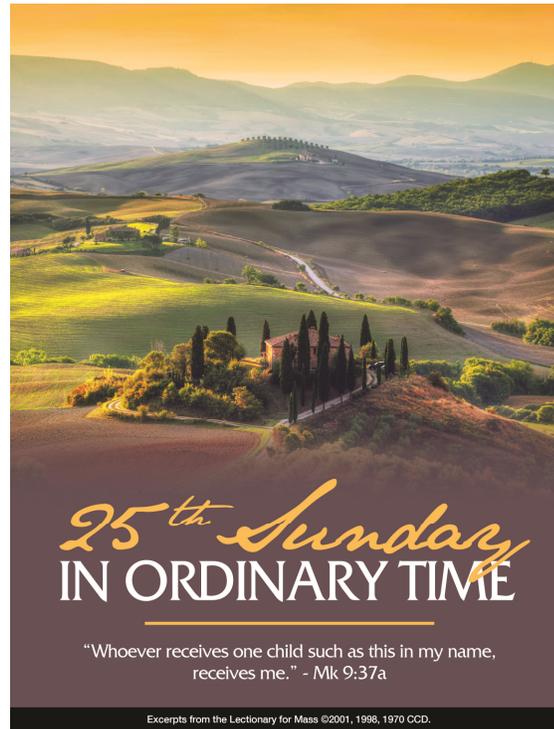
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MISSION STATEMENT

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 24

8:00 Ted Ianni by *Flo Frosolone*

Tuesday, September 25

8:00 Departed Souls

Wednesday, September 26 - Ss.
Cosmas and Damian

5:30 Eleanor Demblewski - 100th
Birthday Remembrance by
family

Thursday, September 27 - St.
Vincent de Paul

8:00 Special Intentions by *The
Reigle Family*

Friday, September 28 - St.
Wenceslaus and St.
Lawrence Ruiz

8:00 Alfred Raykowski by *family*

Saturday, September 29 - Ss.
Michael, Gabriel and
Raphael

9:00 Parishioners of St. Teresa's
4:30 Ed Buekers by *family*

Sunday, September 30 - The 26th
Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 Joseph and Helen Springer
by *family*

10:15 Connie Caprio by *Phil and
Nancy Wittman*



Scripture Readings For the Week

Monday - Proverbs 3:27-34;
Luke 8:16-18

Tuesday - Proverbs 21:1-6, 10-13;
Luke 8:19-21

Wednesday - Proverbs 30:5-9;
Luke 9:1-6

Thursday - Ecclesiastes 1:2-11;
Luke 9:7-9

Friday - Ecclesiastes 3:1-11; Luke
9:18-22

Saturday - Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14;
John 1:47-51

Sunday - Numbers 11:25-29;
James 5:1-6; Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-
48



PASTORAL SHARINGS

Welcome, Deacon Ron Adamczak!

As announced at Mass last weekend, one of the newly ordained permanent deacons has been assigned to our parish. This is wonderful news which opens up all kinds of possibilities for us. You'll be able to meet Deacon Ron at Mass this weekend, but I thought I'd give you some brief facts about him and his family:

Deacon Ron and his wife Sue live in Elma and have four children in their teens and twenties. Deacon Ron works as an insurance & risk management consultant and is familiar with Akron, having consulted for Strippit in the past. He's also been a Scout Master in Marilla, a core team member for Lifeteen Youth Ministry, and a drummer for the Catholic rock band Holy Ground. Quite an interesting life already!

You will often see him assisting at the altar, but diaconal ministry is primarily one of charity and service. Deacons are also assigned a Ministry of Charity outside of the parish, and for Deacon Ron this is with the Diocesan Department of Youth and Young Adults. Service is at the core of diaconal ministry, and we see this in the Acts of the Apostles, chapter 6, which reports the very first ordination of deacons by the Twelve Apostles in Jerusalem. Our parish Bible Study reviewed this passage last year in some detail.

Speaking of Bible Study, we will be concluding Acts of the Apostles this fall. Thursday morning class resumes on October 11th, and the Monday evening class starts on October 15th. Six sessions are all that remain, and we'll finish up before Thanksgiving.

October is sure to fly by with Bible Study and also Confirmation prep. Remember that our teens will be confirmed at 4 p.m. on Sunday, November 4th, and you are invited to this Mass which does fulfill your Sunday obligation.

Also taking place in October is our annual Live Action Clue game for our high school youth group. This is hands-down our most popular event of the year, on Sunday, October 21st, from 6-8 p.m. Teens, save the date and bring a friend!

It's already starting to feel a little bit spooky with leaves dropping and spider webs. A tall fella like me walks into a spider web about five times daily, but still I really enjoy autumn.

Blessed be God forever,

- Fr. Dave

Our Prayer Request for the Week: For those recovering from Hurricane Florence and other natural disasters; 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 Eugene Dziekan, John Olaf, Sr. and Msgr. Francis Skupien. Please also continue to pray for our troops who are serving our country around the world.

**Baptism**

Last weekend we welcomed another infant into our faith community through the saving waters of Baptism.

Xavier Alexius Lewis is the son of Kaitlyn (Bacchetti) and David Lewis of Bloomingdale Road. Congratulations and God's richest blessings to the family!

Religious Education: St. Paul tells us that when the Holy Spirit "rubs off" on us, when we accept His presence in our lives, we show . . . love (putting aside one's own needs to tend to the needs of others); joy (having a lightness of being and the ability to brighten up a room); peace (living in a state of serenity, even when in turmoil); kindness (responding to grumpy people with graciousness and civility). See Galatians 5:22-23).

Youth Ministry News:

- **Middle School: TONIGHT!** Sunday, September 23 - from 6-7:30 pm in the Parish Hall - "Will Wilder's Final Escape"

St. Teresa's Women's Guild will be holding their **Annual Country Craft Show** next 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 are available in the vestibule this weekend for your baked good donations.

The Department of Pro-Life Activities invites you to the Diocesan Respect Life Mass on Saturday, October 6 at 4:00 pm at St. Louis Church, Main and Edward Street, Buffalo. The Most Reverend Richard Malone will be the main celebrant. Following the Mass there will be a Blessing of Families, Babies and Expectant Mothers. For more information contact the Diocesan Office of Pro-Life Activities at 716-847-2205.

Women's Retreat - "Handing On What Really Matters" Saturday, October 6, 2018 from 10 am-3 pm in the Msgr. Hammerl Parish Center at Our Lady of Peace Parish, Clarence. All women are invited to spend the day in the parish center with the *Women of the Well* sharing stories of our early ancestors and relating it to what really matters most in our lives and how we want to hand down what is important to us. Enjoy lunch, hear their stories, enter into conversation and have a special time for reflection. RSVP to Sandy Coon and (716) 628-3205.



The strong young man at the construction site was bragging that he could out-do anyone in a feat of strength. He made a special case of making fun of one of the older workmen. After several minutes, one older worker had had enough. "Why don't you put your money where your mouth is," he said. "I will bet a week's wages that I can haul something in a wheelbarrow over to that outbuilding that you won't be able to wheel back." "You're on, old man," the braggart replied. "Let's see what you got." The old man reached out and grabbed the wheelbarrow by the handles. Then, nodding to the young man, he said, "All right. Get in."

The 2019 Mass Intention book has arrived!

Call any weekday morning to get your preferred dates!



- **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
- **Saturday, September 29 - Women's Guild Craft Show** - 10 am - 3:30 pm in the Parish Hall
- **Sunday, September 30 - Religious Education Classes:** 9:00 - 10:00 am and 11:15 am - 12:30 pm

**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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

"I, then, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to live in a manner worthy of the call you have received, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another through love, striving to preserve the unity of the spirit through the bond of peace."

-St. Paul to the Ephesians 4:1-3