

St. Teresa of Avila Church Est. 1869

JUNE 20, 2021 - THE 12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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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 21 - St. Aloysius**
8:00 Helen Capan, Birthday
Remembrance *by Daughter*
- Tuesday, June 22 - St. Paulinus, Sts.
John Fisher & Thomas More**
8:00 In Memory of Gertrude &
Andrew Korszykowski
by Estate of Gertrude Bartels
- Wednesday, June 23**
5:30 In Memory of Grace Ptak
by Mary Olsen
- Thursday, June 24 - Nativity of Saint
John the Baptist**
8:00 In Memory of Phil Wittman
by The Kaiser Family
- Friday, June 25**
8:00 Intentions for Fathers
- Saturday, June 26 - BVM**
9:00 Parishioners of St. Teresa's
4:30 Helen Capan *by Daughter*
- Sunday, June 27**
8:00 Phil Wittman *by Paul &
Barbara Mielcarski*
- 10:15 Intentions of the 2021
Graduates *by the St. Teresa's
Women's Guild*



Scripture Readings For the Week

- Monday** - Genesis 12:1-9
Matthew 7:1-5
- Tuesday** - Genesis 13:2, 5-18
Matthew 7:6, 12-14
- Wednesday** - Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18
Matthew 7:15-20
- Thursday** - Isaiah 49:1-6
Acts 13:22-26
Luke 1:57-66, 80
- Friday** - Genesis 17:9-10, 15-22
Matthew 8:1-4
- Saturday** - Genesis 18:1-15
Matthew 8:5-17
- Sunday** - Wisdom 1:13-15, 2:23-24
2 Corinthians 8:7, 9, 13-15
Mark 5:21-43

Catholic Charities Update
Parish Goal: \$41,602
Current Total: 83%

\$34,286

Thank you for your generosity!



June 20, 2021

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

As we look at our lives and world events, do we ever find ourselves wondering if God is sleeping? After all, maybe God's patient, unconditional love has run its course and He is finally fed up with humanity's reluctance to accept the truth about who we are. God really can't be that patient! All throughout human history, many have prayed to God for intervention or for particular needs. Because their prayers were not answered in the way they wanted or anticipated, they felt that God may have abandoned them. Were they right? It seems that we are continuing, at a rapid rate, down a path of destruction. Do you not care, God, that we may be perishing? When the boats of our lives are rocking and the seas tumultuous, we want to know that we have God's attention. Even more so, we want God's intervention. Maybe the storms and the waves are necessary. If we listen, they can teach us valuable lessons. Without them, we would never learn that we have the strength to endure, understand the uselessness of fear and worry, or develop the ability to really trust. If God immediately rushed in and simply calmed things down before they got difficult, what good would that really be? We would miss opportunities to learn how to drink more deeply of life, treasure its complexity, irony, and beauty and fully engage ourselves in surrendering to the love of our Creator. It is easy to walk on the surface of life without immersing ourselves in its messiness. Life has to burn its way through us in order to bring us to a place of secure trust. It's unfortunate that some prefer a shallower journey. That's the balancing act that comes with faith. It is not God's job to prevent us from encountering the torrential rains and winds of life. Many believe that if faith is done the right way, that God will provide for smooth sailing. That's not how it works. God permits us to ride out the difficult stuff knowing that the storm will eventually be calmed. Do we not have faith that God will do this? True faith trusts in the steadfastness of God's love when the seas are calm and when they are choppy. God's unconditional loving presence shines through all of it and endures forever. Knowing this allows us to put our boats out into uncharted waters without hesitation. Knowing that we prefer the comfort and safety of what we know to be still waters, how do we feel when Jesus says, "Let us cross to the other side"?

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In your prayers... Bless all fathers as they care for their families and give thanks for all men who served as father figures in our lives. May the love and selflessness they showed us be returned to them in all their relationships; we pray to the Lord.

Please pray for the sick of the parish and their family members, especially Nancy O'Donnell, John Ernst, 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 continue to pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, religious life, the diaconate and lay ministries, and that the Lord guide the work of the hands of vocation directors, especially our own Fr. Dave Baker.

THE TWELTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - JUNE 20, 2021

Religious Education - When we pick up our Bible, we recall that we have heard some of the writer's contribution at Mass. Stephen J. Binz reminds us that the Bible was never meant to be difficult. It was written by simple people who spoke in the ordinary language of their time. It expresses the faith of imperfect people like ourselves, people who believe that God cares about them and acts in their lives. So after we have chosen one book of the bible to read, begin with a prayer to the Holy Spirit for guidance and inspiration.



ATTENTION 2021 GRADUATES - A Special Mass will be held on Sunday, June 27th at 10:15 am in your honor. Please plan to attend!



Baptism On June 16th we welcomed Cora Rose Nixon into our faith community through the saving waters of Baptism. Cora Rose is the daughter of Alison Nixon of Oakfield. Congratulations and God's richest blessings to the entire family!



The Parish Picnic is Scheduled for August 14th! Thank you to everyone who has volunteered. Volunteers to help on the committee are still needed! If you are interested in helping with the planning of the picnic, please contact the office. All the food will be provided by the church with no dish to pass this year.

PLEASE NOTE: THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED THE WEEK OF JUNE 27TH THRU JULY 5TH.



Did you know Catholic Charities offers marriage counseling to WNY couples and has for more than 50 years? The Catholic Charities Marriage Counseling Center specializes in relationship counseling and provides a welcoming environment for couples. To schedule an appointment, call 716-681-7394 M-F between 8:45-4:45. For more information on Catholic Charities, visit www.ccwny.org. Appeal 2021 is ongoing through June 30. To make a secure online donation, visit www.ccwny.org/donation. HOPE for all seasons.

Road to Renewal - An information sheet regarding the Road To Renewal program of the Diocese of Buffalo is available in the back of the church. Please pick one up to learn the details of what has been accomplished so far and what to expect in the coming months.

Garden Party & Flower Show Fundraiser - Saturday, June 26, 3-7:30 pm at Our Lady of Fatima Shrine, 1023 Swann Rd. (off Rt. 18), Lewiston. This outdoor event will feature: free fresh fried dough, appetizers served from 4-5 pm, gourmet buffet served at 6 pm, basket auction, floral basket raffle and sale, door prizes, "Ladies' & Men's Hat Contest" and a cash wine and beer tent. Proceeds benefit the Shrine's Beautification Fund. For ticket information, call 716-754-7489.



A young pastor was sitting in a restaurant eating lunch. He opened a letter he'd just received that morning from his mom. As he opened it a twenty-dollar bill fell out. He thought to himself, "Thanks, Mom, I sure needed that right now." As he finished his meal, he noticed a beggar outside on the sidewalk leaning against the light post. Thinking that the poor man could probably use the twenty dollars more than he, he crossed out the names on the envelope and wrote across the top in large letters, PERSEVERE! So as not to make a scene, he put the envelope under his arm and dropped it as he walked past the man. The man picked it up and read the message and smiled. The next day, as the pastor enjoyed his meal, the same man tapped him on the shoulder and handed him a big wad of bills. Surprised, the young pastor asked him what that was for. The man replied, "This is your half of the winnings. 'Persevere' came in first in the fourth race at the track yesterday and paid thirty to one."



- **Saturday, June 26** - Pro-Life Prayer Group, 9:30 am, in the parking lot near the St. Teresa Statue
- **Sunday, June 27** - 10:15 Mass in honor of our 2021 Graduates
- **June 27 - July 5th** - Rectory Office will be closed

A VOCATION VIEW

On this Father's Day, we honor the vocation of marriage & earthly fatherhood. Might God be asking you to be a spiritual father as a priest? To learn more, call Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit buffalovocations.org.



Prayer for Vocations

God our Father, we thank you for calling men and women to serve in your Son's Kingdom as sisters, brothers and religious priests. Renew their knowledge and love of you, and send your Holy Spirit to help them respond generously and courageously to your will. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

"Like Jesus we belong to the whole world living not for ourselves but for others. The joy of the Lord is our strength."

*St. Teresa of Calcutta
from the book
Works of Love are Works of
Peace*