

St. Teresa of Avila Church Est. 1869

JUNE 6, 2021 - THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST

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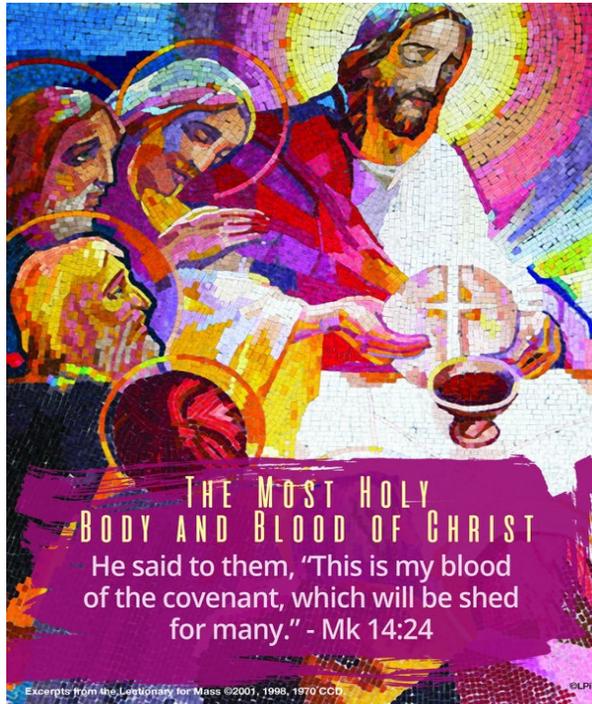
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MISSION STATEMENT

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.



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

Monday, June 7

8:00 Intentions for Mothers

Tuesday, June 8

8:00 In Memory of Mary Warejko
by Sister Ruth

Wednesday, June 9 - St. Ephrem

5:30 Maria Khan, Birthday
Blessings by Mary Olsen

Thursday, June 10

8:00 Intentions of Fathers

Friday, June 11 - Sacred Heart of Jesus

8:00 Dearly Departed Souls

Saturday, June 12 - Immaculate
Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9:00 Parishioners of St. Teresa's

4:30 Walter & Mary Dylag
by Rich Raykowski

Sunday, June 13

8:00 Joseph & Josephine Bradley
by Greg & Judith Bell

10:15 In Memory of Eva

Bassanello by Family



Scripture Readings For the Week

Monday - 2 Corinthians 1:1-7
Matthew 5:1-12

Tuesday - 2 Corinthians 1:18-22
Matthew 5:13-16

Wednesday - 2 Corinthians 3:4-11
Matthew 5:17-19

Thursday - 2 Corinthians 3:15-4:1,3-6
Matthew 5:20-26

Friday - Hosea 11:1, 3-4, 8c-9
Ephesians 3:8-12, 14-19
John 19:31-37

Saturday - 2 Corinthians 5:14-21
Luke 2:41-51

Sunday - Ezekiel 17:22-24
2 Corinthians 5:6-10
Mark 4:26-34



June 6, 2021

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

As our world faces so much turmoil and change, it is now more important than ever to remember who God is, who we are and where we are going. It is easy to get distracted and lose focus, especially when we are being pulled in so many directions. We can not only lose sight of God but one another. Maintaining our well developed and mature relationships with God and one another is essential to continuing to live, healthy, happy, and focused lives. In a message to young people, Pope Benedict XVI said, "the happiness you are seeking, the happiness you have a right to enjoy has a name and a face: it is Jesus of Nazareth, hidden in the Eucharist." What is true for those who are younger is even truer for those who are older. Regardless of how the particulars of life change over time, human beings are still hard-wired to seek the fullness of life and happiness. How we embark on this journey and what we choose along the way will indicate whether we meet success. There is so much brokenness and pain in our world. Many people are lost, feeling lonely, anxious, marginalized, victimized, isolated, oppressed, and abused. Every time we receive the Body of Christ, we have an opportunity to become what we eat. The power and presence of Christ in the Eucharist becomes present in us and effects change in ourselves and in the lives of those we meet. We are given the grace to become temples of justice and peace, carrying God's sacred Presence within us wherever we go. Our faith community is ignited with the fire of God's love and stands out as a beacon of hope in a world that is lost. This is the only way we can discover peace-filled resolutions to violence and create innovative solutions to what is fueling its need in the first place. True happiness, for the young and old alike, becomes an obtainable goal. St. John Maria Vianney says it so well. "There is nothing so great as the Eucharist. If God had something more precious, he would have given it to us." Only the Eucharist has the ability to connect, sustain, strengthen, and properly orient us, not only on the road of this life but the road to life eternal. Knowing this, when life gets challenging, unsettling, and difficult, we can rely on and cling to this gift we have in the Real Presence of Christ. This actual encounter with God celebrates God's unconditional love for us and grounds us to the truth of who we are in a way nothing else is able to do. Because through the Eucharist we really do become the Body of Christ, we are also bonded together in a most perfect way to one another as that Body. Nourished, united, and strengthened by the Eucharist, let us individually and collectively, bring this wonderful gift to all we meet, especially the poor with whom we have a special connection. ©LPi

In your prayers... For an increase in vocations to the priesthood, religious life, the diaconate and lay ministries, may the Lord guide the work of the hands of vocation directors, especially our own Fr. Dave Baker; we pray to the Lord...

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

Also, please pray for Sr. Ruth who will be on retreat from June 6-12.

Catholic Charities Update
Parish Goal: \$41,602
Current Total: 80%

\$33,111

Thank you for your generosity!

MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST SUNDAY - JUNE 6, 2021

Volunteer needed to chair the Parish Picnic and for additional volunteers to help on the committee! If you are interested in helping with the planning of this year's picnic, please contact the office during regular office hours prior to June 25th. The committee should plan on a first meeting in late June to plan for a fun filled event in August.



Religious Education - Give your children the gift of faith with the help of dedicated catechists. Enroll now for classes in religious formation. Classes resume in September and registration is taking place now. Information for new families is available on the bulletin board in the back of the church and on our website stredakron.wordpress.com.

Garden Volunteers - Are you interested in helping beautify the grounds of St. Teresa's? Every Wednesday evening during the rest of the summer there will be a small section of the grounds designated for clean up. Just come when you can during the evening, or whenever you have a little time to donate, with your own tools. This week's site is the north side of the church next to the rectory sidewalk.

Congratulations to the Log Cabin Quilt Raffle Winner - Tim Delelys of Akron. A sincere appreciation for all who supported the Women's Guild with your ticket purchase or donation. Your support allows us to continue our mission of promoting spiritual growth, unity, community spirit & services to our parish and abroad. Thank you for your support!

Ready for Renewal? The Diocese of Buffalo has embarked on the Road to Renewal that began with a planning phase last August. Since then, a great deal has taken place to help prepare our Diocese for much needed renewal and revitalization. Over the past month, Rev. Bryan Zielenieski, Pastor of St. Mary in Swormville, and Vicar for Renewal and Development, has been meeting with parish groupings sharing with priests, deacons and lay leaders the vision and work that the renewal entails. Because it is important for all parishioners to be aware of the Renewal work at hand, Fr. Bryan will help keep everyone up to date with bi-weekly updates regarding where we are in the process. The Renewal offers creative ways to respond to changing trends in our church, while addressing and responding to the needs of parishes. Visit roadtorenewal.org for the latest updates and to stay informed about the Diocese of Buffalo's Road to Renewal.

Father's Day Book Signing for Gabby's Gift - St. Teresa's Women's Guild is hosting a book signing on Father's Day weekend after each mass. Parishioner and author Steven Flumerfeldt penned a book telling the story of a father's love for his daughter, Gabby, with Down Syndrome. The story tells of Gabby's love for life and our Lord and Savior. She is a very special girl who has touched and blessed the lives of all who have come to know her and is involved in many parish projects, including serving on the altar with Father Art! The Women's Guild will have coffee and donuts at the book signing after masses on Sunday. Come celebrate with Steve and Gabby and purchase a signed copy of this book for \$10.

Church Yard Sale - St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish, 8656 Church St., East Pembroke - Social Hall, June 11-12, 9 am - 2 pm. Noon - 2 pm Saturday Only - Stuff-a-Bag Sale - buy a bag for \$2 and fill it up!

Catholic Charities - Are you or a family member at risk for out-of-home placement? Do you need help navigating complex healthcare and social support systems? Catholic Charities offers Care Coordination Services through Children's Health Home Care Management and Project HOPE (Helping Older People Excel) programs. Visit www.ccwny.org. Appeal 2021 goes through June 30. To make a secure online donation, visit www.ccwny.org/donation.



- **Sunday, June 6** - Pickup of the Knights of Columbus chicken bbq from Noon to 1 pm in the church parking lot.
- **Wednesday Evening, June 9** - Gardening on the north side of the church building.
- **Saturday, June 12** - Pro-Life Prayer Group, 9:30 am, in the parking lot near the St. Teresa Statue



ATTENTION 2021 GRADUATES

A Special Mass will be held on Sunday, June 27th at 10:15 am in your honor. Please plan to attend!

A VOCATION VIEW

Jesus has given us His Body to eat and His Blood to drink, to nourish us on our journey toward the Kingdom. Without priests, we cannot receive this incredible gift. The need is great, so if God is summoning you to a Church vocation, call today 716-847-5535 and talk with Fr. Dave or visit buffalovocations.org.



A pastor giving a children's sermon on vestments asked; "Why do you think I wear this collar?" One child answered: "Because it kills fleas and ticks up to 30 days!"



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

"Now a Catholic is a person who has plucked up courage to face the incredible and inconceivable idea that something else may be wiser than he is."

*G.K. Chesterton from
In Defense of Sanity; The Best
Essays of G.K. Chesterton*