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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.



MAY 29, 2022 - 7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



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 3:00 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., May 30

8:00 In Remembrance
by Fr. Arthur Mattulke

Tues., May 31 - Visitation of BVM

8:00 Mary Strollo
by Family

Wed., June 1 - St. Justin

5:30 Dorothy Ciezki by John, Eileen,
Natalie & Clair Wargo

Thurs., June 2

8:00 Roy Laciura
by Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Tirabassi

Fri., June 3 - St. Charles Lwanga & martyrs

8:00 Intentions for Mothers

Sat., June 4

9:00 Parishioners of St. Teresa's
by Rev. Arthur Mattulke

4:30 Fr. Art Mattulke - Birthday
Blessings
by St. Teresa's Women Guild

Sun., June 5 - Pentecost Sunday

8:00 Timothy & Gordon Bell
by Family

10:15 Bernie Thoma - 3rd Anniversary
Of Death

by Barb Thoma & Family



Scripture Readings For the Week

Monday - Acts 19:1-8
John 16:29-33

Tuesday - Zephaniah 3:14-18a
Luke 1:39-56

Wednesday - Acts 20:28-38
John 17:11b-19

Thursday - Acts 22:30; 23:6-11
John 17:20-26

Friday - Acts 25:13b-21
John 21:15-19

Saturday - Acts 28:16-20, 30-31
John 21:20-25

Sunday - Acts 2:1-11
1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13
John 20:19-23

Catholic Charities Update
Parish Goal: \$44,448
Current Total: 74%

\$34,067

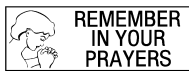
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May 29, 2022 - 7th Sunday of Easter

Unity and diversity can exist together. Our western minds have a grave difficulty seeing unity without conformity. We tend to believe that unless everyone believes the same thing, assents to the same body of truths, styles, and opinions, unity is not possible. Jesus, in today's Gospel, expresses a tenderness and an intimacy that the disciples actually can witness. This same tenderness and love are also reflected in his desire for unity and oneness. Jesus passionately wants all to be one. It is very clear that the success of Jesus' mission and the advance of the Gospel rises or falls with whether this unity is achieved. And it is a unity that is achieved around a person and not particulars. Our church is extremely divided. These divisions all center on various theologies, philosophies, structures, and styles. We allow these particular concerns and interpretations, valid as many can be, to drive wedges between us and put us at odds with each other. They enrage us and cause us to lash out at other members of the Body of Christ. Differences are bound to exist in any group. We are unique and diverse people. Staunchly clinging to particular agendas and ideologies while waving the "we're right, you're wrong" banner as we forge ahead in battle does little to advance the real mission of Christ. We are perceived as weak, fractioned, self-focused and serving, and lacking empathy and love. How can the work of salvation be accomplished like this? We sacrifice our credibility. For what? "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end." These words describe exactly who the glorified Christ really is. Jesus wants us to see this glory! Believe this! This is the unifying principle that draws the Body of Christ together as one, not our particular preferences of worship! We give too much power to our preferences, and all too easily forget that the real mission of Christ is much more than that! If we can work at truly loving each other as members of Christ's Body despite the differences that can so quickly divide us, then maybe we'll be a bit more convincing to those who do not believe. The Risen Christ comes to us through the Eucharist. It doesn't matter where or how. Gather wherever you can and receive. We cannot substitute Jesus' passion with our own. We are one.

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For those grieving the loss of their loved ones in the midst of the recent tragedy in Buffalo and those injured; that all of us who are left to carry on God's work of love and peace may boldly call out injustice and work to change our own flawed views and ways in relation to each other, seeking forgiveness and justice; we pray to the Lord...

Please pray for the sick of the parish and their family members, especially Mary Charles, Austin Penn, Gloria Kintzel, Jim & Joe Vasi, Linda Larouere, Sterling McCarriagher, Virginia Maloney, Bob Tiedt, Jean Ottney, Shirley Lantz, Matthew Yoder, Donna Stock, Martha Cunningham, Rita Whalen, John Diggs, Laura Gray & Lorraine Sylvester.

Please also pray for the repose of the soul of Sue McCann & William O'Donnell.

** YOUR PARISH OFFERING **

Funds needed per week in May for Expenses: \$4,650

In Pew 5/8/2022

Sunday Collection

\$ 4,362

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

Religious Education: Our children extended a helping hand to those in need by contributing to Catholic Charities. They returned their Lenton boxes filled with coins! Altogether we collected \$362.50! "Dear and loving God, you call us to love our neighbors as ourselves. Help us understand that all who are in need are our neighbors."

St. Teresa's Grounds Cleanup - Saturday, June 4th, at 10 am. Everyone is invited to come and join in the cleanup - no experience necessary! Please bring garden tools if you have them. Lunch will be provided. For information, please call Tony & Mary Jo Schumacher at 716-542-5138.

Bless & Tie - St. Teresa's Quilters will have a table of prayer quilts in the narthex on Saturday & Sunday, June 11 & 12. Father Art will bless the quilts & then we ask that parishioners please stop at the table before or after mass & tie a knot in one of the quilts & say a prayer for the person who will receive the quilt. Now that things are opening up more as far as the Covid situation, there will be quilts laid out on the second weekend of each month to be blessed & tied just as we did in the past prior to Covid. Prayer quilts are made for shut-ins, the sick, & those who have experienced a loss or are going through a difficult situation. If you know of someone who would appreciate a quilt & prayers please contact Mary (542-2081), Mary Ellen (542-1124) or the church office. The support of all the parishioners in the past has been much appreciated & we hope that you will take just a few moments to help us by tying & praying.



There will be a VBS meeting for volunteers on Wednesday, June 8, at 7 pm in the parish hall. All are welcome to attend. VBS will be held on July 25-29 from 6-8 pm. Any questions, please call Karen at 716-901-2739.

Fully Alive Holy Hour/Eucharistic Adoration & Celebration of Families - Come and spend an hour with the Lord, with praise, prayer, reflections, and quiet time. Included this month will be prayer for the 10th World Meeting of families with a theme of "Family Love: a Vocation and a Path to Holiness." During this peaceful hour of Adoration. Friday, June 10, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed beginning at 7:30 p.m. We encourage all families to come and spend some time with us as we recognize the importance of families. Closing Benediction takes place by 8:30 p.m.

Attention Men! The St. Teresa's Men's Group is holding an evening of fellowship and socialization on Thursday, June 2nd at 7 PM, behind the church. There will be a bonfire, beverages, yard games, and something to eat. All men 18 and older are invited for the evening. Feel free to bring a friend. A sign up sheet is in the narthex.

The Mass Book for 2023 is here! There are also openings in the daily and weekend Mass schedule during the upcoming months.

Join Us in Welcoming the following new members of our St. Teresa's Family! During the month of May, we were blessed with the addition of: Robert Wagner and fiancée Lacey Geis and their children Makayla and Layla as well as Barbara Lesswing and Richard & Delores C. Jordan.

Ministers For June - Extraordinary Ministers of Communion: 4:30 pm - Karen Klimchuk, Randy Bergman; 8 am - Scott Polzin, Nancy Wittman; 10:15 am - Karen Stachowiak, Sr. Gerard. Lectors: 4:30 pm - Sr. Ruth; 8 am - Mary Borden; 10:15 am - Ann Sayers. Altar Servers: 4:30 pm - Brodie Carlson, Andrew Bergman; 8 am - Alexander Brandl, Gabrielle Flumerfeldt; 10:15 am - James Fink, Lee Arbegast



Renewal Family Event! Corpus Christi Procession at St. Mary's in Swormville, Sunday, June 19th, after the 11:30 Mass. This is a wonderful way to begin our new family founded firmly on the Eucharist!

The Vatican's Tenth World Meeting of Families will take place in Rome, Italy from June 22 to June 26, 2022. This is an international event that recognizes and celebrates the importance of the Family. The theme announced by Pope Francis is "Family Love: a Vocation and a Path to Holiness" Each family, whether large or small, should take some time to explore this website <https://www.romefamily2022.com/en/> and choose one or more activities that will bless your family in a special way. Go to <https://app.romefamily2022.com/en/login-register/> and start your journey along with those who will be in Rome.

Upcoming Dates to Remember

- **Monday, May 30** - Memorial Day Mass in the St. Teresa Cemetery, 8 AM
- **Wednesday, June 1** - Intercessory Prayer Group meets in the Parish Hall following the 5:30 Mass
- **Thursday, June 2** - Men's Ministry Evening of Fellowship, 7 PM, behind the church
- **Friday, June 3** - The Chosen Study Group meets at 8:45 am following 8:00 Mass
- **Saturday, June 4** - Pro-Life Prayer Group, 9:30 am, in the parking lot near the St. Teresa Statue
- **Saturday, June 4** - Grounds Clean-up, 10 AM

VOCATION VIEW

Jesus tells us that He is coming back! Until He does, we need the Sacraments and that means we need priests. Is He calling you? Contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit buffalovocations.org.



Two cowboys were lost in the desert when they spotted a tree draped in bacon strips. "We're saved!" shouted one cowboy. But when he ran up to the tree, he was shot multiple times. It wasn't a bacon tree, it was a ham bush.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

"As the disciples were looking on, He was lifted up, and a cloud took Him from their sight."

Acts 1:9