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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.



NOVEMBER 5, 2023 - THE 31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Sr. Bea Leising with the children in Timau, Kenya

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

Please Note: Fr. Art will be on vacation November 6 through November 15. There will be no daily Masses held at St. Teresa's during his vacation. Please join our sister Parishes for daily Mass. Our Lady of Peace in Clarence has weekday Mass on Mon 8:00 AM, Tue-Thu 6:30 & 8:00 AM, Fri 6:30 AM. Nativity weekday Mass is Mon, Wed-Sat 8 AM, Tues 9 AM. St. Maximilian Kolbe weekday Mass is Wed 7:00 PM at Corfu Site. The rectory office will remain open.

Sat., November 11

**4:00 Judy & Randy Bergman - 25th
Wedding Anniversary &
Randy Birthday Blessings**
by The Bergman Family

Sun., November 12

**9:00 Ann Sayers - 90th Birthday
Blessings**
*by The Flumerfeldt Family
&
Anniversary Blessings
by The Reigle Family*



Scripture Readings For the Week

Monday - Romans 11:29-36
Luke 14:12-14

Tuesday - Romans 12:5-16b
Luke 14:15-24

Wednesday - Romans 13:8-10
Luke 14:25-33

Thursday - Ezekiel 47:1-2,8-9,12
1 Corinthians 3:9c-11,
16-17
John 2:13-22

Friday - Romans 15:14-21
Luke 16:1-8

Saturday - Romans 16:3-9, 16, 22-27
Luke 16:9-15

Sunday - Wisdom 6:12-16
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
Matthew 25:1-13



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.



November 5, 2023

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Last Easter season a new convert to Catholicism at my parish asked me with a grave tone in her voice: "Why do we call priests 'father' if Jesus says, 'Call no man on earth your father, for you have one Father, who is in heaven?'" Thinking myself clever, I asked, "Do you think it's okay to call someone your 'teacher' or 'mister' or 'dad?'" She said, "Yes, I do." I responded, "Well, Jesus seems to forbid that, too. So, it's obviously hyperbole that he's using." She thought for a moment and declared, "Then I will stop using those words, too!" And she walked away. Not the outcome I was seeking.

We shouldn't be too hasty in dismissing this complaint voiced by many non-Catholics. The expression "father" for ordained priests is not honorary for the individual man. The priest's fatherhood doesn't begin or end in him at all. Rather, the title "father" indicates that he is a sacramental sign of God's Fatherhood revealed in Jesus. I can tell you, as a very unworthy bearer of that title, we should give and receive that title with some trepidation (because of God's awesomeness) and with a little sense of humor (because of the lowliness of the men with the title).

The longer I'm a priest, the more I'm comfortable with people not using the title "father" and just calling me "John." After all, only God is Father in the truest sense. At the same time, Jesus has brought the Father close to us, very close. We honor this closeness in some men with the title "father." Who are the priests in your life whom Christ has sent to you? How wonderful that Christ has surrounded us with humble signs of his Father's love. It's good to celebrate that love with gratitude for the priests in our lives.

— Father John Muir

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For an end to the violence perpetrated by harsh words, deadly weapons, or cold indifference. May our homes, our nation, and countries around the world become havens of peace; we pray to the Lord....

Please pray for the sick of the parish and their family members, especially: Susan Hegetsweiller, Bob Larouere, Linda Chaffee, Richard Jordan, 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 October for Expenses: \$ 4,135

In Pew 10/15/2023

Sunday Collection

\$ 3,698

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

On The Front Cover: The late Sr. Bea Leising loved her time serving in Timau, Kenya and is one of the reasons we now support the mission through the Women Guild's annual collection.

MILK & PORRIDGE/FOLLOW THE CHILDREN - The weekends of Nov. 5 & Nov. 12, St. Teresa's Women's Guild will be collecting to help the children at the mission in Timau, Kenya. Milk & Porridge is \$360 a year & will pay for a baby or toddler to receive 2 meals a day for a year. Follow the Children program, with a donation of \$400, will provide school books, tuition & 2 meals at school a day for a year. Last year generous parishioners donated \$13,014 which helped 41 children. Please make your check out to Sisters of St. Francis. Donations may also be sent to the Rectory.

Religious Education: At Confirmation, each candidate is anointed with a special oil called "Chrism". Chrism is made of olive oil mixed with fragrant balsam. It is a symbol of strength and our total belonging to Christ, His church, and His mission here on earth.

THANKSGIVING BASKETS - The Women's Guild is once asking for monetary donations to purchase food for 15 local families to have a great Thanksgiving meal. We will be in the back of the church at Masses on November 4/5 and November 11/12. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. We will be assembling the baskets on Saturday November 18th at 9 am in the church hall. If you wish to help, you are welcome to join us.

CHURCH CLEANING VOLUNTEERS - We are looking for volunteers to help clean the Church before the Advent Season. The cleaning will take place on Friday, November 17th after 8:30 Mass. Please bring a bucket and cleaning cloths. Cleaning products will be provided. A sign-up sheet is on the table in the vestibule.

Fully Alive Holy Hour/Eucharistic Adoration - Come and spend an hour with the Lord, with praise, prayer, reflections, and quiet time. During this peaceful hour of Adoration, Friday, November 10, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed beginning at 7:30 p.m. Closing Benediction takes place by 8:30 p.m.

Christmas Plants Sale - Pick-up or Memorial, orders due by Dec. 3rd. Pick-up Dec. 9 & 10. Fill out an order form and place it in the weekly collection.

The Clarence Lions Club and Akron Elementary School are collecting CHILDRENS prescription eyeglasses. Glasses will help the children in Bani, Dominican Republic. Collecting until Nov. 12th. These glasses will go to toddlers and children up to 10. If you can help out with donating gently worn glasses, please contact Debbie Michnik @ 716-445-2364

"National Vocation Awareness Week will be celebrated in our country November 5-11, 2023. Please ask Our Lord for more dedicated, holy priests, deacons, and consecrated men and women. May they be inspired by Jesus Christ, supported by our faith community, and respond generously to God's gift of vocation."

Vocation View - Psalm 131: "In you, Lord, I have found my peace." There is incredible peace in surrendering to God's will for your life. If Jesus is calling you to a Church vocation, contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit buffalovocations.org

Come join the Catholic Men's Fellowship of WNY for a morning of Advent Reflection, Saturday, Dec 9 at St. Jude the Apostle Church on 800 Niagara Falls Blvd, North Tonawanda 14120. We will begin with Mass at 8:30AM and then move to the Community Room where we will enjoy a presentation on "St. Joseph, The Silent Evangelist". All are welcome.



Join Us in Welcoming new members to our St. Teresa's Family! During the month of October we were blessed with the additions of John & Adrienne Braunscheidel, Savlatore, Jennifer, Gianna & Elizabeth Russo, Joseph Russo and Joan Schiener.



Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Matthew Blair who exchanged wedding vows at St. Teresa's on Saturday, November 4th. May God Bless their marriage.



A pirate walks into a bar with a paper towel on his head. The bartender says, "What's with the paper towel?" The pirate says, "Arrr! I've got a Bounty on me head!"

Upcoming Dates to Remember

- **November 5 - 11** - National Vocation Awareness Week
- **November 4/5** - Women's Guild will be collecting for Thanksgiving Baskets and the Mission in Kenya after the weekend Masses
- **Sunday, November 5** - Religious Education Classes
10:00 - 11 am Grades K-6 and
10:00 - 11:15 am Grades 7-11
- **Tuesday, November 7** - Women's Guild Meeting at 7 pm in the church hall.
- **Thursday, November 9** - Women's Study Group after the 8 am Mass
- **Friday, November 10** - Fully Alive Holy Hour/Eucharistic Adoration 7:30-8:30
- **Saturday, November 11** - Veterans Day
- **Saturday, November 11** - Pro-Life Prayer Group, 9:30 am, in the parking lot near the Blessed Mother Mary statue
- **Sunday, November 12** - 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 Thanksgiving Dinner donations.



It's Not too Late!

Tickets for the Knights of Columbus C&B Charitable and Benevolent Raffle must be turned in by the end of November. They are available for purchase in the vestibule along with instructions on how to fill out tickets stubs and where to submit them. Thank you!



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

"The priesthood is the love of the heart of Jesus. When you see a priest, think of our Lord Jesus Christ."

St. John Vianney