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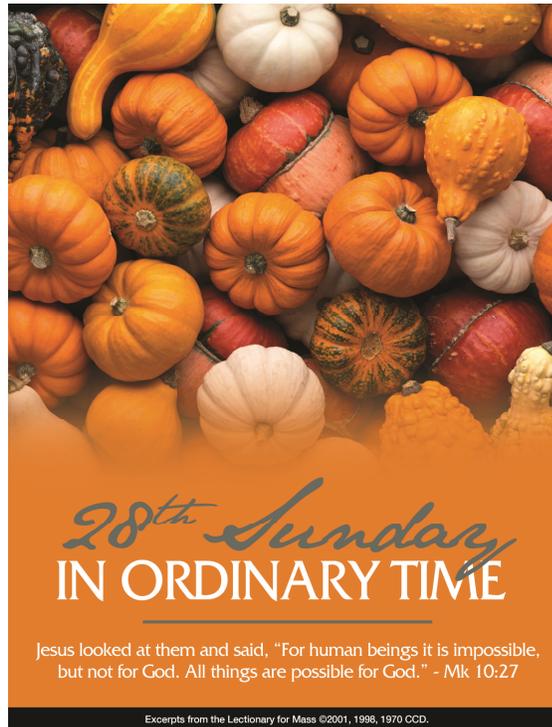
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MISSION STATEMENT

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, October 15 - St. Teresa of Jesus

8:00 St. Teresa of Avila Parish

Tuesday, October 16 - St. Hedwig and St. Margaret Mary Alacoque

8:00 Tom Bergman - Birthday Blessings by Amy and family

Wednesday, October 17 - St. Ignatius of Antioch

5:30 Gerald Molitor by family

Thursday, October 18 - St. Luke

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

Friday, October 19 - Ss. John de Brebeuf and Isaac Jogues

8:00 Intentions for Fathers

Saturday, October 20 - St. Paul of the Cross

9:00 Parishioners of St. Teresa's

4:30 Theodore and Josephine Biernacki by Terry and Christine Biernacki

Sunday, October 21 - The 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 Benjamin and Jadwiga Krupski by family

10:15 Robert and Lorraine Sylvester - 68th Anniversary Remembrance by family



Scripture Readings For the Week

Monday - Galatians 4:22-24, 26-27, 31-5:1; Luke 11:29-32

Tuesday - Galatians 5:1-6; Luke 11:37-41

Wednesday - Galatians 5:18-25; Luke 11:42-46

Thursday - 2 Timothy 4:10-17b; Luke 10:1-9

Friday - Ephesians 1:11-14; Luke 12:1-7

Saturday - Ephesians 1:15-23; Luke 12:8-12

Sunday - Isaiah 53:10-11; Hebrews 4:14-16; Mark 10:35-45



PASTORAL SHARINGS

Sometimes you get a nice surprise when you walk into the library. Last week on my day off I was hunting for a book and found a brand new one from Stephen R. Lawhead (author of the Bright Empire series, which is in my recommended section in our parish library). His fiction often features heroic priest characters and generally portrays Catholicism in a positive light -- a rarity in today's literature.

Lawhead's new book was on the 7-Day Loan shelf so I'd better read it fast! The title is "In the Region of the Summer Stars," historical fiction about the Celtic tribes of ancient Ireland. One of his topics of research is the transition from the Druids to Christianity. The prevailing theory is that paganism didn't fulfill people's spiritual needs, so anywhere Christian missionaries proclaimed a God who wants a relationship with us and feeds us with His very Self, people converted in droves.

These are good historical facts to remember, as our culture is returning to a neo-paganism -- a popular theme especially around Halloween. People want the mystique of the spiritual world but don't want to bother with an organized religion. What they often don't realize is that this approach has been tried before and found wanting. Christianity is the most compelling religion the world has ever known. Only Christianity claims that God has become one with us. Only the Christian faith proclaims a personal, loving God Who actually said "I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly" (John 10:10).

What a blessing that this faith was handed on to us! And what a privilege to introduce it to others. Remember that we are beginning an RCIA process this year for those who wish to join the Catholic faith or for adult Catholics who haven't completed their Sacraments. If you know someone who's thought about this in the past, please invite them to talk to Deacon Ron or call the rectory. Sessions will take place after the 10:15 Mass starting November 11th, and plenty of time off will be given around the holidays. Imagine having all your Sacraments this Easter! Now is the time to welcome Jesus more deeply into your life, so that "your joy may be complete" (John 15:11).

Blessed be God forever,

-Father Dave

Our Prayer Request for the Week: For a happy beginning to our parish RCIA; 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, Jim Bradley and Gloria Rembas. Please also continue to pray for our troops who are serving our country throughout the world.

Religious Education: Three weeks from today our teenagers will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Let us pray for them, that they be open to the gifts of the Holy Spirit. As we continue with the theme of anointing with oil let us remember that the Holy Spirit can permeate our hearts and saturate us with grace.

Youth Ministry News:

- **Middle School: TONIGHT!** Sunday, October 14 - 6:00 - 7:30 pm - **Dragon Slayer Training** - make armor, learn St. Patrick's prayer of protection, and train for the lifelong battle against evil - and learn the real Catholic story behind the island where The Last Jedi was filmed. A brand new series starts this weekend for grades 6-8!
- **High School:** Sunday, October 21 - from 6-8 pm in the Parish Hall - "**Live Clue**" our most popular event repeats this year with new twists and a new mystery to solve! Just like the game of Clue, but life-sized with a real Professor Plumb, Mrs. Peacock, and all the characters from the game. Teens will work in small teams, so bring a friend or two along for the fun!

The children of our parish who attend **Nativity of Mary School** in Harris Hill will be selling candy bars after all Masses this weekend. For more information, please contact Amy Bergman at 542-9704.

St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish invites you to their **Annual Harvest Dinner** on Sunday, October 21st from noon until 2 pm at their East Pembroke Social Hall, 8656 Church Street, East Pembroke. The meal consists of roast beef, mashed potatoes, gravy, squash, beets, green beans, coleslaw, sweet bread and desserts; all served family style. Tickets are \$10.00 for adults and children under 12 are \$5.00. There will also be a cash raffle and you can visit their country store for crafts, baked goods, produce and much more.

World Mission Sunday - Our worldwide Eucharistic celebration for the Missions and Missionaries of the world will be next weekend, October 20-21. Pope Francis reminds us to see World Mission Sunday as a "good opportunity for enabling the missionary heart of Christian communities to join in prayer, testimony of life and communion of goods, in responding to the vast and pressing needs of evangelization." A second collection will take place at all Masses.



October is Respect Life Month: Please join us for **weekday Masses**, where we will be saying the **Rosary** about 15 minutes before Mass.

☺ While taking a routine vandalism report at an elementary school, the policeman was interrupted by a 6 year-old looking up and down his uniform, she asked. "Are you a policeman?" "Yes," he answered and continued writing the report. "My mother said if I ever needed help I should ask the police. Is that right?" "Yes, that's right, the policeman told her. "Well, then," the little girl said as she extended her foot toward him, "would you please tie my shoe?"



- **Sunday, October 14** - **Religious Education Classes** 9:00 - 10:00 am and 11:15 am - 12:30 pm
- **Monday, October 15** - **Bible Study Begins** - 7:00 pm in the Parish Hall
- **Thursday, October 18** - **Bible Study** - 8:45 am in the Parish Hall
- **Saturday, October 20** - **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 October 20-21** - **Akron/Newstead Food Pantry Collection** Barrels will be out in the back of Church - **Breakfast Cereals** are needed!
- **Sunday, October 21** - **No Religious Education Classes** - **Felician Provincial Assembly**



Jesus reminds us that a much better treasure can be sought by following God's commandments than anything that wealth affords us. How is God asking you to help to make known the value of His Kingdom? If God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Father Andrew Lauricella at (716) 847-5535.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

It is difficult to imagine why more of us fail to visit Our Lord during Eucharistic Adoration. We have a chance to talk with our Lord and Savior but pass on it. I wonder how we would treat Him if He came to our homes. Would we ignore Him there also?