

St. Teresa of Avila Church

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OCTOBER 1, 2023 - THE 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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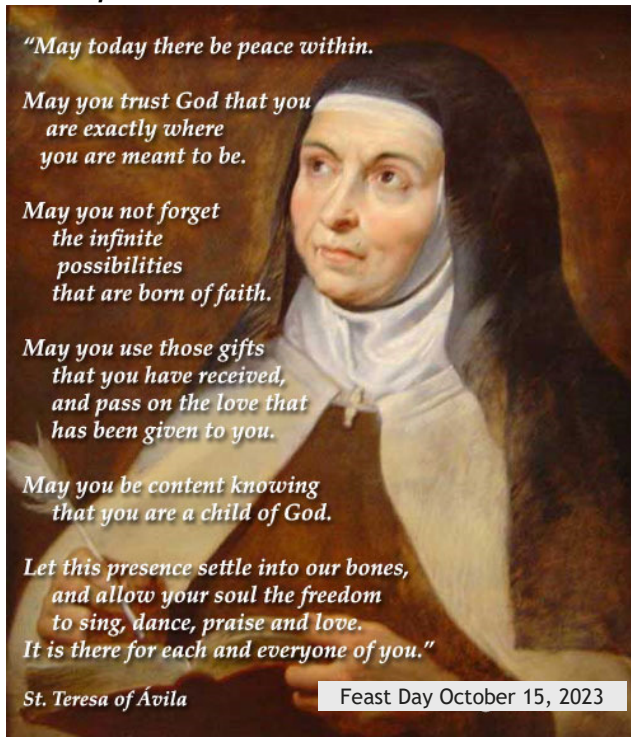
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MISSION STATEMENT

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.



"May today there be peace within.

May you trust God that you are exactly where you are meant to be.

May you not forget the infinite possibilities that are born of faith.

May you use those gifts that you have received, and pass on the love that has been given to you.

May you be content knowing that you are a child of God.

Let this presence settle into our bones, and allow your soul the freedom to sing, dance, praise and love. It is there for each and everyone of you."

St. Teresa of Avila

Feast Day October 15, 2023

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., October 2 - Guardian Angels

8:00 Timothy Bergman - Birthday
Blessings
by Mom & Dad

Tues., October 3

8:00 Dan Klien
by the Kaiser Family

Wed., October 4 - St. Francis of Assisi

5:30 Alice Birkholz
by the Flumerfeldt Family

Thurs., October 5

8:00 Intentions for Mothers

Fri., October 6 - St. Bruno, Marie-Rose
Durocher

8:00 Special Intention
by Mary Olsen

Sat., October 7 - Our Lady of the Rosary

9:00 For the People of St. Teresa's
Parish by Fr. Tom Mahoney

4:00 Joe & Joanne Jaroni
by Family

Sun., October 8

9:00 In Memory of Bob Tiedt
by Debbie & Family



Scripture Readings For the Week

Monday - Jonah 1:1-2:2, 11
Luke 10:25-37

Tuesday - Jonah 3:1-10
Luke 10:38-42

Wednesday - Jonah 4:1-11
Luke 11:1-4

Thursday - Malachi 3:13-20b
Luke 11:5-13

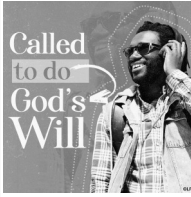
Friday - Joel 1:13-15, 2:1-2
Luke 11:15-26

Saturday - Joel 4:12-21
Luke 11:27-28

Sunday - Isaiah 5:1-67
Philippians 4:6-9
Matthew 21:33-43



The 2024 Mass Book
is now open.
Remember a loved
one, living or deceased in
a special way with a Mass.
Contact the parish
office to reserve a date.



October 1, 2023

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

A life-long Catholic friend of mine recently mumbled to me, "I can't stand all these converts to the faith. They're always rocking the boat." It surprised me because he is dedicated to evangelization, and yet he struggles with openness to new Catholics. It made me realize how easily I close my heart to those whom I perceive to be outsiders who become new members of the Catholic community. Almost unconsciously I reduce the world to the categories of "us" and "them." The result is that meaningful community silently shrinks in my life. Don't we all do that to some degree?

This week Jesus' punchy parable about the two sons blows up that black and white world. One son said he wouldn't get to work, and then did. The other said he would, and then he did not. "Which did the will of his father?" asks the Lord. Like so many of us, in identifying the first as the answer, the religious authorities manifest hidden hypocrisy in refusing to follow Jesus. They – like us – intuit the correct path but simply won't do it. The tax collectors and prostitutes are indeed following Jesus and thereby getting to work in the kingdom of God. Everyone is called to do God's will regardless of the labels we may apply to them.

This week let's reject the convenient but damaging categories of "insiders" and "outsiders." Instead, let's embrace a grateful attitude that Jesus is calling fallen, weak, and broken men and women like you and me. Then we begin to see that the tax collectors and prostitutes aren't them. They are us. And Jesus wants all of us working in his boat, no matter the rocking.

– Father John Muir

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For farmers, farm workers, and all who work the land, that they may work in safety and enjoy abundant crops as the harvest season continues ; we pray to the Lord....

Please pray for the sick of the parish and their family members, especially: Mary Prentice, Sarah Berlinger, Viola Izydorczak, Louis Pulvino, Ita Steele, 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 September for Expenses: \$ 5,171.25

In Pew 9/10/2023

Sunday Collection

\$ 4,687

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

Renewal News - In administering the Road to Renewal there are going to be a few changes as we move along this journey. One of these changes is that beginning the weekend of 9/30-10/1, our deacons will be stationed at their home parishes, with the exception of one weekend a month. This means that Deacon Ron will regularly be at our parish on the first, third and fourth weekend of the month. On the second weekend, he will travel to one of each of the parishes in our family, including St. Teresa's. We hope this brings a greater sense of consistency and continuity to each of our family parish sites.

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.

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 the rectory at 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.

The Feast of St. Teresa of Avila is October 15th. Please join us in praying the Novena of our Patron Saint beginning on October 6th through October 14th. The Novena is available on the FORMED website, you may pick up printed copies on the table in the vestibule or you may join in praying the Novena after daily Mass.


BAPTISM On September 18th we welcomed Ignatius Joseph Andzel into our faith community through the saving waters of Baptism. Ignatius is the son of Aaron and Giorgina Andzel. Congratulations and God's richest blessings to the entire family!

Welcome Join Us in Welcoming the following new members of our St. Teresa's Family! During the month of September we were blessed with the addition of: Robert, Natasha, Madison and Shannon Esmond and Jeffrey & Paula Lehrbach.

SIDEWALK SNOW REMOVAL - Our Lady of Peace Parish is looking to hire someone to facilitate the sidewalk and walkways snow removal during the coming winter months. This would involve shoveling, salting and using the parish snowblower to maintain the sidewalks and keep them safe for when Church Services and other events are held on the Parish campus. If you are interested in this position or would like more information please contact Father Walter at the Parish Rectory Office.....716-759-8554.

Vocation View - The first son said "I will not serve" but then changed his mind and got to work. Perhaps you set aside the idea of a Church vocation years ago. This might be the time to consider it again. Contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit buffalovocations.org

Ministers for October - Extraordinary Ministers of Communion: 4 pm - Wendy Bergman, Sr. Ruth, Amy Bergman; 9 am - John Diggs, Ellen Urso, Dick Campbell. Lectors: 4 pm - Joe Bergman; 9:00 am - Wally Smith, Mario Candino. Altar Servers: 4 pm - Mary Grace Bergman, Anna Bergman, Charlotte Carlson; 9 am - 10/1-Team #8, 10/8-Team #9, 10/15-Team #10, 10/22-Team #5, 10/29-Team #6

 It's always windy in a sports arena. All those fans.

A Very Special Thank You to all the wonderful parishioners who are volunteering to weed a section of our Parish Grounds. You make the grounds look beautiful. Because of your generous dedicated work our Parish grounds continue to look fantastic. Many hands make light work. There are a few more sections to be "adopted." If you would consider weeding a small section, please talk to Tony or Mary Jo Schumacher or call 716-542-5138.

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| Sue Brown | The Ginestre Family | Jimmy Richardson |
| Jean Dolph | Carmen Laury | Wendy Bergman |
| Lori Reisdorf | Jean Bacon | The Flumerfeldt Family |
| Amy Bergman | Maureen Seifert | Adrienne Braunscheidel |
| Sue Sweitzer | Tom & Rose Elliott | Mario & Tracy Candino |
| Ann Sayers | Brian Tobin | Tony & Mary Jo Schumacher |

Upcoming Dates to Remember

- **Sunday, October 2** - Religious Education Classes
10:00 - 11 am Grades K-6 and
10:00 - 11:15 am Grades 7-11
- **Tuesday, October 3** - Women's Guild Meeting, 7 pm
- **Wednesday, October 4** - Life in the Spirit, 6:30 PM OLP
- **Wednesday, October 4** - No Intercessory Prayer Group Meeting
- **Thursday, October 5** - Women's Study Group after the 8 am Mass
- **Friday, October 6** - Novena of St. Teresa of Avila begins
- **Saturday, October 7** - Pro-Life Prayer Group, 9:30 am, in the parking lot near the Blessed Mother Mary statue
- **October 8** - No Religious Education Classes
Due to Indigenous People's Day



Includes: half a chicken, potato, coleslaw, roll and butter



OCTOBER 13TH
NATIVITY SCHOOL

8550 MAIN STREET CLARENCE NY

fundraiser sponsored by the 8th grade class

2:30-5:30 OR UNTIL WE RUN OUT
DINE IN OR TAKE OUT
DESSERTS AND BAKED GOODS FOR SALE

TICKETS
PRESALE \$14
\$15 AT THE DOOR

PRESALE TICKETS AVAILABLE AT WEEKEND MASSES, AT THE SCHOOL OFFICE, OR THE RECTORY OFFICE. NATIVITY PARENTS PLEASE SEND IN MONEY WITH YOUR CHILD IN AN ENVELOPE THAT READS ATTENTION CHICKEN BBQ FUNDRAISER TO RECEIVE YOUR TICKETS





KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

"We have only one Savior and Mediator, Jesus Christ. Mary stands between Him and us, not in order to separate but to unite. She turns to Jesus so that He will look at us, and she turns to us so that we will look at Jesus."

Fr. Wilfrid Stinssen, OCD
from his book
Mary In the Bible and Our Lives