

St. Teresa of Avila Church Est. 1869

MAY 9, 2021 - 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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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.



<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

- Monday, May 10 - St. Damien**
8:00 In Memory of Catherine Wangler *by Ann Sayers*
- Tuesday, May 11**
8:00 In Memory of Bob Colosi *by Gordon Kaiser*
- Wednesday, May 12 - Sts. Nereus & Achilleus; St. Pancras**
5:30 In Memory of Gregory Gleason *by Richard & Andrea Gleason*
- Thursday, May 13 - Ascension of the Lord**
8:00 Intentions for Mothers
7:30 Intentions for Fathers
- Friday, May 14 - St. Matthias**
8:00 In Memory of Gertrude & Andrew Korszykowski *by Estate of Gertrude Bartels*
- Saturday, May 15 - St. Isidore**
9:00 Parishioners of St. Teresa's
10:00 First Holy Communion Class
4:30 Fran Bordonaro *by Sterling McCarriagher*
- Sun., May 16 - 7th Sunday of Easter**
8:00 Mary Patricia Paxon *by Bill Paxon & Susan Molinari*
10:15 2nd Anniversary Remembrance of Geraldine Benker *by the Benker Family*



Scripture Readings For the Week

- Monday** - Acts 16:11-15
John 15:26-16:4a
- Tuesday** - Acts 16:22-34
John 16:5-11
- Wednesday** - Acts 17:15, 22-18:1
John 16:12-15
- Thursday** - Acts 1:1-11
Ephesians 1:17-23
Mark 16:15-20
- Friday** - Acts 1:15-17, 20-26
John 15:9-17
- Saturday** - Acts 18:23-28
John 16:23b-28
- Sunday** - Acts 1:15-17, 20c-26
1 John 4:11-16
John 15:9-17

May 9, 2021 - 6th Sunday of Easter

“Remain in my love,” and, “I call you friends,” are powerful words that are found in John’s Gospel. Most of us probably have them committed to memory or have at least heard them proclaimed dozens of times. They are words that can easily become trite and quickly glossed over without fully pondering and digesting their profound beauty. When we take the time to immerse ourselves in them, they can radically change our lives and our relationships. They can open up new doors of adventure and hold countless possibilities for meaning. The essence of love and friendship are things that can easily be taken for granted. They have always been there and are a significant part of our lives. Many would say that they could not live without love and friendship, and they put a great deal of care into preserving, deepening and sustaining them. Love and friendship share a mutual relationship with each other that deserves more reflection.

Where does love come from? We can consider relationships that have not succeeded and conclude that they were somehow due to our “failures in love.” In doing so, we assume that human beings are the ones responsible for love, its success and also its failure. While our weakness, emotional composition and sinfulness can easily impact our ability to love, its origin is not human. God is love. God is love’s author and origin. When we love, it is God who loves in and through us. It is because of this divine closeness that Jesus is able to call us friends! It is not because of anything we have done but simply because of who we are. Realizing and contemplating this awesome reality becomes a game changer across the board. It gives us reason to clear the table of anything that can adversely affect the way we love so that we can open the door for its author to shine forth.

Coming upon this truth is what leads folks like St. Francis of Assisi to leave that which is comfortable and worldly and live a radical life. They relate with the love of God that radiates in and through all living things and appreciate their sacredness. It was having an intimate experience of God’s love and friendship that propelled St. Francis and others to embrace simplicity, act nonviolently, pursue humility, love enemies, care for the earth and open up avenues for true justice. Understanding this profound truth will also help us find peaceful solutions to world’s problems, restore relationships with our sisters and brothers, bring the grace of loving stewardship to creation and heal many wounds. Once we begin to see how wonderfully holy all of life really is, we discover joy. We lose our need for fear, develop a fierce fortitude, act prudently and seek justice. There is great power in love because it comes from God. It will never fail. It also enjoys the company of two other friends who are eager to become our friends as well: faith and hope. These are just as important to have and to share.

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In your prayers... For all mothers, particularly those who are with child: that they may be supported by loved ones, warm friends, and that they may be blessed; We pray to the Lord.

Please pray for the sick of the parish and their family members, especially John Ernst, Rich Raykowski, Shirley Lantz, Baby Vivian, Liam Williams, Crystal and Leah Howard, Nancy Tordy, Sister Bea Leising, Paul Schifferle, Matthew Hanlon, George Cunningham, Lorraine Sylvester, and Darlene Duke.

Please also pray that vocations to Priesthood and Religious Life increase in number and holiness.

6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER - MAY 9, 2021

Religious Education - Let us pray for our First Holy Communion Class and offer our congratulations. Our 3rd graders made their First Communion at a special mass on May 8th. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

Andrew Borden
Grace Lotz
Liam Reigle

Cameron Cena
Sophia Mast
Benjamin Moreland

Alexander Kempston
Gwendolyn Mruk

Fully Alive Eucharistic Adoration - Friday, May 14th the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed from 7:30 - 9:00 p.m. Come for as long or short a visit as you wish during this peaceful time of Adoration. Closing Benediction takes place at 9 p.m. This event is held on the second Friday of each month.



Drive Thru Chicken BBQ - June 6th, Noon to 1 pm, pre-order only, with tickets available after Mass through May 30th, \$12 each. Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Council 13661. Pick up at St. Teresa or Our Lady of Peace.

Intercessory Prayer Group meets Immediately following the 5:30 Mass in the Parish Hall on the first Wednesday of the month. Do you have a prayer request? Simply write your intention in an envelope marked "Prayer Group" and place it in the collection basket. All are welcome to join us to share intercessions, prayers, scripture & hymns.



May is the Month of Mary, Mother of Jesus. We will be saying the rosary before each weekday Mass, including Saturday morning. Please arrive about 15 minutes before Mass starts and join us.

GUYS' NIGHT OUT - May 20th, 6:00 - 9:00 PM, *I can do all things in God, Who strengthens me.* Men (adults only) are invited for an evening out to enjoy subs, soda and speakers. It will be a night packed with fun, food, fellowship and fabulous speakers.

GIRLS' NIGHT OUT - On May 27th, 6:00 - 9:00 PM, *Embracing the Will of God.* Women (adults only) are invited for an evening out to enjoy soups and salads, and spirit-filled speakers. It will be a night allowing for sharing and stories, fun and games, and spiritual growth.

Please register for both evenings by contacting Sr. Jacinta 814-505-2290, olcparishevent@gmail.com. Suggested donation \$20. This event will take place at the parish hall of Our Lady of Czestochowa, 71 Center Ave, North Tonawanda.

Chicken BBQ - Mary Immaculate Parish, Immaculate Conception Church, Rt. 63, E. Bethany, Sunday, May 16, 10:45 am till? Take outs only. Adults \$12, children \$7. Sunday Mass at 9:30 am.



One day a little girl was watching her mom make a roast beef. She cut off the ends, wrapped it in string, seasoned it and set it in the roasting pan. The little girl asked her mom why she cut off the ends of the roast. Mom replied, after some thought, that it was the way that her mother had done it. That night grandma came to dinner and the little girl and her mom went to her and asked why she had cut the end off of the roast before cooking. After some thought grandma replied, that was the way her mother had done it. Now great grandmother was quite old and in a nursing home. But the little girl went with her mom and grandma to see her and again asked the question. Grandma looked at them a bit annoyed and said, "So it would fit in the pan, of course."



- **Saturday, May 8** - First Holy Communion Mass at 10 AM
- **Sunday, May 9** - Final Class for Religious Education 9:00 am - 10:00 am
- **Weekend of May 8/9** - Knights of Columbus Chicken BBQ tickets available after mass
- **Friday, May 14** - Fully Alive Adoration, 7:30 in the Church
- **Saturday, May 15** - Pro-Life Prayer Group, 9:30 am, in the parking lot near the St. Teresa Statue
- **REMINDER** - The Collection Barrels for the Akron/Newstead Food Pantry are in the back of church - breakfast cereal is needed
- **Weekend of May 15/16** - Knights of Columbus Chicken BBQ tickets available after mass

A VOCATION VIEW

"No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends," Jesus tells us. This does not always mean one heroic act of self-sacrifice. It can also be a life laid down in daily self-denial & service to others. The priesthood is just such a life. There is no greater love! To learn more, call Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit buffalovocations.org.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

"Grace does not work like a penny in a slot machine. Grace will only move you when you want it to move you, and only when you let it move you."

*Ven. Fulton J. Sheen from his book **Remade for Happiness***