

# St. Teresa of Avila Church Est. 1869



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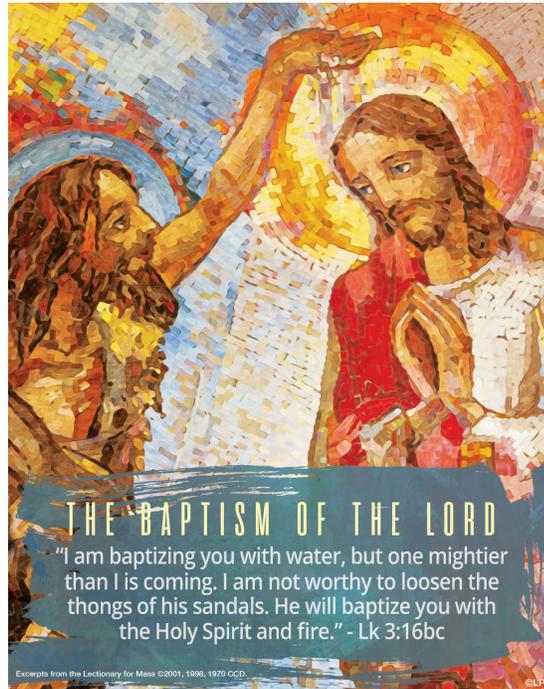
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## MISSION STATEMENT

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 9, 2022 - THE BAPTISM 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 10

8:00 Intentions for Mothers

Tues., January 11

8:00 Intentions for Fathers

Wed., January 12

5:30 Gloria Rembas  
*by Estate*

Thurs., January 13 - St. Hilary

8:00 Phil Wittman  
*by Charlie*

Fri., January 14

8:00 Dearly Departed

Sat., January 15 - BVM

8:00 Connie Caprio Birthday  
Remembrance  
*by Husband & Children*

4:30 Ronald Adamczak Sr.  
*By Biernacki Family*

Sun., January 16

8:00 William J. Coughlin Birthday  
Remembrance  
*by Margaret & Family*

10:15 Thelma Mae Parker  
*by Christina Nietopski*



### Scripture Readings For the Week

Monday - 1 Samuel 1:1-8  
Mark 1:14 -20

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

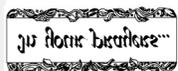
Sunday - Isaiah 62:1-5  
1 Corinthians 12:4-11  
John 2:1-11

## GOD CLAIMS US AS HIS OWN

January 9, 2022  
The Baptism of the Lord

“We are called to live our baptism every day, as new creatures, clothed in Christ.” – Pope Francis What reference point do you use when making decisions? Many times, impulse takes control and decisions are made based solely on emotion and desire. We all know that these types of decisions can often get us into trouble. When a person has a confident sense of who they are and a real understanding of what is important and of value, the likelihood of kneejerk impulsive choices diminishes. Baptism gives us what we need to make well informed and purposeful decisions. By this simple gesture, God claims us as His own and provides us with the identity and purpose we need to properly live life. It is tremendously reassuring, when we truly embrace this revelation and realize that we no longer have to wonder about the purpose of our lives or struggle to find our way. The answer of who we are in God has been given to us. We no longer have to fumble around, trip over ourselves or walk aimlessly about. Issues surrounding the sacredness of life, the meaning of death, the protection of those most vulnerable, care for the weak and the poor, offering hospitality to those in search of a home, the purpose and proper place of work, how to create a just social order, caring for creation, and understanding our roles as heralds and stewards are just a few of the wonderful gifts baptism brings. When we make decisions based on things such as these core Gospel truths we really act as Christ himself, revealing to others the new creations that we are. This is how we live our baptism. It is difficult to walk against the tide. Yet, that is precisely what baptism calls us to do. Although we are sinners, in need of mercy and far from perfection we are called to order our life and make decisions based upon the wisdom and guidance of Almighty God. He alone is the one who can claim us as His sons and daughters. Standing up for our principles will not make us popular. But who ever said Christianity is a popularity contest? Baptism calls us to stand up for that which goes against the grain of secularism. Standing in line with other sinners, we have our anchor to steady us in the tempests of life and God is very pleased. Forge ahead. There is nothing to fear.

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For the towns of Superior and Louisville in Colorado where hundreds of people, including parishioners of St. Louis, Sacred Heart of Mary and Immaculate Conception Parishes have lost their homes due to the Marshall Fire; 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, 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 BAPTISM OF THE LORD - JANUARY 9, 2022

**Religious Education:** Our Bishop, Michael W. Fisher, is celebrating his first anniversary as our chief shepherd of the Diocese. Bishop Fisher has composed a wonderful letter for us. He takes his lead from our Holy Father Pope Francis and invites us to a "period of...listening and reflecting aimed at renewing our Church". Take a copy of this letter home with you. May it guide you to reflect upon your own calling in life, in your family, in your parish.

**Fully Alive Holy Hour/Eucharistic Adoration** - Come and spend an hour with the Lord, with praise, prayer, reflections, and quiet time during this peaceful hour of Adoration. Friday, January 14th, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed beginning at 7:30 p.m. Closing Benediction takes place by 9 p.m. We adore the Lord on the second Friday of each month.

**Youth Ministry** - A planning meeting for the year of 2022 will take place Sunday, January 9th, from 6 to 8 in the Parish Hall. Any parents of youth and youths in 8th grade to 12th grade are invited.

**Brothers of Mercy Cookie Hour** will resume starting January 15th at 10:30 am. Please bring some cookies to share with the residents. Volunteers meet at the Brothers of Mercy. St. Teresa's visits every third Saturday of the month. Everyone welcome!

**YOUTH RALLY, MARCH, AND MASS FOR LIFE WITH BISHOP FISHER** - St. Gregory the Great Church is excited to host the Youth Rally, March, and Mass for Life with Bishop Fisher on January 22, starting at 3:30 pm. This will be in place of the Diocese sending a group of individuals to the March for Life in DC this year. We are honored to have St. Greg's be the gathering place for this inspiring, peaceful, and vibrant event. RSVP by 1/15/22 at: <https://tinyurl.com/YouthMassforLife>

Date: Saturday, January 22

Schedule of Events: □ 3:30 Youth Rally in Ministry Center □ 4:15 March for Life and Rosary on Maple Ave □ 5:30 Mass in Church with Bishop Fisher □ Reception to follow in the Ministry Center

All are welcome to attend. We ask for parental oversight to help with safety. Face coverings will be required. We ask that you dress appropriately, as we will be marching outside regardless of the weather. Everyone is encouraged to make signs.

**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.



Mr. and Mrs. Brown had two sons. One was named Mind Your Own Business & the other was named Trouble. One day the two boys decided to play hide and seek. Trouble hid while Mind Your Own Business counted to one hundred. Mind Your Own Business began looking for his brother behind garbage cans and bushes. Then he started looking in and under cars until a police man approached him and asked, "What are you doing?" "Playing a game," the boy replied. "What is your name?" the officer questioned. "Mind Your Own Business." Furious the policeman inquired, "Are you looking for trouble?!" The boy replied, "Why, yes."



- **Sunday, January 9** - Religious Education Classes  
9:00 am - 10:00 am and  
11:15 am - 12:30 pm
- **Sunday, January 9** - Youth Group Meeting , 6-8 pm  
In the Parish Hall
- **Friday, January 14** - Fully Alive Holy Hour/  
Eucharistic Adoration, 7:30 pm
- **Saturday, January 15** - Pro-Life Prayer Group,  
9:30 am, in the parking lot near  
the St. Teresa Statue
- **Saturday, January 15** - Brothers of Mercy visitation,  
10:30 am
- **Sunday, January 16** - Religious Education Classes  
9:00 am - 10:00 am and  
11:15 am - 12:30 pm

### A VOCATION VIEW

Christ gives us the gift of Baptism, through which we each have a vocation in the Church. Pray for those who are discerning a call to live their Baptismal commitment as religious brothers, sisters, priests or deacons. If God is calling you to this, contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit [buffalovocations.org](http://buffalovocations.org).



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

*A New Year's Resolution - "The Church and the world have a great need for Eucharistic worship. Jesus awaits us in this sacrament of love. Let us not refuse the time to go to meet Him in adoration, in contemplation full of faith, and open to make amends for the serious offenses and crimes of the world. Let our adoration never cease.*

*"Pope Saint John Paul II,  
from his Apostolic  
Exhortation, Dominicae Cenae*