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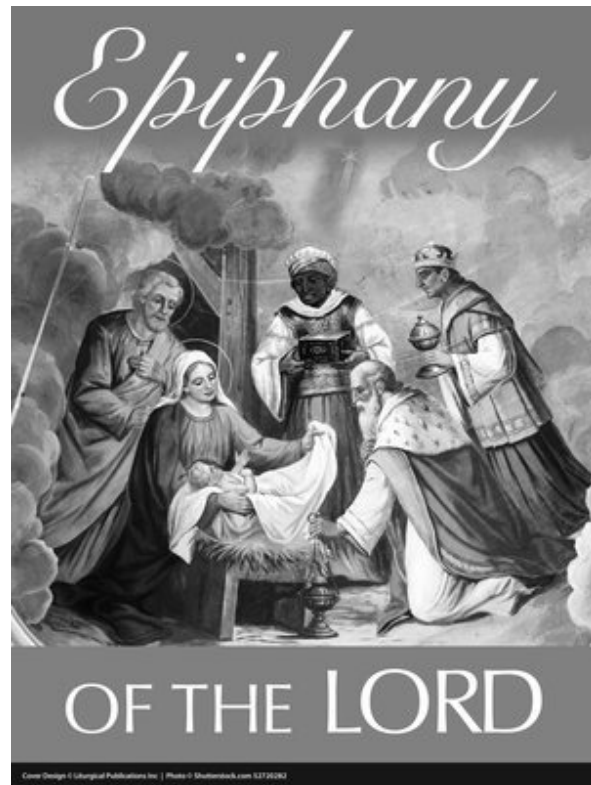
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MISSION STATEMENT

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.



JANUARY 8, 2012 • EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday Liturgies 8:00 AM, 10:15 AM
Saturday Vigil.....4:30 PM
Weekday Liturgies
Daily..... 8:00 AM, except Wednesday 5:30 PM
Saturday.....9:00 AM
Vigil of Holy Days.....4:30 PM
Holy Days..... 8:00 AM, 7:30 PM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays 3:45 to 4:15 p.m.
First Saturday 8:15 to 8:45 a.m.
Vigil of Holy Days 3:45 to 4:15 p.m.
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 children attend Religious Education.



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, January 9 - The Baptism
of the Lord

8:00 Abigail Margeson *by family*

Tuesday, January 10

8:00 NO MASS

Wednesday, January 11

5:30 Felixa Kedzierski *by Rita Yablonski*

Thursday, January 12

8:00 Michael and Florence Zola *by family*

Friday, January 13 - St. Hillary

8:00 Tom and Dawn Wysocki *by Norb and Alize Beiter*

Saturday, January 14

9:00 Parishioners of St. Teresa's
4:30 Robert Ostrozynski *by Jim and Diane Creed*

Sunday, January 15 - 2nd Sunday
in Ordinary Time

8:00 Patricia Blasko *by family*
10:15 Pauline Zurlo *by family*



Scripture Readings for the Week

*Monday - Isaiah 55:1-11;
Mark 1:7-11*

*Tuesday - 1 Samuel 1:9-20;
Mark 1:21-28*

*Wednesday - 1 Samuel 3:1-10,
19-20; Mark 1:29-39*

*Thursday - 1 Samuel 4:1-11;
Mark 1:40-45*

*Friday - 1 Samuel 8:4-7, 10-22a;
Mark 2:1-12*

*Saturday - 1 Samuel 9:1-4, 17-
19, 10:1; Mark 2:13-17*

*Next Sunday - 1 Samuel 3:3b-10,
19; 1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-
20; John 1:35-42*



Thank you to the many parishioners of St. Teresa's for your many cards, gifts and Christmas wishes. They were very heart warming and greatly appreciated.

Msgr. Williamson
and the Sisters



PASTORAL SHARINGS

Canticle of Zechariah

The Messiah and his forerunner

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel;
He has come to His people and set them free.
He has raised up for us a mighty savior,
born of the house of His servant David.

Through His holy prophets He promised of old
that He would save us from our enemies,
from the hands of all who hate us.

He promised to show mercy to our fathers
and to remember His holy covenant.

This was the oath He swore to our father Abraham:
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
free to worship Him without fear,
holy and righteous in His sight
all the days of our life.

You my child, shall be called the prophet
of the Most High;
for you will go before the Lord to prepare His way,
to give His people knowledge of salvation
by the forgiveness of their sins.

In the tender compassion of our God
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
to shine on those who dwell in darkness
and the shadow of death,
And to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning, is now,
and will be for ever. Amen.

Luke 1:68-79

Our Special Prayer Request for the Week: That those who heard the good news of Jesus will glorify Him by the life that they live and enjoy the peace and joy that He engenders; we pray to the Lord...

In your prayers... Please pray for the sick of the parish and their family members particularly; Emma Coffta, Rita Matynka, Mary Karl, Julie Carlo, Jason Krear, David Miller, Christopher Schifferle, Ann Falsioni, Debbie Kuhn, Jeffrey Jurewicz and for the happy repose of the soul of Father Richard Keppeler and Msgr. Maximilian Kozminski. Please also continue to pray for our troops who are serving in Iraq, Afghanistan and throughout the world.



Respect Life: In observance of the 39th Anniversary of the Supreme Court decision in *Roe v. Wade*, legalizing abortion, Roses for Life and Precious Feet lapel pins will be available after all Masses next weekend. All proceeds will be mailed to the Diocese of Buffalo Pro-Life Activities Office. We thank you in advance for your support.



The Living Nativity brought joy and happiness to all attending Mass on December 18th. We extend sincere thanks to all the children who participated as well as their parents who assisted at the rehearsal and at Mass time. It was a "holy parade" to remember! We missed our animal friends from the Kelkenberg Farm: the donkey, sheep, goats and doves. Mary and Joseph could not rest on the sweet bales of hay. With more gratitude than words can say, we thank the Kelkenberg Family for a decade of participation in the Living Nativity. The memories are precious!

Need some assistance in the job interview process? The next free monthly seminar presented by the Catholic Charities Department of Workforce and Education will be January 18 from 3:30 - 4:30 pm at the Seneca Babcock Community Center, 1168 Seneca Street, Buffalo. They will offer advice on how to convince an employer you are the right person for the job. For more information, to register or find out about upcoming opportunities, call 893-3500.

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28). Every day there are things that remind us of our experiences of loss. Grief never takes a vacation! A new, FREE 2011 packet 'Coping with Seasons of Loss' is filled with resources, insights, prayers and scripture support. For your packet, please contact your Office of Family Life Ministries at 847-2210 or email familylife@buffalodiocese.org.

In the vulnerability of Christmas, the Child forever offers us Herod's choice. We can still our fear of the threat to our comfort by smothering the proclamation in the tight swaddling clothes of sentimental spiritualities. Or we can lay the gift of all our inadequate images beside the gold, the frankincense and myrrh, and bow the knee in worship. Then will the Child in whose image we are being made become our end...and our Beginning.

"What Child is This?"

Jennifer Glenn

Christmas Leftovers:

- A group of chess enthusiasts checked into a hotel and were standing in the lobby discussing their recent tournament victories. After about an hour, the manager came out of the office and asked them to disperse. "But why?" they asked as they moved off. "I can't stand chess nuts boasting in an open foyer."
- What do you get when you cross a snowman with a shark? Frostbite
- One Christmas, Joe and Peter built a skating rink in the middle of a field. A shepherd leading his flock decided to take a shortcut across the rink. The sheep, however, were afraid of the ice and wouldn't cross it. Desperate, the shepherd began tugging them to the other side. "Look at that," remarked Peter to Joe, "That guy is trying to pull the wool over our ice!"
- One day, a Russian couple were walking down the street, and they got into an argument over whether it was raining or sleeting. So they asked a communist party official, comrade Rudolph, if it was officially raining or sleeting. "Today it is officially raining, comrades," said the official and walked away. The wife said, "I still think it's sleeting." The man said, "Rudolph the Red knows rain, dear."



- Sunday, January 8 - Religious Education Classes - 9:00 - 10:00 am and 11:15 am - 12:30 pm; Parents of First Reconciliation Children Meeting at 9:00 am in the Parish Hall
- Wednesday, January 11 - Religious Education Classes - 4:00 - 5:00 pm
- Saturday, January 14 - Monthly Visitation to the Erie County Home - cars leave the parking lot at 1:15 pm; cookies are needed
- Sunday, January 15 - Religious Education Classes - 9:00 - 10:00 am and 11:15 - 12:30 pm



Prayer For Priests and Religious

Heavenly Father, please grant to Your faithful servants, the grace and strength to carry out Your mission for the Church each day. Keep our priests close to You and continue to inspire them to serve others in Your holy name. Please help to inspire men who are called to a priestly vocation to answer Your call and participate in the fullness that You have planned for them. Amen.

The Son of God is manifested to the world first through the visit of the Magi. Today God's Son is brought into the world and is present to the world through His Church. If you think God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Father Walter Szczesny at 847-5535.

BOTTOM LINE:

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

Isaiah 9