

St. Teresa of Avila Church Est. 1869

JULY 2, 2023 - 13TH 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.



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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., July 3 - St. Thomas

8:00 Sister Ruth's Anniversary
Of Final Profession
by St. Teresa Women's Guild

Tues., July 4 - St. Elizabeth

8:00 In Memory of Gertrude Bartels
& Andrew Korszykowski
by Estate of Gertrude Bartels

Wed., July 5

5:30 In Memory of Geraldine Benker
by Benker Family

Thurs., July 6

8:00 Intentions for Mothers

Fri., July 7

8:00 Matt Olsen
by Mary Olsen

Sat., July 8

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

4:30 Sarah Berlinger
by The Larouere Family

Sun., July 9

8:00 Joan Ries & Family
by Ron Schunk & Dona Hartman
& Family

10:15 Catherine Fiegl
by Family



Scripture Readings For the Week

Monday - Ephesians 2:19-22
John 20:24-29

Tuesday - Genesis 19:15-29
Matthew 8:23-27

Wednesday - Genesis 21:5, 8-20a
Matthew 8:28-34

Thursday - Genesis 22:1b-19
Matthew 9:1-8

Friday - Genesis 23:1-4, 19;24:1-8,
62-67
Matthew 9:9-13

Saturday - Genesis 27:1-5, 15-29
Matthew 9:14-17

Sunday - Zechariah 9:9-10
Romans 8:9, 11-13
Matthew 11:25-30



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

Dear Parish Family,



PASTORAL SHARINGS

This weekend I begin my ministry as Pastor of our family. While I wish I could be at all four parishes this weekend, that is not a miracle I'm capable of performing, yet! I promise to work at that but until then I ask for you to be patient with me. Patience! That is a virtue which is going to be very necessary for all of us, especially me. We need to be patient with each other, patient with the Road to Renewal team, and patient with the Road to Renewal process.

I am very excited to be finally starting my ministry here in Akron/Clarence. It seems like forever since I was first asked to consider coming to this family back in late April. Like Fr. Luke, who loved his time at St. Mary's, I loved my assignment at Infant of Prague and was very sad to be giving it up. I will miss all the wonderful people in Cheektowaga with whom I journeyed through the pandemic with. At the same time, I am happy and excited about meeting all the wonderful people in our four parishes.

The months of May and June have been filled with uncertainty and many unknowns. But I promise, we will face these uncertain times together with faith, courage, and patience. We are the Roman Catholic Church. Our ancestors overcame all adversity to promote and carry on the faith. We will do the same.

You probably have many questions about the Road to Renewal. So do I! Together we will find answers to our questions and a path forward for our parishes, our diocese, and our family. Hopefully all will become clearer. The Road to Renewal team promise me answers and clarity, and I plan on holding them to it. At this point you are probably wondering about who I am. Well, this article isn't meant to cover that, but I thought I'd share some low hanging fruit about me. My favorite food is Tater Tots. I prefer hamburgers and hot dogs, to steak and lobster. But if I'm forced to, I will eat steak and lobster. Some say I'm a picky eater, I prefer to see myself as a simple eater. Think of this this way: I graduated kindergarten, but my taste palette did not or so I am told.

Perhaps a comparison will help. One of my favorite childhood stories is Winnie the Pooh. I seem to be able to identify with many of the characters. I used to be like dysthymic (low energy) Eeyore, now, at times, I am effulgent Tigger, but mostly I am pensive Winnie the Pooh concerned about running low on honey. Finally, and most importantly, I want to thank God the Father, for giving me the gift of sharing in His Son's priesthood and for giving me the opportunity to journey with you, the People of God, filled with the Holy Spirit, through this life.

"The Lord bless you and keep you! The Lord let his face shine upon you, and be gracious to you! The Lord look upon you kindly and give you peace!"

St Mary, pray for us! St. Teresa of Avila, pray for us! All holy men and women, pray for us!

AMDG,

Fr. Tom



REMEMBER
IN YOUR
PRAYERS

For all who are traveling: that God will guide them safely to their destinations and protect them from all harm; 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, and Laura Gray.



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: This holiday weekend our parish parking lot is filled to capacity with folks who hope to get a good view of the fireworks. Let's fill up our parking lot every weekend as we come to Mass with hearts full of gratitude to God who loves us and cares for us.

Next Weekend we welcome Fr. Roy Chettany who will join us to speak on behalf of the Mission Cooperative Appeal.

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 parking lot will be open on July 3rd for parking during the fireworks. A "MEAL DEAL" will be available from 5 till 9. The meal consists of a Hot Dog, Bag of Chips and a Water for \$5.00. Bottles of additional water will be \$1.00 each. Proceeds go to St. Teresa's Parish.



Newstead is celebrating its 200th Anniversary this week with lots of great events scheduled! As part of the celebration, there will be a Business Bazaar prior to the BPO Concert in Veterans Park July 5th starting at 4:30 pm. Rich & Andrea Gleason have graciously agreed to represent St. Teresa's at this event. Stop under the tent to say hello!



St. Teresa's Anniversary Mass for couples celebrating milestone anniversaries in 2023 will be held on Sunday, August 20th at 10:15 am.

St. Teresa's Family Picnic will be held on Sunday, August 13th.



Looking For Volunteers - Brothers of Mercy would like to welcome back our St. Teresa's Cookie Social. 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.



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.

Please Note: The office will be closed on Friday, July 7th.



A traveling salesman, caught in a torrential rainstorm, stopped overnight at a farmhouse. In the morning, he looked out on a flood coursing through the front yard. He watched pieces of fence, chicken coops, branches, and an old straw hat floating past with the current. Then he saw the straw hat come back, upstream past the house! Then he saw it go down again. Pretty soon it came back upstream—and by now the salesman wondered if he had gone crazy. Finally he called the farmer's daughter. "Oh," she said, after a glance out the window, "that must be Grandpa. He said yesterday that in spite of heck or high water he was going to mow the yard today."

**** YOUR PARISH OFFERING ****

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

In Pew 6/18/2023

Sunday Collection

\$ 3,964

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

Upcoming Dates to Remember

- **Monday, July 3** - Fireworks "Meal Deal" in the parking lot from 5-9 pm
- **Saturday, July 8** - Pro-Life Prayer Group, 9:30 am, in the parking lot near the Blessed Mother Mary statue
- **Sunday, July 9** - Blessing of drivers and cars, 10:15 Mass
- **Sunday, July 8 & 9** - Mission Cooperative Appeal

Vocation View

God bless America! We are "one nation, under God, indivisible," but people tend to forget that middle part. We need priests, deacons, religious, and lay ministers to remind us of our sacred duties to God & country. Is God inviting you to a Church vocation? 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.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

"Lord...remind us today that You have shown us what is good in what You require of us; to do justly, to love mercy and to walk humbly with our God. We ask that as a people, we may humble ourselves before You and seek Your will for our lives and for this great nation. Help us in our nation to work as never before to strengthen our families and to give our children hope and a moral foundation for the future. So may our desire be to serve You, and in so doing serve one another. This we pray in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit."

By Billy Graham