

St. Teresa of Avila Church

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NOVEMBER 26, 2023 - OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

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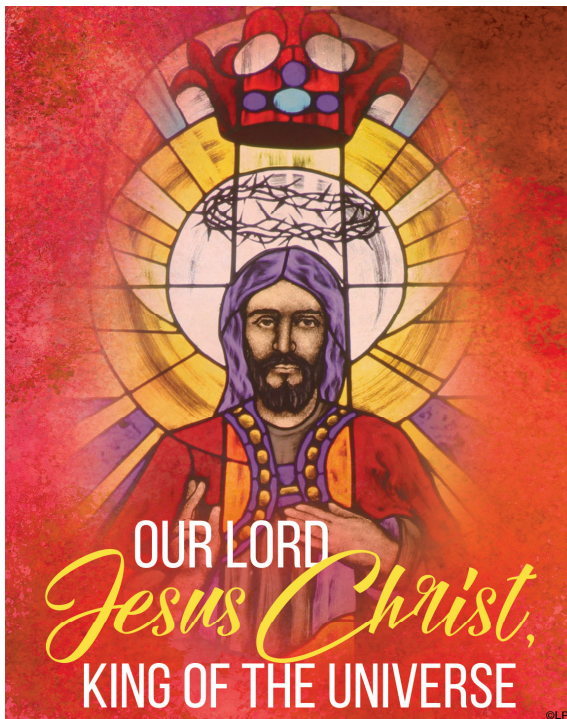
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MISSION STATEMENT

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.



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 27

8:00 Dearly Departed Souls

Tues., November 28

8:00 Theresa Buekers
by Mary Ann & Jim Schneider

Wed., November 29

5:30 Dearly Departed Souls

Thurs., November 30 - St. Andrew

8:00 Intentions for Fathers

Fri., December 1

8:00 Intentions for Mothers

Sat., December 2

9:00 Intentions for Bob Larouere
by Family

4:00 Intentions of Deb

Sun., December 3 - St. Francis Xavier

9:00 Maryanne Snyder
by John & Sheila Ernst



Scripture Readings For the Week

Monday - Daniel 1:1-6,8-20
Luke 21:1-4

Tuesday - Daniel - 2:31-45
Luke 21:5-11

Wednesday - Daniel 5:1-5,13-14,16-17,23-28
Luke 21:12-19

Thursday - Romans 10:9-18
Matthew 4:18-22

Friday - Daniel 7:15-27
Luke 21:29-33

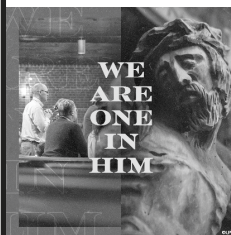
Saturday - Daniel 7:15-27
Luke 21:34-36

Sunday - Isaiah 63:16b-17,19b;64:2-7
1 Corinthians 1:3-9
Mark 13:33-37



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 26, 2023

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

In May 2023, for the first time in almost three quarters of a century, a monarch was crowned in England. A few days later a friend of mine scoffed, "What a waste of time and energy! What is the point of a king?"

I'm a proud American who wants neither theocracy nor monarchical restoration. I like our democratic republic. But the coronation of King Charles reminded me of something needed in every person and community: confidence in the future. The king's most basic role is to symbolize the unity of the nation. In England, the parliament members handle many of the practical duties of governance. But the king or queen can do what they cannot: embody in a single person the reality and future of a whole nation. To say, "this is our king" is to say, "we exist as a community, and we have a future." Kingship isn't primarily about the power of one person or family. It's about the enduring identity and unity of the whole.

To say Christ is our King is to say we exist as a people. We are one in him. We are, and we will be as long as he is. And since he will be our risen king forever, together we have a future filled with hope. Even the best countries will finally fall. But Christ and his Church will endure forever. What good news! It's not a waste of time to crown a king. We do it all the time. Let's be sure to crown the right one — the one whose kingdom never ends.

Father John Muir

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For our Advent celebration, that it would be a time of reflection on the coming of Christ, filled with prayer, repentance, and love for God and neighbor; 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, Mary Prentice, Louis Pulvino, Ita Steele, Jim & Joe Vasi, Sterling McCarragher, Jean Otney, Shirley Lantz, Rita Whalen, and Laura Gray.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Theresa Mary Dolph.

Please also pray for the sacredness of all human life from conception until natural death.

** YOUR PARISH OFFERING **

Funds needed per week in November for Expenses: \$ 6,253.45*

In Pew 11/5/2023

Sunday Collection

\$ 5,360

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.

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE- NOVEMBER 26, 2023

Religious Education: Let us welcome Mrs. Margie Wood as Director of Religious Education. Mrs. Wood has served as a catechist for many years. Sister Ruth will continue her ministry in our parish as sacristan and bringing Holy Communion to homebound parishioners. Sunday morning classes continue as scheduled.

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!

Ladies' Study Group - The ladies' study group of St. Teresa of Avila will be watching "Lectio: Mary" on the 4 Thursday mornings of advent (Nov 30, Dec 7, 14, 21), 8:30 - 10:00 AM. Ladies are welcome to join us in the Rectory Meeting Room, 5771 Buell St., Akron, NY. For more information, please call Lori @ 585-409-3133.

Mini Advent Retreat - St. Teresa of Avila will have an Advent Retreat starting on Tuesday, November 28th, from 6-7pm. The following sessions will be on Wednesdays after 5:30 Mass, Dec 6th, 13th and 20th, 6-7pm. Each session will average an hour. Everyone is welcome to join us in the Rectory Meeting Room, 5771 Buell St., Akron, NY. For more information, please contact Rose Elliott at cluelessmom82@hotmail.com.

Anointing Mass & Sacrament of Reconciliation 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.



Sock, Mitten & Hat Tree - New hats, scarves and socks, especially men's socks, are greatly needed. Distribution will take place on at the Akron/Newstead Food Pantry. Thank you for your generosity.

"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.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS - 24 Hours of Adoration - December 11-12, Saint Teresa's will have 24 hours of Adoration, as well as confession. The 24 hours of Adoration will begin on Monday, December 11th with morning Mass and will continue thru morning Mass on Tuesday, December 12th. Confession will be held from 7-8 pm on December 11th. A sign-up sheet for adoration times is on the table in the vestibule.



St. Teresa's is scheduled to participate in this year's Salvation Army collection at Pixley's. We are asking anyone who is interested in ringing the bell for a half hour during the day on Friday, December 8th, to call the office, 716-542-9103, or sign-up on sheet on the table in the narthex. All of the funds collected are to help those in need in the Akron area

Vocation View - Praised be Jesus Christ, King of the universe! We assemble in church as the royalty of His court, sent out to do His bidding. What has Christ the King decreed for you? Could it be a life of service as an ordained or lay minister? Call Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 to start the conversation or visit buffalovocations.org



How does a penguin build his house? Igloos it together.

Upcoming Dates to Remember

- **Sock, Hat & Mitten Tree Collection**
- **Sunday, November 26** - There are no Religious Education Classes due to the Holiday
- **Tuesday, November 28** - Advent Mini Retreat, 6 - 7 pm in the rectory meeting room.
- **Wednesday, November 29** - "Growing In Faith" Bible Study, 10:30 - noon, Our Lady of Peace
- **Wednesday, November 29** - Anointing Mass, 7 PM, Sacrament of Reconciliation 5:30-6:30 PM
- **Thursday, November 30** - Women's Study Group 8:30 - 10 am
- **Saturday, December 2** - First Saturday - Rosary before the 9 am Mass and Confessions from 8:15-8:45 am and 2:30 - 3:30 pm
- **Saturday, December 2** - Pro-Life Prayer Group, 9:30 am, in the parking lot near the Blessed Mother Mary statue
- **Sunday, December 3** - Christmas "Advent-ure" in the Parish Hall, Grades K-5, 10:15 - 11:30
- **Sunday, December 3** - Regular Religious Education Classes 10:00 - 11:15 am Grades 6-10
- **Friday, December 8** - Salvation Army collection at Pixley's

Nativity BVM's 4th annual
Foundation for the Future Raffle
WIN A CAR OR \$20,000 CASH!

GRAND PRIZE DRAWING
DECEMBER 15, 2023

\$50 / TICKET
3 FOR \$125
5 FOR \$200
10 FOR \$375

4 WINNERS OF \$500 CASH!

WEEKLY DRAWINGS
NOVEMBER 14, 21, 28 & DECEMBER 5

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WINNERS NEED NOT PRESENT
GRAND PRIZE IS CHOICE OF \$20,000 OR
2024 HONDA HRV EXL, 2023 KIA FORTE GT, 2023 MAZDA CX 30 2.5 PREFERRED PACKAGE
*CARS PICTURED ARE REPRESENTATIVE OF POTENTIAL GRAND PRIZE OPTIONS
CHECKS PAYABLE TO "NATIVITY OF MARY"



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."