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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.



JULY 3, 2011 • 14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



MASS SCHEDULE

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| <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 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, July 4 - St. Elizabeth of Portugal/Independence Day

8:00 Parishioners of St. Teresa's

Tuesday, July 5 - St. Anthony Mary Zaccaria

8:00 Ruth Loftus *by Lenny and Elaine Wesolowski*

Wednesday, July 6 - St. Maria Goretti

5:30 Edward Mattioli *by wife*

Thursday, July 7

8:00 Arlene Corbett *by Ron and Diane Puccio*

Friday, July 8

8:00 Donald Keane *by The Reichenberg Family*

Saturday, July 9 - St. Augustine Zhao Rong

9:00 Parishioners of St. Teresa's

4:30 Lester and Ruth Schock *by family*

Sunday, July 10 - 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 Catherine Fiegl *by family*

10:15 Bernice Buczkowski - 5th Anniversary *by husband - Daniel*



Scripture Readings for the Week

Monday - Genesis 28:10-22a; Matthew 9:18-26

Tuesday - Genesis 32:23-33; Matthew 9:32-38

Wednesday - Genesis 41:55-57, 42:5-7a, 17-24a; Matthew 10:1-7

Thursday - Genesis 44:18-21, 23b-29, 45:1-5; Matthew 10:7-15

Friday - Genesis 46:1-7, 28-30; Matthew 10:16-23

Saturday - Genesis 49:29-32, 50:15-26a; Matthew 10:24-33

Next Sunday - Isaiah 55:10-11; Romans 8:18-23; Matthew 13:1-23



PASTORAL SHARINGS

An excellent way to learn about ourselves is by observing other people (without bitterness and without trying to make complete judgments where we have no competence), by telling ourselves that something which is reprehensible, or just silly, in other people is equally so in us. What good discipline that would be for us! But we tell ourselves, so naively, "It's hard in my case..." Or else we persuade ourselves that no one pays attention to our exaggerations or bad behavior. What a mistake! As though it were possible for what doesn't escape our notice to escape other people's. What we need, in order to become a bit humble, a bit charitable, and at the same time to acquire a minimum of common sense, is to put ourselves in the place of our neighbor and to put our neighbor in our place. What a tremendous reversal we would then see in our judgments! What a strange indulgence we would see for the weakness of others, what indifference toward the small imperfections from which we suffer so much ourselves . . .

Because we don't know how to escape from ourselves, and because we don't perceive what a bore it must sometime be to our fellow men to listen to us, we do exactly the same thing, equally persuaded of the exceptional uniqueness of our trials.

We certainly seem to lack a sense of humor—which is necessary for sanctity. If we knew how to laugh at the picture of ourselves which we can too often see in the mirror offered us by our neighbors, we would be half-cured of our mania for exaggeration and meaningless chatter. And we would excuse, with tenderness, all those who are so comically similar to ourselves.

An old man, who had a big heart, said, "I am a man and nothing human is foreign to me." Let us also be able to say, "I am a human being, and everything that is ridiculous or lacking in others is just about to happen to me." First of all, that would give us lots of amusement, and secondly, it would give us a great deal of strength with which to avoid all the dangers of pride.

Mother Marie Des Douleurs

Our Special Prayer Request for the Week: That as we celebrate the birth of our nation we offer prayer for our country's future, that we might embrace more fully the wisdom of the Gospel and truly be one nation under God; we pray to the Lord...




Please pray for the sick of the parish and their family members particularly; Jean Lotz, Gloria Fisher, Shirley Rasp, Mary Ransing and Richard Forrestel. Please also continue to pray for the troops who are serving our country, especially Nicholas Jurek.




Independence Day, the Fourth of July, reminds us to express our gratitude to God for the freedoms we enjoy as Americans. Let us talk about the significance of belonging to the United States with our children as well as our responsibilities. Let us pray for our children who are the future of our country.

Next weekend our parish will hold a special collection for **Christ the King Seminary**. Our gifts to this annual special collection support the education and formation of ordained and lay leaders. We are fortunate to have a seminary - not every diocese has one. It is important to support the seminary's continued work of "equipping the future". Please try to give generously.

 *This prayer is an adaptation of the prayer composed by Archbishop John Carroll for use on the occasion of the inauguration of George Washington in 1789.*

Almighty and eternal God, you have revealed your glory to all nations. God of power and might, wisdom and justice, through your authority is rightly administered, laws are enacted, and judgment is decreed.

We likewise commend to your unbounded mercy all citizens of the United States, that we may be blessed in the knowledge and sanctified in the observance of your holy law. May we be preserved in union and that peace which the world cannot give; and, after enjoying the blessings of this life, be admitted to those which are eternal. We pray to you, who are Lord and God, for ever and ever. Amen.

 **Celebrate the Fourth with Children** - The little ones make holidays special and can be grateful for just a little extra attention. Even if you can't host a big picnic or go to a Fourth of July event, you and your children can make some memories while creating inexpensive crafts and holiday treats together. If you're a neighbor and know some young ones who could use a little attention, reach out and help. You'll get more than you give. Catholic Charities - empowering people for more than 87 years. Check them out at www.ccnny.org.

Old Hymn time...

Surely it is God who saves me;
I shall trust and have no fear.
For the Lord defends and shields me
And His saving help is near.
So rejoice as you draw water
From salvation's healing spring;
In the day of your deliverance
Thank the Lord, His mercies sing.

 **Left over from reunion weekend:**

My wife and I were at my high school reunion. As I looked around, I noticed the other men in their expensive suits and bulging stomachs. Proud of the fact that I weighed just a few kilos more than I did when I was in high school, the result of trying to beat a living out of a rocky hillside farm, I said to my wife, "I'm the only guy here who can wear the suit he graduated in." She glanced at the prosperous crowd, then back at me. "You're the only one who has to."

Despite all the complaining we do about the high cost of living, have you ever noticed how popular it remains?



- Saturday, July 9 - Monthly Visitation to the Erie County Home - cars leave the parking lot at 1:15 pm. Cookies are needed!



A Prayer for Vocations

God of Love,
You call us to live in your love through the grace of our baptism. Bless us with the courage to carry out the mission of Jesus. Grant us open and generous hearts to see the needs of others and to respond with compassion. May the Church be blest with women and men who are dedicated to you through marriage, the single life, the diaconate, priesthood, and the consecrated life. It is in Christ and through Christ that we offer ourselves to you now and forever. Amen.

Come to me all you who are weary and find life burdensome and I will refresh you. Pray for priests, deacons, religious sisters, for all who offer their lives to be a sign of Jesus' refreshing love. Pray for those who are called to join them in that ministry. If God is calling you, call Father Walter Szczesny at 847-5535.



St. Teresa's 16th Annual Parish Picnic is fast approaching. The date is set for Saturday, August 6th at 5:30 pm. More details next week.

BOTTOM LINE:

**Praise we our
God with joy!**