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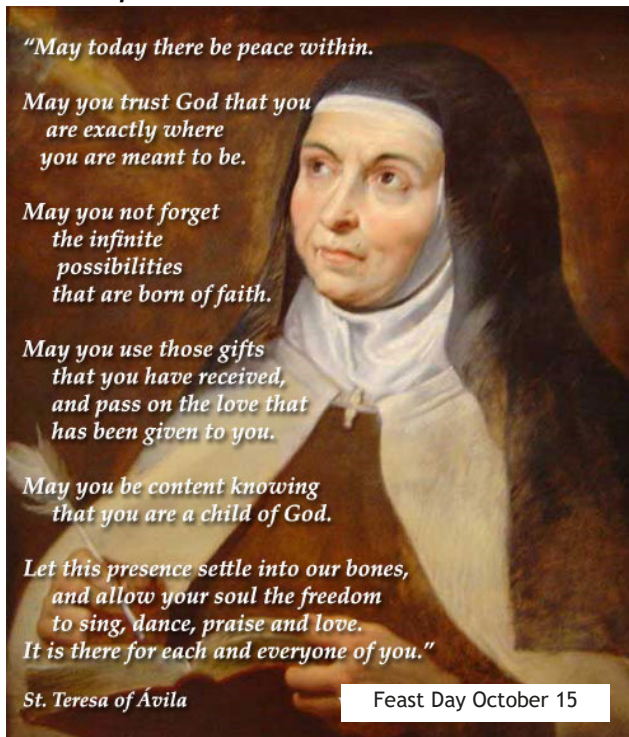
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MISSION STATEMENT

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.



OCTOBER 15, 2023 - THE 28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"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

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 16

Intentions for Bob Larouere
by Family

Tues., October 17

8:00 Tom Bergman - Birthday
Blessings by Bergman Family

Wed., October 18 - St. Luke

5:30 Brenda Ohol
by Bernadette Connolly

Thurs., October 19

8:00 Intentions for Mothers

Fri., October 20 - St. Paul of the Cross

8:00 Maddie & Matthew Bergman -
Birthday Blessings
By Grandma & Grandpa

Sat., October 21

9:00 Anniversary Remembrance -
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Sylvester
by Kathy

4:00 Gloria, Joseph & Stella Rembas
by Estate

Sun., October 22

9:00 Susan McCann
by Ryan McCann



Scripture Readings For the Week

Monday - Romans 1:1-7
Luke 11:29-32

Tuesday - Romans 1:16-25
Luke 11:37-41

Wednesday - 2 Timothy 4:10-17b
Luke 10:1-9

Thursday - Romans 3:21-30
Luke 11:47-54

Friday - Romans 4:1-8
Luke 12:1-7

Saturday - Romans 4:13,16-18
Luke 12:8-12

Sunday - Isaiah 45:1, 4-6
1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b
Matthew 22:15-21

Vocation View

The Lord God will wipe away the tears from every face; On that day it will be said: "Behold our God, to whom we looked to save us!" Isaiah reminds us that the end of all things has already been decided. Sign up for the winning team! Contact Fr. Dave in the Vocation Office at 716-847-5535 or visit buffalovocations.org



October 15, 2023

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

I confess that I have a soft spot for the scary things Jesus says because they are usually ignored. But there's gold in them thar hills, if we have courage to look. This week Jesus gives us a terrifying warning in his parable about the king who gives a marriage feast for his son and promptly goes berserk when people don't respond. The point: those who do not properly respond to God's generous invitation will face totally devastating consequences. The invitees who don't show up get their city burned to the ground. The poor homeless man is tortured for not wearing the correct clothes. Scary indeed.

Is Jesus trying to intimidate or bully us into following him? No, because that is certainly not how he treats anyone in the Gospels. A better view is this: to Jesus, your life matters. The universe is not an empty wasteland where anything goes. It is a theater of love offered and either accepted or rejected. How easy it can be to glide through life thinking my life doesn't make a difference. But it does. It really does.

This should not only be sobering but exhilarating. The positive side of the negative in Jesus' scary parables is the thrill and joy that he is inviting us, therefore our lives matter a great deal. There is a reason to get up in the morning. God's generous love is relentlessly calling us. True, obstinately saying no through our indifference is a catastrophe for us and those around us. But how wonderful must the consequences of our 'yes' be?

— Father John Muir

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REMEMBER
IN YOUR
PRAYERS

In thanksgiving for all the blessings in our lives, especially our families, friends, and school community; we pray to the Lord...

Please pray for the sick of the parish and their family members, especially: Linda Chaffee, Bob Larouere, Mary Prentice, Viola Izydorczak, Louis Pulvino, Ita Steele, Jim & Joe Vasi, Sterling McCarriagher, Jean Otney, 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 9/24/2023

Sunday Collection

\$ 4,031

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



A father was reading Bible stories to his young son. He read, "The man named Lot was warned to take his wife and flee out of the city, but his wife looked back and was turned into a pillar of salt." His son asked, "What happened to the flea?"



Blessing of Animals held on Saturday, September 30

Religious Education: Have you heard the expression, “Keep the faith”? Does being “family” help you keep the faith? Actually, we share it by our witness, by being in church together, by accepting others with kindness and compassion, by trusting God and “entrusting” each other to His care.

“Growing In Faith Through The Word” Bible Study - Join Barbara Shanahan as she leads you through a deeper understanding of God’s Word. A different 3 week series is scheduled from 10:30 am - noon at each parish within our family of parishes. The first of the series is *“Why Catholics grew up with/without the Bible”* held at St. Teresa’s on October 11, 18, and 25. The second series will be held at Our Lady of Peace on Wednesday, 11/29, 12/6 and 13. The third series will be held at Nativity and will be on Wednesday, 3/6, 13 and 20. The fourth series will be held at St. Mary’s on Wednesday, 4/10, 17 and 24. More information is available on our website, as well as a link to sign-up for the study. For additional information, please contact the St. Mary Catholic Education office, familyfaith@stmaryswormville.org or call 716-688-0599. All are welcome at each of the sessions to participate in this Bible study together as a faith community.

Trunk or Treats - Sat., October 21st after 4:00 PM Mass. Kids are welcome to wear costumes to Mass. We invite parishioners to decorate their vehicles and pass out candy to the kids. There will be an area coned off just for Halloween vehicles that day. Cider and donuts will be served in the Parish Hall following the trick or treating with a prize for the best decorations.

Next week our special collection will support the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. More than 37 million people in the United States live in poverty. This collection supports programs that empower people to identify and address the obstacles they face in bringing permanent and positive change to their communities. Learn more about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development at www.usccb.org/cchd.

Maria Vision, a Catholic family network on TV, Radio, Online & Social Media, will be broadcasting in the Buffalo area on channel 15.1 (free with an antenna). Maria Vision broadcasts 24 hours a day the Holy Mass, daily Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, and the praying of the Holy Rosary. Our many broadcasts include spiritual and educational programs about our Catholic faith, doctrines, and traditions. Should you have any questions about Maria Vision USA, call our Prayer Line at 239-842-3325 or visit our website, www.mariavision.us.

Family Logo Development -We are looking for a group of creative people to help develop a logo for our family, Akron Clarence Roman Catholic Community (ACRCC). If you have a graphic arts background or artistic talent you would like to share with our faith family, please attend a meeting with Fr. Tom on Tuesday, October 24, 2023, at 6:00 PM in St. Mary’s Parish Center, Rms.110/111. Enter through Door B-1, located in the parking lot behind the school/in front of the new church.

Help with Medicare - Dear parishioners, my name is Greg Honsberger and I am a licensed Medicare specialist working with Clarity Group locally. Many seniors are confused with continuous changes to Medicare, and don’t understand the many options that may suit them best. As a broker, I can offer several options that may be different than what you currently use as your Medicare health coverage. There is no cost to you for a free consultation in your own home. Annual enrollment period begins on October 15th, so we can schedule an appointment after that date. Call me at 716-713-2222 so we can determine the Medicare option that is best for YOU!

Yours in Christ, Greg Honsberger

Upcoming Dates to Remember

- **Sunday, October 15** - Religious Education Classes
10:00 - 11 am Grades K-6 and
10:00 - 11:15 am Grades 7-11
- **Wednesday, October 18** - Bible Study “Growing in Faith Through the Word” held in the school, Room #1, 10:30 - Noon
- **Wednesday, October 18** - Life in the Spirit, 6:30 PM OLP
- **Thursday, October 19** - Women’s Study Group after the 8 am Mass
- **Saturday, October 21** - Pro-Life Prayer Group, 9:30 am, in the parking lot near the Blessed Mother Mary statue
- **Saturday, October 21** - St. Teresa’s Monthly Cookie Social, 10AM, Brothers Of Mercy
- **Saturday, October 21** - Trunk or Treat following the 4 PM Mass
- **Sunday, October 22** - Religious Education Classes
10:00 - 11 am Grades K-6 and
10:00 - 11:15 am Grades 7-11
- **REMINDER** - Donations are being accepted for the Akron/Newstead Food Pantry in the Vestibule. They are in need of tuna fish & canned pasta.

Concerts For The Soul Presents
An Evening of Healing: Receiving
Autumn’s Sacred Gifts

Sat., October 28th, 7pm

SS Columba-Brigid Church
75 Hickory Street (off Clinton),
Buffalo, 14204.

Join Tenor Vocalist Cory James Gallagher and Writer Amy Gallagher for a Musical-Poetic Journey By Candlelight... Come receive the healing gifts of this special evening. Event is By Donation. A Reception will follow.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

“If you love Our Lady, she will cover you with her mantle and you will make your way in life, reassured and happy. Pray to her with great confidence.”

St. John Bosco