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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.



SEPTEMBER 25, 2011 • 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Autumn

God has given us a world of beauty.
God has given us a world of fertility.
God has given us a world of plenty.
Let us be thankful for it.

Let us preserve it as a sacred trust.
Let us share its bounty with all.
Let us live in it peacefully together.

—Rev. Leroy Koopman



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

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, September 26 - St. Cosmas and St. Damian

8:00 Tom and Amy Bergman - Anniversary Blessings *by family*

Tuesday, September 27 - St. Vincent de Paul

8:00 Ann McLeod *by Madeline Paulette and Andrew LaChance*

Wednesday, September 28 - St. Wenceslaus and St. Lawrence Ruiz and their companions

5:30 Maria Degaspero *by Excel Industries*

Thursday, September 29 - St. Michael, St. Gabriel and St. Raphael

8:00 Michael and Florence Zola *by family*

Friday, September 30 - St. Jerome

8:00 Alfred Raykowski *by family*

Saturday, October 1 - St. Therese of the Child Jesus

9:00 Parishioners of St. Teresa's

4:30 Ralph Handley *by Sandy Giordano*

Sunday, October 2nd - 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time/ Respect Life Sunday

8:00 Joseph Konieczny *by family*

10:15 Pauline Zurlo *by family*



Scripture Readings for the Week

Monday - Zechariah 8:1-8; Luke 9:46-50; **Tuesday** -

Zechariah 8:20-23; Luke 9:51-56; **Wednesday** -

Nehemiah 2:1-8; Luke 9:57-62; **Thursday** - Daniel

7:9-10, 13-14; John 1:47-51;

Friday - Baruch 1:15-22; Luke 10:13-16; **Saturday** - Baruch 4:5-

12, 27-29; Luke 10:17-24; **Next Sunday** -

Isaiah 5:1-7; Philippians 4:6-9; Matthew 21:33-43



PASTORAL SHARINGS

The celebration of Mass is an act of the whole assembly gathered for worship. In the Mass, the Church is joined to the action of Christ. We are joined to this divine action through Baptism, which incorporates us into the risen Christ. This action, which lies at "the center of the whole of Christian life", is initiated not by us but by God acting in and through the Church as the Body of the risen Christ. The Liturgy is designed to bring about in all those who make up the worshipping assembly a "participation of the faithful, namely in body and in mind, a participation fervent with faith, hope and charity". To the extent that we are able to participate in this way, the work of redemption becomes personally effective for each of us. By such participation we make the actions and prayers of the Liturgy our own; we enter more fully into our personal communion with Christ's redeeming act and perfect worship.

"In the celebration of Mass the faithful form a holy people, a people of God's own possession and a royal priesthood, so that they may give thanks to God and offer the unblemished sacrificial Victim not only by means of the hands of the priest but also together with him, and so that they may learn to offer their very selves. They should, moreover, take care to show this by their deep religious sense and their charity toward brothers and sisters who participate with them in the same celebration . . . Moreover, they are to form one body, whether in hearing the word of God, or in taking part in the prayers and in the singing, or above all by the common offering of the Sacrifice and by participating together at the Lord's table"

The participation of each person in the Liturgy is important. Each person need to do his or her part.

Our Special Prayer Request for the Week: That all will consider their role in making the Stewardship Campaign a positive effort for our parish and a greater experience of sharing for each individual; we pray to the Lord...



In your prayers... Please pray for the sick of the parish and their family members particularly; Jason Krear, Lynn Friedman, Judith Penn, Alfred "Bart" Bednarek and for the happy repose of the soul of Anthony Fumerelle and Flora Nogaro. Please also continue to pray for our troops who are serving our country, especially Nicholas Jurek.



The calendar for Religious Education classes was distributed to the children. If you need another one, they are available from the teacher or you may download a copy from the parish website. The first holiday is Columbus Day weekend, October 9th for Sunday classes only. The first holiday for Wednesday classes is November 23rd, the day before Thanksgiving.

Ministers for October

Eucharistic Ministers: 4:30 pm - Amy Bergman; 8:00 am - volunteer needed; 10:15 am - Ron Konieczny, Karen Klimchuk and volunteer needed; **Lectors:** 4:30 pm - Dick Campbell; 8:00 am - Judith Bell; 10:15 am - Mary Borden; **Altar Servers:** 4:30 pm - Brian Bergman and Tim Bergman; 8:00 am - Alex Bennett and Montana Earle; 10:15 am - Jessica Wood, Luke Klimchuk and Jena Kolo

Opportunities to Serve Your Parish



Altar Servers are needed! An altar server training will take place on Saturday, October 8th from 12-2 pm in the Church. All boys and girls 5th grade - 10th grade are encouraged to come. You will be buddied up with our more experienced servers your first few months so you don't get too nervous. A sign up sheet was passed out in the Religious Education classes or pick one up on the table in the back of Church. For more information, please call Melissa at 542-9103.

St. Teresa's Choir has resumed during the 10:15 am Mass. If you are interested in joining the choir for the upcoming year, please see Laurie Mozee after the 4:30 pm Mass on Saturdays or 10:15 am Mass on Sunday mornings.

Craft & Bake Sale St. Teresa's Women's Guild will be holding their Annual Country Craft Show next Saturday, October 1st from 10:00 am until 3:30 pm. There will be a variety of crafters so come and browse for gifts or decorating ideas. Take a chance at our raffles, buy some delicious baked goods or sit and relax and enjoy lunch and dessert. Pie tins will be available in the vestibule of the church this weekend for parishioners to use in donating baked goods for the craft show.

Eucharistic Minister Training: There will be a training session on Saturday, October 8 at St. John the Baptist Church in Lockport from 9:30 am - 2:00 pm. Applications are available from our rectory and the pastor's approval is necessary. If interested, please contact Msgr. Your help to the parish liturgy will be greatly appreciated.

Volunteers are needed for Mass at the Erie County Home...The Catholic Ministry at the Erie County Home needs volunteers Disabled and elderly residents need help to get from their rooms to the chapel, pushed in wheelchairs. Services are on Thursday afternoons at 2:00 pm and Saturday rosary at 2:30 pm. They also need Eucharistic ministers to take communion to the bed-ridden residents. If you can help out, please phone Herb Batt at 839-0295.

You are invited to the Annual Roast Beef Dinner at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, 10675 Alleghany Road, Darien Center on Sunday, October 2 from noon until sold out. The menu includes roast beef, potatoes, squash, green beans, coleslaw, rolls, beverages and dessert. \$9.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children 5-10 years old.

Getting Ready for the Advent 2011 New Mass Translation? Join Our Lady of Pompeii, 86 Burlington Street, Depew, on Thursday nights at 7:00 pm for a "Biblical Walk Through The Mass", led by Deacon John Gaulin, starting on Thursday, September 29th and ending by Advent 2011. For more information, please call 683-6522.

☺ The Sunday school teacher told the class that when Lot's wife was leaving Sodom and Gomorrah, she looked back and turned into a pillar of salt. One little boy piped up, "Once, my mommy looked back when she was leaving the supermarket and she turned into a telephone pole."



- Sunday, September 25 - Religious Education classes - 9:00 - 10:00 am and 11:15 am - 12:30 pm
- Wednesday, September 28 - Religious Education classes - 4:00 - 5:00 pm
- Saturday, October 1 - First Saturday - Rosary before the 9:00 am Mass and Confessions 8:15 - 8:45 am and 3:45 - 4:15 pm
- Saturday, October 1 - Women's Guild Annual Craft Show - 10 am - 3:30 pm
- Sunday, October 2 - Religious Education Classes - 9:00 - 10:00 am and 11:15 am - 12:30 pm



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 now and forever. Amen.

Jesus emptied Himself and took the form of a slave. Am I willing to empty myself to follow the Lord? Consider a call to priesthood or religious life. If God is calling you, call Father Walter Szczesny at 847-5535.

BOTTOM LINE:

"Love is the fulfillment of the law."