

St. Teresa of Avila Church Est. 1869

AUGUST 27, 2023 - THE TWENTY-FIRST 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.



The Women's Group had wonderful time at the Branches Retreat Center at Seneca Lake, stopping at the Geneva Visitors Center on the way there.

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday Liturgy.....9:00 AM
Saturday Vigil.....4:00 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 2:30 to 3:30 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 28

8:00 Intentions for Fathers

Tues., August 29

8:00 Special Intention
by *Mary Olsen*

Wed., August 30 - St. Rose of Lima

7:00 Michael Devine
by *the Cappola Family*

Thurs., August 31

8:00 Intentions for Fathers

Fri., September 1

8:00 Irene Swift
by *Bernadette Connolly*

Sat., September 2

9:00 Intentions for Mothers

4:00 Frederick Wysocki
by *Wife*

Sun., September 3

9:00 Michael Porzio by *The
Flumerfeldt Family*
&
Birthday Blessings to Hailey &
Liam Reigle by *Mom & Dad*



Scripture Readings For the Week

Monday - 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5, 8b-10
Matthew 23:13-22

Tuesday - 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8
Mark 6:17-29

Wednesday - 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13
Matthew 23:27-32

Thursday - 1 Thessalonians 3:7-13
Matthew 24:42-51

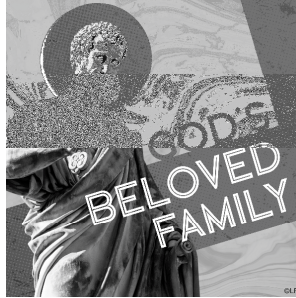
Friday - 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8
Matthew 25:1-13

Saturday - 1 Thessalonians 4:9-11
Matthew 25:14-30

Sunday - Ezekiel 33:7-9
Romans 13:8-10
Matthew 18:15-20



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



August 27, 2023

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isn't it a bit weird that Catholics call the Pope "papa," father? This Sunday provides us with essential Scriptural background on the papacy, the petrine office. Jesus gives Peter the "keys to the kingdom of heaven," after witnessing to the special grace Peter has to know Jesus' true identity. Many have pointed out that the "keys" refer back to the figure of Eliakim, King David's prime minister. True enough. But notice this is not mere authority or power. It's a family relationship. The Lord says to Eliakim, "He shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem" (Isaiah 22:21). David's prime minister was a spiritual father to the family of Israel. Peter, and his successors, will be spiritual fathers in the family of the Church.

This means we have a serious obligation to not only recognize the Pope's authority, but also to love him with the affection of children for their papa. We should never speak about him with disrespect or rancor. We should listen to him with trusting hearts, and ignore the slander thrown at him in various media. When we show the world we are loving and obedient to our Holy Papa, perhaps they'll see more clearly that the Church is indeed God's beloved family.

— Father John Muir

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For the 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: Kathryn Nicosia, Sarah Berlinger, Viola Izydorczak, Louis Pulvino, Austin Penn, Jim & Joe Vasi, Sterling McCarriagher, Jean Ottney, Shirley Lantz, Rita Whalen, Kathy Sylvester 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 August for Expenses: \$ 4,245

In Pew 8/6/2023

Sunday Collection

\$ 4.250

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: Classes resume in two weeks, that is Sunday, September 10th! Please note that class times have been adjusted because Sunday morning Mass is now at 9 AM, not 8 AM. Classes for all grade levels will be held from 10 to 11 AM for grades K thru 6, and from 10 to 11:15 AM for grades 7 thru 11.

Anointing of the Sick Healing Mass will be held on Wednesday, August 30th at 7 pm at St. Teresa, 5771 Buell St., Akron. 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.

QUILTS FOR THE HOMELESS - Winter winds & cold are not too far off & St. Teresa's Quilters are working on men's quilts for the homeless. Sister Johnice from the Response to Love Center in Buffalo has asked for help keeping the homeless warm when colder weather arrives. The quilters are using fleece to make the blankets & are planning to complete 25 quilts. Donations of small pieces or large pieces of fleece that you might have & are not going to be using would be appreciated. Of course, St. Teresa's Quilters are still making & delivering prayer quilts to those that are sick, homebound or have had a recent hardship. If you know of someone who would appreciate a prayer quilt please contact Mary at 716-542-2081, Mary Ellen at 716-542-1124 or the church office.

The **2023 St. Teresa of Avila MEAT RAFFLE** is scheduled for October 14th. Reservations are now being accepted by emailing jdiggs@diggspro.com OR the rectory at 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.

Vocation View - "I will build my Church and the gates of the netherworld will not prevail against it." Jesus promises in Mt 16:18 that His Church will always exist. But we also want it to thrive, and that requires people to step forth into roles of ministry. Could it be you? Contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit buffalovocations.org

Upcoming Dates to Remember

- **Wednesday, August 30th - 7 PM,** Anointing of the Sick Healing Mass with the Sacrament of Reconciliation from 5:30 to 6:30
- **Saturday, September 2 - Pro-Life Prayer Group,** 9:30 am, in the parking lot near the Blessed Mother Mary statue

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.

2023 FALL CRAFT SHOW
 Raffles
 Creative Crafters
 Delicious Lunch
 Bake Sale
 Date: September 30th
 Time: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
 St. Teresa's Church Hall
 RT 5 & 93 Akron, NY

Renewal of Vows and a Blessing of rings took place at the Anniversary Mass last Sunday, as well as a Blessing for all married couples.



Thank you to the Women's Guild for the lovely reception after Mass!

☺ A farmer was driving along the road with a load of fertilizer. A little boy, playing in front of his house, saw him and called, "What've you got in your truck?" "Fertilizer," the farmer replied. "What are you going to do with it?" asked the little boy. "Put it on strawberries," answered the farmer. "You ought to live here," the little boy advised him. "We put sugar and cream on ours."



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
 THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

"The Scapular bears therefore a double witness; to Mary's protection against the ravages of the flesh occasioned by the Fall, and to Mary's influence as Medatrix of graces, who covers our souls with the richness of her Son's Redemption."

Venerable Fulton J. Sheen