

St. Teresa of Avila Church Est. 1869

JANUARY 29, 2023 - FOURTH 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 3:00 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 30

8:00 Mary Grace Bergman - Birthday
Blessings - *by Mom & Dad*

Tues., January 31 - St. John Bosco

8:00 Roger Scaggs
by The McLaughlin Family

Wed., February 1

5:30 Adeline Raykowski
by Rich Raykowski

Thurs., February 2 - Presentation of the
Lord

8:00 Mary Ann Finsterwalder
By Rita Whelan

Fri., February 3 - St. Blaise

8:00 Matt Olsen
by Mary Olsen

Sat., February 4

9:00 For the People of St. Teresa's
Parish *by Fr. Art*

4:30 Wally & Mary Leising
by Mike & Mary Charles

Sun., February 5

8:00 Mary Strollo
by The Strollo Family

10:15 Mary Patricia Paxon
by Bill Paxon & Susan Molinari



Scripture Readings For the Week

Monday - Hebrews 11:32-40
Mark 5:1-20

Tuesday - Hebrews 12:1-4
Mark 5:21-34

Wednesday - Hebrews 12:4-7, 11-15
Mark 6:1-6

Thursday - Malachi 3:1-4
Hebrews 2:14-18
Luke 2:22-40

Friday - Hebrews 13:1-8
Mark 6:14-29

Saturday - Hebrews 13:15-17, 20-21
Mark 6:30-34

Sunday - Isaiah 58:7-10
1 Corinthians 2:1-5
Matthew 5:13-16



Remember a loved one, living or deceased in a special way with a Mass. Contact the parish office to reserve a date.



January 29, 2023
4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

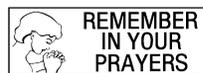
In my parents' bedroom there were on the wall two photos of my mom and dad from their early adult-hoods. The photo of my mother entranced me when I was a boy. I loved looking at it, even though I saw her in daily life. Something about that picture captured her perfectly. It was an image of the joy, wisdom, beauty, and strength that enveloped me from the start of my life. It was an icon of the woman who fed, taught, and encouraged me. I felt a deep pride that I came from such beauty.

The beatitudes of Jesus are a kind of self-portrait. But it is a strange picture. At first, the blessings of being poor, mourning, and hungering and thirsting for righteousness may seem bizarre or, worse, a religious delusion. Who wants to look like that? But if we look again, we begin to see the characteristics of Jesus' form. He becomes poor and fills it with his riches for us, he weeps and mourns for us, and fills it with his joy, he hungers and thirsts for us to be righteous, and so satisfies us. And so on. It's the way he appears on the cross.

Perhaps we should put on our bedroom room walls the words of the beatitudes next to a crucifix of the Lord Jesus. Then we can do what the beatitudes are designed for, to gaze at the joy, wisdom, beauty, and strength of the one who is our origin, and who is with us every day. And little by little, we'll start to look like him.

— Father John Muir

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REMEMBER
IN YOUR
PRAYERS

For shooting victims who have experienced death of a loved one by the hands of another, especially the 11 people killed and nine others injured in last Saturday night's mass shooting at the Star Dance Studio in Monterey Park; we pray to the Lord...

Please pray for the sick of the parish and their family members, especially Ruth Schmatz, Oliver James Englert, Viola Izydorczak, Lois Sullivan, Gary Karaskiewicz, Louis Pulvino, Ita Steele, Austin Penn, Jim & Joe Vasi, Sterling McCarriagher, Virginia Maloney, Bob Tiedt, Jean Ottney, Shirley Lantz, Donna Stock, Rita Whalen, Laura Gray & Lorraine Sylvester

The Feast of Saint Blaise, February 3rd - Throats will be blessed at all the Masses on the weekend of February 4th & 5th. Saint Blasie was the bishop of Sebaste in Armenia during the fourth century. Very little is known about his life. According to various accounts he was a physician before becoming a bishop. During the middle ages, he was reputed to have miraculously cured a little boy who nearly died because of a fishbone in his throat.

Religious Education: During the Preface of the Mass we pray: "Lift up your hearts! We lift them up to the Lord!" Let us take this prayer to heart and be grateful for the Lord's presence in our lives today.

Intercessory Prayer Group - All are welcome to join us to share intercessions, prayer, scripture and hymns Wednesday following 5:30 Mass.

Youth Ministry - The next meeting for STOAYM will be February 5th with a trip bowling. All 8th to 12th graders are invited to attend.

Catholic Relief Services - This week we take up the Catholic Relief Services collection to reveal Christ's love to our brothers and sisters in need. This collection helps six Catholic agencies to provide relief and support for struggling communities and to work for peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters here and around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

Word of Life - Many people are unaware that someone they know personally is silently suffering from participation in abortion. If a friend confided in you tomorrow that she had an abortion, would you be able to respond in a way that brings her closer to healing? Learn how in "How to Talk to a Friend Who's Had an Abortion" or call the confidential hotline at (716) 847-2211 for information.

Ministers for February- Extraordinary Ministers of Communion: 4:30 pm - Randy Bergman, Amy Bergman, Joe Bergman; 8 am - Finley Gray, Deb Smith, John Diggs; 10:15 am - Lisa Reigle, Sue Sweitzer, Sr. Gerard. Lectors: 4:30 pm - Wendy Bergman, Brian Bogart, Wally Smith. Altar Servers: 4:30 pm - Mary Grace Bergman, Anna Bergman; 8 am - Gwendolyn Mruk, Gabrielle Flumerfeldt; 10:15 am - Lee Arbegast, Miles Arbegast

Upcoming Dates to Remember

- **Sunday, January 29** - Religious Education Classes 9:00 am - 10:00 am and 11:15 am - 12:30 pm
- **Tuesday, January 31** - Bible Study in the rectory meeting room, 8:45 am or 7 pm
- **Wednesday, February 1** - Intercessory Prayer Group meets following the 5:30 Mass in the Parish Hall
- **Saturday, February 4** - First Saturday - Rosary before the 9 am Mass and Confessions from 8:15-8:45 am and 3:00-4 pm
- **Saturday, February 4** - Pro-Life Prayer Group, 9:30 am, in the parking lot near the Blessed Mother Mary statue
- **Sunday, February 5** - Religious Education Classes 9:00 am - 10:00 am and 11:15 am - 12:30 pm
- **Sunday, February 5** - Youth Group bowling fieldtrip

VOCATION VIEW - Before preaching the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus went up the mountain "and his disciples came to him." These days, Jesus is calling disciples, but often they won't come. Break this trend and answer the call today! Contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit buffalovocations.org

Prayer for Vocations - God our Father, we thank you for calling men and women to serve in your Son's Kingdom as sisters, brothers and religious priests. Renew their knowledge and love of you, and send your Holy Spirit to help them respond generously and courageously to your will. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

St. Maximilian Kolbe

MEAT Raffle

Saturday, March 4, 2023
 First Spin @ 7pm Doors Open at 6PM
 Tickets \$10/pp (limited tickets available)
 Reserve tables of 8 or more upon request - advance sales only

Meat from **Sloan Meat Market**
 Beef, Chicken, Sausage, Pork, Shrimp

St. Max Social Hall
 8656 Church Street, East Pembroke

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

BASKET RAFFLE | **Jackpot ball raffle** | **Grand prize raffle**

Advance tickets go on sale in January and are available by calling 585-599-4833 or stop by the parish office at 18 W. Main Street, Corfu between 9-3, M-F

Knights of Columbus
 Serving Akron, Clarence, Williamsville, NY

Spaghetti Dinner
Dine-in or Take-out
 Sunday February 5
 2-6PM

Adults \$11 & Family \$40
 (2 Adults w/2 or more kids under 17)
 Children (under 6) Free



We're going to the K of C Spaghetti Dinner.
 Won't you join us ?

Our Lady of Peace Church
 Parish Center



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
 THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

"To maintain a joyful family requires much from both the parents and children. Each member of the family has to become, in a special way, the servant of the others."

St. Pope John Paul II
 from *The Legacy of John Paul II*

☺ A gnome is in the garden busily destroying some bushes when a house cat appears. "What are you?" asks the cat.
 "A gnome," comes the reply. "I steal food from humans, I kill their plants, I make annoying music at night to drive them crazy, and I love mischief. And what, may I ask, are you?"
 The cat replies, "Um, I'm a gnome."