

St. Teresa of Avila Church Est. 1869

JANUARY 16, 2022 - 2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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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.



MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday Liturgies8:00 AM, 10:15 AM
Saturday Vigil.....4:30 PM
Daily Mass8:00 AM, except Wednesday 5:30 PM
Saturday9:00 AM
Vigil of Holy Days5:30 PM
Holy Days8:00 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 17

8:00 Intentions for Fathers

Tues., January 18

8:00 Birthday Remembrance of
Ron Benker *by Benker Family*

Wed., January 19

5:30 Phil Wittman
by Nancy Wittman

Thurs., January 20 - St. Fabian &
St. Sebastian

8:00 Intentions for Mothers

Fri., January 21 - St. Agnes

8:00 Dearly Departed

Sat., January 22

9:00 People of St. Teresa's Parish

4:30 Sr. Bea Leising
By St. Teresa Women's Guild

Sun., January 23

8:00 Timothy Bell - Anniversary of
Death - *by Family*

10:15 Edoardo Marinelli
by Mary Olsen



Scripture Readings For the Week

Monday - 1 Samuel 15:16-23
Mark 2:18-22

Tuesday - 1 Samuel 16:1-13
Mark 2:23-28

Wednesday - 1 Samuel 17:32-33,37,
40-51
Mark 3:1-6

Thursday - 1 Samuel 18:6-9; 19:1-7
Mark 3:7-12

Friday - 1 Samuel 24:3-21
Mark 3:13-19

Saturday - 2 Samuel 1:1-4,11-12,19,
23-27
Mark 3:20-21

Sunday - Nehemiah 8:2-4a,5-6, 8-10
1 Corinthians 12:12-30
Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21



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God delights in you. How do you feel when you hear that? Delight usually comes with an exuberant flow of joy that seemingly arises from one's toes with the expression of great glee. Reflecting upon the deep measure of joy God has in us can be a source of joy for ourselves. Delight is infectious. A very young brother and sister were playing on the beach when the all too familiar ice cream truck made its daily rounds. The boy shook with excitement and delight as he took his sister's hand and exclaimed, "The ice cream man is here, isn't it great!" As they ran off toward the truck, one could hear the girl reply, "Yeah, I can't wait!" The experience of a child's delight in something so simple as ice cream, lifts our spirits from our burdens and transports us to the lighter, more innocent side of life.

Life is not meant to be a burden. Believe it or not, God actually wants us to be happy! In fact, the wedding feast at Cana shows us that God even puts His blessing on our happiness. It is okay to celebrate the wonder of ourselves and others. Life is good. It is always interesting to note that Jesus saves the good wine until last. You would think it would be the other way around. The superb quality of Jesus' wine points to the superior quality of life we find in Christ. It is not a life of burdens but a life of wonder and delight!

In Christ, we are lifted from the superficial and mundane to a life of purpose, hope, and love. God is with us through the long haul, through the challenges and sorrows as well as the successes and accomplishments. In spite of the fact that we often wander from the path, God's celebratory delight in us remains. As spouses are asked to remain faithful to each other through whatever life brings, God remains faithful too. This promise remains through this life and into the next. All we have to do is take the advice of Jesus' mother to heart when she says, "Listen to him." This wisdom saves us from foolishly giving in to the illusion that we can make better wine than Jesus.

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For all women and men, boys and girls who are homeless during this cold winter that they will be provided with shelter, security and hope; we pray to the Lord.

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

Please continue to pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, religious life, the diaconate and lay ministries, and that the Lord guide the work of the hands of vocation directors, especially our own Fr. Dave Baker.



MASS
INTENTIONS

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

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Religious Education: Find the Eucharistic Prayers on page 14 in our Heritage Missal. These beautiful prayers are used at every Mass and draw us deeply into the Eucharistic presence of Christ at Mass. The seventh and eighth graders had a special guest during class time last week to help them love and understand the Mass.

Youth Ministry - Youth Group Meets on Sunday, January 16th, from 6 to 8 in the Parish Hall. All youths in 8th grade to 12th grade are invited.


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.

Come to know the Lord better in 2022 with a podcast by Jeff Cavins "Drink in the New Year: The Word of God is a Fountain". Listen Now at Ascension Press. To get your Bible in a Year podcast reading plan and start listening, see ascensionpress.com/bibleinayear.

Join a New Group Study, Friday, January 21st, at 8:45 am. **The Chosen**, is an amazing, biblically-centered, quality video series that tracks the life of Jesus through the gospels. We will be using the video resource along with biblical text to dig into Jesus' life during an eight-week faith adventure together. Everyone welcome, just show up at the Parish Hall to watch a 45 minute video each week. For more information, call Amy Bergman at 716-542-9704 or Lori Reisdorf at 585-409-3133.

The Augustine Institute is proud to introduce **Amen**, which is the free Catholic app that brings you beautiful prayers, faithful meditations, and nourishing Scripture to draw your mind, body, and soul to rest in God. Catholic wisdom from the ages is provided for all ages. Catholic prayers, meditations, devotions, and Scripture calm restless hearts and distracted minds. Go to AMENAPP.ORG available through Apple App Store or Google Play.

 Abe and Esther are flying to Australia for a two week vacation to celebrate their 40th anniversary. Suddenly, over the public address system, the Captain announces, "Ladies and Gentlemen, I am afraid I have some very bad news. Our engines have ceased functioning and we will attempt an emergency landing. Luckily, I see an uncharted island below us and we should be able to land on the beach. However, the odds are that we may never be rescued and will have to live on the island for the rest of our lives!" Thanks to the skill of the flight crew, the plane lands safely on the island. An hour later Abe turns to his wife and asks, "Esther, did we pay our \$5,000 PBS pledge check yet?" No, sweetheart," she responds. Abe, still shaken from the crash landing, then asks, "Esther, did we pay our American Express card yet?" "Oh, no! I'm sorry. I forgot to send the check," she says. "One last thing, Esther. Did you remember to send checks for the Visa and MasterCard this month?" he asks. "Oh, forgive me, Abie," begged Esther. "I didn't send that one, either." Abe grabs her and gives her the biggest kiss in 40 years. Esther pulls away and asks him, "What was that for?" Abe answers, "They'll find us!"



- **Sunday, January 16** - Religious Education Classes
9:00 am - 10:00 am and
11:15 am - 12:30 pm
- **Sunday, January 16** - Youth Group Meeting , 6-8 pm
In the Parish Hall
- **REMINDER** - The Collection Barrel for the Akron/Newstead Food Pantry is in the back of church - soups, beans, canned pastas are needed
- **Friday, January 21** - The Chosen Study Group meets
In the Parish Hall at 8:45 am following 8:00 Mass
- **Saturday, January 22** - Pro-Life Prayer Group,
9:30 am, in the parking lot near the St. Teresa Statue
- **Sunday, January 23** - Religious Education Classes
9:00 am - 10:00 am and
11:15 am - 12:30 pm

A VOCATION VIEW

Back to Ordinary Time, where we strive to serve God faithfully with our daily labors. Is Jesus asking you to labor in the Vineyard to save souls, as a religious sister, brother, deacon, or priest? If so, contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit buffalovocations.org.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

"Whether or not our prayer is heard depends not on the number of words, but on the fervor of our souls."

*Adapted from
St. John Chrysostom*