

St. Teresa of Avila Church

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NOVEMBER 19, 2023 - THE 33RD 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

Mon., November 20

8:00 In Memory of Gertrude Bartels &
Andrew Korszykowski
by Estate of Gertrude Bartels

Tues., November 21

8:00 In Memory of Joseph Warjeko
by Sr. Ruth

Wed., November 22 - St. Cecilai

5:30 Leonard Rejewski
by Flumerfeldt Family

Thurs., November 23 - Thanksgiving

9:00 Bob Tiedt
by Debbie Tiedt

Fri., November 24 - St. Clement

8:00 Faizal Khan - Birthday Blessings
by Mary Olsen

Sat., November 25 - St. Catherine, BVM

9:00 Intentions for Bob Larouere
by Family

4:00 Dennis Winger
by Jerry & Mary Ellen Siuta

Sun., November 26

9:00 Martin Ernst Sr.
by John & Sheila Ernst



Scripture Readings For the Week

Monday - 1 Maccabees 1:10-15,
41-43,54-57,62-63
Luke 18:35-43

Tuesday - 2 Maccabees 6:18-31
Luke 19:1-10

Wednesday - 2 Maccabees 7:1,20-31
Luke 19:11-28

Thursday - 1 Maccabees 2:15-29
Luke 19:41-44

Friday - 1 Maccabees 4:36-37,52-59
Luke 19:45-48

Saturday - 1 Maccabees 6:1-13
Luke 20:27-40

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



November 19, 2023

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

**GIVE
WITHOUT
FEAR**

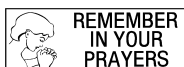
When I was a kid, I hated playing Monopoly because my siblings and friends always seemed to win. But worse was how it happened. Scared to risk my fake money on buying properties, I'd hold on to it. My opponents hungrily bought up the various real estate squares on the board. Then, inevitably, my poor, low-equity self would land on their spots, pay them rent, and my money would drain to zero. It seemed so unfair. The rich get richer, and the poor get poorer. I had to learn that monopoly money is meant to be spent. I was scared to lose some of it. So, I lost all of it.

How do we see what we possess? Jesus' parable about the talents is not really about economics but about the investability of everything he entrusts to us. How marvelous that everyone in the fable who places talents in the open market doubles their investment. The only one who doesn't is the man who fearfully buries his one talent. Jesus' success strategy for us seems to be, whatever we have, get it out of our possession. Risk it as quickly and as fully as we can.

You and I have precious gifts. We have valuable things to invest — time, talents, treasure. The Lord invites us to be brave and even somewhat reckless, to give as much away as possible. If we give it away in the direction of love and truth, it will grow. If we hold on to it in fear, the little we have will be taken away. Let me challenge you this week: find something in your life you're holding on to, and risk it by giving it away. It won't double if you hold on to it.

— Father John Muir

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With grateful thanks for the Word of God, and for God's Church; may all members grow in gratitude for the many gifts bestowed upon them; we pray to the Lord.

Please pray for the sick of the parish and their family members, especially: Susan Hegetsweiller, Bob Larouere, Mary Prentice, Linda Chaffee, Richard Jordan, Louis Pulvino, Ita Steele, Jim & Joe Vasi, Sterling McCarragher, 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: \$ 5,833*

In Pew 10/29/2023

Sunday Collection

\$ 3,748

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.



Knock, knock! Who's there? Anita. Anita who? Anita bigger pair of pants, I ate too much on Thanksgiving.

Congratulations to the 2023 Confirmation Class

Andrew Bergman Ava Fox John Gehl
 Matthew Kalinowski Danielle Mast Emily Mruk
 Clarise Wawrzyniec

Religious Education: Each family has received a deck of cards entitled "Faith Moves," ideal for busy families who want to live out their faith in everyday life. We hope you enjoy this gift and use it to bring home the message of Jesus.



Thanksgiving Mass Schedule

Wednesday Evening 5:30 PM
 Thursday Morning 9:00 AM

Thanksgiving loaves will be available at the 9 AM Mass on Thanksgiving Day.

Ladies' Study Group - The ladies study group will be watching "Lectio: Mary" on the 4 Thursday mornings of advent (Nov 30, Dec 7, 14, 21) from 8:30-10. Everyone is welcome to join us following the in the Rectory Meeting Room.

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.

"Growing In Faith Through The Word" Bible Study - Join members of the Catholic Educators as we 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 second series will be held at Our Lady of Peace on Wednesday, November 29, December 6 and 13. The third series will be held at Nativity and will be on Wednesday, March 6, 13 and 20. The fourth series will be held at St. Mary's on Wednesday, April 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.

Christmas Advent-ure - As we begin the beautiful season of Advent, we have a wonderful event planned for the **K-5 religious education students and their parents!** On Sunday, December 3rd from 10:15-11:30 am in the parish hall, students and their parents will complete various hand-on activities together to prepare for both Advent and Christmas. Some of these include: learning about the season of Advent, fun crafts, writing Christmas cards for the residents at Brothers of Mercy, and enjoying a treat too! *Please note that this event will take place during your child's regular class time and attendance will be taken. Students must be accompanied by an adult, as this is a family event. We can't wait to see you on December 3rd!

Help Wanted - HANDYMAN - Sidewalk snow removal with snowblower and hall maintenance....clean bathrooms and floors, carryout garbage, table / chair set-up. Flexible hours. Contact office@olplclarence.org for further information.

Vocation View - "Well done, my good and faithful servant... Come, share your master's joy." When we pass out of time and into eternity, we will want to hear these words. What is Jesus calling you to do as His faithful servant? If it's a Church vocation, contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit buffalovocations.org.

Upcoming Dates to Remember

- **Sunday, November 19** - Religious Education Classes 10:00 - 11 am Grades K-6
10:00 - 11:15 am Grades 7-10
- **Thursday, November 23** - Happy Thanksgiving
- **Saturday, November 25** - Pro-Life Prayer Group, 9:30 am, in the parking lot near the Blessed Mother Mary statue
- **Sunday, November 26** - There are no Religious Education Classes - Happy Thanksgiving
- **Wednesday, November 29** - Anointing Mass, 7 PM, Reconciliation. 5:30-6:30



ORDER YOUR CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS 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

2023 ST. TERESA'S EVENT COMMITTEE PLANT SALE

Name _____ Email _____ Phone _____

For Pick Up: Red White Pink Marble Total for Pick Up: _____

For Memorial: Red White Pink Marble Total for Memorials: _____

Total Plants being Purchased: _____ Total Amount Due: \$ _____

Memorial Name(s) _____



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
 THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

"O Jesus, come back into our society, our family life, our souls and reign there as our peaceful sovereign."

From the prayer of
 Pope John XXIII