

# St. Teresa of Avila Church

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AUGUST 20, 2023 - THE TWENTIETH 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.



Church Picnic 2023

## MASS SCHEDULE

*Sunday Liturgies* .....8:00 AM, 10:15 AM

*Saturday Vigil*.....4:30 PM

*Daily Mass* .....8:00 AM, except Wednesday 5:30 PM

*Saturday* .....9:00 AM

*Vigil of Holy Days* .....5:30 PM

*Holy Days* .....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., August 21 - St. Pius X

8:00 Intentions for Mothers

Tues., August 22

8:00 Intentions for Fathers

Wed., August 23 - St. Rose of Lima

5:30 Francis & Brenda Dahill -  
Wedding Anniversary  
Remembrance  
*by the Dahill Family*

Thurs., August 24 - St. Bartholomew

8:00 Dearly Departed Souls

Fri., August 25 - St. Louis, St. Joseph  
Calasanz

8:00 Richard & Kaitlyn Brook,  
Wedding Blessings *by Grandma*

Sat., August 26

9:00 Intentions for Mothers

4:00 Sarah Berlinger  
*by The Larouere Family*

Sun., August 27

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

10:15 Connie Caprio  
*by Husband & Children*



## Scripture Readings For the Week

Monday - Judges 2:11-19  
Matthew 19:16-22

Tuesday - Judges 6:11-24a  
Matthew 19:23-30

Wednesday - Judges 9:6-15  
Matthew 20:1-16

Thursday - Revelation 21:9b-14  
John 1:45-51

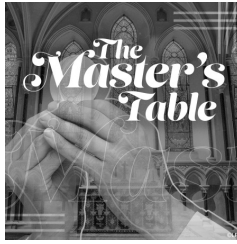
Friday - Ruth 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22  
Matthew 22:34-40

Saturday - Ruth 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17  
Matthew 23:1-12

Sunday - Isaiah 22:19-23  
Romans 11:33-36  
Matthew 16:13-20



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



August 20, 2023

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The suffering of a child symbolizes uniquely terrible evil as well as despair about the future. This week's Gospel gives a "limit" case in which Jesus encounters this evil in the form of a mother with a suffering daughter. What he does is stunning and massively helpful for us if we bravely ponder the details.

The Canaanite woman comes to Jesus and begs his mercy. "My daughter is tormented by a demon," she declares to him. Shockingly, he responds first with silence, then with a dismissive comment, and only then finally accedes to her third request. Is this simply a lesson in perseverance in our petitions to God, who is like a genie in a bottle? Does that justify the humiliation and pain this woman suffers? Is the Lord cruel?

I don't think so. Notice how the encounter ends. She compares herself to a dog at the table of a master. Jesus responds by praising her great faith and fulfills her deep desire. Somehow this non-Israelite woman intuits that this harrowing situation is not dumb suffering. She senses that the door of God's family is, in Jesus, being opened to her and her loved ones. She trusts she is at the Lord's table, and her desires will be fulfilled and that all her sufferings – and her daughter's, too – will lead a great banquet. In our sufferings this week, the Lord wants us to treat him less like a genie in a bottle and more like the Master who has taken us – lost little dogs that we are – into his home forever. Trust that and keep praying in the face of evil.

– Father John Muir

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For people in Maui, especially Lahaina residents, as they face the destruction and death left behind by wildfires, 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, 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 7/30/2023

Sunday Collection

\$ 3,885

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



Did you hear they arrested the devil? Yeah, they got him on possession.

# THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - AUGUST 20, 2023

**On the Front Cover:** A big thank you to the Events Committee and all the volunteers who made the Church Picnic a huge success!

**Religious Education:** Have you registered your children for classes? Registration information is available on our website [www.Streledakron.wordpress.com](http://www.Streledakron.wordpress.com), from the folder in the vestibule of the church, or by calling Sister Ruth at 716-542-9103 x2. Thank you!

**Congratulations to all of the couples who are celebrating anniversaries this year:** 25 Years - Randy & Judy Bergman, Tony & Carol Brandl, Larry & Beth Delre, Krisitian & Michelle Hagen, James & Tammy Holtz, Mark & Brenda Krzykowski, Erin & Rose O'Brien, Martin & Brenda Smith, James & Linda Winship; 30 years - Samuel & Suzanne Battilana, Thomas & Amy Bergman, James & Katherine Wager; 35 Years - John & Debbie Diggs, Ben & Laurie Mozee; 40 Years - Jean & Jeff Bacon, Michael & Donna Ciurzynski, Thomas & Rosemary Elliott, Tony & Marcia Gullo, Michael & Debra Hilton, Philip & Marilyn Lechner; 45 Years - Michael & Kim Coppola, Robert & Diane Kowalik, James & Peggy Sowinski; 50 Years - Gary & Rosemary Baehr; 55 Years - Gary & Joan Bell, Edmund & Barbara Burke, James & Mary Ann Schneider; 60 Years - Robert & Elizabeth Bergman, Michael & Mary Charles

**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 in 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. Please note that the regular Mass time of 5:30 is changed to 7 PM.

**The 2023 St. Teresa of Avila MEAT RAFFLE** is scheduled for October 14th. Reservations are now being accepted by emailing [jdiggs@diggspro.com](mailto:jdiggs@diggspro.com) OR the rectory at [stteresasofakron@verizon.net](mailto:stteresasofakron@verizon.net). Tickets are \$15.00 each and seating is limited. Make your reservation asap. More information to come. Baskets for the basket raffle will now be accepted as well - bring to church or to the rectory. Questions - contact John Diggs at 716-770-5751.

**Eucharistic Adoration** - Wednesday from 6:30AM-6PM at Our Lady of Peace. Join us as we pray. All are welcome! By spending personal, one-on-one time with Jesus in Adoration, a man can get to know Christ more intimately, come to understand the teachings of the Lord and His Church more deeply with frequent use of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, overcome the power of sin in his life. If anyone is interested in signing up for Eucharistic Adoration, sign-up in the Church. Contact Mike Coon at (716) 432-8386

## Upcoming Dates to Remember

- **Saturday, August 26** - Pro-Life Prayer Group, 9:30 am, in the parking lot near the Blessed Mother Mary statue
- **Wednesday, August 30th** - 7 PM, Anointing of the Sick Healing Mass with the Sacrament of Reconciliation from 5:30 to 6:30

**Vocation View** - God commends those who keep the sabbath free from profanation and hold to His covenant. If this is simply natural behavior for you, Jesus might calling you to something more! 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.

Join us as we celebrate the birthday of **Our Blessed Mother** and welcome

**Rev. Thomas M. Mahoney, Pastor**  
**Rev. Walter J. Szczesny, Senior Parochial Vicar**  
**Rev. Arthur E. Mattulke, Senior Parochial Vicar**  
**Rev. Joseph N. Franz, Parochial Vicar**

**Sunday, Sept. 3, 2023**

**MASS - 10:00 a.m.**

- **Backpack Blessing:** children are urged to bring their backpacks with them for a special blessing.
- **Rosary Procession** following Mass

**OUTDOOR PICNIC - 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.**  
*Enjoy good food and lots of fun!*

- **Hot dogs, hamburgers, side dishes, desserts**
- **Beverages**
- **Bounce House**

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 8500 Main Street, Clarence, NY 14221

**2023 Ladies of Charity National Assembly Speakers**

**The Ladies of Charity of the United States National Assembly Buffalo, NY September 7-9, 2023**

Location: Hyatt Regency Buffalo Hotel & Conference Center  
 Two Fountain Plaza Buffalo, NY 14202

**"We Choose Love"**

The theme of this year's Assembly was selected to honor the 10 people murdered at a Buffalo TOPS supermarket in May 2022.

Ladies of Charity throughout the United States and Internationally, provide Vincentian Leadership to women in acting together against all forms of poverty.

Please consider attending or making a donation to support this year's Assembly program. Ladies of Charity from throughout the United States will travel to Buffalo to attend this year's conference. Topics to be presented include racism, domestic violence, human trafficking, resettlement of refugees, mental health, social justice and the dignity of life.

Registration is open through August 8, 2023 at: <https://aic.ladiesofcharity.us/register-assembly-2023/>

Call Buffalo Ladies of Charity at 716-895-4001 for further information.

Ladies of Charity of the United States is a 501(c)3 Non-Profit Organization

**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***