

# St. Teresa of Avila Church Est. 1869

**FEBRUARY 6, 2022 - 5TH 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**

<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., February 7

8:00 Intentions for Mothers

Tues., February 8 - St. Jerome &  
St. Josephine Bakhita

8:00 Intentions for Fathers

Wed., February 9

5:30 Living & Deceased Members  
of the Aylia, Dahill, Dubiel  
& Noll Families  
by Susan & Floyd Aylin

Thurs., February 10 - St.  
Scholastica

8:00 Dearly Departed

Fri., February 11 - Our Lady of Lourdes

8:00 Intentions for Mothers

Sat., February 12 - BVM

9:00 People of St. Teresa's Parish

4:30 John & Helen Capan  
by daughter

Sun., February 13

8:00 Chris Ziarniak - Birthday  
Blessings - by Mom & Dad

10:15 D. Christofaro/Mario  
by The Mattulke Family



## Scripture Readings For the Week

Monday - 1 Kings 8:4-13  
Mark 6:53-56

Tuesday - 1 Kings 8:22-23, 27-30  
Mark 7:1-13

Wednesday - 1 Kings 10:1-10  
Mark 7:14-23

Thursday - 1 Kings 11:4-13  
Mark 7:24-30

Friday - 1 Kings 11:29-32; 12:19  
Mark 7:31-37

Saturday - 1 Kings 12:26-32; 13:33-34  
Mark 8:1-10

Sunday - Jeremiah 17:5-8  
1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20  
Luke 6:17, 20-26

We at St. Teresa's have been so blessed to have dedicated and caring Women Religious share their lives and ministry with us over the years. Our Holy Father's prayer intention the month of February is for Religious Sisters and Consecrated Women. Let us all join Pope Francis in thanking our Lord for the life and ministry of our own Sister Ruth Warejko, CSSF and Sister Gerard Frederick, CSSF. May our Lord bless them richly with health, happiness, a continued increase of faith and many more years of service to our God and the Lord's holy people! Please join me in showing our appreciation with a special mention of gratitude for Sister Gerard and Sister Ruth as well as all Religious Sisters and Consecrated Women in our prayers this month.

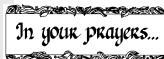
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February 6, 2022 - 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man," these words, uttered by Simon Peter, can be found on any one of our lips. What real significance do I have in the big picture of God's Divine plan? Even though we try our best to hide it, we all suffer from a lack of faith. We get tired, confused, and often lack any sincere desire to put anything into our relationship with God. It's easier to simply reap whatever benefits the world has to offer and call it a day. Floating along on the superficial currents of life doesn't require much effort and seems to get us through the day. Confronting our own infidelity, apathy, weakness of spirit, and doubt in God's providence, how can we even remotely be considered a worthy vessel of God's presence or credible voice for His message? This is the irony of faith. God doesn't seek the perfect vessels. He likes the broken ones. There is something to be said about living honestly and sincerely, and wrestling with sin, imperfection, and weakness rather than skipping through the peripheries of life with pretention, arrogance, and mendacity. If we believe ourselves to be our own "god" and serve only ourselves, we close the door to ever being used by the real and only True God. But, if we at least acknowledge that there is One greater than ourselves, then even in our deepest poverty and lowliness, God can enter. Lessons are best learned from those who suffer. Only someone who has been lonely and lost can attest to the beauty of both Divine and human friendship. Only those who have really lost their way know what happens when they are found. Only those who are afraid know what it is to be calmed by God. The Gospel is messy because life is messy. There are no black and white solutions to problems and challenges that are hazy and gray. When our hesitancy to encounter God gets replaced by friendship with God, we become more aware of our dignity and the fact that we are loved just as we are. We cannot be afraid to share our struggles, reservations, fears, and sinfulness with others. Our genuineness and sincerity will speak of the God who blesses us in our weakness.

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In your prayers... For peace throughout the world; we pray to the Lord..

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

## THE 5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - FEBRUARY 6, 2022



**Religious Education:** Children can recognize that others have power to influence their behavior for good or for ill. In today's Gospel, Peter is overwhelmed by Jesus' presence and influence on his occupation of the day. We too may be amazed when someone in need gets their net filled by the thoughtfulness of a passer-by who will stop, listen to their story, and respond as best they can. We hear so much about need and sadness but when help is given it should make the news. Good news stories give us hope. May each of us cast our nets out to those in need.

A collection of posters of Eucharistic miracles will be on display in the narthex through February 16. This is a portion of the work created by Blessed Carlo Acutis, who made it his life's work to document Eucharistic miracles around the world. We hope that the display helps encourage a "Eucharistic revival" and is intended "to promote greater understanding for the Eucharist and to celebrate the gift which it is in the life of the Church," as was mentioned in Bishop Fisher's appeal in "Our Road to Renewal". We invite you to peruse the display at your leisure.

**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, February 11, 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.

**Parish Outreach Ministry** - Come and join our Parish Outreach Ministry team. We are looking for at least 25 people to assist us in a Parish Outreach project as part of our Lenten journey. The ministry goal is to make a positive out of the Pandemic. Members of this team will call registered members of our Parish to see how they are doing, see if there is anything the Parish can do for them and let them know we are holding Mass on our regular schedule. A call guideline and training will be provided. We will meet on February 16th following the 5:30 Mass in the Church to roll out this most-needed ministry. Please write your name and contact information on the sign-up sheet in the vestibule if interested.

**Group Study** - Every Friday at 8:45 am through March. Come watch "The Chosen", which is a video series that tracks the life of Jesus through the gospels. For more information, call Amy Bergman at 716-542-9704 or Lori Reisdorf at 585-409-3133.



As Valentine's Day approaches, we ask you to make a Gift of Love to the Response to Love Center at St. Adalbert's in Buffalo. The Center assists people in that area and is run by the Felician Sisters. Items being collected include personal care products that cannot be purchased with food stamps. Open your hearts to those in need. A Valentine box will be in the narthex this weekends and the weekend of February 12th. The following are items that are most needed at this time:

dish soap	hand lotion	shampoo	toothpaste
shaving cream	deodorant	baby wash	toothbrushes
liquid hand soap	bar soap	laundry soap	

**Men's Ministry** - There is an old adage that Iron sharpens Iron. Men need other men to help each other grow in their faith. Deacon Ron is starting a Men's small group ministry in our parish. This Lent, we will begin a journey into deepening Men's faith walk and we are calling men from 18 to 95 to tackle this venture. We will be using the Knights of Columbus Into the Breach video series as a starting point. We will assemble on Thursday nights beginning March 3rd, 2022 at 6:45 PM. Men, this is your call to join us in this battle and become the warrior you are meant to be. Please write your name and contact information on the sign-up sheet in the vestibule if interested.

**Annual White Mass** - Sunday, February 13. Bishop Fisher and the Catholic Medical Association invite you to celebrate at 10:30 AM in Saint Joseph Cathedral to thank, honor and support in prayer our medical workers. Since this is also close to the World Day of the Sick, priests will be available after Mass to offer the Anointing of the Sick.

- **Sunday, February 6** - Religious Education Classes 9:00 am - 10:00 am and 11:15 am - 12:30 pm
- **Blessed Carlo Acutis Display** of Eucharistic Miracles in the narthex through February 16
- **Friday, February 11** - The Chosen Study Group meets at 8:45 am following 8:00 Mass
- **Friday, February 11** - Fully Alive Holy Hour/ Eucharistic Adoration, 7:30 pm
- **Saturday, February 12** - Pro-Life Prayer Group, 9:30 am, in the parking lot near the St. Teresa Statue
- **Sunday, February 13** - Religious Education Classes 9:00 am - 10:00 am and 11:15 am - 12:30 pm
- **Wednesday, February 16** - Parish Outreach Ministry meeting following the 5:30 Mass in the Church

### A VOCATION VIEW

Jesus is still calling fishers of men! This is the title of the classic video on vocational discernment. Watch it free at <https://vimeo.com/2845985> and then if God is calling you to jump in the boat, contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit [buffalovocations.org](http://buffalovocations.org).



Why did the sea monster eat five ships that were carrying potatoes?  
No one can eat just one potato ship.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

*"As we look at the face of our Heavenly Father, we realize: I am precious, I am worth dying for. What's my net worth? God the Son to God the Father. What is my value? The Body of Christ. That's what God thinks of you.  
Chris Stefanick from his "I AM" program*