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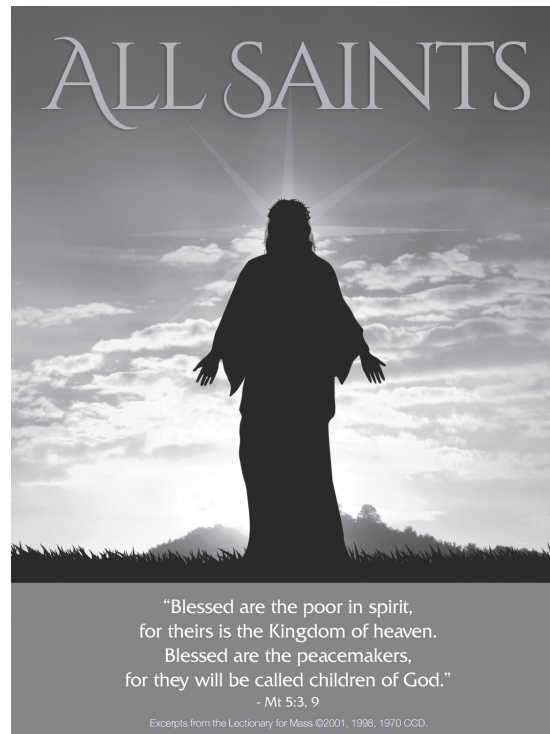
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MISSION STATEMENT

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>	4:30 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 31

8:00 Albert Casseri by M/M
Ermino Casseri

4:30 John Romance by Lou and
Carol Pacifico

Tuesday, November 1 - Feast of All
Saints

8:00 Elmer Ottney by Family and
Friends

7:30 Dr. David Fish by The Dahill
Family

Wednesday, November 2 - The
Commemoration of All the
Faithful Departed

5:30 Faithful Departed

Thursday, November 3 - St. Martin
de Porres

8:00 Faithful Departed

Friday, November 4 - St. Charles
Borromeo

8:00 Faithful Departed

Saturday, November 5

9:00 Parishioners of St. Teresa's

4:30 Faithful Departed

Sunday, November 6 - The 32nd
Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 Gordon and Tim Bell by
family

10:15 Faithful Departed



Scripture Readings for the Week

Monday - *Philippians 2:1-4;*
Luke 14:12-14

Tuesday - *Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14;*
1 John 3:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12a

Wednesday - *Wisdom 3:1-9; John*
6:37-40

Thursday - *Philippians 3:3-8a;*
Luke 15:1-10

Friday - *Philippians 3:17-4:1; Luke*
16:1-8

Saturday - *Philippians 4:10-19;*
Luke 16:9-15

Next Sunday - *2 Maccabees 7:1-2,*
9-14; 2 Thessalonians 2:16-3:5;
Luke 20:27-38



PASTORAL SHARINGS

Veni Sancte Spiritus! Come, O Holy Spirit, as we present our 11th grade teens before you in the Sacrament of Confirmation. We welcome Bishop Richard Malone who will preside at this solemn liturgy. Our bishop is very connected with young people, and I'm sure he will give them much to ponder in his preaching. We pray deep graces upon our teens, that their futures may contain complete joy, which can only be found in Jesus. See Sister Ruth's Religious Education column for more thoughts on this joyful celebration for our parish community.

I've been quite pleased with the response to our parish Bible Study. The start date is just over a week away, so if you are still planning to register please do so by this Wednesday so that we can finalize the roster.

While Bible Study is running, I'll be publishing weekly information in the bulletin sidebar, just above the Knights of Columbus "thought for the week." Please check the next page to see what our first class will be about...

If you are attending, please be sure that you have a Catholic Bible. What is the difference? When Martin Luther made his translation of the Bible, he omitted 7 books from the Old Testament, so Protestant Bibles have less books. Check your table of contents for the Book of Judith. If it isn't there, your Bible is not Catholic.

Popular Catholic translations are the New American Bible (NAB) and the New Revised Standard Version (NRSV). You can find these at Bender's Christian Store on Sheridan, or in the religion section at Barnes & Noble.

Some of you may prefer to go digital. In that case, from the App Store, I recommend the Catholic Study Bible App from Lighthouse Media and Ignatius Press. The app is a free download for the entire Bible text. (Footnotes and cross-references are an optional in-app purchase).

Oh, there's a whole world of cool things ready to open up to us in this introductory study! I'm very excited for November 7th!

November is also the month when we especially think of our departed loved ones, with the hopefulness of eternal life which Jesus has given us. Please note that All Saints Day, November 1st, is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass times are listed on the next page. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

~ Fr. Dave

Our Special Prayer Request for the Week: That all who are close to death will reach out for God's mercy; let us pray to the Lord...



Please pray for the sick of the parish and their family members particularly; David Hahn, Shirley Lantz, Lucas Lowe, Noah Schubbe, Baby Ireland Smythe, Michael Nanni, Jim Schmatz, Ron Konieczny, June Hoffman, Keith Bergman. Please also continue to pray for our troops who are serving our country in Iraq, Afghanistan and throughout the world.

Religious Education: While the oil is fresh on their foreheads and their Confirmation name on their minds, let us pray today and every day this week for our young people. Will they “feel” our prayerful support? May the gifts of the Holy Spirit be realized in their young and beautiful lives and find fruit in their words and deeds. We pray to the Lord!

All Saints Day is Tuesday, November 1st and is a Holy Day of Obligation this year. Special Masses will be said on Monday, October 31st at 4:30 pm and on Tuesday, November 1st at 8:00 am and 7:30 pm. Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers and Ushers are needed for the special Masses. Please sign up on the bulletin boards if you are available to help.

Wednesday, November 2nd is the Feast of All Souls. We will remember the names of your departed friends and family members during the 9 consecutive days in November and throughout the year. Envelopes for All Souls offerings, included in your last envelope packet, can be put in the collection basket this weekend or next weekend. Extra envelopes will be available on the table in the foyer.

High School Youth Ministry:

- November 19: 11:15 am - 2:30 pm - Service Project at St. Luke’s Mission of Mercy - Help St. Luke’s get ready for their annual food giveaway.
- December 9-10: XLT Overnight Retreat at Christ The King Seminary in East Aurora



Thanksgiving Baskets—Festive barrels for food donations will be located in the vestibule starting next weekend through November 20. We are in need of traditional

Thanksgiving Dinner food items such as cranberry sauce, canned vegetables, stuffing mix, canned gravy, potatoes, small garden squash, canned pumpkin, evaporated/condensed milk, flour, sugar, etc. If you know of a parishioner in need of a basket this year or if you would like to donate a turkey, please call Melissa at the Rectory during office hours any weekday morning. Donations are also being accepted to help defray the cost of turkeys.



The children who attend Nativity of Mary School would like to thank all of the parishioners who supported them last weekend by buying a Save Around Buffalo savings book. If you are still interested in purchasing a book, please contact Amy Bergman at 542-9704.



Some Halloween Humor...

- What do birds give out at Halloween? Tweets
- What did the ghost serve at his Halloween party? Halloweeners
- Why didn’t the skeleton cross the road? He didn’t have the guts
- What do little trees say on Halloween? Twig or treat
- What was the witch’s favorite subject in school? Spelling
- What did the three vampires order at the bar? Two bloods and a blood light
- Why isn’t Dracula invited to many Halloween parties? Because he’s a pain in the neck



- **Sunday, October 30 - Religious Education Classes - 9:00 - 10:00 am and 11:15 am - 12:15 pm**
- **Tuesday, November 1 - Women’s Guild Monthly Meeting - 7:00 pm in the School Meeting Room.**
- **Saturday, November 5 - First Saturday - Rosary before the 9:00 am Mass and Confessions from 8:15 - 8:45 am and 3:45 - 4:15 pm**
- **Sunday, November 6 - Religious Education Classes - 9:00 - 10:00 am and 11:15 am - 12:30 pm**
- **Monday, November 7 - Bible Study - 7:00 pm in the Parish Hall**
- **Thursday, November 10 - Bible Study - 8:30 am**



**Bible Study Class #1
Introduction to the Bible**

Reading: none, but those who want to get a headstart could begin chapters 1 - 11 of Genesis.

Remember to bring a **Catholic Bible** or iPad App.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

“There is one way to have a healthy relationship with money. Remember it is not yours. Everything belongs to God. The money and things we have He has simply entrusted to us. We are stewards.” ~Matthew Kelly