

# St. Teresa of Avila Church Est. 1869

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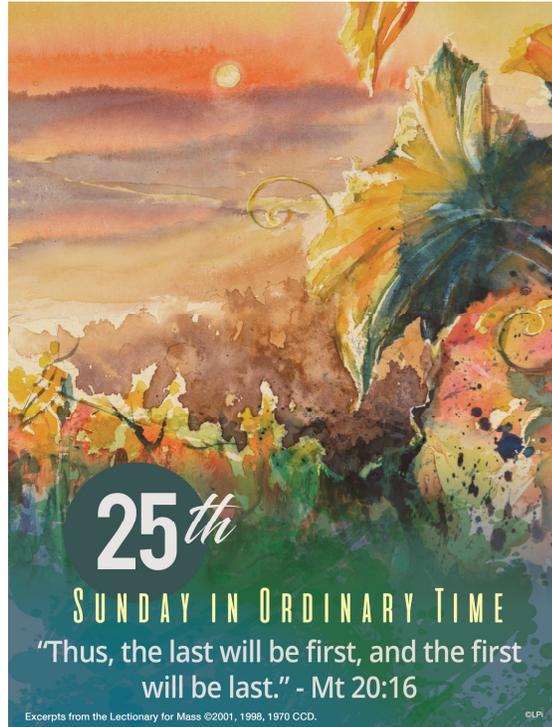
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## MISSION STATEMENT

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 25

8:00 Tom and Amy Bergman -  
24th Anniversary *by family*

Tuesday, September 26 - St.

Cosmas and St. Damian

8:00 Eleanor Demblewski *by family*

Wednesday, September 27 - St.  
Vincent de Paul

5:30 Jerry Klostermann *by St. Teresa's Women's Guild*

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

8:00 Rose Ianni *by Ciammetti Family*

Friday, September 29 - Ss.

Michael, Gabriel and Raphael

8:00 Ed Buekers *by family*

Saturday, September 30 - St.  
Jerome

9:00 Parishioners of St. Teresa's  
4:30 Alfred Raykowski *by family*

Sunday, October 1 - 26th Sunday in  
Ordinary Time

8:00 Alice Birkholz *by The Flumerfeldt Family*

10:15 Edmund and Verna  
Janiszewski *by children and grandchildren*



### Scripture Readings

**Monday** - Ezra 1:1-6; Luke 8:16-18; **Tuesday** - Ezra 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20; Luke 8:19-21;

**Wednesday** - Ezra 9:5-9; Luke 9:1-6; **Thursday** - Haggai 1:1-8; Luke 9:7-9; **Friday** - Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14; John 1:47-51; **Saturday** -

Zechariah 2:5-9, 14-15a; Luke 9:43b-45; **Sunday** - Ezekiel 18:25-28; Philippians 2:1-11; Matthew 21:28-32



Wedding Banns

### Wedding Banns III

Cullen Spencer and Melissa  
Braun of St. Kateri Parish in  
Rochester, New York



### PASTORAL SHARINGS

Dear Parishioners,

Akron is a village with a lot of history, and I'm finding out lots of details as I compile information for our parish's 150th anniversary. Thanks to all who have sent pictures and newspaper clippings. I've enjoyed seeing what has taken place here in the name of Jesus, under the guidance of many holy and dutiful pastors. Thanks to our many volunteers who keep parish life vibrant in a huge variety of ways.

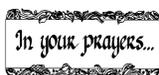
One of these volunteers submitted her final report to our Women's Guild this month. Martha Kroemer has chaired the Guild's Sunshine Committee for over 25 years, and has brightened countless days with her kind notes and cards. Although she's stepping down from this ministry, Martha will continue her cheerful presence as a greeter at Mass and as a choir member. Thanks for all the sunshine, Martha!

One place that could definitely use sunshine and hope is the state of Florida, and the Houston area of Texas as well. The U.S. Bishops have requested that all parishes take a second collection to support hurricane relief efforts. Next weekend, September 30th & October 1st, we will do this on behalf of those harmed by Hurricane Irma.

What about Harvey? It gets complicated. The U.S. Bishops set up a collection for Harvey in September. Due to the Church's tax-exempt status, once a collection is earmarked it cannot be changed. So when Irma came along, the two collections could not be merged. Since Irma did more extensive damage than Harvey, the Bishops decided to have the Irma collection first, and have one for Harvey at a later time. It's unfortunate when legal matters interfere with attempts to help people, but that's the imperfect world we live in. We'll do our best to be of assistance and also continue our prayers.

You may have noticed that the bottom-left corner of this page no longer lists the parish total for Upon This Rock. The campaign has officially come to an end here, with a total of \$445,656.55 which is 74% of our overall goal. I'm very pleased with these results and very grateful to all who contributed. It will do a great deal to ensure a strong future for our diocese. Our parish receives 35% of the collected amount in return, and I'll let you know when our first disbursement arrives. These disbursements will help us get started on renovations to the church foyer, including new bathrooms. A meeting of the design team took place last week. Once again, I'd like to make a request for a parishioner with plumbing experience to join this committee. Architects will handle the actual design, of course, but it would be good to have some local expertise on our side. Have a safe & blessed week!

~ Fr. Dave



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 Gertrude Bartels and Matthew Shea.

**Our Prayer Request for the Week:** We continue to pray for all who have suffered through hurricanes and other disasters; we pray to the Lord...

**Religious Education:** Looking for a weekend to plan something special for the family? We have two Sundays off from class during the month of October: October 8th and 22nd. Calendars for the school year were distributed to all the children during these past two weekends. The calendar is also online at [stteresasofakron.com](http://stteresasofakron.com). If your child is absent for a regularly scheduled class, please ask the catechist for some make up material.

#### Youth Ministry News:

- **High School:** Sunday, October 22- from 6-8 pm in the Parish Hall - Repeat of last year's popular "Live Action Clue".
- **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 next Monday, October 2nd. Please call the Rectory to sign up.

**St. Teresa's Women's Guild will be holding their Annual Country Craft Show** next Saturday, September 30th 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 of the church this weekend for your baked good donations.

**Our Lady of Peace is hosting "Great Expectations" An Evening of Wine and Dine and Parish Auction** on Saturday, September 30 from 5:30 - 8:00 pm in the Msgr. Hammerl Parish Center. The evening's events include a variety of wines to taste, hors d'oeuvres, desserts and music. Tickets for the Tasting are \$25 per person and you must be 21 years of age to attend. Tickets are limited so call the Rectory office at 759-8554 for information or to purchase your tickets.

**"Cremation the Process"** on Wednesday, October 11 from 6:30 - 8:00 pm at Mount Calvary Cemetery's Pine Lawn Chapel located at 2951 Harlem Road, Cheektowaga. Hear from industry experts. This no cost question/answer session revolves around the word "cremation". The program will address topics including the process itself, legalities, religious views and the options available to those choosing cremation. An option tour of the crematory is offered after the program. For reservation, call 716-892-6600.

😊 A wealthy ninety year old tycoon is meeting with his financial advisor. The advisor is very excited and tells the old man, " I just found out about an investment I can make for you which will double your money in just five years!" "Five years? Are you kidding?" exclaims the old man, "At my age, I don't even buy green bananas!"



- **Sunday, September 24 - Religious Education Classes: 9:00 - 10:00 am and 11:15 am - 12:30 pm**
- **Saturday, September 30 - Women's Guild Craft Show - 10 am - 3:30 pm in the Parish Hall**
- **Sunday, October 1 - Religious Education Classes: 9:00 - 10:00 am and 11:15 am - 12:30 pm**
- **Sunday, October 1 - Middle School Youth Ministry - 6:00 - 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.

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

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

"O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of love to all who call. Give heed, O Lord, to my prayer and attend to the sound of my voice."

-Psalm 86