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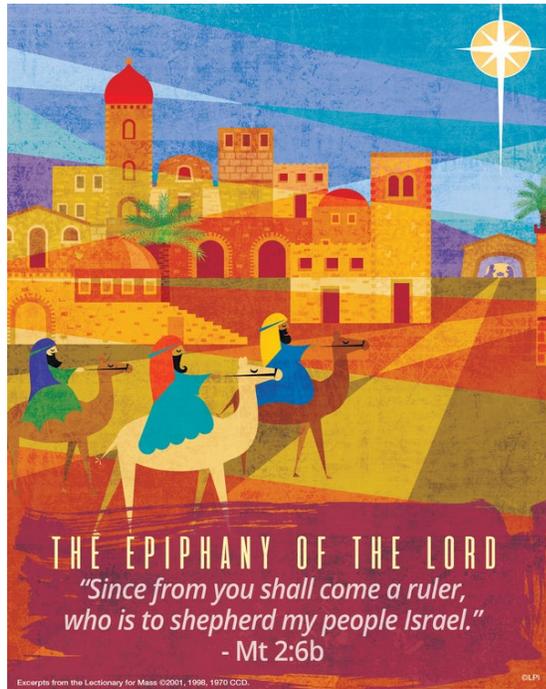
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MISSION STATEMENT

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 2, 2022 - EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



MASS SCHEDULE

<i>Sunday Liturgies</i>	8:00 AM, 10:15 AM
<i>Saturday Vigil</i>	4:30 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 3:30 to 4:00 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., January 3

8:00 Federika Marinelli - Birthday Blessings by Mary Olsen

Tues., January 4 - St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

8:00 Intentions for Mothers

Wed., January 5 - St. John Neumann

5:30 Jack Hansgate by the Flumerfeldt Family

Thurs., January 6

8:00 Intentions for Fathers

Fri., January 7 - St. Raymond

8:00 Dan Burt - Birthday Blessings by Mary Olsen

Sat., January 8

8:00 Mark Molitor - Living Birthday Blessings by Karen Molitor

4:30 Abigail Margeson By Barb Thoma

Sun., January 9

8:00 Richard Tobin by Brian Tobin

10:15 In Memory of Gertrude & Andrew Korszykowski by Estate of Gertrude Bartels



Scripture Readings For the Week

Monday - 1 John 3:22 - 4:6
Matthew 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday - 1 John 4:7-10
Mark 6:34-44

Wednesday - 1 John 4:11-18
Mark 6:45-52

Thursday - 1 John 4:19-5:4
Luke 4:14-22

Friday - 1 John 5:5-13
Luke 5:12-16

Saturday - 1 John 5:14-21
John 3:22-30

Sunday - Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11
1 Corinthians 12:4-11
John 2:1-11



Christmas Blessings

January 2, 2022
The Epiphany of the Lord

"Where is that thing?" mumbled Bob as he searched frantically on his dimly lit desk for the current electric bill. "I know I put it right on top of these papers this morning!" Growing in frustration and bordering on anger, he flies stuff around, moves books and opines why simple tasks need to be so hard. Enter his wife, who calmly says, "Maybe it would help if you put the light on, dear." The desk light goes on and lo and behold, there is the electric bill right where Bob left it earlier. All it took was a little light!

We stubbornly refuse to turn on the lights! Either we are distracted, determined, disinterested, preoccupied, stubborn, apprehensive, or all of the above. Or perhaps, we fail to do the obvious. We would rather live our lives with the dimmest of lights or even in total darkness. Why are we afraid to do something so that we can actually see? It might help us to find quicker and better answers to problems, the meaning of life, relationships, happiness, and what is ultimate truth. Yet, we stumble along, moving things from one side to the other, getting angry, feeling cheated, being unsettled, resigning ourselves to the agony of defeat once again.

"And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was." The light has come into the world in the person of Jesus Christ! We no longer have to fumble in the darkness. We have been gifted with the illumination we need to see our way through things and find what we really are looking for. All these years later, however, so many are still reluctant to accept him. Perhaps they are unconvinced, disinterested, preoccupied, stubborn, apprehensive, or all of the above. Everyone has their own reason for not wanting to turn on the switch.

But there are so many answers to so many of our problems in this humble Child of Nazareth. A simple birth teaches us about God's tender wedded relationship with humanity. It speaks to the expanse of God's salvation across the globe, and the incarnate Divine wonders and blessings that are a part of our life moment to moment. It calls us to understand the design of world order God intended as found in the Beatitudes, the sacredness of every human life and all of creation and the meaning of things we struggle with most, like suffering and death. We have a lot of Good News to share, not just with a privileged few but with all the world. All races and creeds can receive God's healing word. God continues to manifest himself even now! Use the light to find what you are really looking for!

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For all our military, firefighters, police and emergency and medical personnel, that they may always know the grateful support of all the people that they serve and protect, and that they might be kept safe in their labors; we pray to the Lord.

Please pray for the sick of the parish and their family members, especially Bob Tiedt, Jean Ottney, Nancy O'Donnell, Kathleen Karaskiewicz, Shirley Lantz, Donna Stock, Martha Cummingham, Rita Whalen and Lorraine Sylvester.

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



MASS
INTENTIONS

The 2022 Mass Book is available to schedule Masses for next year.

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD - JANUARY 2, 2022



Religious Education: Christmas past! Christmas present! See the photos of the children in the Living Nativity that are posted in back of the church. Enjoy the memories of Christmas past. This Christmas we had a Living Nativity entrance procession at the 10:15 am Mass on December 19th. "O Come Little Children"!

March For Life/Youth Rally - On Saturday, January 22, there will be a local "March for Life" Mass with Bishop Mike Fisher at St. Gregory the Great, 200 St. Gregory Ct., Buffalo. Everyone is encouraged to attend, especially our youth. The in-person March for Life Rally in Washington DC has been cancelled due to the pandemic. There will also be a Roe v Wade/Pro-Vita Observance Mass offered January 15th at 4:30 pm at St. Joseph Cathedral during which the diocesan Office of Pro-Life Ministries will present the annual Pro-Vita Awards. Everyone is welcome. For information on the National Prayer Vigil for Life visit <https://www.usccb.org/national-prayer-events-for-life>.

Presence: The Mystery of the Eucharist - Please join this new group study during the month of February, starting Thursday, February 3 at 8:45 am and Monday, February 7 at 7 pm. Although the Eucharist appears to be simple bread and wine, it is actually the "source and summit" of the Christian life. Presence: The Mystery of the Eucharist explores the truth and beauty of Christ's real presence in the Eucharist, from its origins in Sacred Scripture, to its profound role in the life of the Church and her members. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the narthex. Study Guides will be available for a fee of \$10 to be paid at the first class. If you have any questions, please call the office at 716-542-9103.

Are you interested in becoming a Lector? We are looking for additional parishioners who would like to join our team of dedicated lectors. Lector once a month, half a month or on a monthly basis. If you are interested, please call the office at 716-542-9103.

The "Bible in a Year" with Fr. Mike Schmitz is available at ascensionpress.com. Start the 2022 New Year with The Bible in a Year podcast! Get the reading plan emailed to you and start January 1st with us!

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The Rectory Office will be closed on December 31st in observance of the New Year Holiday.

Intercessory Prayer Group meets immediately following the 5:30 Mass in the Parish Hall December 1st. Prayer requests may be placed in the collection basket in an envelope marked "Prayer Group". All are welcome to join us to share intercessions, prayers, scripture & hymns.

Ministers For January - Extraordinary Ministers of Communion: 4:30 pm - Amy Bergman; 8 am - Susan Brown; 10:15 am - Sr. Gerard. Lectors: 4:30 pm - Sr. Ruth; 8 am - Ann Sayers; 10:15 am - Karen Stachowiak. Altar Servers: 4:30 pm - Mary Grace Bergman, Nevada Bergman; 8 am - Isabella Mruk, Emily Mruk, Gabrielle Flumerfeldt; 10:15 am - Aron Gehl, Nathaniel Gehl, Emma Fink.

 A resourceful missionary fell into the hands of a band of cannibals. "I suppose you're going to eat me," said the missionary. "Actually, you wouldn't like me." He took out his pocketknife, sliced a piece from the calf of his leg and handed it to the chief. "Try it and see for yourself," he urged. The chief took one bite, grunted, and spat. The missionary remained on the island 50 years. He had a wooden leg.

- **Sunday, January 2** - No Classes - Happy New Year! Classes Resume January 9, 2022
- **Sunday, January 2** - No Youth Group Meeting - Happy New Year! Next meeting January 9, 2022
- **Wednesday, January 5** - Intercessory Prayer Group meets after the 5:30 Mass in the school hall.
- **Saturday, January 8** - Pro-Life Prayer Group, 9:30 am, in the parking lot near the St. Teresa Statue
- **Sunday, January 9** - Religious Education Classes 9:00 am - 10:00 am and 11:15 am - 12:30 pm

A VOCATION VIEW

The greatest gift we can place before the newborn Jesus is the gift of our life's work. What is He calling you to accomplish in your life? If God is calling you to a Church vocation, contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847- 5535 or visit buffalovocations.org.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

*"As with gladness, men of old
Did the guiding star behold;
As with joy they hailed its light
Leading onward, beaming bright
So, most glorious Lord, may we
Evermore be led to Thee*

*Hymn from the
Magnificat Magazine,
January 2, 2022*