

St. Teresa of Avila Church Est. 1869

FEBRUARY 5, 2023 - FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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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 Liturgies8:00 AM, 10:15 AM
Saturday Vigil.....4:30 PM
Daily Mass8:00 AM, except Wednesday 5:30 PM
Saturday9:00 AM
Vigil of Holy Days5:30 PM
Holy Days8:00 AM, 7:30 PM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays 3:00 to 4:00 PM
First Saturday 8:15 to 8:45 AM
Vigil of Holy Days 3:30 to 4:15 PM
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 whose children attend Religious Education.



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Mon., February 6 -
8:00 Bob Drashushuk,
Birthday blessings
by Mary Olsen

Tues., February 7 -
For Fathers

Wed., February 8 -
5:30 Mary Ann Finsterwalder
by Rita Whelan

Thurs., February 9 -
8:00 Julianna Topor
by Ann Sayer

Fri., February 10 -
For Mothers

Sat., February 11 -
9:00 For the People
by Fr. Art

4:30
In Memory of Gertrude Bartels &
Andrew Korszykowski
by Gertrude Bartels Estate

Sun., February 12 -
8:00 Judith Bell Sr.
by Jim & Mary Ann Schneider

10:15 Eleanore Penn
from Family



Scripture Readings For the Week

Monday - *Genesis 1:1-19*
Mark 6:53-56

Tuesday - *Genesis 1:20-2:4*
Mark 7:1-13

Wednesday - *Genesis 2:5-9, 15-17*
Mark 7:14-23

Thursday - *Genesis 2:18-25*
Mark 7:24-30

Friday - *Genesis 3:1-8*
Mark 7:31-37

Saturday - *Genesis 3:9-24*
Mark 8:1-10

Sunday - *Sirach 15:15-20*
First Corinthians 2:6-10
Matthew 5:17-37



February 5, 2023
5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

I recently decided to learn to cook. As I sit at the feet of various YouTube cooking masters, I notice how much of cooking is adding ingredients that don't provide any more nourishment, like herbs and other seasonings. But man! They make all the difference because they make the meal delightful to eat and share. Jesus calls his disciples "salt of the world." No one eats just salt. So, Christians are not meant to replace or do away with the world. They are meant to be agents of preservation and glorification. Notice how often these days the Church seeks to preserve what is threatened: the goodness of marital and family love, the desires of young people for greatness, the value of honest work, healthy economics, and altruistic political engagement, the dignity of the poor and vulnerable. Over and over, we say to a world who wants to throw things out, "It's worth saving! We'll preserve it! We'll show you it's wonderful." If we can't engage the world like that, Jesus says we are the ones who get thrown out, because salt alone is worthless. Jesus only asks us to do for others what he does for us. He is the "salt" of everything in our lives. Is there something in your life starting to rot a bit? Something tasting bland and boring? Let Jesus salt it and see if you like it better.

— Father John Muir

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REMEMBER
IN YOUR
PRAYERS

For families, in all their diversity, that by God's grace they will grow strong in love, mutual respect, and the practice of forgiveness; we pray to the Lord...

Please pray for the sick of the parish and their family members, especially Viola Izydorczak, Lois Sullivan, Gary Karaskiewicz, Louis Pulvino, Ita Steele, Austin Penn, Jim & Joe Vasi, Sterling McCarriagher, Virginia Maloney, Bob Tiedt, Jean Ottney, Shirley Lantz, Donna Stock, Rita Whalen, Laura Gray, Lorraine Sylvester, Francis LaClair, Bill Hawes, and Ruth Schmatz.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of: Ronald Lederhouse, Judith Bell (Sr.) and Joyce Bednarek.



There are openings
in the daily and
weekend Mass

schedule during the upcoming months.
Please contact the rectory to schedule
your preferred dates.

Religious Education

Parents help their children to pray by example. At Mass, we join in thanksgiving the Father for all he has accomplished in his Son, Jesus Christ. We offer our personal prayers by spending the quiet moments after Communion in thanksgiving.

Collection for Response to Love Center

As we approach Valentine’s Day, please donate personal care items for the needy: toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, soaps for personal hygiene, also laundry, baby diapers. Thank you for your generosity and thoughtfulness! Boxes are available in the narthex until February 20th.

Fully Alive Holy Hour/Eucharistic Adoration - Come and spend an hour with the Lord, with praise, prayer, reflections, and quiet time. During this peaceful hour of Adoration, Friday, February 10th, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed beginning at 7:30 p.m. Closing Benediction takes place by 8:30 p.m.

Catholic Relief Services - Thank you for your generous support of the Catholic Relief Services collection and for revealing Christ’s love to those who are poor and marginalized round the world. If you missed the collection, it’s not too late to give! Just visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections for more information on how to give.



VOCATION VIEW

“Your light must shine before others,” Jesus says. Don’t hide it under a bushel. Let it be seen, and inspire others to deeper faith! Preach the Gospel with words and deeds. Contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716- 847-5535 or visit buffalovocations.org

Prayer for Vocations

God our Father, we thank you for calling men and women to serve in your Son’s Kingdom as sisters, brothers and religious priests. Renew their knowledge and love of you, and send your Holy Spirit to help them respond generously and courageously to your will. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.



My therapist told me the way to achieve true inner peace is to finish what I start.

So far today, I have finished two bags of chips and a chocolate cake.

I feel better already.

Upcoming Dates to Remember

- **Sunday, February 5** - Religious Education Classes 9:00 am - 10:00 am and 11:15 am - 12:30 pm
- **Tuesday, February 7** - Bible Study meets in the rectory meeting room, 8:45 am or 7 pm
- **Tuesday, February 7** - Women’s Guild meets at McAndrew Funeral Home, 7 pm
- **Thursday, February 9** - Men’s Group meets in the Rectory basement meeting room, 6:45 pm
- **Friday, February 10th** - Fully Alive Hour/Eucharistic Adoration from 7:30 - 8:30
- **Saturday, February 11** - Pro-Life Prayer Group, 9:30 am, in the parking lot near the Blessed Mother Mary statue
- **Sunday, February 1** - Religious Education Classes 9:00 am - 10:00 am and 11:15 am - 12:30 pm



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

“A Sacrament is not primarily what we do for God. It’s what God does for us.” “The Sacraments do not make holiness easy. Then simply make it possible.”

Dr. Scott Hahn from his talk
Swear to God