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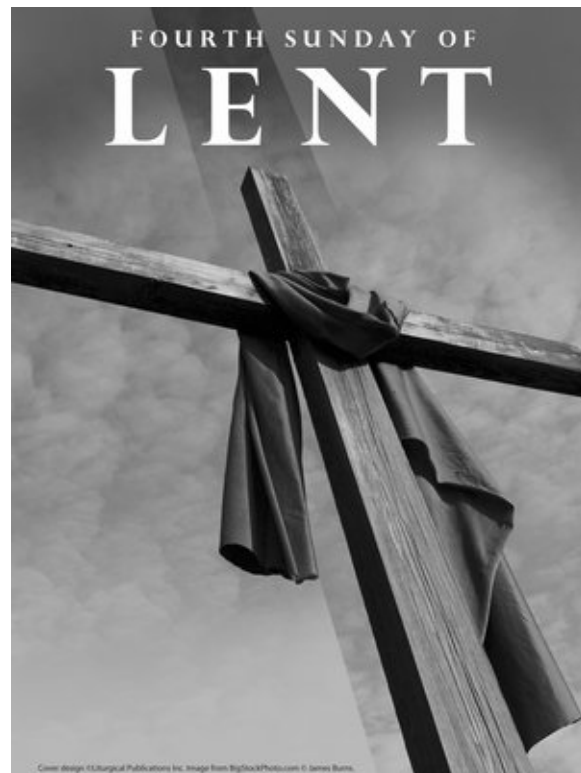
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MISSION STATEMENT

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.



APRIL 3, 2011 • FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT



MASS SCHEDULE

<i>Sunday Liturgies</i>	8:00 AM, 10:15 AM
<i>Saturday Vigil</i>	4:30 PM
<i>Weekday Liturgies</i>	
<i>Daily</i>	8:00 AM, except Wednesday 5:30 PM
<i>Saturday</i>	9:00 AM
<i>Vigil of Holy Days</i>	4:30 PM
<i>Holy Days</i>	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

Sundays-Arrangements to be made 3 weeks before Baptism.

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 are registered parishioners, attend Mass regularly, have been confirmed, if married, have done so in conformity with the laws of the Church, and have been a registered member of St. Teresa's Church for at least 6 months.



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, April 4 - St. Isidore

8:00 Paul Bergman - Birthday
Blessings *by mom and dad*

Tuesday, April 5 - St. Vincent Ferrer

8:00 Msgr. John Conniff *by estate*

Wednesday, April 6

5:30 Bob Bergman - Birthday
Blessings *by Tom and Amy*

Thursday, April 7 - St. John Baptist de la Salle

8:00 Ellen Williamson

Friday, April 8

8:00 Jean Job *by Ed and Barb Burke*


Saturday, April 9

9:00 Parishioners of St. Teresa's
4:30 Ann McLeod *by Pam Casseri*

Sunday, April 10 - 5th Sunday of Lent

8:00 Julie Conschafter *by Catechists and Children of the Parish*

10:15 Agnes Kirsch *by Bill and Nancy O'Donnell*

 Scripture Readings for the Week

Monday - Isaiah 65:17-21;
John 4:43-54

Tuesday - Ezekiel 47:1-9, 12;
John 5:1-16

Wednesday - Isaiah 49:8-15; John 5:17-30

Thursday - Exodus 32:7-14; John 5:31-47

Friday - Wisdom 2:1a, 12-22;
John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday - Jeremiah 11:18-20;
John 7:40-53

Next Sunday - Ezekiel 37:12-14;
Romans 8:8-11; John 11:1-45

Penance Service at
Nativity of the BVM -
Harris Hill, Monday,
April 11th - 7:00 pm



PASTORAL SHARINGS

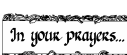
Both the Pharisees and the cured former blind man looked at Jesus. The Pharisees saw an opponent. The cured saw a Savior.

Through faith we can see a deeper meaning in things:

- We see illness not just as tragedy but also as an expression of the pain and limits of our world and a sharing in the Passion of Jesus Christ.
- We see the Church not simply as a social institution but as the voice and presence of the Risen Christ in our world, our guide for life.
- We see the sacraments not just as ancient rituals but as the actions of the Lord Himself rescuing us in so many different ways from darkness.
- We see the Mass not as a ceremony but as the Sacrifice of the Cross perpetuated among us, drawing us into its saving power.
- We see our life not simply as a career but as a journey either towards or away from the Father.
- We see our care for others not just as philanthropy but as an extension of the healing work of Christ.
- We see marriage not just as a contract but as the promise of two people to give themselves to each other with the same kind of loyal, self-sacrificing love that Jesus has for the Church.
- We see sexuality not just as an instinct but as a sacred power that enables us to share in the work of creation.
- We see death not as a biological end but as a passage to everlasting life.
- We see the small deaths in our life not as failures but as ways to new and deeper life.
- We see the same things others see but in a deeper way.

Father S. Joseph Krempa

Our Special Prayer Request for the Week: That our Lenten sacrifices lead us to a renewed commitment to living and sharing the life of Christ with those with whom we come in contact each day on our mutual journey; we pray to the Lord...



Please pray for the sick of the parish and their family members particularly; Dorothy Bartels, Joan Scheitheir, Luella Bailey and for the happy repose of the soul of James Place. Please also continue to pray for the troops who are serving our country, especially Nicholas Jurek.

Lenten Pamphlets are here. Check out the pamphlet rack on your way out today. Many items for children through teens and adults - educational and devotional reading from \$.50 to \$2.00.

Catholic Relief Services responds to devastation in Japan - Catholic Relief Service personnel throughout the Pacific are assisting those affected by the earthquake and tsunami that struck Japan. CRS will help people recover from the emergency and stand with them in the months and years to come. To make a donation in support of CRS relief efforts in Japan, visit <http://crs.org/japan> or you may mark a blank envelope with "Japan Relief" and drop in in our collection basket and we will forward it for you.



The cover of this bulletin announces this is the Fourth Week of Lent! Holy Week is coming soon. On Thursday of that week we commemorate Holy Thursday with Mass in the evening. All the children of the parish are welcome to participate in a short procession towards the end of Mass. We recall the time when Jesus left the Upper Room with His friends, proceeded to the Garden of Olives and was arrested. Parents are encouraged to come to Mass on Holy Thursday evening so their children can “walk with Jesus” in procession.



Easter Egg Hunt - Preschool thru Grade 4 children of our parish are invited to participate in our 22nd Annual Easter Egg Hunt on Holy Saturday, April 23 in the school classrooms. The event starts at 1:30 pm in the Parish Hall. **Pre-Registration is required.** Registration forms are available from Religious Education teachers and can also be found in the vestibule of the church and school. The deadline for registration is Wednesday, April 13. For more information, please contact Mary Ann Schneider at 542-5141.

St. Teresa’s Women’s Guild Annual A to Z Sale - Saturday, April 30 from 9 am until 2 pm in the Parish Hall. For more information or pickup, please call Suzie - 542-4727 or Sandy - 542-9310. You can also drop off items during Religious Education hours - Wednesday’s - 4-5 pm and Sunday’s - 9-10 am.



Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary School in Harris Hill will hold an Open House on Monday, April 4 from 9-11 am and from 6-8 pm. Please stop in and see the school in action as they are building the academic and spiritual foundation for tomorrow’s leaders. For additional information, please call 633-7441, ext. 302.



Blessed Teresa of Calcutta, the patron of Appeal 2011, now on the road to sainthood, showed the world how to be a steward for all people, especially for those who need care the most. **Catholic Charities** brings Blessed Teresa’s spirit of abounding love and service to tens of thousands of children, families and elderly throughout Western New York. Please remember the 2011 Appeal this Lenten season and help improve the lives of people in Western New York. **Whoever. Wherever. Whenever. Please give to the 2011 Catholic Charities Appeal.**



Three successful brothers were bragging about the gifts they’d given their elderly mother for her birthday. “I bought her a new car and hired a permanent chauffeur,” said one. “I built her a big new house,” crowed the second. “That’s nothing,” sniffed the third. “You know how sad Mama has been since her failing eyesight keeps her from reading the Scriptures? Well, I bought her a parrot that can recite the entire Bible. It took 20 priests 12 years to teach him, and I had to pledge \$100,000 a year from 20 years. But now all Mama has to do is name a chapter and verse, and the parrot will recite it.” When their mother sent out her thank-you notes, this is what she wrote: “Marvin, I’m too old to drive. I have my groceries delivered and the driver you hired is a Democrat. But thanks.” “Milton, this house is just too big. I live in one room, and still have to clean the whole thing. But thanks.” “Dearest Melvin, you’re the only one who put any thought into your gift. That colorful little chicken was just delicious.”



- Sunday, April 3 - Religious Education Classes - 9:00 - 10:00 am and 11:15 am - 12:30 pm
- Tuesday, April 5 - Women’s Guild Monthly Meeting - 7:00 pm in the School Meeting Room
- Wednesday, April 6 - Religious Education Classes - 4:00 - 5:00 pm
- Thursday, April 7 - Scripture Sharings - 10:00 - 11:00 am in the Rectory Meeting Room
- Friday, April 8 - Stations of the Cross - 7:30 pm, followed by Communion Service
- Saturday, April 9 - Monthly Visitation to the Erie County Home - cars leave the parking lot at 1:15 pm; cookies are needed!
- Sunday, April 10 - Religious Education Classes - 9:00 - 10:00 am and 11:15 am - 12:30 pm



A Prayer for Vocations

Lord Jesus, we ask you to send more servants to your people. Choose from our parishes, from our homes, from our schools and colleges, an abundant harvest of apostles for your Kingdom: priests, sisters, brothers, deacons and lay ministers. We pray that those you call may never lose awareness of the dignity and need of their vocation. Amen.

If the grass is greener on the other side of the fence, fertilize yours.

BOTTOM LINE:

Let your gentleness be known by all. The Lord is at hand.
Philippians 4:5