

# St. Teresa of Avila Church Est. 1869

JULY 16, 2023 - 15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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**MISSION STATEMENT**

We, the Catholic faith community of Saint 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.



Thank you to the Events Committee for their hard work at the hot dog cookout on the 4th of July!



**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 Deacon.

**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 17

8:00 Intentions for Mothers

Tues., July 18 - St. Camilus DeLellis

8:00 Dearly Departed Souls

Wed., July 19

5:30 **Geraldine Benker**  
by *Benker Family*

Thurs., July 20 - St. Apollinaris

8:00 Intentions for Mothers

Fri., July 21 - St. Lawrence

8:00 Intentions for Fathers

Sat., July 22 - St. Mary Magdalene

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

4:30 **Sarah Berlinger**  
by *The Larouere Family*

Sun., July 23

8:00 **Joan Ries & Family**  
by *Cheryl Dunmire*

10:15 **Bob Tiedt**  
by *Mary Ann & Jim Schneider*



## Scripture Readings For the Week

**Monday** - Exodus 1:8-14, 22  
Matthew 10:34 - 11:1

**Tuesday** - Exodus 2:1-15a  
Matthew 11:20-24

**Wednesday** - Exodus 3:1-6, 9-12  
Matthew 11:25-27

**Thursday** - Exodus 3:13-20  
Matthew 11:28-30

**Friday** - Exodus 11:10-12:14  
Matthew 12:1-8

**Saturday** - Song of Songs 3:1-4b  
John 20:1-2, 11-18

**Sunday** - Wisdom 12:13, 16-19  
Romans 8:26-27  
Matthew 13:24-43



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



July 16, 2023

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

It's not uncommon to hear people complain that we Catholics often fail in communicating our faith. Fair enough. We can and should improve there. But it's interesting to notice that Jesus himself was implicitly accused by his disciples of a similar failure. This week in Matthew's gospel they are perplexed that he speaks to the crowds in ambiguous parables. The Lord's riddles leave many people more confused than before. He responds by pointing out that his parables have an intentional dual purpose: to hide (for some) and to reveal (for others) his Gospel: "Because knowledge of the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven has been granted to you, but to them it has not been granted" (Matthew 13:11). Is Jesus being unnecessarily difficult, obscurantist, or, worse, elitist?

No. We have to remember that all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge lie hidden in him (c.f., Col. 2:3). He is the word of God from heaven to be planted in the earth of our humanity to bear great fruit. However, like a lover delicately pursuing his beloved, we're dealing with a relationship, not new data. When we aren't willing to personally accept Jesus into our lives, the "info" of the Gospel will simply not make sense to us. It'll seem bizarre, esoteric, or like incoherent religious-speak. But when we are willing to accept Jesus into our lives, everything else starts to make sense. When others don't understand the Church or the Lord, let's be patient. Love is patient. Sometimes it has to hide before it is revealed.

Father John Muir

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For the protection of all police and first responders who risk their lives daily to ensure our safety; for fair and just policing that will promote peace and wellbeing in all our neighborhoods; we pray to the Lord....

Please pray for the sick of the parish and their family members, especially: Kathryn Nicosia, Sarah Berlinger, Viola Izydorczak, Louis Pulvino, Austin Penn, Jim & Joe Vasi, Sterling McCarriagher, Jean Ottney, Shirley Lantz, Rita Whalen, and Laura Gray.

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

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

Funds needed per week in July for Expenses: \$4,700

In Pew 7/2/2023

**Sunday Collection**

**\$ 5,205**

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

**Religious Education:** Today is the final offer of a reduced registration fee for families. Kindly register your children as soon as possible. Notice the forms on the bulletin board as you leave church today (left hand side). Visit our website, [streledakron.wordpress.com](http://streledakron.wordpress.com), for many timely reminders.

**Women's Study Group Retreat** - Friday, August 4 to Branches on Seneca Lake from 9:30-4 with a Healing Mass at 3. Retreat topic is "Seeking the Peace of Christ." Cost is \$35 for breakfast and lunch. Reservations by July 28. Interested call Debbie at 716-361-9702.



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

**St. Mary's 174th Annual Parish Picnic Weekend** - Saturday, July 22, Race Day: 7 PM, Chowder Chase 5k run/3kwalk, register online [runsignup.com/race/ny/eastamherst/stmary](https://runsignup.com/race/ny/eastamherst/stmary); Wine & Beer Social, 6:30 to 11 pm; outdoor Mass 5:30 pm . Sunday, July 23, Picnic Day - 11:30 am to 5 pm, with famous kettle cooked chowder and Picnic Raffle, BW BBQ chicken dinners, food court, dessert bar, wine & beer garden, live music by Gimme Buffet, family entertainment and more. Visit [stmaryswormville.org](http://stmaryswormville.org) for more information.



**Bicentennial Quilt**

This beautiful quilt was made for the Town of Newstead Bicentennial by our very own Quilt Ministry, including area churches, who presented the quilt on Friday, June 30th. They were recognized for the wonderful job they did in creating this unique signature quilt. The quilt will be on display at the Town offices on Clarence Center Road.

**Vocation View** - Through the Holy Spirit, the sower scatters seed and bears fruit "one hundredfold." Consider a Church vocation and let God increase the reach of your words. Contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit [buffalovocations.org](http://buffalovocations.org)

**Mission Update** - All 41 of the children that we are helping at the mission in Timau, Kenya, are doing well. With the \$13,014. that we collected last November, we are providing under the Milk & Porridge program 2 servings of milk and porridge & a serving of either fruit or vegetables daily to 18 babies & toddlers. There are 23 youngsters attending St. Elizabeth's Elementary School at the mission because of the generosity of St. Teresa's parishioners. The Follow in School program pays for their tuition, books, uniform & 2 meals a day. Every penny the Women's Guild collected is used and is making a big difference in all 41 children's lives. All of these youngsters are orphans or are being cared for by a grandmother or mother who is unable to provide all their basic needs.

**SUMMER VBS 2023** - Stellar Shine Jesus' Light - St. John the Baptist, 2028 Sandridge Rd., Alden, July 31-August 4, 9-12, online registration [stjohnsalden.com](http://stjohnsalden.com).



I'm driving with this guy, and he runs right through a Stop sign. So I say, "Hey, that was a Stop sign." And he says, "I drive like my brother!" A few blocks later, he plows right through a red light. I say, "You just ran a red light." And he says, "I drive like my brother!" So now we're coming up on a green light, and he slows down. I'm confused, so I say, "It's green; why are you slowing down?" He says, "My brother might be coming."

**Upcoming Dates to Remember**

- **Saturday, July 15** - St. Teresa's Monthly Cookie Social, 10AM, Brothers Of Mercy
- **Saturday, July 22** - 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 cereal.

*You're invited*

St. Teresa of Avila  
**CHURCH MASS/PICNIC**  
10:15 Outdoor Mass  
Under the Tent  
Picnic to Follow

Sunday, August 13, 2023  
MASS | FOOD | FUN | GAMES / FAMILY  
\$5.00 Per Adult 18 & Older. All others Free  
BBQ Chicken, Corn on the Cob and Non Alcoholic Beverages Supplied - BYOB  
Please Sign Up for the Dish You Will Bring in Back of Church:  
Salads Q-Z, Sides A-I, Desserts J-P  
Questions or Reservations Email: [jdiggs@diggspro.com](mailto:jdiggs@diggspro.com)



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

*"If we truly love the poor, our first contact must be with Jesus, in the Blessed Sacrament. Then it will be easy to bring our love for Jesus to the poor."*

*St. Teresa of Calcutta  
from the book  
Love: A Fruit Always in Season*