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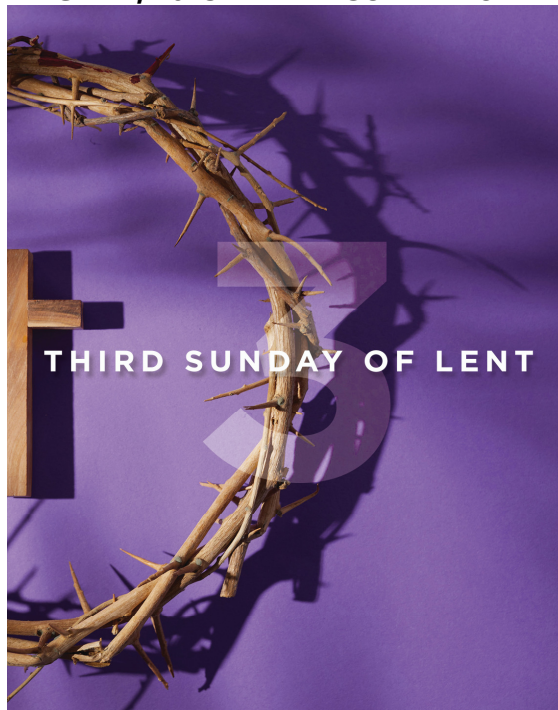
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MISSION STATEMENT

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.



MARCH 12, 2023 - THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



MASS SCHEDULE

<i>Sunday Liturgies</i>	8:00 AM, 10:15 AM
<i>Saturday Vigil</i>	4:30 PM
<i>Daily Mass</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 3:00 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., March 13

8:00 Kathy Burt - Birthday Blessings - *by Mary Olsen*

Tues., March 14

8:00 In Memory of Alfred Slazak *by Slazak Family*

Wed., March 15

5:30 Living & Deceased Members of the Aylin, Dahill, Dubiel & Noll Families *by Dahill Family*

Thurs., March 16

8:00 Sarah Berlinger *by The Larouere Family*

Fri., March 17 - St. Patrick

8:00 Msgr. Williamson on His Anniversary of Ordination *by St. Teresa Women's Guild*

Sat., March 18

9:00 Kathleen Handsgate *by Flumerfeldt Family*

4:30 Judith Bell Sr. *by Mike & Mary Charles*

Sun., March 19

8:00 Joseph Mattioli *by Family*

10:15 Jean Kisker *by Bill & Shirley Lantz & Family*



Scripture Readings For the Week

Monday - 2 Kings 5:1-15b
Luke 4:23-30

Tuesday - Daniel 3:25, 34-43
Matthew 18:21-35

Wednesday - Deuteronomy 4:1, 5-9
Matthew 5:17-19

Thursday - Jeremiah 7:23-28
Luke 11:14-23

Friday - Hosea 14:2-10
Mark 12:28-34

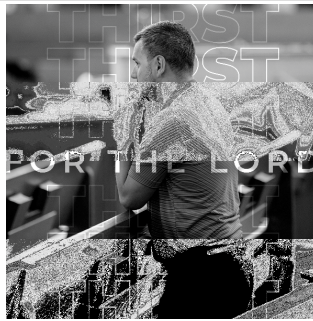
Saturday - Hosea 6:1-6
Luke 18:9-14

Sunday - 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a
Ephesians 5:8-14
John 9:1-41



Remember a loved one, living or deceased in a

special way with a Mass. Contact the parish office to reserve a date.

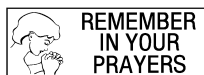


March 12, 2023
3rd Sunday of Lent

When I became the pastor of a large parish, I soon found myself, for the first time in my life, riddled with anxiety, headaches, difficulty making decisions, and fatigue. I called a therapist friend and told her my symptoms and asked if she thought I needed a serious medical exam. She said, "How much water do you drink?" I told her, "I haven't had time to drink water lately." She responded, "You're chronically dehydrated. Drink eighty-five ounces a day and call me in a week." I started guzzling water and in a week all my symptoms went away. I felt great. Like me, the people in the Exodus wanderings were dehydrated. But unlike me, they knew it. Their symptoms were bad. They fight with each other. They accuse God of being a monster who wants them and their children to die of thirst. Their thirst drives them to plot the bloody assassination of the man who rescued them. God responds by using Moses to strike a rock from which rivers of living waters flow to quench their thirst for years to come. The Holy Spirit is the living water of love which flows from the pierced side of Jesus, the new Moses. What symptoms in your life suggest you're spiritually dehydrated? Anger at God? Cynicism at your leaders? Bitter rivalry and bickering with others? Don't panic. Of course we have those symptoms. Ask God to provide his water to quench your spiritual thirst, and he will. And all those symptoms will soon disappear. .

— Father John Muir

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For the success of the Catholic Charities Appeal 2023; we pray to the Lord....

Please pray for the sick of the parish and their family members, especially: Sarah Berlinger, Viola Izydorczak, Gary Karaskiewicz, Louis Pulvino, Austin Penn, Jim & Joe Vasi, Sterling McCarriagher, Virginia Maloney, Bob Tiedt, Jean Ottney, Shirley Lantz, Donna Stock, Rita Whalen, Laura Gray, baby Isla Smith, Grayson Sanders, & Lorraine Sylvester

**** YOUR PARISH OFFERING ****

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

In Pew 2/26/2023

Sunday Collection \$ 4,886.00

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: \$18,090



We have reached 45% of our goal with 75 donors!
Thank you for your generosity!

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT - MARCH 12, 2023

Religious Education: What do those letters mean? We ask what the letters *IHS* stand for? These are the first three letters of Jesus' name in Greek. What do the letters above Jesus head (INRI) on the Cross stand for? An abbreviation of the Latin phrase "Jesus Nazarenus Rex Iudaeorum," that is "Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews."

St. Teresa's Youth Ministry Easter Plant Sale - Order deadline is March 19th and plant pick up will be March 25th & 26th. All plants are \$10 each. Parishioners can purchase a plant as a Memorial for someone and it will decorate the church for the Easter Holiday. All memorials will be printed on a prayer list and included on an easel board displayed at the back of church.

St. Teresa's Easter Egg Hunt - Saturday, March 25th at 10:00 am in the front of the school. Please come to the Parish Hall to register and make some crafts before we begin. Children must be able to collect on their own. Bring a bag or basket. We will be separating groups by age. Event will be held outside, dress for the weather. Event sponsored by Youth Ministry.

Saint Patrick's Day - Bishop Michael W. Fisher has given a commutation of the requirement to abstain from meat on Fridays during Lent for St. Patrick's Day. Those who choose to eat meat on Friday, March 17th are obliged to choose another day before March 24, 2023 to abstain from eating meat.

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.

Two-Day Lenten Mission - The Beloved Disciples of Christ the Lord Family of Parishes will sponsor a Two-Day Lenten Mission entitled "A Journey to Joy" on March 20, and March 21, at 7:00 p.m. The mission, presented by Emmy-nominated performer Frank Runyeon, will be held at St. Martha Church, 10 French Road, Depew, NY 14043, (716) 684-6342.

23RD Annual Lenten Series - Monday, May 13, "Sinner to Saint": Anthony Hinshaw will talk about The Journey from Sinner to Saint. The lecture will be on Monday, March 13th at 7:30 p.m. at St. John the Baptist Church, 1085 Englewood Ave, Kenmore, NY 14223. No cost! No reservations required! Come and bring a friend!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS - Day of Prayer - Tuesday, March 28th, St. Teresa's, in celebration of the Diocese of Buffalo's 175th Anniversary, will have 24 hours of Adoration. Watch for more details.

Upcoming Dates to Remember

- **Weekend of March 11/12** - Parish Library open 1 hour after each weekend Mass
- **Sunday, March 12** - Religious Education Classes 9:00 am - 10:00 am and 11:15 am - 12:30 pm
- **Wednesday, March 15** - Lenten Retreat in the rectory meeting room at 6 pm
- **Thursday, March 16** - Parish Council Meeting in the Parish Hall, 7 pm
- **Friday, March 17** - Women's Group, 8:45 AM in the Parish Meeting Room
- **Saturday, March 18** - Pro-Life Prayer Group, 9:30 am, in the parking lot near the Blessed Mother Mary statue
- **Sunday, March 19** - Religious Education Classes 9:00 am - 10:00 am and 11:15 am - 12:30 pm
- **Sunday, March 19** - Easter Plant Orders are due

A NIGHT WITH
CHRIS STEFANICK

DATE: Wednesday, May 31st
TIME: 7:00PM
LOCATION: St. Gregory the Great

Chesterton Academy of Buffalo and Renew 716 are pleased to present to you the next event in our Revive Speaker Series.

We are excited to bring **Chris Stefanick**, a dynamic speaker dedicated to reengaging a generation, to Western New York!

Revive seeks to be an instrument for renewal of Catholic culture through annual events focusing on prayer, praise, and engaging presenters who challenge and enrich our faith.

Tickets are \$40 per person. Please call 716/674-8101 or visit www.buffalochestertonacademy.org or scan the QR Code.

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

*In re The Diocese of Buffalo, N.Y.,
Case No. 20-10322*

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT, On February 28, 2020, The Diocese of Buffalo, N.Y. ("Diocese") filed for protection under chapter 11 of title 11 of the United States Code (the "Bankruptcy Code").

The Court entered an Order (the "Supplemental Bar Date Order") setting April 17, 2023, at 11:59 P.M. (prevailing Eastern time) (the "Supplemental Bar Date") as the deadline to assert claims against the Diocese arising from or relating to abuse that occurred when the survivor was 18 years of age or older, and which, prior to the enactment of the Adult Survivors Act (S.66A/A.648A) would have been subject to a statute of limitations defense ("Adult Claims").

If you have an Adult Claim against the Diocese you must file a claim on or before the Supplemental Bar Date.

ANY CLAIM FILED PURSUANT TO THE SUPPLEMENTAL BAR DATE ORDER SHALL BE WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO THE RIGHT OF ANY PARTY IN INTEREST TO ASSERT OBJECTIONS TO ANY CLAIM OR ITS TIMELINESS.

Please visit <https://case.stretto.com/diocesefofbuffalo> or call (855) 292-7696 for more information on how to file your proof of claim.

IF YOU DO NOT TIMELY FILE A PROOF OF CLAIM, YOU MAY FORFEIT YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE ON ANY PLAN OF REORGANIZATION AND TO SHARE IN ANY DISTRIBUTIONS TO CREDITORS IN CONNECTION WITH THE DIOCESE'S CHAPTER 11 CASE.

LENT

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Reconciliation Service

Rev. Walter J. Szczesny

Here at Our Lady of Peace Church

On Thursday, March 30, 2023

At 6:30PM

We welcome

St. Teresa of Avila, Akron

Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

St. Mary in Swornville

10950 Main St. Clarence, NY 14031
P. 716.759.8554

VOCATION VIEW - Lent is here - time to challenge ourselves to be holier. This year, don't just give something up - start a new life in ministry! Contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit buffalovocations.org

☺ Sign in restaurant window: "Eat now - Pay waiter."

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

"When pain overwhelms my soul, and the horizon darkens like night, and the heart is torn with the torment of suffering, Jesus Crucified, You are my strength."

St. Faustina Kowalska from her book *Divine Mercy in My Soul*