

# St. Teresa of Avila Church Est. 1869

**FEBRUARY 13, 2022 - 6TH 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 14

8:00 Patricia Lederhouse  
by Bernadette Connolly

Tues., February 15

8:00 Intentions for Mothers

Wed., February 16

5:30 For the People of St. Teresa's  
by Fr. Art

Thurs., February 17

8:00 Intentions for Fathers

Fri., February 18

8:00 Dearly Departed

Sat., February 19

9:00 Intentions for Mothers

4:30 Jake Doster - 1 Year  
Anniversary of Death  
by Aunt Virginia

Sun., February 20

8:00 St. Teresa Women Guild's  
Anniversary

10:15 Gloria Rembas

by Estate



### Scripture Readings For the Week

Monday - James 1:1-11  
Mark 8:11-13

Tuesday - James 1:12-18  
Mark 8:14-21

Wednesday - James 1:19-27  
Mark 8:22-26

Thursday - James 2:1-9  
Mark 8:27-33

Friday - James 2:14-24,26  
Mark 8:34-9:1

Saturday - James 3:1-10  
Mark 9:2-13

Sunday - 1 Samuel 26:2,7-9,12-13,22-23  
1 Corinthians 15:45-49  
Luke 6:27-38



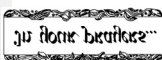
February 13, 2022  
6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

What has been the most difficult challenge you faced in your life? Many difficult human experiences can "turn up the heat" in our lives, causing us to question the why of things or even fall into despair. Some people just somewhat passively accept what life brings, even death, and chalk difficult experiences up to happening "because they do." They seemingly endure and move on.

Taking life at face value, there really is no ultimate meaning to things. It's easier to ignore that inner prompting calling us to understand why. It's there whether we admit it or not. To question or not to question – that is the question! People sometimes give up the God search because it causes too many questions. Once we open the door to the possibility of God's existence, then all of the awkward, challenging, and tragic pieces of life have to find their place. It gets messy. But the search is so important to living. We can easily dry up and become arid, abandoning any hope for purpose and meaning because it's too difficult and non-rational at times. In searching for answers to the how and why of life, human beings also embark on a search for God. When one finally stumbles upon the real living tangible presence of God, then that discovery allows life's ironies and tensions to be held side by side with the all-encompassing totally unconditional, unmerited love of God! Then when life's heat gets turned up, difficulties and challenges abound, dryness and heartache become the norm, the soul remains in joyful repose. There is no fear. The beatitudes celebrate life's ironies and tensions, holding them all together in the Kingdom of God. Poverty, hunger, weeping, being insulted and hated are not things we would normally associate with being God's friends. But they are! In fact, those who experience these uncomfortable realities of life are actually better off than those who do not.

This is what makes Jesus' message so intriguing! Don't give up questioning. Questioning the apparent inequities and polarities of human experience will certainly challenge one's faith. But it's the only way to deepen it.

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For people, who like St. Valentine, are persecuted for what they believe in. May we remember them for the sacrifices they make; we pray to the Lord....

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

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



**MASS  
INTENTIONS**

There are openings in the daily and weekend Mass schedule during the upcoming months. Please contact the rectory to schedule a mass.

## THE 6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - FEBRUARY 13, 2022

**Religious Education:** Please join us in prayer for the special intention of the children in our second grade as they continue their preparation for the sacrament of reconciliation. The children, their parents, their classmates and catechist have been on this wonderful journey together now for some time. Let us as the family of the parish be aware of how the sacraments bring us together as followers of Jesus and as believers in His presence among us in the sacraments. You are welcome to visit our website at [streledakron.wordpress.com](http://streledakron.wordpress.com).

**WE NEED YOUR HELP**

**Parish Outreach Ministry** - 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. Team members 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. Join Deacon Ron on February 16th following the 5:30 Mass in the Church to roll out this most-needed ministry.

**Please Note:** Fr. Art will be on vacation February 21-25. There will be no daily Masses held at St. Teresa's during his vacation. Please join our sister Parishes for daily Mass. Our Lady of Peace in Clarence has weekday Mass on Mon 8:00 AM, Tue-Thu 6:30 & 8:00 AM, Fri 6:30 AM. St. Maximilian Kolbe weekday Mass is Monday and Friday - 8:00 AM at Corfu Site; Tuesday and Thursday - 8:00 AM at E. Pembroke Site; Wednesday - 7:00 PM at Corfu Site. Fr. Dave Borowiak will be present for the weekend Masses.

**Quilt Ministry Raffle** - Thank you to everyone who purchased tickets and for your generous support of the Methodist Church Quilt Raffle. A St. Teresa's parishioner was the winner.

**St. Teresa's will be participating in a parish-wide survey!** The parish survey about discipleship is conducted by the Catholic Leadership Institute! Please help us by participating in a 10-15 minute survey online. The survey can be accessed through an online link from March 2nd - April 2nd and will ask you to reflect on your own spiritual growth and enable you to provide feedback on our parish's efforts to help you grow. All responses will be confidential and the parish will only receive information about the community as a whole. We will share the link with you a bit closer to the launch of the survey. **We are trying to get the highest response rate possible.** This information will be invaluable to Fr. Art and our various ministries as we plan for the future and strive to be the best disciples we can be. We will receive the results this spring/summer at which time we will share what we have learned with the entire parish. If you prefer a paper copy you may pick up a paper copy of the survey after daily and Sunday Masses. They will be located in the narthex. A printable version of the survey is also available through a link on St. Teresa's website, [stteresasofakron.com](http://stteresasofakron.com). To submit the completed paper survey, please drop off at the Rectory Office or in the collection. To make special arrangements for getting a paper copy, please contact Jean Bacon, Parish Secretary, at 716-542-9103. Thank you for helping with this important project!

**Blessed Carlo Acutis Display**, who made it his life's work to document Eucharistic miracles around the world, will be in the narthex during the week through February 16. If you would like more information or would like to support this traveling display, please contact Rose Elliott at (585) 757-2711.

**Catholic Charities** - When you are hungry, we are hope. Did you know? Catholic Charities has nine food pantry and outreach centers in WNY. Each location has an emergency food pantry. Please give hope by donating to Appeal 2022. Visit [ccwny.org/donation](http://ccwny.org/donation). Hope for all seasons!

**Ministers For February** - Extraordinary Ministers of Communion: 4:30 pm - Tim Bergman; 8 am - Randy Bergman; 10:15 am - Lisa Reigle. Lectors: 4:30 pm - Wendy Bergman; 8 am - Deb Smith; 10:15 am - Wally Smith. Altar Servers: 4:30 pm - Brodie Carlson; 8 am - Lee Arbegast, Andrew Bergman, Gabrielle Flumerfeldt; 10:15 am - Ryan Schumacher, Hailey Reigle, Andrew Borden.



- **Sunday, February 13** - 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
- **Wednesday, February 16** - Parish Outreach Ministry meeting following the 5:30 Mass in the Church
- **Friday, February 18** - The Chosen Study Group meets at 8:45 am following 8:00 Mass
- **Saturday, February 19** - Pro-Life Prayer Group, 9:30 am, in the parking lot near the St. Teresa Statue
- **Sunday, February 20** - No Religious Education Classes Due to President's Day Observance

### A VOCATION VIEW

Proclaiming Jesus' Name and His Gospel isn't easy, and sometimes it brings retaliation. But Jesus promises that those who bear insult for His name will be rewarded greatly in heaven. How is God calling you to proclaim His Holy Name? If it's through a Church vocation, contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit [buffalovocations.org](http://buffalovocations.org).



What did one Jedi say to the other on Valentine's Day? Yoda one for me!



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

*"The Cure of Ars often pointed to the tabernacle, saying: 'Jesus is really there, and if you knew how much He loves you, you would be the happiest person in the world.'"*

*Fr. Florian Racine from Could You Not Watch with Me One Hour?*