

# St. Teresa of Avila Church Est. 1869

JULY 4, 2021 - THE 14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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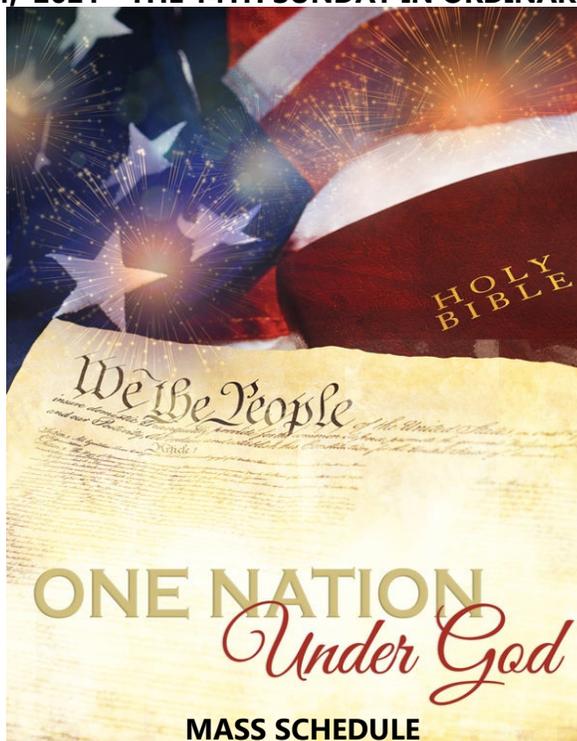
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**MISSION STATEMENT**

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.



<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, July 5 - St. Anthony & St. Elizabeth**

8:00 Dearly Departed Souls

**Tuesday, July 6 - St. Maria Gorreti**

8:00 Intentions for Fathers

**Wednesday, July 7**

5:30 George & Bernice Covrig *by*  
Arlene & Jeffrey Szczepanski

**Thursday, July 8**

8:00 Intentions for Mothers

**Friday, July 9 - St. Augustine Zhao Rong**

8:00 Parishioners of St. Teresa's

**Saturday, July 10**

9:00 Kimberly Beaton  
*by* Karen & Mark Molitor

4:30 Gloria Rembas  
*by* Estate

**Sunday, July 11**

8:00 Mary Patricia Paxon  
*by* Bill Paxon & Susan Molinari

10:15 Ron & Glow Kintzel in  
Memory of their 65th  
Wedding Anniversary  
*by* Your Love



## Scripture Readings For the Week

**Monday** - Genesis 28:10-22a  
Matthew 9:18-26

**Tuesday** - 32:23-33  
Matthew 9:32-38

**Wednesday** - Genesis 41:55-57;42:  
5-7a, 17-24a  
Matthew 10:1-7

**Thursday** - Genesis 44:18-21, 23b-29;  
45:1-5  
Matthew 10:7-15

**Friday** - Genesis 46:1-7, 28-30  
Matthew 10:16-23

**Saturday** - Genesis 49:29-32; 50:15-  
26a  
Matthew 10:24-33

**Sunday** - Amos 7:12-15  
Ephesians 1:3-14  
Mark 6:7-13

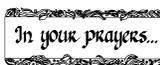
**There are a number of  
Openings in the daily and weekend  
Mass schedule during the upcoming  
months. Please contact the rectory  
on Tuesday, Thursday or Friday  
mornings to get your preferred dates.**



July 4, 2021 - 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

It's all so ordinary that we can easily miss it. The seagulls hunting and diving for mollusks at the beach offer a display of determination and precision as they gather their food for the day. It's simply what these creatures do. Yet, there's a magical artfulness and skill to their work that speaks volumes about the One who breathed life into their being. This is pretty much the way it is with God's presence. God comes in common ways through common things and ordinary people. Sadly, we are so engulfed in our little worlds of order and ideas to notice the beauty and wonder of it all. Many have numbed themselves to the Divine spark at the essence of all life because that's just the way it is. What's so special about it? A sunset is a sunset and a seagull is a seagull. That's precisely what they thought about Jesus too. After all, isn't he just the carpenter's son? What merit can his words possibly have? If we're looking for God to come in an event that is so dramatic and intense that it knocks our socks off, then think again. When pondering God's relationship with His people and God's action in our lives, we have to go back to the stable and the recurring, creative, unending power of God's presence. It was a quiet, run of the mill kind of night. There was nothing spectacular or extraordinary. To the naked eye, a woman gave birth to a child and there wasn't anything extraordinary to see. We have a hard time understanding God's ordinary-ness. Jesus grew up in an ordinary town, had neighbors and did normal human things. Perhaps that's why we don't always like the Gospel. It doesn't dazzle us with extraordinary things but simply challenges us to take a different look at our ordinary stuff. That makes us uncomfortable. We prefer things as they are. Our lack of faith can even cause us to take offense at what Jesus says and does, dismissing it as folly. God's life-giving presence continues to sustain that seagull in flight and keep all things in being regardless of whether we have the faith to see and understand this. Our personal agendas, preconceived ideas, misconceptions, and expectations can often cause us to be hardened and blinded to what God is doing or desiring to do. While God continues to do what he has done for all eternity, faith is needed for God's presence to bear fruit. The blinders we wear and the expectations we bring to life can often prevent us from seeing graced moments that radiate with God's graceful presence. They also prevent God's transforming, healing, and hope filled vision for our world from being realized. Without faith, God won't be able to do much for us either.

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**In your prayers...** For the United States on Independence Day - May we live the Christian ideals on which it was founded and remember our dependence on God; 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.



## Happy 4th of July!

**Religious Education** - This is the best time to register your children for the fall semester. Those who return the registration form and fee by July 15th qualify for the reduced fee. Additional forms are available in the back of the church. We look forward to hearing from you as we prepare for a covid-free school year with our children and catechists. See you in church!



The Sisters are looking for someone to trim the trees and bushes around the convent. Please call the convent at 542-9717 if you can help. Thank you!



**Parish Picnic Update** - The picnic will be held Sunday, August 15th following the 10:15 mass! Thank you to all who have volunteered and to John Diggs for coordinating this exciting event. More details to follow in the weeks ahead.

**PLEASE NOTE: THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED JULY 5TH for the 4th of July Holiday.**

**Fully Alive Eucharistic Adoration** - Friday, July 9th 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.



**Intercessory Prayer Group Meeting** - July 7th, immediately following the 5:30 Mass in the Parish Hall. 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.

**Your Life, His Plan Young Adult Vocation Conference** - August 7, Noon - 5:30 PM, St. Amelia Church, 2999 Eggert Rd., Tonawanda, for young adults ages 18-39. Keynote Speaker: John Finch from the Vigil Project. Mass with Bishop Mike Fisher. Marriage, Single Life, Priesthood, Religious Life. To register and for more information visit [stamelia.com](http://stamelia.com).

**Summer Math Camp.** The Diocesan Catholic Schools department is offering two week-long interactive Summer Math Camps hosted at 4 locations. Students will experience math in new ways that are engaging and fun, as they understand how the brain learns mathematics. Activities will be based on the Mathematical Mindset series and the you cubed program from Stanford University ([www.youcubed.org](http://www.youcubed.org)). Easy link to register: <http://bit.ly/mathreg2021>. Be sure to save your spot for the program!



Three police officers were standing in line at the Pearly Gates. Saint Peter asked the first officer, "What did you do with your life?" "I was a police officer," he responded. "What kind of police officer?" Saint Peter asked. "I was a vice officer. I kept drugs off the streets and out of the hands of kids." "Welcome to heaven. You may enter the gates." He asked the second man what he did as a police officer. "I was a traffic officer," said the man. "I kept the roads and highways safe." "Welcome to heaven. You may enter the gates." He asked the third man what he did as a police officer. "I was a military policeman, sir," replied the man. "Wonderful! I've been waiting for you all day!" replied Saint Peter. "I need to take a break! Watch the gate, will you?"



- **Wednesday Evening, July 7** - Gardening at the St. Teresa statue and continuing along the sides of the church.
- **Wednesday, July 7** - Intercessory Prayer Group meets following the 5:30 Mass
- **Friday, July 9** - Fully Alive Adoration, 7:30 in the Church
- **Saturday, July 10** - Pro-Life Prayer Group, 9:30 am, in the parking lot near the St. Teresa Statue

### A VOCATION VIEW

God bless America! We are "one nation, under God, indivisible," but people often forget that middle part. We need priests, deacons, religious, and lay ministers to remind us of our sacred duties to God & country. Is God inviting you to a Church vocation? Call Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit [buffalovocations.org](http://buffalovocations.org).

### Road to Renewal

For more information go to [roadtorenewal.org](http://roadtorenewal.org)



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

*"Let every nation know, whether it wishes us well or ill, that we shall pay any price, bear any burden, meet any hardship, support any friend, oppose any foe to assure the survival and the success of Liberty."*

*John F. Kennedy*