

St. Teresa of Avila Church Est. 1869

MARCH 27, 2022 - FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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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

- Mon., March 28
8:00 Intentions for Mothers
- Tues., March 29
8:00 Intentions for Fathers
- Wed., March 30
5:30 Roy Laciura by
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Tirabassi
- Thurs., March 31
8:00 Dearly Departed Souls
- Fri., April 1
8:00 Intentions for Mothers
- Sat., April 2
9:00 Christina Lembke - Living
Birthday Blessings by
Mark & Karen Molitor
4:30 Paul Bergman - Birthday Blessings
by *Mom & Dad*
- Sun., April 3
8:00 For the People of St. Teresa's
by *Fr. Art*
10:15 In Memory of Roy Laciura Sr.
by *Mary Olsen*



Scripture Readings For the Week

- Monday - Isaiah 65:17-21
John 4:43-54
- Tuesday - Ezekiel 47:1-9, 12
John 5:1-16
- Wednesday - Isaiah 49:8-15
John 5:17-30
- Thursday - Exodus 32:7-14
John 5:31-47
- Friday - Wisdom 2:1a, 12-22
John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
- Saturday - Jeremiah 11:18-20
John 7:40-53
- Sunday - Isaiah 43:16-21
Philippians 3:8-14
John 8:1-11

Catholic Charities Update

Parish Goal: \$44,448
Current Total: 50%

\$22,604

Thank you for your generosity!



March 27, 2022
4th Sunday of Lent

God's love story reveals itself in our stories, experiences, and aspirations. We are all prodigal sons and daughters. There are many times in our lives when we would "sell our souls" in order to pursue our passions. We pursued what we wanted without regard for others or God. We have sowed our oats, thrown ourselves into careless pleasures, spent what we know we ought to have saved, turned our backs on those we love and abused gifts we have been given. We even hit bottom and realized the silliness and self-destruction of it all. We needed to come home. We knew we erred and needed a gentle presence to show us God's unconditional love. This wayward journey home changed us. As much as we need to be welcomed, we are also the one who needs to do the welcoming and mercy giving. Those we love need our guidance, but they don't always take it. We know that what they are doing is off the mark, self-destructive and wrong. We have to let them go and let it happen, even though they might get hurt. As we wait and hope, they choose to make their way back to us. They don't need us to judge them. They have done enough of that to themselves. We immediately embrace them and are just happy they're home. God uses us to help heal them. Knowing how much we craved understanding and forgiveness ourselves, we can now freely give it away. God uses what he has taught us to teach others. We are also the entitled ones. At least we "think" we are entitled. After all, we work hard for what we have. We cannot get our heads around the idea that someone can get something that I really deserve! If I do what I'm supposed to do, I ought to be rewarded for that, right? If I do something wrong, I ought to pay the consequences. This is justice, isn't it? This is not God's justice. God is all about love, mercy, compassion, and forgiveness. God's justice is love freely given without merit. We carry the stories of the prodigal son, the unconditional forgiving father, and the entitled angry brother with us. When we make friends with all three, humbly telling those stories to others makes us Christ's ambassadors.

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REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

May our prayers, joined with those of people around the world, help guide those waging war to end the meaningless suffering and restore peace; 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.

**** YOUR PARISH OFFERING ****

Funds needed per week in March for Expenses: \$5,992.50

In Pew 3/6/2022

Sunday Collection

\$ 5,241

In Pew 3/13/2022

Sunday Collection

\$ 3,590

The gift of your donation allows us to continue the mission of Christ here at St. Teresa's. Thank you for your generosity.

Ministers For April - Extraordinary Ministers of Communion: 4:30 pm - Amy Bergman; 8 am - Susan Brown; 10:15 am - Sr. Gerard. Lectors: 4:30 pm - Wendy Bergman; 8 am - Wally Smith; 10:15 am - Karen Stachowiak. Altar Servers: 4:30 pm - Charlotte Carlson, Anna Bergman; 8 am - Isabella Mruk, Gwendolyn Mruk, Gabrielle Flumerfeldt; 10:15 am - Aron Gehl, Nathaniel Gehl, Lee Arbegast



MASS INTENTIONS

There are openings in the daily and weekend Mass schedule during the upcoming months.

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT- MARCH 27, 2022

Religious Education: The donations that the children place in their Lenten box go to Catholic Charities, a wonderful charity in our diocese that helps so many people in many ways. Thank you to our parents who help the kids keep up this collection throughout the season of Lent. The children are learning to help others in a personal and thoughtful way.

Lenten Reconciliation Service - St. Teresa's and our Renewal Family Parishes will hold a Lenten Reconciliation Service on Tuesday, March 29, 7 PM, at Our Lady of Peace Church, 10950 Main St., Clarence.

Youth Ministry Easter Plant Sale Now through 4-3-22. Plant pick up will be 4-9 & 4-10. All plants are \$10 each and must be paid for at time of order. Thank you for your support!



Youth Ministry Easter Egg Hunt - April 9th at the Picnic Grounds weather permitting - more details to come!

11th Annual St. Gianna Banquet - Thursday, April 28th, 2022-St. Gianna Beretta Molla Feast Day-6:00 pm, \$75.00 per person at Classics V, 2425 Niagara Falls Blvd, Amherst. Keynote Speaker Gary Zimak, Author of several best-selling books. Reservations Only - Deadline: Mon., April 18. *RSVP today by calling (716) 847-2205 (no credit cards accepted over the phone or at the door). Online Reservation at <https://www.buffalodiocese.org/st-gianna/> or by email at StGianna@buffalodiocese.org. There will be a Gift Baskets Raffle and Cash Bar. ***Gift Basket Raffle*** - If you are not able to attend, would you be able to help us by donating a gift basket or gift card, or a gift (gifts) for a basket? Call Pat @ 207 -6509 for basket details.

The Parish Survey link is <https://portal.catholicleaders.org/d/yxyc5y> or is available on the St. Teresa's website. **There are 7 days left to complete the survey and 59 surveys have been completed out of a possible 450 so far.** Please take a moment to fill out the survey as this will truly benefit us in the future.

Join us in welcoming new members of our St. Teresa's Family! During the first three months of this year, we were blessed with the addition of: Christopher, Kelly, Corinne, and Kaylee Christie; Amanda Fox, Kevin & Karen Fox; Carmen Laurey; Kyle, Stephanie, Benjamin, Natalie, Cecilia, William and Margaret Moreland; Jeffrey Olek; Thomas & Nancy Partyka; Bernard Rogacki; James Vasi; Russell, Kerry and Cecilia Staffeldt; and Robert & Maureen Seifert.

Lenten Retreat - Come join us on Wednesday, March 30, for the fourth session after the 5:30 Mass. This week's session will feature a unique version of The Stations of the Cross. "Cross Examinations" by James Adams offers an imaginative take on Jesus's perspective and thoughts during His Passion.

URGENT NEED IN UKRAINE - In case you missed the recent collection for Ukraine, or want to make an additional donation, please follow the link here: <https://support.crs.org/donate/donate-ukrainems=agicrs2022ukr00her01>
In the Ukraine there are already more than 2.9 million people in need of assistance! There is great risk of additional suffering both within Ukraine and for those who are fleeing to neighboring countries for safety. Catholic Relief Services (CRS) and our partners need immediate support to meet both ongoing needs. Years of conflict have already displaced 1.3 million people and claimed 14,000 lives. Throughout this time, Caritas Ukraine, with support from CRS, has been providing emergency relief. CRS and Caritas partners on the ground are preparing across Ukraine and in bordering countries, ready to provide safe shelter, hot meals and more. When you donate, you provide immediate assistance for those affected by this crisis. Your prayers and support will make so much difference. For more information, please feel free to contact Deacon Don Weigel, CRS Diocesan Director, at deacondon@gmail.com.



175th Anniversary of the Establishment of the Diocese of Buffalo - To mark the actual 175th anniversary date of the establishment of the Diocese of Buffalo, all parishes will ring bells for 15 minutes on Saturday, April 23, 2022 from 3:00 p.m. to 3:15 p.m. The ringing of bells is a "joyful noise," reminding all of God's presence in the world!

The pamphlet racks have been restocked and include Lenten materials for all ages. The racks are located by the doors at the entrance of the Church and all items range from \$.50 to \$5.00.

VOCATION VIEW - The real star of the Prodigal Son parable is the forgiving father. Priests are called to imitate this incredible mercy through the confessional. What a life! If Jesus is calling you to serve His Father, contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit buffalovocations.org.



Little Johnny's new baby brother was screaming up a storm. Johnny asked his mom, "where'd he come from?" Mom said, "He came from heaven, Johnny." "Wow! I can see why they threw him out!"

Upcoming Dates to Remember

- **Sunday, March 27** - Religious Education Classes
9:00 am - 10:00 am and
11:15 am - 12:30 pm - Last Class
- **Tuesday, March 29** - **Lenten Reconciliation Service**, Our Lady of Peace, Clarence, 7 PM
- **Wednesday, March 30** - Lenten Reflection Retreat, 6:00 in the Church.
- **Thursday, March 31** - Men's Ministry in the Parish Hall, 6:45 PM
- **Friday, April 1** - Stations of the Cross - 7:00 pm
- **Saturday, April 2** - First Saturday - Rosary before the 9 am Mass and Confessions from 8:15-8:45 am and 3:30-4 pm
- **Saturday, April 2** - Pro-Life Prayer Group, 9:30 am, in the parking lot near the St. Teresa Statue
- **Sunday, April 3** - Religious Education Classes
9:00 am - 10:00 am and

We are updating our parish database

Name _____

Email _____

Phone _____

Please clip and return this form in the weekly collection.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

"Standing at the door of your heart is a Divine Physician who is patiently knocking and waiting for you to let Him in and tell Him where it hurts. He wants to do the work of healing you; however, He is a perfect gentleman, and He will only come in if He is invited. If you want to be healed by Him, you have to ask."

Kevin and Lisa Cotter
from their book Dating Detox