

# St. Teresa of Avila Church

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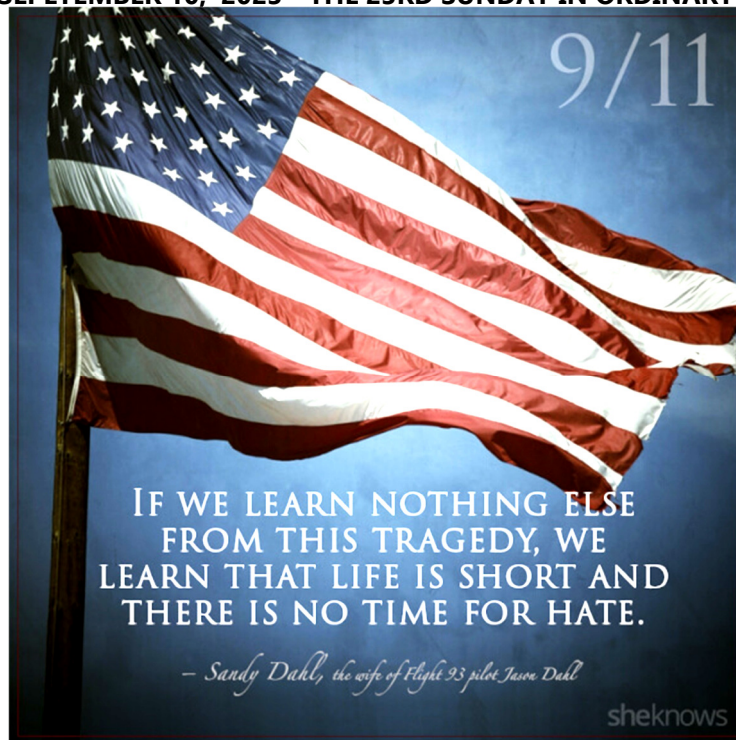
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## MISSION STATEMENT

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.



SEPTEMBER 10, 2023 - THE 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



## MASS SCHEDULE

<i>Sunday Liturgy</i> .....	9:00 AM
<i>Saturday Vigil</i> .....	4:00 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 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., September 11

8:00 Dearly Departed Souls

Tues., September 12 - Holy Name of  
the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 Intentions for Mothers

Wed., September 13 - St. John

Chrysostom

5:30 Alice Rejewski

*by the Flumerfeldt Family*Thurs., September 14 - Exaltation of  
the Holy Cross

8:00 Intentions for Fathers

Fri., September 15 - Our Lady of Sorrows

8:00 Geraldine Benker

*By Benker Family*

Sat., September 16 - St. Cornelius

9:00 Lauren Darweesh - Birthday  
Blessings *by Mary Olsen*4:00 Deacon Ron Adamczak on the  
Anniversary of His Ordination  
*by St. Teresa Women's Guild*

Sun., September 17

9:00 In Memory of Gertrude Bartels  
& Andrew Korszykowski *by*  
*Estate of Gertrude Bartels*

&amp;

Bob Tiedt *by 10:15 Ushers*
**Scripture Readings  
For the Week**
Monday - Colossians 1:24-2:3  
Luke 6:6-11Tuesday - Colossians 2:6-15  
Luke 6:12-19Wednesday - Colossians 3:1-11  
Luke 6:20-26Thursday - Numbers 21:4b-9  
Philippians 2:6-11  
John 3:13-17Friday - 1 Timothy 1:1-2, 12-14  
John 19:25-27Saturday - 1 Timothy 1:15-17  
Luke 6:43-49Sunday - Sirach 27:30 - 28:7  
Romans 14:7-9  
Matthew 18:21-25

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



September 10, 2023

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

What are you supposed to do about the bad behavior of the people around you? You know who I'm talking about. That family member, friend, coworker, or acquaintance who is quite immoral. On this front there are two lively options in our culture: bash the person to others (probably online) or pretend everything's fine. The former damages the person. The latter ignores reality. What to do?

Jesus' strategy in the Gospel of Matthew is as wise as it is difficult: go directly to the person, and then gradually expand the circle of intervention. Simple, often effective, and hard. But what we often miss is the context of the Lord's strategy, "If your brother sins against you..." Notice the italicized words. Is the person in a Christian familial bond with you? And was the action in question against you? If so, proceed with the plan. Fine. But how often we fret over the sins of those who either aren't our spiritual siblings or have done nothing directly to us. This is not an invitation to ignore injustice in the world. Rather, we should build bonds of fraternal love, and carefully discern when and how others' sins are indeed our concern. Sometimes they are. Other times – frequently, perhaps – they simply are not.

– Father John Muir

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For the safety of our service men and women abroad, for civil servants who protect us and keep us safe, and for all who live with war and violence; 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 8/20/2023

**Sunday Collection**
**\$ 4,245**

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:** Welcome Back! Classes begin today, September 10th, for children in Grades Kindergarten thru Eleventh. May God Bless our devoted catechists and all who help make our Religious Ed program so welcoming!


The 2023 St. Teresa of Avila MEAT RAFFLE is scheduled for October 14th. Reservations are now being accepted by: purchasing after Mass this weekend, emailing [jdiggs@diggspro.com](mailto:jdiggs@diggspro.com) OR the rectory at [stteresafakron@verizon.net](mailto:stteresafakron@verizon.net). Tickets are \$15.00 each and seating is limited. Make your reservation asap. 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.

**St. Teresa's Fall Craft Show** - Saturday, September 30th from 9 am until 3 pm on Buell Street in Akron. Please join us for a day filled with talented artisans, delectable lunch, fresh baked good sale and chance auctions. A few tables still remain, indoor or outdoor. If you are interested in showcasing your talented crafts, please call Judith Bell at 716-983-0166.

**Are You or Have You Ever Thought of Being an Altar Server?** We are inviting all those interested in becoming a server to altar server training on September 23rd, following the 4:00 pm Mass or on Sunday, September 24th following Religious Education at 11 AM. Please join us for an hour that is sure to change your life forever!

**Saints in the Making Conference for Grades 2-5** on Saturday, November 18 from 9 am-1 pm at St. Vincent de Paul Church, 6441 Seneca St., Springbrook. Join us for a fantastic retreat centered around experiencing the love of God, and understanding the purpose for every one of us...to become the best version of ourselves...to become Saints! Parents and guardians are welcome to stay onsite as there are breakout sessions for adults too. For more information or to register, contact Mary Palmer at [mpalmer@olparish.com](mailto:mpalmer@olparish.com) or Lisa Benzer at [lbenzer@buffalodiocese.org](mailto:lbenzer@buffalodiocese.org). We can't wait to see you there!

**Catholic Charities** runs 9 food pantries, 7 in Erie County and a pantry in both Franklinville (Cattaraugus County) and a pantry and thrift store in Wellsville (Allegany County). Your donation of non-perishable food items can help feed hungry individuals and families in our community. Other in-kind donations, such as personal care items like shampoo and soap, and household cleaning supplies like antibacterial wipes, are also greatly appreciated. To schedule a time for drop off donations, call 716-218- 1450, ext. 2005. To find your nearest pantry, visit [www.ccnw.org/food](http://www.ccnw.org/food).

 Begin by standing on a comfortable surface, where you have plenty of room at each side. With a 5-lb potato sack in each hand, extend your arms straight out from your sides and hold them there as long as you can. Try to reach a full minute, and then relax. Each day you'll find that you can hold this position for just a bit longer. After a couple of weeks, move up to 10-lb potato sacks. Then try 50-lb potato sacks and then eventually try to get to where you can lift a 100-lb potato sack in each hand and hold your arms straight for more than a full minute. (I'm at this level.) After you feel confident at that level, put a potato in each of the sacks.

**Upcoming Dates to Remember**

- **Sunday, September 10** - Religious Education Classes  
10:00 - 11 am Grades K-6 and  
10:00 - 11:15 am Grades 7-11
- **Thursday, September 14** - Women's Study Group returns after the 8 am Mass
- **Saturday, September 16** - Pro-Life Prayer Group, 9:30 am, in the parking lot near the Blessed Mother Mary statue
- **Sunday, September 17** - Religious Education Classes  
10:00 - 11 am Grades K-6 and  
10:00 - 11:15 am Grades 7-11

**Vocation View**

None of us will ever forget the terrible carnage and suffering of September 11, 2001. But we also remember the comfort provided by the Church and Her ministers. Our diocese needs Godly people to help others cope with pain & grief. 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.



**HEART BEAT**

**09.18.2023**  
7PM MUSIC & SPEAKERS  
6:15 PM PIZZA RSVP: 716-683-6522  
Free will donations accepted!

PRESENTED BY:  
OUR LADY OF POMPEII  
129 LAVERACK AVE  
LANCASTER NY 14086  
Bring a baby or mother item for  
Gianna Molla or St Teresa Home!

**PRO-LIFE SPEAKERS**  
Cheryl Calire & Jennifer  
**LIVE MUSIC**  
Mary Palmer, OLP Music Ministry

**Outdoor event! Bring a lawn Chair!**  
*Sponsored by OLP Respect Life Committee.*



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

“Without the priest, the passion and death of our Lord would be of no avail. It is the priest who continues the work of redemption here on earth... What use would be a house filled with gold, were there no one to open its door? The priest holds the key to the treasures of heaven: it is he who opens the door; he is the steward of the good Lord; the administrator of His goods.”

St. John Vianney