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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, November 12 - St.

Josaphat

8:00 Sally Shimmel *by family*

Tuesday, November 13 - St.

Frances Xavier Cabrini

8:00 SPC4 Wladyslaw Kaus—KIA  
Vietnam *by SP4 Ronald  
Konieczny*

Wednesday, November 14

5:30 Nellie Malone *by Gary and  
Ann Lyon*

Thursday, November 15 - St.

Albert the Great

8:00 Jason and Lisa Riegle -  
Anniversary Blessings *by  
family*

Friday, November 16 - St. Margaret  
of Scotland/St. Gertrude

8:00 John Capan - Birthday  
Blessings *by daughter*

Saturday, November 17 - St.

Elizabeth of Hungary

9:00 Parishioners of St. Teresa's  
4:30 Francis Dahill *by Dahill  
Family*

Sunday, November 18 - The 33rd  
Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 Leonard and Alice  
Rejewski *by Flumerfeldt  
Family*

10:15 Joyce Cahill *by O'Donnell  
Family*



**Scripture Readings  
For the Week**

**Monday** - Titus 1:1-9; Luke  
17:1-6

**Tuesday** - Titus 2:1-8, 11-14; Luke  
17:7-10

**Wednesday** - Titus 3:1-7; Luke  
17:11-19

**Thursday** - Philemon 7-20; Luke  
17:20-25

**Friday** - 2 John 4-9; Luke 17:26-37

**Saturday** - 3 John 5-8; Luke 18:1-8

**Sunday** - Daniel 12:1-3; Hebrews  
10:11-14, 18; Mark 13:24-32



**PASTORAL SHARINGS**

It was a joyful day last Sunday as we celebrated Confirmation! Thanks to all who had a role in this Liturgy and its preparation. The red mums really pop on the altar, and we'll leave them there as a reminder of the Holy Spirit's indwelling in our souls. Soon it will be time to bring out the violet for Advent.

Prior to that, though, is the wonderful Thanksgiving Feast. Oh, what a great day! We will follow our usual custom of having Mass at 9:00 that morning for those who would like to begin their day in a prayerful act of thanks.

And today is Veterans Day. Let us honor all those who sacrificed to preserve our freedoms. The very fact that we can gather publicly to worship God without interference is one of these liberties.

Many of the guests at our Confirmation Mass remarked on what a pretty and welcoming church we have. There is something warm and inviting about this place which really impacts first-time visitors.

With that in mind, I need to make a request. May I ask that people not leave random items in our church foyer? Sometimes it's holy cards, sometimes larger items including electronic devices. This happens all the time and has been particularly burdensome recently. Aside from our planned food donations to the Newstead Food Pantry and the special yearly project for Response to Love Center, we don't have a method for passing items on. In the end, I have to throw them away, and this could be done at home without bringing them here.

I know that people have good intentions - they don't want to waste things and simply don't know what to do with them. The honest truth, though, is that I don't know what to do with them either. One alternative recommendation is to watch for Anne Marie Zon's collections for Nicaragua, which happen several times a year at various locations. May I ask for your help in keeping things tidy in our foyer?

Soon we will need to make room for snow shovels and salt canisters. Ah, the trials of winter! I've been hearing that it's going to be a mild one but, as Jesus once said, only the Father in Heaven knows...

Rain or shine, blessed be God forever!

-Fr. Dave

**Our Prayer Request for the Week:** That respect will be granted to all Veterans for their sacrifice, and for the protection of all who serve our nation abroad; 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, Christopher Ginestre, Whitey Spoth, Arlene Scheeda, Gloria Rembas and Msgr. Robert Williamson. Please also continue to pray for our troops who are serving our country throughout the world.

**Religious Education:** A quiz about saints: Who was the first American citizen to be canonized? Yes, St. Frances Xavier Cabrini. When Frances was twenty years old she took religious vows as a sister in her native Italy and began her own religious order. She came to the United States to help struggling Italian immigrants. Travel was long and arduous in the 1800's but that didn't stop her. Traveling across the US, she and her Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart founded schools, orphanages and hospitals for Italian immigrants and others in need. Mother Cabrini started Columbus Hospital in New York City. Her Feast Day is November 13.

#### Youth Group News:

**Next Saturday, November 17th** -- High school and middle school groups are invited to join hundreds of other teens for a service project at St. Luke's Mission of Mercy. You will help bring Thanksgiving joy to hungry people throughout the city of Buffalo. The project also counts as two hours of community service. Permission slips are needed, since we will be carpooling. Plan on meeting at church at 11 a.m.



**Thanksgiving Baskets**—Festive barrels for food donations will be located in the vestibule starting this weekend through November 18. 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, muffin and bread mixes, 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.

**Journey into Love** - Has your marriage taught you many things? Would you be willing to pass this knowledge on? The Office of Family Life Ministries is looking for married couples to help run the diocesan marriage prep program, Journey into Love. Couples help by giving a 20 minute talk on topics and issues that engaged and newly married couples face. If you are interested in helping with this program, call the Family Life Office at 716-847-2210.

**Have you experienced a loss in your family** that your children are having a hard time with? Death and grief are inescapable; and it can be hard to discuss them with a child when you are going through these times, too. The Office of Family Life Ministries can send you a packet of unique resources that can help you talk about death with children ages pre-school through teens. For your free packet, call 716-847-2210 or email [familylife@buffalodiocese.org](mailto:familylife@buffalodiocese.org).



A politician died and went to the pearly gates. He peered over the angel's shoulder and saw several clocks. He asked the angel what the clocks represented. The angels told him the hands of the clock only move when someone is lying. The man saw George Washington's clock on the wall and asked the angel about George's clock. "The hands only moved once. That was the time he lied to his father about the cherry tree." Then the man saw the clock that belonged to Abe Lincoln and asked about the hands on his clock. "The hands did not move because he was known as 'Honest Abe.'" "Where is my clock?" "Oh, it's in God's office. He is using it as a ceiling fan."



- **Sunday, November 11** - Religious Education Classes - 9:00 - 10:00 am and 11:15 am - 12:30 pm
- **Monday, November 12** - Bible Study - 7:00 pm in the Parish Hall
- **Thursday, November 15** - Bible Study - 8:45 am in the Parish Hall
- **Thursday, November 15** - Parish Council Monthly Meeting - 7:15 pm in the Rectory Meeting Room
- **Saturday, November 17** - Monthly Visitation to the Brothers of Mercy Nursing Home - volunteers meet at the entrance of the home at 10:00 am; cookies are appreciated!
- **Sunday, November 18** - Religious Education Classes - 9:00 - 10:00 am and 11:15 am - 12:30 pm



#### Prayer For Priests and Religious

Good and gracious God, we come before you this day asking that your call to priesthood and consecrated life fall upon open minds and generous hearts. You never cease calling workers to your vineyard. We pray for the grace to be your voice in encouraging others to risk the response that is called forth. May we never falter in our desire to respond generously to your call, in supporting those who are called to serve as priests and religious, in encouraging others to be open to your call in their lives. This we ask in Jesus' name. Amen.

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