

# St. Teresa of Avila Church

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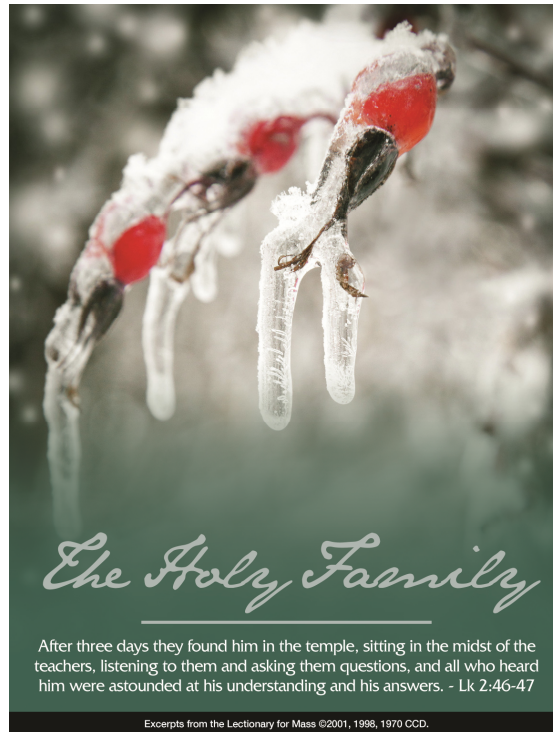
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## MISSION STATEMENT

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, December 31 - St.

Sylvester

8:00 am Intentions for Fathers

4:30 pm Deceased Family and  
Friends of St. Teresa's  
Parish in 2018

Tuesday, January 1 - The

Solemnity of Mary, The  
Holy Mother of God

9:00 Special Intention by *Ron  
and Sherry Shimmel*

11:00 John Gehl by *Pat Pearce*

Wednesday, January 2 - Ss. Basil

the Great and Gregory  
Nazianzen

5:30 Jack and Kathleen  
Hansgate by *The  
Flumerfeldt Family*

Thursday, January 3 - The Most  
Holy Name of Jesus

8:00 Departed Souls

Friday, January 4 - St. Elizabeth  
Ann Seton

8:00 Intentions for Mothers

Saturday, January 5 - St. John  
Neumann

9:00 Parishioners of St. Teresa's  
4:30 Ron Konieczny by *The Tom  
Bergman Family*

Sunday, January 6 - The Epiphany  
of the Lord

8:00 Departed Souls

10:15 John Gehl by *Rich and  
Andrea Gleason*

### Scripture Readings For the Week

Monday - 1 John 2:18-21;  
John 1:1-18

Tuesday - Numbers 6:22-27;  
Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 2:16-21

Wednesday - 1 John 2:22-28; John  
1:19-28

Thursday - 1 John 2:29-3:6; John  
1:29-34

Friday - 1 John 3:7-10; John 1:35-  
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Saturday - 1 John 3:11-21; John  
1:43-51

Sunday - Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians  
3:2-3a, 5-6; Matthew 2:1-12



PASTORAL SHARINGS

O Holy Family, show us the way to joyful lives  
in our distressed world.

Our Gospel on this Holy Family Sunday shows us that Jesus, Joseph, and Mary still had to deal with crises and problems in their family life, because of the imperfection of the world around them. This makes them very relatable to us, as we strive to keep our families holy in this valley of tears.

Our annual Nativity Procession takes place at the 10:15 Mass this weekend. Thanks to all of the children who joined in. This activity teaches the kids a deeper appreciation for the Christmas story, and reminds us all to look back at this historical event with childlike amazement. God became human!

I suppose you could think of the manger scene as a very ancient family portrait. Usually on January 1st newspapers will feature a photo of the first child born in the new year, with the parents gazing on in wonder. This is basically what the manger scene is, but instead of just mom & dad, a whole host of characters has turned up to stare, too.

I'll continue my custom of preaching in front of the manger scene, while it is still up. This seemed to be well received last year. St. Francis was truly inspired when he brought this custom to the Western world. On pilgrimage to the Holy Land, Francis was deeply moved by visiting Bethlehem and regretted that most people would never have that chance. Well, he thought, if people can't come to Bethlehem, why not bring Bethlehem to the people? This was the inspiration of the Nativity Creche.

Many people have a creche scene on the lawn in front of their homes. I think this is an excellent testimony to the Lordship of Jesus. When I n the car, anytime I pass by a house with a nativity scene, I give the people there a drive-by blessing.

May your Christmas season be filled with blessings as well! Remember, it's not over yet. We will celebrate until the Lord's Baptism on January 13th.

Glory to the Newborn King!

-Fr. Dave

**Our Prayer Request for the Week:** For joyfulness and harmony at all our family gatherings during the Christmas season; 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, Jess Reger, Crystal Howard, Leah Howard, Karen Martin, Christopher Ginestre, Whitey Spoth, Arlene Scheeda, Gloria Rembas, and Geraldine Benker. Please also continue to pray for our troops who are serving our country throughout the world.

**SOLEMNITY OF MARY**

Monday, December 31st - 4:30 pm  
 Tuesday, January 1st - 9:00 am and 11:00 am

The Monday, December 31st Vigil Mass will be offered for our parishioners, family and friends who were called to the Lord in 2018  
 May perpetual light shine upon them . . .

Betty Warejko	John Sowinski	Kate Johnson
Amelia Grace Kelly	Paiten Pierce	Judith Speidel
David Hahn	Albert Pickard	Geraldine Crimmen
Steve Durfee	Ron Konieczny	Jane Skomski
Daniel Springer	Mary Lou Bummer	John Gehl
Gloria Heim	Connie Philips	Eugene Dziekan
John Olaf, Sr.	Charles Groff	Jeanette Jazwiecki
Theresa Boken	Rosario Fiorella	Rita Bednarek

Deceased Clergy and Religious of the Diocese

**Religious Education:** Today we celebrate the feast of the Holy Family. It is part of the Christmas season and fits with what Luke's gospel tells us about the birth of Jesus, the birth of John the Baptist, all part of the Infancy Narrative. As a faithful Jewish family, Mary, Joseph and Jesus participate in the annual pilgrimage to Jerusalem for the feast of Passover. In Jesus' dialogue with the learned teachers, He astounds them with His insight and understanding. Jesus is a child of Israel. His Father is God.



St. Teresa's Women's Guild would like to thank all of the parishioners for their donations of hats, mittens, socks and scarves to our annual parish mitten tree collection. The items were donated to the Akron/Newstead Food Pantry. Also a great big thank you to all who generously donated to the Bucket Brigade for Response to Love Center. Over 200 buckets were taken down to the center a few weeks ago. Sister Johnice and the rest of her staff were so grateful for all that our parish does for the needy of our area.

**Ministers for January**

**Eucharistic Ministers:** 4:30 pm - Wendy Bergman and Tim Bergman; 8:00 am - Lori Reisdorf; 10:15 am - Scott Polzin and Cindy Hayes

**Lectors:** 4:30 pm - Deb Hilton; 8:00 am - Ann Sayers; 10:15 am - Michael Scroger

**Altar Servers:** 4:30 pm - Natalie Ginestre and Brody Carlson; 8:00 am - Cydney and Alex Brandl; 10:15 am - Justin Syroczyński, Brock Hawes and Henry Kish

Need a resolution for the New Year? Consider giving back by volunteering with **Catholic Charities**. The agency has many different volunteer opportunities from office work to helping out in one of their six food pantries. For more information visit [www.ccnw.org](http://www.ccnw.org).

**Masses for 2019 are available now! Call the Rectory any weekday morning to get your preferred dates!**



An iPhone and a firework were arrested on New Year's Eve.  
 One was charged and the other was let off.



- Sunday, December 30 - No Religious Education Classes! Happy New Year!
- Saturday, January 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, January 6 - Religious Education Classes - 9:00 - 10:00 am and 11:15 am - 12:30 pm

**Prayer For Priests and Religious**

Heavenly Father, please grant to Your faithful servants, the grace and strength to carry out Your mission for the church each day. Keep our priests close to You and continue to inspire them to serve others in Your holy name. Please help to inspire men who are called to a priestly vocation to answer Your call and participate in the fullness that You have planned for them. Amen.

Let us not stand in the way of those whom God has called. If God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Father Andrew Lauricella at 716-847-5535.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:**

"Eve wasn't just the first woman; she completed the first family. The first human community created by God was not a pair of roommates or simple friends, but a married couple. The union of a man and woman as husband and wife (and, God willing, father and mother) is the very foundation of not just every human society, but of all humanity." ~Dr. Scott Hahn  
 from *The First Society*