

# St. Teresa of Avila Church Est. 1869

FEBRUARY 27, 2022 - 8TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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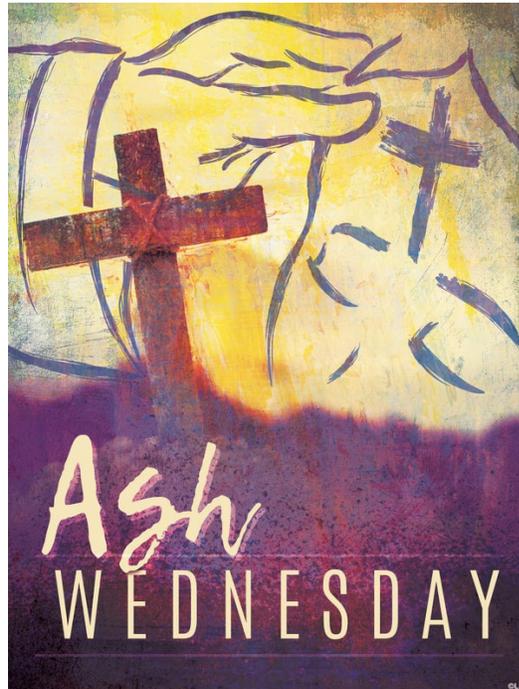
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## PARISH TRUSTEES

Dick Campbell                  Wally Smith

## 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.

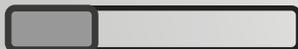
## NEW PARISHIONERS

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 28**
**8:00 Gary Malony - 1 Year  
Anniversary of Death by  
Mom & Family**
**Tues., March 1**
**8:00 Intentions for Mothers**
**Wed., March 2 - Ash Wednesday**
**8:00 Dearly Departed**
**5:30 For the People of St. Teresa's  
by Fr. Art**
**Thurs., March 3 - St. Katherine**
**8:00 Intentions for Fathers**
**Fri., March 4 - St. Casimir**
**8:00 Intentions for Mothers**
**Sat., March 5**
**9:00 Anna Molitor - Living Birthday  
Blessings by Mark & Karen  
Molitor**
**4:30 Francis Dahill - Birthday  
Remembrance by Dahill Family**
**Sun., March 6 - 1st Sunday of Lent**
**8:00 The Ottney Family  
by Family**
**10:15 Ronald W. Adamczak Sr.  
by Gail Mattulke**

**Scripture Readings  
For the Week**
**Monday - 1 Peter 1:3-9  
Mark 10:17-27**
**Tuesday - 1 Peter 1:10-16  
Mark 10:28-31**
**Wednesday - Joel 2:12-18  
2 Corinthians 5:20-6:2  
Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18**
**Thursday - Deuteronomy 30:15-20  
Luke 9:22-25**
**Friday - Isaiah 58:1-9a  
Matthew 9:14-15**
**Saturday - Isaiah 58:9b-14  
Luke 5:27-32**
**Sunday - Deuteronomy 26:4-10  
Romans 10:8-13  
Luke 4:1-13**
**Catholic Charities Update**
**Parish Goal: \$44,448  
Current Total: 32%**

**Thank you for your  
generosity!**

**February 27, 2022  
8th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

What we say and how we say it reveals the true intentions of our hearts. The content and manner of our speech is a window into the recesses of our souls. Our consciences, attitudes, sentiments, weaknesses, and motives are displayed. As much as we think we can hide the truth of our lives from others, we cannot. Who we really are is not only expressed on our lips but is written on our faces. Jesus says precisely this, "For every tree is known by its own fruit." What does the fruit of our lives say about us? Because we like to play the game of hide and seek with ourselves, in pretending that we are hiding we deflect attention others may give to us by becoming more critical of others. After all, the more time one can spend analyzing others' behavior the less time one has to look at his or herself. Often, the behaviors we abhor most in others are the very ones we are guilty of ourselves. We just don't know it yet. The more we put ourselves in the role of a judge, the more satisfaction and control we seem to achieve. Yet, what about ourselves? In focusing our attention on the beams in others' eyes, the aridity and barrenness of our lives goes unchecked. St. Ambrose reminds us that "no one heals himself by wounding another." Bringing our brothers and sisters down by being overly critical, serves no positive purpose. But the one who knows how easy it is to fall into sin and weakness and how quickly errors in judgment can be made, knows the depth of true compassion, mercy, and kindness. Having recognized our own poor choices, misguided opinions, negative emotions, and ability to do horrendous things, we can be more sympathetic and understanding of where others may be. We are designed to be mentors and guides to one another. In walking the journey together, we can help each other become the best we can be. Humility is the order of the day and the primary virtue that prevents us from being hypocrites.

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For the success of this year's Catholic Charities Appeal; we pray to the Lord...

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

**Ministers for March** - Extraordinary Ministers of Communion: 4:30 pm - John O'Donnell; 8 am - Nancy Wittman; 10:15 am - Sue Sweitzer. Lectors: 4:30 pm - Sr. Ruth; 8 am - Mary Borden; 10:15 am - Ann Sayers. Altar Servers: 4:30 pm - Natalie Ginestre, Christopher Ginestre; 8 am - Alexander Brandl, Gabrielle Flumerfeldt; 10:15 am - Miriam Gehl, John Gehl, James Fink.

**What is Catholic Charities to those in need?** Sometimes a second home. Paul, a client for many years says, "I can't tell you what they've helped me out with. Dental, food, housing and not just that - a warm and welcoming feeling when you come in this place, and that's how come I feel it's my second home." Your gift to Appeal 2022 helps people like Paul. To make a donation today, visit [ccwny.org/donation](http://ccwny.org/donation) or text GIVEHOPE22 to 44321.

**Lent Begins Ash Wednesday - March 2, 2022**

- Mass Schedules** . St. Teresa - 8 AM & 5:30 PM  
 For Our Lady of Peace - 6:30 & 8 AM, 12 Noon & 7 PM  
**Ash Wednesday** . 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

**Abstinence:** All Catholics who have reached their 14th birthday are bound to abstain totally from meat on the following days: Ash Wednesday, all Fridays of Lent and Good Friday. **Fasting:** All Catholics between their 18th and 60th birthdays are bound to observe the Law of Fast on the following days: Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. This practice involves limiting oneself to a single full meal and avoiding food between meals. Light sustenance may be taken on two other occasions in the course of the day. **Easter Duty:** After they have been initiated into the Most Holy Eucharist, all the faithful are bound by obligation of receiving Communion at least once a year. This precept must be fulfilled during the Easter Season, unless for a good reason, it is fulfilled another time during the year. This obligation may be fulfilled between March 6 (First Sunday of Lent) and June 12 (Trinity Sunday). **Reconciliation:** Catholics are bound by an obligation faithfully to confess serious sins at least once a year.

**Religious Education:** As Jesus was setting out on a journey, a man ran up, knelt down before Him, "Good teacher, what I must I do to inherit eternal life?" Each of us can find ways to communicate Jesus, to be his disciples, wherever we are. Pope Francis, in "The Joy of the Gospel", says "All of us are called to offer others an explicit witness to the saving love of the Lord, who despite our imperfections offers us his closeness, his word and his strength, and gives meaning to our lives. In your heart you know that it is not the same to live without him; what you have come to realize, what has helped you to live and given you hope, is what you also need to communicate to others." (Ch. 3, #121)

**New Men's Ministry Group** will be meeting in the Parish Hall starting Thursday, March 3rd, at 6:45 PM. Deacon Ron will lead the Ministry and encourages all men of the parish to consider joining him on a Lenten journey into deepening Men's faith walk.

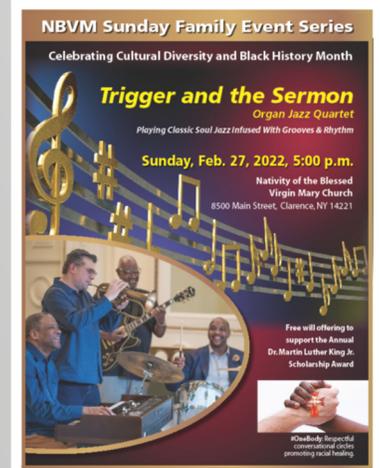
**St. Teresa's will be participating in a parish-wide survey!** Please help us by participating in a 10-15 minute survey online. The survey can be accessed through an online link from 3/2 - 4/2 (information to come). A printable version of the survey is also available through a link on St. Teresa's website, stteresasofakron.com. To submit the completed paper survey, please drop the survey off at the Rectory Office or place in the weekly collection.

**Lent starts Wednesday, what will you do for Lent?**

- Join us Wednesday evenings at 6:30 in St. Teresa's Church, 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.
- Stations of the Cross will be said every Friday night during Lent starting at 7 pm. Please join us as we walk the Way of the Cross.
- Lenten Lecture Series, sponsored by the parishes of the Northern Erie Vicariate. Mark your calendar for five Mondays beginning March 7th at 7:30 p.m. No cost! No reservations required! Follow us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter @necvicariate
- Praying Daily Scripture Retreat with Dr. Tim Gray - Friday, March 18 at 6 pm (with dinner) and closing Sunday, March 20 at 11 am. The retreat includes Holy Mass, availability for Confession, conference, quiet time, meals and fellowship at Our Lady of Czestochowa, 57 Center Ave., N. Tonawanda. To Register, contact Sr. Jacinta at olcparishevent@gmail.com or 716-692-0276.



- Sunday, February 27 - Religious Education Classes**  
9:00 am - 10:00 am and 11:15 am - 12:30 pm
- Sunday, February 27 - Youth Group Meeting**, 6-8 pm  
In the Parish Hall
- Wednesday, March 2 - Intercessory Prayer Group** meets after the 5:30 Mass in the school hall.
- Thursday, March 3 - Men's Ministry** in the Parish Hall, 6:45 PM
- Friday, March 4 - The Chosen Study Group** meets at 8:45 am following 8:00 Mass
- Friday, March 4 - Stations of the Cross** - 7:00 pm
- Saturday, March 5 - Pro-Life Prayer Group**, 9:30 am, in the parking lot near the St. Teresa Statue
- Sunday, March 6 - Religious Education Classes**  
9:00 am - 10:00 am and 11:15 am - 12:30 pm



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

*"The rights of parents and their primary role in the education of their children in the area of morality and religion must be safeguarded. It is in the family that peacemakers, tomorrow's promoters of a culture of life and love, are born and nurtured."*  
Joseph Ratzinger  
(Benedict XVI) from *Faith and Politics*



If you think your parrot is a liar, make him take a polly graph test.