

St. Teresa of Avila Church Est. 1869

FEBRUARY 19, 2023 - SEVENTH 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.

Please support Appeal 2023.

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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 20

8:00 Special Intention
by *The Reigle Family*

Tues., February 21 - St. Peter Damian

8:00 Special Intention
by *the Reigle Family*

Wed., February 22

5:30 Special Intention
by *The Flumerfeldt Family*

Thurs., February 23 - St. Polycarp

8:00 Intentions for Mothers

Fri., February 24

8:00 Matthew Sevilla - Birthday
Blessings by *Mom & Dad*

Sat., February 25

9:00 For the People of St. Teresa's
Parish by *Fr. Art*

4:30 Nancy O' Donnell - Birthday
Remembrance
by *The O'Donnell Family*

Sun., February 26

8:00 St. Teresa's Women's Guild
Anniversary Celebration

10:15 Warren & Viskocil Families
by *Barb Thoma*



Scripture Readings For the Week

Monday - Sirach 1:1-10
Mark 9:14-29

Tuesday - Sirach 2:1-11
Mark 9:14-29

Wednesday - Joel 2:12-18
2 Corinthians 5:20-6:2
Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday - Deuteronomy 30:15-20
Luke 9:22-25

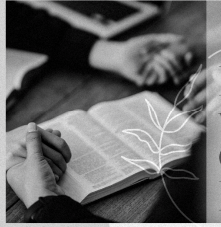
Friday - Isaiah 58:1-9a
Matthew 9:14-15

Saturday - Isaiah 58:9b-14
Luke 5:27-32

Sunday - Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7
Romans 5:12-19
Matthew 4:1-11



Remember a loved one, living or deceased in a special way with a Mass. Contact the parish office to reserve a date.



Love with God's Love

February 19, 2023
7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Of all the things Jesus says which seem totally bat-crazy, this one might take the cake: "But I say to you, love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you." An enemy is someone who desires the destruction of you, your projects, or those you care about. To love and pray for them is to want their health, strength, and flourishing. But if they thrive, they are more likely to hurt you and others. So, aren't you indirectly willing your own destruction, or that of your friends? If you doubt that this problem is embedded in this teaching, when was the last time you actually prayed honestly for the people you really hate? How can we solve this riddle so we might actually live this command? Recall that enemy-love is the surest sign that you love someone with God's love, and not with indirect egotism. After all, if my love for my enemy ends up hurting me or my loved ones, it can't be for me. Enemy-love costs more because there are no tit-for-tats. No reciprocity – just loved poured out, and often pain in return. That's why it is so precious and rare. "What is unusual about that?" asks the Lord about love for our friends. Jesus wants us to experience the unusual love which only comes from him. When Jesus was being killed on the cross, he was loving his executioners. In fact, he was holding them in being as they nailed him to the cross. He loved those who were spiritually piercing his Mother's heart, while they were doing it. And when he rose from the dead, he showed us that this kind of love is always worth it. It's stronger than death. Real love is unusual.

– Father John Muir

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REMEMBER
IN YOUR
PRAYERS

For lay pastoral ministers, monks, sisters, brothers, priests, and deacons, may they commit News of Jesus Christ; we pray to the Lord...

Please pray for the sick of the parish and their family members, especially: Bill Hawes, Viola Izydorczak, 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, Francis LaClair, baby Isla Smith, Grayson Sanders, Deb Smith & Lorraine Sylvester

** YOUR PARISH OFFERING **

Funds needed per week in February for Expenses: \$5,162

In Pew 2/5/2023

Sunday Collection

\$ 4,923

The gift of your donation allows us to continue the mission of Christ here at St. Teresa's. Thank you for your generosity.

Catholic Charities Update
Parish Goal: \$40,000
Current Total: \$8,390



We have reached 20% of our goal with 44 donors!
Thank you for your generosity!

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - FEBRUARY 19, 2023

LENTEN SCHEDULE

ASH WEDNESDAY - February 22 - Mass with distribution of Ashes at 4:30 PM
Poor Man's Supper - Following Ash Wednesday Mass
Stations of the Cross - Every Friday During Lent

Lenten Reminders: Abstinence - All Catholics 14 and older are bound to abstain totally from meat on the following days: Ash Wednesday, all Fridays of Lent and Good Friday. Fasting - All Catholics between their 18th and 59th birthdays are also bound to observe on the following days: Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. This involves limiting oneself to a single full meal and avoiding food between meals. Light sustenance may be taken on two other occasions in the course of the day. Easter Duty - After they have been initiated into the Most Holy Eucharist, all the faithful are bound by the obligation of receiving Communion at least once a year. This must be fulfilled during the Easter season, unless for a good reason it is fulfilled at another time during the year. This obligation may be fulfilled between February 26, 2023 (First Sunday of Lent) and June 4, 2023 (Trinity Sunday).

Lenten Reflection Retreat - Please join in Bishop Robert Barron's "*Conversion Following the Call of Christ*" *Word on Fire Study* led by Rose Elliott for 6 weeks starting Wednesday, March 1st, following 5:30 Mass.

Poor Man's Supper - The women's guild invites parishioners to our Lenten Meal after 4:30 mass on Ash Wednesday. A simple meal of homemade soups (gluten free choice available) with bread, and beverage provided.



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 items, baby diapers. Thank you for your generosity and thoughtfulness! Boxes are available in the narthex until March 5th.

Religious Education: When we look at the two beams of the Cross, think of the vertical beam representing our relationship with God and the horizontal beam representing our relationship with others. Let us hold each other in prayer and offer our needs to God.

Please Note: Fr. Art will be on vacation February 28 - March 4. There will be no daily Masses held at St. Teresa's during his vacation. Please join our sister Parishes for daily Mass. Our Lady of Peace in Clarence has weekday Mass on Mon 8:00 AM, Tue-Thu 6:30 & 8:00 AM, Fri 6:30 AM. St. Maximilian Kolbe weekday Mass is Monday and Friday - 8:00 AM at Corfu Site; Tuesday and Thursday - 8:00 AM at E. Pembroke Site; Wednesday - 7:00 PM at Corfu Site. Fr. David Borowiak will be present for the weekend Masses. The rectory office will remain open.

The Women's Bible Study Group will return Friday, February 24th @ 8:45 am in the Parish Meeting Room. Ladies feel free to join us on a seven week study on the *Book of Ruth*. Any questions, you can call Lori @585-409-3133.

Eucharistic Minister Training Session
Saturday, March 11, 2023
St. Gregory the Great Gathering Space
10:00 am to 12:00 pm

Reservations are required. Please call the parish office if you are interested in becoming a Eucharistic Minister at St. Teresa's.

Join **Dr. Scott Hahn** for a Free Lenten video study beginning on Ash Wednesday! In 1 Peter 1:16, we're reminded of our call to holiness. You shall be holy, for I am holy. But what is holiness? In Scott Hahn's newest Bible study, watch as he traces the meaning of holiness from its origins in Scripture to its appearance in our lives today. In twelve lessons, this study explores the Scriptural encounters with the Divine-the burning bush, the ark of the covenant, the burning coal and more! To learn more about this exciting new study go to stpaulcenter.com/holystudy.

Looking to deepen your reflection during the upcoming Lent? Ever thought of checking out the St. Teresa of Avila lending library? We've relocated to the first room on the right in the school when you are coming from the Church. It is currently a work in progress as we update our collection. The library will be open for approximately one hour after each weekend Mass, starting Saturday, February 25th. Stop in and peruse. And by all means, if you've recently encountered a book that inspired you, please stop by and share a recommendation.

Upcoming Dates to Remember

- **Sunday, February 19** - Youth Group Meeting
- **Sunday, February 19** - No Religious Education Classes Due to the Holiday
- **Tuesday, February 21** - Bible Study in Room 1 of the school 8:45 am or 7 pm
- **Wednesday, February 22** - Poor Man's Supper following 4:30 Ash Wednesday Mass
- **Friday, February 24** - Women's Group, 8:45 AM in the Parish Meeting Room
- **Saturday, February 25** - Pro-Life Prayer Group, 9:30 am, in the parking lot near the Blessed Mother Mary statue
- **Weekend of February 25/26** - Parish Library open 1 hour after each weekend Mass
- **Sunday, February 26** - Religious Education Classes 9:00 am - 10:00 am and 11:15 am - 12:30 pm

VOCATION VIEW

"Do you not know that you are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?" Holy things should be used for a holy purpose. Serve the Gospel with your life! Contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit buffalovocations.org



My mother said, "You won't amount to anything because you procrastinate." I said, "Just wait."



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

"You know well enough that Our Lord does not look so much at the greatness of our actions, nor even at their difficulty, but at the love with which we do them."

St. Therese of Lisieux //