

St. Teresa of Avila Church

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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
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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., June 26

8:00 Helen Capan
by Daughter

Tues., June 27 - St. Cyril

8:00 Ed & Dorothy Maguder
by Family

Wed., June 28 - St. Irenaeus

5:30 In Memory of Gertrude Bartels
& Andrew Korszykowski
by Estate of Gertrude Bartels

Thurs., June 29 - Sts. Peter & Paul

8:00 Intentions for Fathers

Fri., June 30 - First Martyrs of the Church

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

Sat., July 1 - St. Junipero Serra

9:00 Gary Karaskiewicz
by Amy & Tom Bergman

4:30 Sarah Berlinger
by The Larouere Family

Sun., July 2

8:00 Judy Abraham
by Kathy & bob Penn

10:15 Sister Gerard's Anniversary
Of Final Profession
by St. Teresa Women's Guild



Scripture Readings For the Week

Monday - Genesis 12:1-9
Matthew 7:1-5

Tuesday - Genesis 13:2, 5-18
Matthew 7:6, 12-14

Wednesday - Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18
Matthew 7:15-20

Thursday - Acts 12:1-11
2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18
Matthew 16:13-19

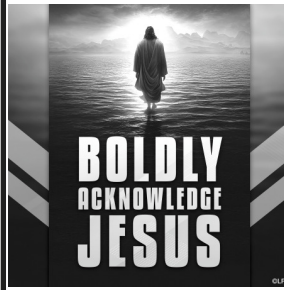
Friday - Genesis 17:9-10, 15-22
Matthew 8:1-4

Saturday - Genesis 18:1-15
Matthew 8:5-17

Sunday - 2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16a
Romans 6:3-4, 8-11
Matthew 10:37-42



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



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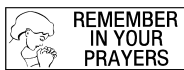
12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

When I was in middle school, there were times I didn't want my fellow students to see my parents drop me off or pick me up in the school parking lot. I was embarrassed of my parents. Why? I have no idea. Maybe it was our station wagon. Or I didn't want to look like a little kid. But in retrospect that was a silly thing to do. I was a kid. And I had two parents who loved me and had built a wonderful family. I was afraid of the other kids' judgment. How silly! I should have been afraid of forgetting or downplaying my family, which is where my identity had its deep roots.

This is a way to understand Jesus' words to his disciples this Sunday, when he says, "Don't be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, be afraid of the one who can destroy both soul and body in Gehenna." Fear, in this sense, refers to where we find our deepest identity and our highest love. That's why Jesus says next that when we acknowledge him before others, he will acknowledge us before the Father. It doesn't mean we're brash or boastful. But rather we unhesitatingly and humbly embrace our identity as followers of Jesus and children of God the Father. After all, if we love who we are and where we come from, who cares what the other kids think about us?

- Father John Muir

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For young people preparing to enter Marriage, and for all whom the Lord is calling to another state in life; 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, Jean Ottney, Shirley Lantz, Rita Whalen, Laura Gray, and for the repose of the soul of Donna Stock.

Please also pray for the sacredness of all human life from conception until natural death.

** YOUR PARISH OFFERING **

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

In Pew 6/11/2023

Sunday Collection

\$ 4,989

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



Join us on Sunday, July 9th for a special blessing for young people with a driver's license, as well as drivers of all ages, at the 10:15 AM Mass. Anyone who wishes their car blessed, join Fr. Art in the parking lot following Mass.

Religious Education: Register your children for Religious Education classes! Our program begins with kindergarten and continues as the children mature and grow into Eleventh graders. Pick up a form from the yellow folder in the back of the church or go to www.stredakron.wordpress.com for registration or for more information.

VOLUNTEER



Looking For Volunteers - Brothers of Mercy would like to welcome back our St. Teresa's Cookie Social with no mask or testing requirements. Volunteers would bring a small plate of cookies and meet at Brothers on the third Saturday of each month from 10 to 11 am starting in July. Please call Sheila Ernst at 716-542-1144 if interested.

Retreat to Disciples of Divine Mercy in the Holy Face of Jesus in Orchard Park Wednesday, July 12, from 9-3 - All ladies of the parish are invited to attend. Topic is "What did Jesus Say About Getting to Heaven." Cost is \$35 for breakfast and lunch. Reservations by July 5. Interested call Lori at 585-409-3133.

The Men's Group would like to invite all men of the parish to a Bison's baseball game on June 30th. Sign-up sheets are available in the vestibule.

Congratulations to the winner of the Father's Day Lottery Raffle, Patty Keppler of St. Teresa's Parish. Thank you to all who purchased tickets to help support the Women's Guild with their efforts to build spiritual camaraderie within our parish, the Akron-Newstead community, our city and internationally.



St. Teresa's is happy to announce the upcoming wedding nuptials of Kaitlyn Stachowiak & Mark Willadsen on Friday, July 14 and Karen Vlahos & Nicholas Downs on July 15th. Congratulations to both Kaitlyn & Mark and Karen & Nick! May God Bless their marriages.

Vocation View - Do not be afraid! Jesus says that twice in today's Gospel. But are we afraid that following Him will cost too much? Never fear, God always gives back more than He requires. Seek His plan for your life, and if it involves the seminary contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit bufalovocations.org

Our Lady of Fatima Outdoor Procession Services every month through October 13. Join us at the Sacred Heart Parish Shrine & Diocesan Shrine, 5337 Genesee St., Bowmansville for Holy Mass, Rosary and Procession with the Statue of Our Lady of Fatima. Upcoming monthly dates are: June 13 at 6:30 pm; July 13 at 6:30 pm; August 13 at 11 am; September 13 at 6:30 pm; and October 13 at 6:30 pm. Bring a lawn chair if you are unable to process but would like to join us in prayer. Rain or shine services. For more information, call 716-683-2375.

Lakeside Day Retreats: Branches Christian Rest and Renewal Centers, Inc. invites you for a day of rest and renewal at our Seneca Lake property. Our 2023 Summer schedule is:

- "Eucharistic Revival: A Eucharistic People Living a Eucharistic Life, with 3 pm Mass" - Friday, July 14 - facilitated by Lena Shipley; Mass celebrated by Rev. Anthony Amato.

Healing Mass - National Shrine Basilica Our Lady of Fatima, 1023 Swann Rd., Lewiston, July 1st at 4 pm and July 2nd at 6:30 pm with Fr. Andre Patenaude, MS. Please join "Fr. Pat," the Singing Priest.



My three-year-old daughter stuck out her hand and said, "Look at the fly I killed, Mommy." Since she was eating a juicy pickle at the time, I thrust her contaminated hands under the faucet and washed them with antibacterial soap. After sitting her down to finish her pickle, I asked, with a touch of awe, "How did you kill that fly all by yourself?" Between bites, she said, "I hit it with my pickle."

Upcoming Dates to Remember

- Friday, June 30 - Men's Group to the Bison's Baseball Game
- Saturday, July 1 - First Saturday - Rosary before the 9 am Mass and Confessions from 8:15-8:45 am and 3:00-4 pm
- Saturday, July 1 - Pro-Life Prayer Group, 9:30 am, in the parking lot near the Blessed Mother Mary statue
- REMINDER - Donations are being accepted for the Akron/Newstead Food Pantry in the Vestibule. They are in need of peanut butter & jelly.

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presents

A Trip to
The Polish American Festival
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 **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:**

"To do penance means above all to reestablish the balance and harmony broken by sin, to change direction even at the cost of sacrifice."

Pope St. John Paul II from
Reconciliatio et Paenitentia