

St. Teresa of Avila Church Est. 1869

FEBRUARY 20, 2022 - 7TH 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.

"Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."
MATTHEW 25:40

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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

Saturday, February 26

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

4:30 Merritt "Whitey" Spoth
by Joan & Family

Sunday, February 27

8:00 Rick Warner
by The Gabbey Family

10:15 In Memory of John Hawes
by Mom



Scripture Readings For the Week

Monday - James 3:13-18
Mark 9:14-29

Tuesday - 1 Peter 5:1-4
Matthew 16:13-19

Wednesday - James 4:13-17
Mark 9:38-40

Thursday - James 5:1-6
Mark 9:41-50

Friday - James 5:9-12
Mark 10:1-12

Saturday - James 5:13-20
Mark 10:13-16

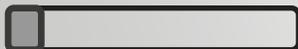
Sunday - Sirach 27:4-7
1 Corinthians 15:54-58
Luke 6:39-45

Ash Wednesday Mass Schedules March 2, 2022

St. Teresa - 8 AM & 5:30 PM
Our Lady of Peace - 6:30 & 8 AM,
12 Noon & 7 PM
Nativity of Mary - 7 & 9 AM, 7 PM
St. Mary's of
Swormville - 7 AM, 12 Noon, 5
& 7 PM
9 AM in the Chapel

Catholic Charities Update

Parish Goal: \$44,448
Current Total: 15%



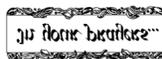
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February 20, 2022
7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sometimes, Jesus' teachings don't seem to make practical sense. When we hear things like love your enemies and do good to them, turn the other cheek when struck, give to anyone who asks, do to others as you would have them do to you, be merciful, stop judging, forgive, and give to others, we get a bit unsettled. After all, it's okay for God to do all of these things, but does He really want us to do them, too? Many good-hearted Christians really draw the line with some of these ideals and say, "No way!" They even remark that if someone did something hurtful to someone they loved, they would have no reservations seeking severe retribution. There is still this persistent thinking, even among those who consider themselves Christian, that a violent action deserves a violent response. Somehow, we continue to justify this. Yet, it is most clearly against the very grain of the Gospel. Part of our difficulty has more to do with understanding God's love. We wrongly think that sinful or hurtful actions and evil people somehow are seen as lesser in God's eyes. They are not. God loves the sinner as much as He does the saint. And, both of these inclinations exist in every human being, even those who consider themselves holy. Both the capacity for good and the disposition toward evil exist in every one of us. Viktor Frankl has this to say when reflecting on the Holocaust: "Our generation is a realistic generation because we have learned what a human being really is. When all is said and done, man is that same creature who invented the gas-chambers of Auschwitz; but he is also that being who walked upright into those chambers with the prayer 'Shema Yisrael' on his lips." If we believe in God, we have to act like God. Whether we like that idea is another issue. If we don't then perhaps, we need to reconsider our faith and whether we really believe in Jesus Christ. We are made in the image of God, not the image of ourselves. The Christian must, at all costs, leave resentment and the need for retaliation behind, lose defensiveness and bring into the mind and heart the realization of who we represent in this world.

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For refugees, immigrants, and asylum seekers who have been sheltered and cared for around the world by Catholic Relief Services, may they find a new and welcoming home as they are resettled by Catholic Charities; 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 continue to pray for our troops who are serving in the military and for all first responders.



TEACHER: Glenn, how do you spell 'crocodile'?

GLENN: K-R-O-K-O-D-I-A-L'

TEACHER: No, that's wrong

GLENN: Maybe it is wrong, but you asked me how I spell it.

TEACHER: John, why are you doing your math multiplication on the floor?

JOHN: You told me to do it without using tables.



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.

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. Art will be here for the weekend Masses.

St. Teresa's will be participating in a parish-wide survey! 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. 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.** If you prefer a paper copy, you may pick up one after daily and Sunday Masses in the narthex. A printable version of the survey is also available through a link on St. Teresa's website, stteresasofakron.com, under Upcoming Events. 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!

Catholic Charities - No gift to Appeal 2022 is too small. In fact, each dollar raised during the annual Appeal leverages an additional \$3 to \$4 of government support and contracts. More funding means more services, like affordable and accessible mental health counseling and basic needs assistance. To make a gift to Appeal 2022, visit ccwny.org/donation or text GIVEHOPE22 to 44321.

Lent is Coming! Lent will be here soon, so mark your calendars:

- Want to experience something new this Lent? Come join us at Saint Teresas's on Wednesday evenings after 5:30 Mass, starting March 9, for a series of unique activities and discussions geared toward deepening our Lenten reflection. This free retreat will consist of five sessions. Participants may attend as many sessions as desired. Each of the first four hour-long sessions will focus on a different Lenten theme; the first deals with the Seven Sorrows of Mary. The final session is two hours long, and will feature the powerful 2016 film, *Risen*, a tale of a Roman tribune charged with investigating the missing body of the Messiah. Further details will be forthcoming.
- Annual Lenten Lecture Series, sponsored by the parishes of the Northern Erie County Vicariate. The series is conducted over five Mondays beginning March 7th. Each evening a speaker will explore different aspects and perspectives of St. Joseph. Why give up something for Lent when you can do something positive for your spiritual growth? Plan to come and bring a friend. No cost. No reservations required. Follow on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter @necvicariat
- Daily Reflections from Dr. Tim Gray - Each Daily Reflection is a short video that features Dr. Tim Gray commenting on the daily Mass readings, explaining the Scriptures, and providing you with concrete ideas on how to apply them to your life. This Lent, dive deeper into the Lenten Journey with Dr. Gray.

- **Sunday, February 20** - No Religious Education Classes Due to President's Day Observance
- **Friday, February 25** - The Chosen Study Group meets at 8:45 am following 8:00 Mass
- **Saturday, February 26** - Pro-Life Prayer Group, 9:30 am, in the parking lot near the St. Teresa Statue
- **Sunday, February 27** - Religious Education Classes 9:00 am - 10:00 am and 11:15 am - 12:30 pm

A VOCATION VIEW

Love of enemies is not a popular idea in our culture, but we can't have peace without it. Will you join the effort to proclaim the Gospel of peace? Contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit buffalovocations.org.

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

"The crown will be given neither to beginners, nor to the advanced, but to the victorious, to those who persevere to the end."

St. Margaret Mary Alacoque

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