

St. Teresa of Avila Church

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NOVEMBER 12, 2023 - THE 32ND 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.



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

Sat., November 11

4:00 Judy & Randy 25th
Anniversary Blessings & Randy
Birthday Blessings
by Bergman Family

Sun., November 12

9:00 Ann Sayers - 90th Birthday
Blessings
by Flumerfeldt Family

Thurs., November 16 - St. Margaret &
St. Gertrude

8:00 John Capan - Birthday
Remembrance
by Daughter

Fri., November 17 - St. Elizabeth

8:00 Lorraine Sylvester - Birthday
Remembrance
by Daughter, Kathy

Sat., November 18 - St. Rose Philippine

9:00 Intentions for Bob Larouere
by Family

4:00 Geraldine Benker
by Benker Family

Sun., November 19

9:00 Cathy & Bernie Badding
by Family



Scripture Readings For the Week

Monday - Wisdom 1:1-7
Luke 17:1-6

Tuesday - Wisdom 2:23-3:9
Luke 17:7-10

Wednesday - Wisdom 6:1-11
Luke 17:11-19

Thursday - Wisdom 7:22b-8:1
Luke 17:20-25

Friday - Wisdom 13:1-9
Luke 17:26-37

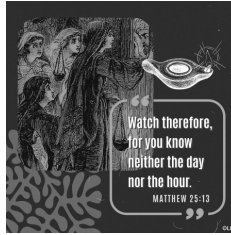
Saturday - Wisdom 18:14-16; 19:6-9
Luke 18:1-8

Sunday - Proverbs 31:10-13,19-20,30-31
1 Thessalonians 5:1-6
Matthew 25:14-30



* 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.



Watch therefore,
for you know
neither the day
nor the hour.
MATTHEW 25:13

November 12, 2023

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

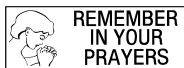
Lately I've been enjoying the deep meaning of Eastern icons. I love how they express a tapestry of meaning in a way that can surpass the written or spoken word. Today's parable of the ten virgins from Jesus is a good example. Try googling "wise and foolish virgins icon" and you'll see an image of how our Christ meets our heart's deepest needs if we attend to him with the proper attitude.

I'm serious. Take a moment to google and look at it. See how it depicts the risen Jesus behind a closed door with the five wise virgins with lighted lamps. He gazes with them toward the five foolish and lamp-less virgins, symbolizing the outward looking of divine love for the lost. Moreover, the wedding feast is no ordinary one. It takes place in a walled city and garden, indicating it's a new Jerusalem and a return to Eden. The table isn't typical, either. It's a Eucharistic feast. Now we see that the door in Jesus' parable is the way into the church, where Christ is the new light burning amidst the dark midnight of this world.

The richness continues. We notice, too, that the foolish virgins look exactly the same as the wise ones in their clothes, hair, and expressions. The only difference is they departed to buy oil and now they are sadly excluded. We often act like consumers in the marketplace to fulfill our need for love and mercy. We'll always end up disappointed if we shop around. Jesus sums up the moral of the story this way: "Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour." Watch, remain, don't spiritually shop. It is always better to quietly remain close to the Eucharistic community of the Church, even if we feel like our oil has run out. This week let's consider placing the icon of the wise and foolish virgins on our phone lock screen or computer desktop to help us remember to stay close to him, especially when life feels dark.

— Father John Muir

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REMEMBER
IN YOUR
PRAYERS

For those who served their country in its hour of need, and especially for those who gave even their lives in that service; 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, Ita Steele, Jim & Joe Vasi, Sterling McCarriagher, Jean Ottney, Shirley Lantz, Rita Whalen, Kathy Sylvester and Laura Gray.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Theresa Buekers.

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: \$ 5,833*

In Pew 10/22/2023

Sunday Collection

\$ 4,556

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

*An additional \$1,698 has been budgeted each month to cover the cost of our insurance over 12 month. Insurance bill is \$20,373.22.

Religious Education: The sacraments are the way, the path, the encounter with Jesus, our Savior and Redeemer. The presence of Jesus in our lives is the reality that saves us and sanctifies us. As a parish family we unite our prayers, our thoughts, and ourselves with our young people who are receiving Confirmation this weekend.

Please Note: Fr. Art will be on vacation 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.

THANKSGIVING BASKETS - The Women's Guild is asking for monetary donations to purchase food for 15 local families to have a great Thanksgiving meal. 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.

MILK & PORRIDGE/FOLLOW THE CHILDREN - St. Teresa's Women's Guild is 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.


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!

Please Note: The water has been turned off at the Cemetery for this season.

Anointing Mass will be held on Wednesday, November 29th at 7 pm at St. Teresa, 5771 Buell St., Akron. Father Art Mattulke, Fr. Joseph Franz and Fr. Walter Szczesny cordially invite those afflicted with any ailment or in need of special healing to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. Confessions will be heard prior to Mass from 5:30 to 6:30 pm. Please note that the regular Mass time of 5:30 is changed to 7 PM.


Vocation View - "The dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air." When that blessed time comes, only faith and love will matter. Live that way now! Serve the Church and the Poor as a priest, deacon, or consecrated religious. Contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit buffalovocations.org.

Our Lady of Pompeii Free Monthly Faith Enrichment Speaker Series, November 13, 2023 @ 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm - Deacon Ted Pijacki will give a presentation entitled: "SIGNS OF FAITH, FAITH OF SIGNS: Apparitions at Lourdes & Fatima," in Our Lady of Pompeii Catholic Church, 129 Laverack Avenue, Lancaster, NY 14086. Refreshments follow. Free will donations are accepted. Questions: 716-683-6522 Parish Office. Event Website: www.olpparish.com

 Did you hear the one about the painter who was hired to whitewash a church? Unfortunately, he thinned the paint too much, causing it to wash away entirely during the first rain. The minister called the painter to complain. "What do you want me to do about it? The painter asked. "Repaint," said the minister firmly, "and thin no more."

Upcoming Dates to Remember


- **November 11/12** - Women's Guild will be collecting for Thanksgiving Baskets and the Mission in Kenya after the weekend Masses
- **Sunday, November 12** - Religious Education Classes
10:00 - 11 am Grades K-6 and
10:00 - 11:15 am Grades 7-11
- **Thursday, November 2** - Women's Study Group after the 8 am Mass
- **Friday, November 17** - Cleaning of the Church from 9 - 12:30
- **Saturday, November 18** - Assemble Thanksgiving Baskets in the Parish Hall at 9 AM
- **Saturday, November 18** - Pro-Life Prayer Group, 9:30 am, in the parking lot near the Blessed Mother Mary statue
- **Saturday, November 18** - St. Teresa's Monthly Cookie Social, 10AM, Brothers Of Mercy
- **Sunday, November 19** - 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.



ORDER YOUR CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA
AND HELP SUPPORT

2023 STEC

SAINT TERESA'S EVENT COMMITTEE



Order for pick up or as a memorial
6 1/2" Pot Poinsettia Plant
\$12.00 each or 3 for \$33.00
Red White Pink Marble
Beautiful plants from Delre's Greenhouse

Fill out form below and place in the weekly collection
with payment of cash or check made out to St. Teresa.

Order deadline is December 3rd.
Pick Up is after Masses
December 9th and 10th



Thank you for your support of Youth Ministry



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

"As far as our Lord is concerned, healing our bodies is a lesser miracle than healing and restoring divine life to our souls."
Scott Hahn from his work
The Healing Power of Confession