

St. Teresa of Avila Church

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SEPTEMBER 24, 2023 - THE 25TH 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.



Life in the Spirit began last Wednesday with 100 people in attendance at Our Lady of Peace, Clarence. A guest speaker, music and fellowship was enjoyed by all. Life in the Spirit will be held every Wednesday for the next five weeks starting at 6:30 pm.

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 25
8:00 Intentions for Mothers
- Tues., September 26 - St. Cosmas and St. Damian
8:00 Intentions for Fathers
- Wed., September 27 - St. Vincent dePaul
5:30 Steve Ross
by the Flumerfeldt Family
- Thurs., September 28 - St. Wenceslaus, St. Lawrence Ruiz
8:00 Lynn & John O'Donnell - 10th Wedding Anniversary
- Fri., September 29 - St. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael
8:00 Dearly Departed Souls
- Sat., September 30 - St. Jerome
9:00 Intentions for Mothers
4:00 Gary Karaskiewicz
by St. Teresa Women's Guild
- Sun., October 1
9:00 Amy Bergman - Birthday Blessings by Bergman Family & Michael Porzio by Bacon Family



Scripture Readings For the Week

- Monday - Ezra 1:1-6
Luke 8:16-18
- Tuesday - Ezra 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20
Luke 8:19-21
- Wednesday - Ezra 9:5-9
Luke 9:1-6
- Thursday - Haggai 1:1-8
Luke 9:7-9
- Friday - Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14
John 1:47-51
- Saturday - Zechariah 2:5-9, 14-15a
Luke 9:43b-45
- Sunday - Ezekiel 18:25-28
Philippians 2:1-11
Matthew 21:28-32

**** YOUR PARISH OFFERING ****

Funds needed per week in September for Expenses: \$ 5,171.25

In Pew 9/3/2023

Sunday Collection \$ 4,824

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

Statement on 40 Days for Life

Most Reverend Michael W. Fisher
Bishop of Buffalo

The Forty Days for Life Campaign, is an ecumenical pro-life effort which has had several successful Spring and Fall campaigns here in Western New York. They have consistently maintained a prayerful, peaceful presence while evangelizing and witnessing for life.

Pope Francis has expressed his public support for the 40 Days for Life ministry that promotes respect for the lives of all unborn children, and says he greatly appreciates the dedicated work that they do in a "Culture of Waste."

I affirm and encourage all pro-life efforts that attempt to reach the ultimate goal of eliminating abortion in order to build a culture of life using peaceful, prayerful, and charitable approaches, including the 40 Days for Life Campaign as they collaboratively work with our office at the Diocese of Buffalo.

Furthermore, I admire all those devoted to protecting human life and encourage all to continue to support pro-life activities, especially uniting with the many events sponsored by our Diocese, including the St. Gianna Pregnancy Outreach Center. The center actively helps women, children and families supporting their decision to choose life. This fall, as the need has increased, we have added additional services in the Northtown and Southtown areas and we need your continued support of the parishes and the community to continue to support life!

Thank you to all who have dedicated themselves and their time to the cause of life. I am grateful for your pro-life support in our Diocese of Buffalo. Let us continue, in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, to be untiring in all our various attempts to defend life so that the right to life is enjoyed not just for some, but for all; born and unborn.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Michael W. Fisher
Bishop of Buffalo



For all those affected by violence in any form, may God console them in their pain and grief and grant them strength; we pray to the Lord....

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

LIFE CHAIN 2023

Please join our family of parishes on
Sunday, October 1st
from 2:00 - 3:00 PM
For Respect Life Sunday.

We will gather at Our Lady of Peace, Main St., Clarence, where we will stand in front of the church together with parishioners from Our Lady of Peace and St. Mary's. Please join in the Prayers for Life.



Why do we tell actors to "break a leg?"

Because every play has a cast.

Religious Education: Parents are reminded to teach their children to pray by praying together every day. Prayers at bedtime and at mealtime are a good place to start learning our traditional prayers together.

ATTENTION ALL PIE BAKERS AND DESSERT MAKERS - The guild is asking if you will take a pie tin home and bring it back to the Craft Show Bake Sale table the day of the show. Pies, breads, desserts are welcome. Your help with this is greatly appreciated!!!

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 OR stteresasofakron@verizon.net. Tickets are \$15.00 each and seating is limited. 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.

Blessing of Animals - A special Blessing of Animals will be offered near the St. Mary's statue on Saturday, September 30th at 1 PM in the church parking lot. We look forward to seeing you and your special pet animals, including any stuffed animal friends or anyone who wishes to bring a picture of their pet for this Blessing.

Family #15 (St. Mary, Swormville, St. Teresa, Akron & Our Lady of Peace, Clarence) will recite the rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet after the 10 am mass, from 11 to noon in front of Our Lady of Peace on 10950 Main St, Clarence, NY.

Vision, a magazine which is a **Vocation Discernment Guide** is available to look at on the bulletin board on the left hand side as you exit church.

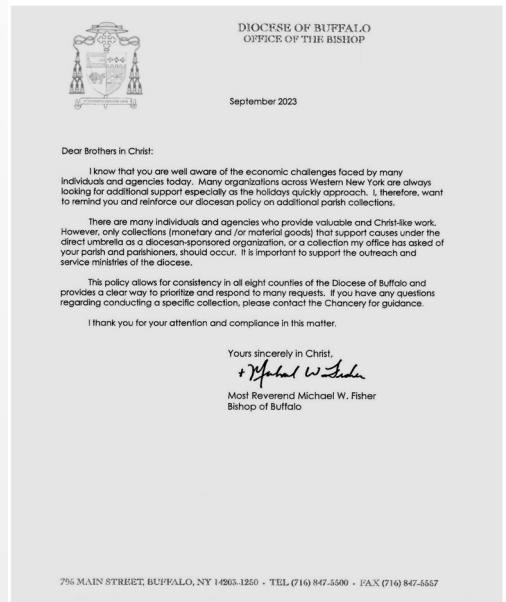
Holy Face Ministry is presenting a workshop titled, "Make Your Life As Clear As a Crystal" at the Mother of Mercy House of Prayer in Orchard Park, on Saturday, October 14th, starting with Mass at 8 a.m. and ending at 12 noon with lunch. Host, Donna-Marie Cooper O'Boyle, author of "52 Weeks with Saint Faustina", will present a workshop on Saint Faustina's Diary. Seating is limited and registration is first come first serve basis. Cost is \$40 which includes workshop, breakfast and lunch. For more information, email holyfaceministry@gmail.com

Vocation View - St. Paul writes that "None of us lives for oneself, and no one dies for oneself... we live for the Lord." Our self-absorbed culture has forgotten this. You can be a reminder by turning away from your own desires to serve Christ. Contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit buffalovocations.org

Our Lady of Fatima, 1023 Swann Rd., Lewiston, Healing Mass on October 1st at 6:30 pm with Fr. Dan Young, Music Ministry by Bobak Family.

Upcoming Dates to Remember

- **Sunday, September 24** - Religious Education Classes
10:00 - 11 am Grades K-6 and
10:00 - 11:15 am Grades 7-11
- **Sunday, September 24** - Altar Server Training following Religious Education
- **Wednesday, September 27** - Life in the Spirit, 6:30 PM OLP
- **Thursday, September 28** - Women's Study Group after the 8 am Mass
- **Saturday, September 30** - Pro-Life Prayer Group, 9:30 am, in the parking lot near the Blessed Mother Mary statue
- **Saturday, September 30** - Fall Craft Show, 10-3:30, Parish Hall
- **Saturday, September 30** - Blessing of Animals, 1 PM in the parking lot
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"Without the priest, the passion and death of our Lord would be of no avail. It is the priest who continues the work of

St. John Vianney

