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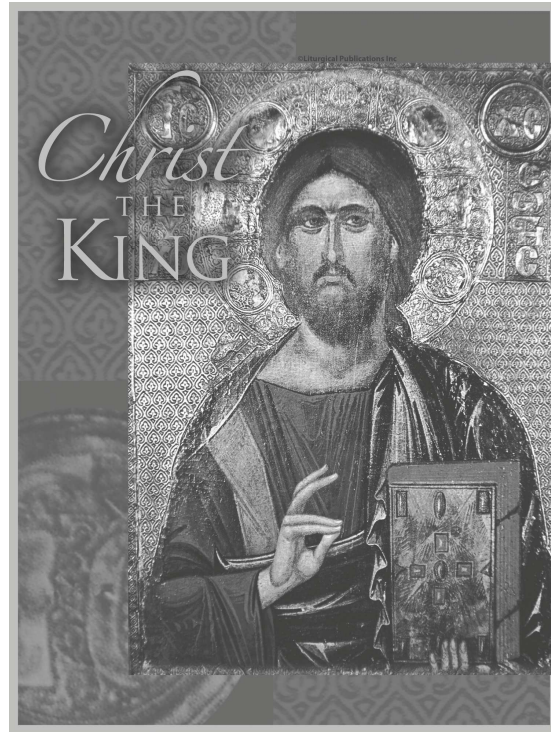
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MISSION STATEMENT

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

Sunday Liturgies.....8:00 AM, 10:15 AM
Saturday Vigil.....4:30 PM
Weekday Liturgies
Daily..... 8:00 AM, except Wednesday 5:30 PM
Saturday..... 9:00 AM
Vigil of Holy Days.....4:30 PM
Holy Days.....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 21 - The
Presentation of the
Blessed Virgin Mary
8:00 Joseph Warejko *by Sister
Ruth*

Tuesday, November 22 - St. Cecilia
8:00 Sister Mary Pauline *by The
Sisters*

Wednesday, November 23 - St.
Clement/St. Columban and
Blessed Miguel Agustin Pro
5:30 Patricia Felber *by Tony and
Arlene Scheeda*

Thursday, November 24 - St.
Andrew Dung-Lac
9:00 In Thanksgiving

Friday, November 25 - St.
Catherine of Alexandria
8:00 Catherine Dorchak *by Jim
and Mary Ann Schneider*

Saturday, November 26
9:00 Parishioners of St. Teresa's
4:30 Sarah Shimmel *by family*

Sunday, November 27 - 1st Sunday
of Advent
8:00 Gertrude Zelma *by
daughters*
10:15 Emmanuel Nicosia *by wife*



Scripture Readings for the Week

Monday - Revelation 14:1-3,
4b-5; Luke 21:1-4

Tuesday - Revelation 14:14-19;
Luke 21:5-11

Wednesday - Revelation 15:1-4;
Luke 21:12-19

Thursday - Revelation 18:1-2, 21-
23, 19:1-3, 9a; Luke 21:20-28

Friday - Revelation 20:1-4, 11-
21:2; Luke 21:29-33

Saturday - Revelation 22:1-7;
Luke 21:34-36

Next Sunday - Isaiah 2:1-5;
Romans 13:11-14; Matthew 24:37-
44

**THANKSGIVING DAY MASS
WITH BLESSED MINI LOAVES
OF BREAD FOR YOUR
HOLIDAY TABLE - 9:00 AM**



Another long weekend! As I write this on
Veteran's Day for an early bulletin deadline,
many school children are rejoicing in a day off. We know,
though, that the reason for this national holiday is a solemn
one. We take time to pray for the veterans of our nation who
sacrificed so much to defend our freedoms. As we have
recently exercised our right to vote, it reminds us what a
beautiful thing our representative democracy is. So many
nations do not allow citizens to choose their leaders in the way
we do. As we thank our veterans for their service, we also
honor those who currently serve in all branches of the military.
You are frequently in our prayers.

This is the time of year when bulletin deadlines come very
early in order to meet printing schedules amid the publisher's
staff holidays. If you read something which seems a bit like old
news, that may be why.

There is much to celebrate as we look to the approach of
Thanksgiving. We are so blessed in this land of plenty. I am
grateful to all parishioners who have helped out with our
Thanksgiving basket project and our plant deliveries to the
homebound. It is the very thing Christ's Church should be
doing. For all who help the Newstead Food Pantry in any way, I
also commend your efforts.

By the time you read this, our parish Bible study has been
well under way. We will take a break for the many holidays
which are approaching and resume in late January. Response
to the Bible study has been tremendous. We have
approximately seventy people participating. This is bound to
bear fruit and grace in their lives, and thus in our parish as
well.

Finally, this Sunday is the conclusion of the Church Year,
known as Christ the King Sunday. Jesus Christ is the King of the
universe, whether individuals acknowledge Him or not. One
day all earthly powers will dissolve, and only the reign of
Christ will remain. As our Gospel today tells us, those who are
truly devoted to Jesus will have no fears of that coming day of
judgment. Let us welcome the new Church year saying
"Maranatha! Come Lord Jesus!"

~ Fr. Dave

Our Special Prayer Request for the Week: The U.S. Bishops
have asked us to pray for the healing of divisions in our nation; 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, June Hoffman, Keith Bergman and
Rosemary Haberer. Please also continue to pray for our troops who
are serving in the military in Iraq, Afghanistan and throughout the
world.

Religious Education: As a reminder to parents, please note that classes are not held next Sunday, November 27th due to the Thanksgiving Holiday. Also, if your child(ren) are absent, please notify us by phone (542-5777) and have them check with their catechist if they need to make up material covered during regularly scheduled classes.

Altar Server Training - We will be offering a training for all interested new altar servers on Sunday, December 4th, immediately following the 10:15 am Mass. Any boy or girl who is at least in grade 4 is invited to attend. We also encourage all current altar servers to come too. Forms were passed out in religious education classes last weekend. If you are interested and didn't get a form, please call the rectory at 542-9103.

High School Youth Ministry:

- December 9-10: XLT Overnight Retreat at Christ The King Seminary in East Aurora
- December 18th: Caroling and Cocoa - 3-5 pm



Thanksgiving Baskets - This is the last weekend to donate food for the Thanksgiving Baskets. Volunteers will be putting baskets together after the 8:00 am Mass today in the Parish Hall. Please join us if you are available.



Advent Penance Service in Preparation for Christmas - St. Teresa's, Our Lady of Peace, Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary and Sacred Heart Churches will participate in a joint Penance Service is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday evening, December 14th at Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church, Main Street at Harris Hill Road.

Happy Thanksgiving! Catholic Charities is thankful for your support. Because of your support of the 2016 Appeal, more than 142,000 individuals will be served this year. Catholic Charities' social workers, case managers and counselors are protecting, strengthening and empowering men, women and children of all ages across Western New York. Enjoy your Thanksgiving and know that we thank God for your faithfulness to His call to give light in times of darkness. Find Catholic Charities at www.ccwny.org.



- Thanksgiving Day Humor . . .
- Why did the farmer run a steamroller over his potato field on Thanksgiving Day? He wanted to raise mashed potatoes
 - Why did the turkey cross the road? It was Thanksgiving Day and he wanted people to think he was a chicken
 - What is a turkey's favorite dessert? Peach Gobbler
 - Why did the cranberries turn red? They saw the turkey dressing
 - Why do pilgrims pants always fall down? Because they wear their belt buckles on their hats
 - What kind of music did the Pilgrims listen to at the first Thanksgiving feast? Plymouth Rock



- Sunday, November 20 - Religious Education Classes - 9:00 - 10:00 am and 11:15 am - 12:15 pm
- Monday, November 21 - Bible Study - 7:00 pm in the Parish Hall
- Sunday, November 27 - No Religious Education Classes - Enjoy your Holiday!



Class #3

November 21st/December 1st
Reading: Genesis Chapters 12-50

Bible Study Class #4

November 28th/December 8th
Reading: Exodus

We are blessed by Christ's assurance of life after death. This good news is worth spreading! Let us then pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life. If God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Father Andrew Lauricella at 716-847-5535. You can also check out the "Priest of the Month" stories at www.buffalovocations.org!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

"Give thanks to the Lord,
because He is Good;
His Love is eternal."
~1 Chronicles 16:34