

# St. Teresa of Avila Church Est. 1869

MAY 28, 2023 - PENTECOST SUNDAY

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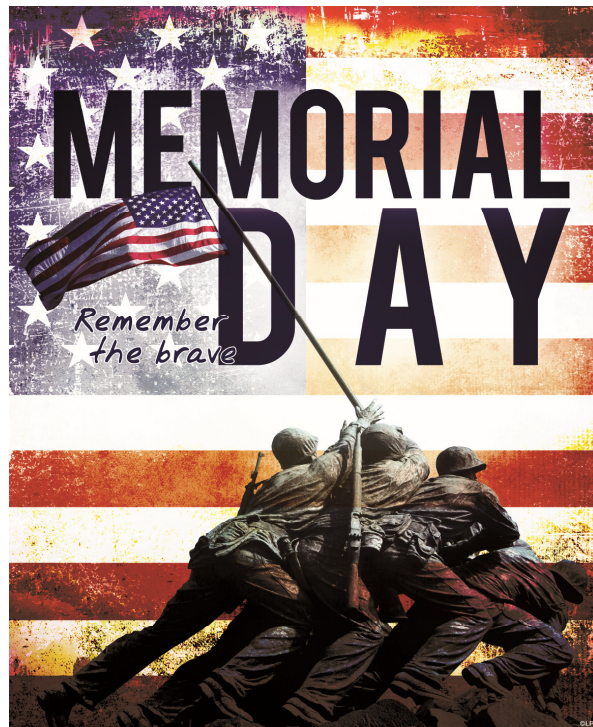
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## PARISH TRUSTEES

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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>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., May 29 - BVM Mother of Church

8:00 John & Helen Capan  
by Daughter

Tues., May 30

8:00 Angela Sevilla  
by Mom & Dad

Wed., May 31 - Visitation of BVM

5:30 Sacrament of Reconciliation

6:30 Mary Strollo  
by Strollo Family

Thurs., June 1 - St. Justin

8:00 For the People of St. Teresa's  
Parish by Fr. Art

Fri., June 2 - Sts. Marcellinus & Peter

8:00 Matt Olsen  
by Mary Olsen

Sat., June 3 - Sts. Charles Lwanga &  
Companions

9:00 Sarah Berlinger  
by Larouere Family

4:30 Wanda Pagels  
by Bergman Family

Sun., June 4

8:00 For the Repose of the Soul of  
Alex & Florence Demer  
by Larry & Lori Reisdorf

10:15 Bernard Thoma - 4th  
Anniversary of Death  
by Barb Thoma



## Scripture Readings For the Week

Monday - Genesis 3:9-15, 20  
Acts 1:12-14  
John 19:25-34

Tuesday - Sirach 35:1-12  
Mark 10:28-31

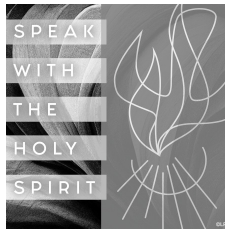
Wednesday - Zephaniah 3:14-18a  
Luke 1:39-56

Thursday - Sirach 42:15-25  
Mark 10:46-52

Friday - Sirach 44:1, 9-13  
Mark 11:11-26

Saturday - Sirach 51:12cd-20  
Mark 11:27-33

Sunday - Exodus 34:4b-6, 8-9  
2 Corinthians 13:11-13  
John 3:16-18



May 28, 2023  
Pentecost Sunday

I hope you'll acknowledge with me a simple fact: it's not normal to have tongues of fire "part and come to rest" on people. It is actually pretty strange. Yet that is precisely what we celebrate in this feast of Pentecost. How can this mean something to us in our daily lives?

Jews had a tradition that heaven is a temple made of bricks of fire. So, through the apostles, the heavenly temple is coming to earth. But this fire looks like tongues, not bricks. That means that heavenly speech will be crucial to building a dwelling place for God on earth among men and women. So, it's no surprise when the apostles begin to speak in a miraculous way that is understood by all language groups. They are speaking of what God has done in and through Jesus: bringing heaven to earth and uniting all peoples to God and to each other.

How often our speech divides: gossip, slander, insults, and so on. How strange and rare it is when people speak in ways that truly unite instead of divide. Imagine how powerful it would be if you and I began to speak at home, at work, and in our community in a way that made people hear heavenly speech. Imagine if you spoke of the mighty deeds of God in a way that everyone could understand. That's precisely what the Holy Spirit descends upon us to do. Ask Him to come as a tongue of fire to you once again, and He will. Then speak!

— Father John Muir

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For people throughout the world who live with the reality of crime, trauma, and barbarous actions, may the Lord offer them safety, strength, and consolation; we pray to the Lord....

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

### \*\* YOUR PARISH OFFERING \*\*

Funds needed per week in May for Expenses: \$ 5,325

In Pew 5/14/2023

### Sunday Collection

**\$4,104**

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: \$ 44,830

We have reached 112% of our goal with 127 donors!  
Thank you for your generosity!

**Religious Education:** Children may wonder what “Pentecost” means. Fifty days after Easter is basic, but those “tongues of fire”? Can we be less timid, less doubtful if we place ourselves in that room with the disciples? Can we as adults trust in the presence and the power of God and be followers of Our Lord with our children beside us!

**Memorial Day Mass** will be held at St. Teresa’s cemetery on Bloomingdale Road by the Statue in the new part of the cemetery weather permitting. Mass is scheduled for 8 AM. Please bring your own chair.

**Healing Mass** with the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick and the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Wednesday, May 31st. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be held between 5:30 and 6:30 with the Mass starting at 6:30 p.m. All are welcome to bring your spiritual, physical and emotional ailments in need of healing to Jesus.

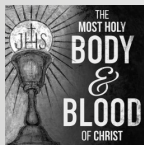
**Please Note:** The office will be closed on Friday, June 2.

**Upcoming Dates to Remember**

- **Monday, May 29** - Memorial Day Outdoor Mass weather permitting at St. Teresa Cemetery, 8 AM
- **Wednesday, May 31** - Healing Mass at 6:30 with the Sacrament of Reconciliation one hour prior to the start of Mass
- **Friday, June 2** - Women’s Bible Study Group meets at 8:45 am in the Rectory Meeting Room.
- **Saturday, June 3** - Pro-Life Prayer Group, 9:30 am, in the parking lot near the Blessed Mother Mary statue
- **Sunday, June 11** - Corpus Christi Procession, 1:30 PM

At St Teresa of Avila we look forward to hosting this year’s **Family of Parishes Corpus Christi Celebration!**

We extend a special invitation to All First Communion Recipients to lead our procession in their First Communion attire. Join us:



At: 5771 Buell St, Akron, NY 14001  
 On: June 11th 2023  
 Time: 1:30pm

For a procession to each Parish’s altar and a public display of our adoration of The Blessed Eucharist. We will, weather pending, explore the beautiful grounds here at St Teresa’s. A reception will follow. See you There!

**Father’s Day Lottery Raffle** - Tickets will be sold after Masses on the weekends of June 4, 11 and 18 and also at Pixley’s on Saturday, June 3, 10 & 17. The drawing will beheld on June 18th for \$100 in cash and \$150 in Lottery tickets. Proceeds to be used for the projects of the Women’s Guild.

**Chicken BBQ** - June 11, 11 AM - 1 PM at St. Padre Pio Parish, 56 Maple Ave, Oakfield. Meals include 1/2 chicken, salt potatoes, beans, “Pat Kelly” roll, cookie. Call the Church Office at 585-948-5344 for tickets. Sponsored by St. Padre Pio Mens Group.


**Revive: A Night With Chris Stefanick** - Wednesday, May 31, 7 PM, at St. Gregory the Great Church, 200 St. Gregory Ct. Chris Stefanick will be here to help our generations renewal to Catholic culture through annual events focusing on challenging and enriching our youth and those who want to grow in their faith. Tickets \$40.

**Join Magnificat Ministry to Catholic Women** for a lively morning of praise, testimony, prayer, and a shared meal, June 10, 9:45 am-12:10 pm at M Hotel Buffalo, 2040 Walden Ave., Cheektowaga. We welcome Bishop Michael Fisher, who will share the importance of trusting in God’s love and mercy in answering the Father’s call to the priesthood and into this especially challenging time. Pre-registration is necessary. For information and cost, call Chris Holden at 716-759-8135 or register online at <https://magnificat-ministry.net/>, click on “Chapters” and “Buffalo, New York.”

**Celebrate 100 Years with Camp Turner!** Kids 7-16 years old can attend a week of overnight camp this summer. <https://www.campturner.com/> to register. On July 13, Camp Turner alumni will meet up to share memories and stories at Mr. Goodbar, Elmwood Ave., Buffalo, 5-9 pm. Festivities for alumni July 15 beginning at 1 pm, Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Michael Fisher at 4 pm, dinner, and a campfire. To sign up, visit [www.campturner.com/events](http://www.campturner.com/events). Additional information, contact Scott Weigley, OLV Charities’ Director of Strategic Community Engagement, [sweigley@olvcharities.org](mailto:sweigley@olvcharities.org) or 716-828-9657.

**VOCATION VIEW**

“As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” The question is, what is Jesus sending you out to do? If your mission is a Church vocation, contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit [buffalovocations.org](http://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.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
 THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

“The disciples devoted themselves with one accord to prayer with Mary, the Mother of Jesus.”

Acts 1:14



A highway patrolman pulled alongside a speeding car on the highway. Looking at the car, he was astounded to see that the elderly woman behind the wheel was knitting. The trooper cranked down his window and yelled to the driver, “Pull over!” “No!” the woman yelled back, “Cardigan!”