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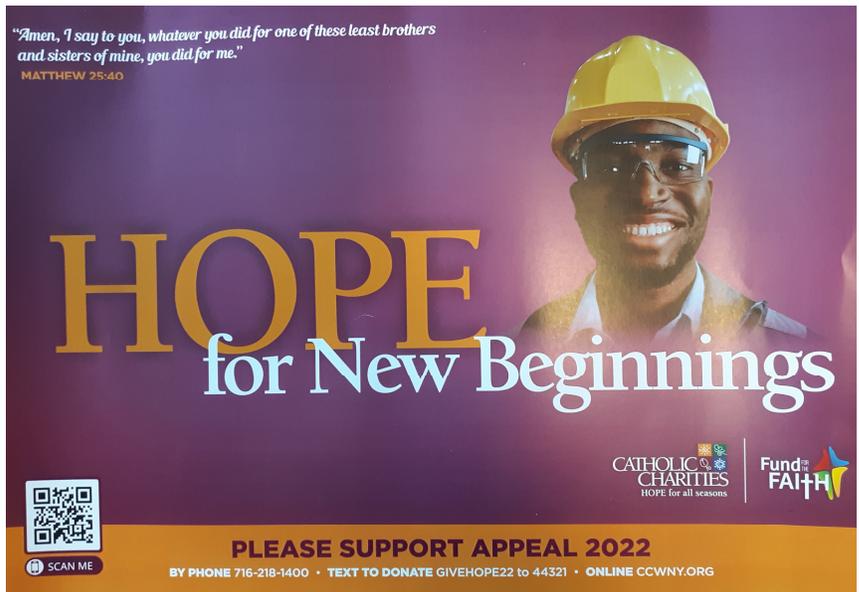
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MISSION STATEMENT

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.



MARCH 6, 2022 - FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



"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

<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., March 7

8:00 For the People of St. Teresa
by Fr. Art

Tues., March 8

8:00 Intentions for Fathers

Wed., March 9

5:30 Dearly Departed

Thurs., March 10

8:00 Intentions for Mothers

Fri., March 11

8:00 Intentions for Fathers

Sat., March 12

9:00 David Molitor - Living Birthday
Blessings by Mark & Karen
Molitor

4:30 Dearly Departed

Sun., March 13

8:00 For the People of St. Teresa
by Fr. Art

10:15 Florence & Helen Raykowski
by Rich Raykowski



Scripture Readings For the Week

Monday - Leviticus 19:1-2,11-18
Matthew 25:31-46

Tuesday - Isaiah 55:10-11
Matthew 6:7-15

Wednesday - Jonah 3:1-10
Luke 11:29-32

Thursday - Esther C:12,14-16,23-25
Matthew 7:7-12

Friday - Ezekiel 18:21-28
Matthew 5:20-26

Saturday - Deuteronomy 26:16-19
Matthew 5:43-48

Sunday - Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18
Philippians 3:17-4:1
Luke 9:28b-36

Catholic Charities Update

Parish Goal: \$44,448
Current Total: 34%



Thank you for your
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March 6, 2022
1st Sunday of Lent

One of the greatest temptations human beings face is leaving the truth of who they are, where they came from and who created them in pursuit of more personal satisfactions.

When we consider all that desires our attention in a given day, there are many lures that attract us to illusions about ourselves. We can easily find ourselves distracted or tired, preoccupied with preserving our status in life, social relationships, current trends, and corporate demands, and intrigued by pursuing what we perceive to be the "path of least resistance." The daily concerns of life can quickly take our eyes off of our truth, making the empty promises of worldly accomplishments and ideologies seem so attractive. What is at risk in giving into this temptation? We cease giving thanks to and worshipping our Creator as we pursue our own self-sufficiency, power, and prestige. We replace the true God with a "pet" one. While many do not totally dismiss the idea of God and pretend to remain at least remotely connected, they do not invest themselves heart, mind, and soul in the relationship either. That is why we are so easily swayed. If something attractive comes along, we lunge for it. After all, having a position above and over everyone else is a good thing, isn't it?

In more honest moments, many have to admit that they believe this to be true. The Evil One is very convincing. But he can only gain control if we allow him to. About temptation, St. Basil remarks, "As the pilot of a vessel is tried in the storm, as the wrestler is tried in the ring, the soldier in the battle and the hero in adversity, so is the Christian tried in temptation." And here is found the reason for Lent. It is a wonderful opportunity to get a handle on the attractive lures of illusion that easily captivate us and bring us off track.

It is also a time for some honest reflection rooted in prayer, fasting, and selfless giving that can bring us to temptation's remedy: love. Love of his Father gave Jesus resistance. It can do the same for us

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REMEMBER
IN YOUR
PRAYERS

For the success of the Catholic Charities Appeal; we pray to the Lord....

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

For the repose of the soul of Most Reverend Donald W. Trautman, STD, SSL, Bishop Emeritus of the Diocese of Erie

Catholic Charities: As a parent, you want to do whatever you can to help your child. That is what brought one mother to Catholic Charities' Multisystemic Therapy Program after her daughter was exhibiting several alarming behaviors such as running away, self-harming, drinking and doing drugs. This intensive, family-focused intervention empowers parents to find solutions. "MST was the best decision I've ever made. I went from being hopeless to hopeful. I cannot thank you enough." Your gift to Appeal 2022 helps families just like this one. Visit ccwny.org/donation or text GIVEHOPE22 to 44321 today!

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT- MARCH 6, 2022

Religious Education: Please join us in prayer for the special intention of our second grade children who make their sacrament of reconciliation
Saturday, March 12th.

Benjamin Borden Jordan Cena Allison Clark
Evan Lotz Zoe Mruk Onalee Young
Visit our website at streledakron.wordpress.com.



- **Sunday, March 6** - Religious Education Classes 9:00 am - 10:00 am and 11:15 am - 12:30 pm
- **Sunday, March 6** - Youth Ministry meets in the Parish Hall at 6 pm
- **Wednesday, March 9** - Lenton Reflection Retreat, 6:30 in the Church.
- **Thursday, March 10** - Men's Ministry in the Parish Hall, 6:45 PM
- **Friday, March 11** - The Chosen Study Group meets at 8:45 am following 8:00 Mass
- **Friday, March 11** - Stations of the Cross - 7:00 pm
- **REMINDER** - The Collection Barrel for the Akron/Newstead Food Pantry is in the back of church - cans of tuna fish are needed
- **Saturday, March 12** - Pro-Life Prayer Group, 9:30 am, in the parking lot near the St. Teresa Statue
- **Sunday, March 13** - Religious Education Classes 9:00 am - 10:00 am and 11:15 am - 12:30 pm

Men's Ministry Group meets in the Parish Hall every Thursday at 6:45 PM. Deacon Ron is leading the Ministry and encourages all men of the parish to consider joining him on a journey into the deepening of Men's faith walk. Everyone welcome. For more information, contact Deacon Ron at deaconronsta@gmail.com.

The Women's Guild Respect Life Committee will be holding a Baby Item Collection to support the St Gianna Molla Pregnancy Outreach Center of the Diocese of Buffalo, on the weekends of 3/19-20 and 3/26-27. The St Gianna Molla Center serves families and life by providing material, emotional, and spiritual support to mothers, fathers, and families during and after pregnancy. They always need diapers, wipes, formula and bottles; they also accept new/very gently used baby clothes sizes newborn to 4T, and other baby items. Donations can be placed in the playpen in the narthex. If parishioners need items picked up at their home, please call Jennifer Brennan at (716)510-5890 to arrange pickup. Thank you for your generosity.

Lenten Reconciliation Service - Tuesday, March 29, 7 PM, at Our Lady of Peace Church, 10950 Main St., Clarence. Renewal Family Priests will be assisting at the Reconciliation Service.

Want to experience something new this Lent? Come join us at Saint Teresa'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.

Movie Nite at the C. Dee Wright Community Ministry Center, 11 Church St., Akron at 6:30 pm. Movie for April 2nd, Mel Gibson's "The Passion of the Christ". Please call 585-813-4449 to reserve group seating. Coffee and snacks available. Under 17 must be accompanied by parent or guardian.

Lenten Lecture Series, sponsored by the parishes of the Northern Erie Vicariate. Mark your calendar for five Mondays at 7:30 p.m. Monday, March 7th program is "St. Joseph through the Arts": Deacon William Hynes will weave some of the themes from The Litany of St. Joseph while discussing St. Joseph Through the Arts. St. Aloysius Gonzaga Church, 157 Cleveland Dr., Cheektowaga, 14215

PARISH MISSION Nationally known, Dr. Edwar Sri, Presents: LIVING LENT: Day 1-Into His Likeness & Walking With Mary in Lent, Day 2-Vibrant Faith & Biblical Walk Through the Mass! Join us from 7-8:30 PM on March 15 & 16 in St Martha Church, 10 French Road, Depew. Co-sponsored by: Our Lady of Pompeii, St Mary of the Assumption, St Teresa of Calcutta, and St Martha Parishes! All are welcome. Free will offering accepted.

Save the Date: WNY Catholic Men's Conference will be held on Saturday, March 26 at Cardinal O'Hara High School, 39 O'Hara Rd., Tonawanda. We welcome the attendance of priests, deacons, and religious. For more information, visit: <https://www.cmfofwny.org/>.

St. Gregory the Great Fish Fry on March 4, 11, 25 and April 1, 8 & 15 from 4-7 pm at St. Gregory the Great Ministry Center, 100 St. Gregory Ct., Williams-ville. Menu: Fried Fish, Fresh Baked Fish or Breaded Shrimp served with French fries, coleslaw and roll. Tickets can be purchased online at <https://givebutter.com/stgregsfishfry2022> or at the Parish Office, Store or Café.

A VOCATION VIEW - Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit into the desert for forty days of prayer and fasting. Likewise, in places of solitude we too can hear the voice of God. Take some time to listen this Lent. If God is calling you to a Church vocation, contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit buffalovocations.org.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

"O Lord our God, you fill our every need, though not our every want. Grant us this Lent the grace to put our trust in You and in Your desires for us, rather than in ourselves and our own desires. Purify our hearts of every evil, that we may look forward with joy to the glory of Easter."

From the *Magnificat*, March prayer.



When a new child visited our Sunday school, the teacher greeted him and asked his age. The little boy held up four fingers. "Oh, you're four," said the teacher. "And when will you be 5?" The child stared at her and after a few seconds replied, "When I hold up the other finger."