

St. Teresa of Avila Church Est. 1869

AUGUST 6, 2023 - TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

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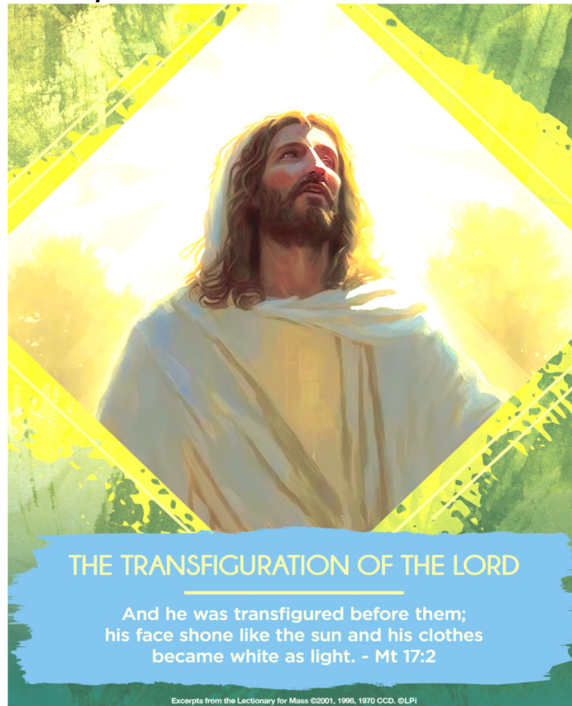
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MISSION STATEMENT

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.



MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday Liturgies8:00 AM, 10:15 AM
Saturday Vigil.....4:30 PM
Daily Mass8:00 AM, except Wednesday 5:30 PM
Saturday9:00 AM
Vigil of Holy Days5:30 PM
Holy Days8:00 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., August 7

8:00 Alfred Strollo
by *Strollo Family*

Tues., August 8 - St. Dominic

8:00 Dearly Departed

Wed., August 9 - St. Teresa

5:30 Intentions for Fathers

Thurs., August 10 - St. Lawrence

8:00 Bob Tiedt
by *Debbie Tiedt*

Fri., August 11 - St. Clare

8:00 Intentions for Mothers

Sat., August 12 - St. Jane Frances

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

4:00 Sarah Berlinger
by *The Larouere Family*

Sun., August 13

8:00 Joan Ries & Family
by *Jane Sparrow & Family*

10:15 In Memory of Bob Tiedt
by *Rich & Andrea Gleason*



Scripture Readings For the Week

Monday - Numbers 11:4b-15
Matthew 14:13-21

Tuesday - Numbers 12:1-13
Matthew 14:22-36

Wednesday - Numbers 13:1-2, 25-14:1,
26a-29a, 34-35
Matthew 15:21-28

Thursday - 2 Corinthians 9:6-10
John 12:24-26

Friday - Deuteronomy 4:32-40
Matthew 16:24-28

Saturday - Deuteronomy 6:4-13
Matthew 17:14-20

Sunday - 1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a
Romans 9:1-5
Matthew 14:22-33



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



August 6, 2023

The Transfiguration of the Lord

What is Christianity finally about? These days if you ask almost anyone who doesn't know the Bible you'll probably hear an answer like this: "Being a good person" or "following the golden rule." No offense to the golden rule, but our faith is simply much stranger than that. This week's feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord is a luminous example of this. Jesus becomes radiantly and overwhelmingly beautiful. The glory of God literally shines forth from his body and even his clothes. Here we see that Christianity is not mainly a moral system, but a relationship with God in Christ, one that finally makes human beings gloriously beautiful.

Now we can see our good and bad deeds in a new and de-centered way. Our morality isn't about a heaven or hell scorecard. It's about lives open (or closed) to transfiguration, lives capable of revealing the glory of God in Christ to the world. Spouses, children, friends, co-workers, priests, consecrated women and men, and so on – we are all called to let the beauty of Jesus make our lives beautiful, little by little. His beauty in us is the center of our faith.

– Father John Muir

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For people throughout the world who live with the reality of war, 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: 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: \$ 4,750

In Pew 7/23/2023

Sunday Collection

\$ 4,754

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



**Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Holy Day of Obligation**

Monday, August 15th

August 14th Vigil Mass 5:30 PM
Holy Day Masses 8:00 AM, 7:30 PM

Religious Education: Anyone in your family have a birthday this month? Remember that person by name in prayer the next time you are together in the car, at Mass, on the way for some ice cream.

St. Teresa's Anniversary Mass for couples celebrating milestone anniversaries in 2023 will be held on Sunday, August 20th at 10:15 am. If you are celebrating an anniversary, please place your return cards in the collection basket or in the mail before August 12th. Congratulations to all of our married couples!



St. Teresa's Outdoor Mass & Family Picnic - Sunday, August 13th at 10:15. This is the last weekend to purchase tickets for the picnic; cost \$5 for those over 18 and free to all who are younger. Please remember the signup sheets for a dish to pass for the picnic. This year we are asking those whose name begins with A-I to bring side dish; J-P to bring desserts; and Q-Z to bring salads. BBQ chicken, corn on the cob and beverages are supplied. Please remember to put your name on your serving items if you want them returned to you. There will be folding chairs set-up or you can bring your own chair. If you have any questions, email jdiggs@diggspro.com.

ST. TERESA'S WOMEN'S GUILD QUILTING MINISTRY KEEPS ON QUILTING -The quilting ministry has made & given out 936 prayer quilts since they started in July 2014. The quilts go to the sick, housebound & those that have suffered a loss. The ministry has distributed prayer quilts to members of our parish, people in the community, and some from outside our area as well as outside of the state. If you know of someone that would appreciate a prayer quilt please contact the church office at 542-9103 or contact Mary at 542-2081 or Mary Ellen at 542-1124. The quilters, members of St. Teresa's & several other local churches, meet at the First United Methodist Church on Church St. every Wednesday between 9:30 AM & 2:30 PM. Anyone interested in being a part of this ministry is welcome.

Fully Alive Holy Hour/Eucharistic Adoration - Come and spend an hour with the Lord, with praise, prayer, reflections, and quiet time. During this peaceful hour of Adoration, Friday, August 11th, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed beginning at 7:30 p.m. Closing Benediction takes place by 8:30 p.m.

Anointing of the Sick Healing Mass will be held on Wednesday, August 30th at 7 pm at St. Teresa, 5771 Buell St., Akron. Father Art Mattulke and Fr. Patrick O'Keefe cordially invite those afflicted with any ailment or need of special healing to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. Confessions will be heard prior to Mass from 5:30 to 6:30 pm.

Vocation View - "Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest." Many wonder how they could ever make the sacrifices that priesthood requires. But Jesus promises that his burden is light - because He's carrying the heaviest part of the load. Visit buffalovocations.org



My five-year-old, Matt, worked with a speech therapist on the ch sound, which came out k. The therapist asked him to say chicken. He responded with kitchen. They tried again and again, but it always came out kitchen. Undeterred, she pushed him for one more try. Matt sighed and said, "Why don't we just call it a duck?"

Is it time to plan your estate? Have you ever considered including a bequest to St. Teresa of Avila Church as part of your will or trust?

Upcoming Dates to Remember

- **Friday, August 11** - Fully Alive Holy Hour/Eucharistic Adoration from 7:30 - 8:30 pm
- **Saturday, August 12** - Pro-Life Prayer Group, 9:30 am, in the parking lot near the Blessed Mother Mary statue
- **Sunday, August 13** - Outdoor Mass & Family Picnic, 10:15 AM (weather permitting for Mass)

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.

Life in the Spirit

Life in the Spirit seminar 6:30 to 8:30 pm
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- 9/13 God's Love
- 9/20 Salvation
- 9/27 The New Life
- 10/4 Receiving God's Gift
- 10/11 Baptized in the Spirit
- 10/18 Growth
- 10/25 Transformation in Christ

10/11 Baptized in the Spirit
Our Lady of Peace Church
10950 Main St, Clarence, NY 14031

10/25 Transformation in Christ
"The Holy Spirit comes where He is loved, where He is invited, where He is expected." -St. Bonaventure

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**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:**

"All true children of God have God for their Father and Mary for their mother; anyone who does not have Mary for his mother, does not have God for his Father."

St. Louis de Montfort from his book True Devotion to Mary