

St. Teresa of Avila Church Est. 1869

JULY 24, 2022 - 17TH 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

Sunday Liturgies8:00 AM, 10:15 AM
Saturday Vigil.....4:30 PM
Daily Mass8:00 AM, except Wednesday 5:30 PM
Saturday9:00 AM
Vigil of Holy Days5:30 PM
Holy Days8:00 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., July 25 - St. James

8:00 Dearly Departed Souls

Tues., July 26 - St. Joachim & Anne

8:00 Intentions for Fathers

Wed., July 27

5:30 Dearly Departed

Thurs., July 28

8:00 Intentions for Mothers

Fri., July 29 - St. Martha

8:00 Dearly Departed Souls

Sat., July 30

9:00 Intentions for Mothers

4:30 Parishioners of St. Teresa's
by Fr. Arthur Mattulke

Sun., July 31

8:00 Anniversary Blessings for Faizal
& Maria Kahn
by Mary Olsen

10:15 In Memory of Arlene
Krzykowski

by Smosna & Piatkowski Family



Scripture Readings For the Week

Monday - 2 Corinthians 4:7-15
Matthew 20:20-28

Tuesday - Jeremiah 14:17-22
Matthew 13:36-43

Wednesday - Jeremiah 15:10, 16-21
Matthew 13:44-46

Thursday - Jeremiah 18:1-6
Matthew 13:47-53

Friday - Jeremiah 26:1-9
John 11:19-27

Saturday - Jeremiah 26:11-16, 24
Matthew 14:1-12

Sunday - Ecclesiastes 1:2,; 2:21-23
Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11
Luke 12:13-21



MASS INTENTIONS

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 24, 2022
17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Meister Eckhart asks, "Who is the man whose prayers God always hears?" He answers, "God hears the man who appeals to God as God. When, however, man appeals to God, hoping for some worldly good, he is not appealing to God at all, but to what he is asking of God. He is trying to make God his servant. On this point, St. Augustine says: 'You pray to what you love, for true whole prayer is nothing but love!' Thus, we pray to what we love, and no one rightly prays to God but he who prays for God and has nothing on his mind but God." We struggle with what we want God to do and how we want our prayer validated. Meister Eckhart is correct. We often want God to be our servant. We further struggle with trusting that God knows what we need and that His will is best. God's will is not some predetermined outcome of events that we must simply suggest. "Thy will be done" is not an invocation beckoning us to accept a particular state of affairs passively. Rather, it is the humble and confident placement of ourselves in the presence of the God we seek, whom we call "Father." We must remember that God is the God of life and light. It is from nothing that God brings something and from the darkness that God brings life. Prayer allows us to seek the One we love with the assurance that all will be well regardless of what course the events of our lives take. God is not about passive submission but the humble trust of love. That's what makes the Lord's Prayer the perfect prayer. It provides us with proper disposition and focus, putting in line all of the essential relationships of our lives. It celebrates and fosters the ever-deepening relationship of trust we have with our Creator. It also calls us to keep open the doors of love between our brothers and sisters with the power that comes with forgiveness. If in one's darkest hour they can find the resolve to fervently pray this perfect prayer of Jesus' conviction, then there is no doubt that God will hear their plea, reach out in love, and bring them ever closer to His heart. What more does one need to weather the storms of life besides faith, hope, and love? These are God's most perfect gifts and all we really need.

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REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

For openness to the great gift of life. May all children, stepchildren, adopted children and foster children be loved abundantly and encouraged to grow in faith and with values that will encourage peace and justice; let us pray to the Lord...

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

** YOUR PARISH OFFERING **

Funds needed per week in June for Expenses: \$5,087.50

In Pew 7/10/2022

Sunday Collection

\$ 3,851.00

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



The front cover of the bulletin features a picture of Gabbey Flumerfeldt who was honored at the 52nd Altar Servers Mass at St. Joseph Cathedral on July 9th for her dedication as an altar server at St. Teresa's. Congratulations and thank you Gabbey!

Please Note - The office will be closed the week of July 25th through July 29th as Jean will be on vacation.

Religious Education - As adults we may want to know more about Mass. Parents want to help their children be informed and attentive during Mass. Please visit our website to help yourself to be more informed, more prayerful at Mass: streledakron.wordpress.com



St. Teresa's Outdoor Mass & Family Picnic is Sunday, August 14th at 10:15. Tickets for the picnic cost \$5 for those over 18 and are free to all who are younger. They will be for sale after each Mass this weekend. There are also signup sheets for a dish to pass for the picnic. This year we are asking those whose name begins with A-I to bring salads; J-P to bring sides; and Q-Z to bring desserts. If you have any questions, please email jdiggs@diggspro.com. There will be a Picnic Committee meeting after the 10:15 Mass.

St. Teresa's Anniversary Mass for couples celebrating 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60, 65 and 70 years of marriage in 2022 will be held on Sunday, August 21st at 10:15 am. If you are celebrating a milestone anniversary, this is the last weekend to pick-up your invitation in the narthex after Mass. Please place your return cards in the collection basket or in the mail before August 14th. Congratulations to all of our married couples!

VOCATION VIEW - A priest is an intercessor between God and humanity, like Abraham praying "Spare us, O Lord." This cannot be prayed often enough. Will you help us? Contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit buffalovocations.org.

Pre-Cana: Perspectives on Marriage Preparation Program on Saturday, September 17 from 9 am-3:30 pm at SS. Peter & Paul Church, 66 E. Main St., Hamburg. Cost includes all program materials, light breakfast, lunch and light afternoon snack. The program is limited to 10 couples. To register or for more information, call Dave or Leslie Jones at 716-400-3514 or 716-799-2668.

Save the Date: Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, October 23 at 10:30 am at St. Joseph Cathedral, 50 Franklin St., Buffalo. The Diocese of Buffalo and the Office of Pastoral Ministries wishes to honor couples who will observe their 50th, 60th and 70th wedding anniversaries and recognize the beauty of their faithfulness, sacrifice, challenges and comforts in daily married life. Registration is required; please call the office to register. If you have any additional questions, call 716-847-2205



Would you like to help St. Teresa's achieve goals to become the kind of parish where all feel welcome and all needs are met? Please consider volunteering to become a part of the Writing Committee which will work with the Disciple Maker Index results to improve our parish in areas highlighted by the information we received. Volunteers should call the office by August 9th, 716-542-9103.



Thank you to everyone who contributed to Catholic Charities. Our final total was \$37,654.91 with 150 donors. Your support helps so many people in our diocese!



One Liners:
 What's the difference between a hippo and a zippo?
 One is really heavy and the other's a little lighter.
 Why should you never trust stairs?
 They're always up to something.
 How do you measure a snake?
 In inches—they don't have feet.
 Two windmills are standing on a wind farm. One asks,
 'What's your favorite kind of music?' The other replies,
 'I'm a big metal fan.'

Upcoming Dates to Remember

- **Monday, July 25 thru July 29** - Vacation Bible School, each night from 6-8 PM
- **Thursday, July 28** - Men's Ministry in the Rectory basement meeting room, 6:45 PM
- **Saturday, July 30** - Pro-Life Prayer Group, 9:30 am, in the parking lot near the St. Teresa Statue
- **Sunday, July 31** - Knights of Columbus Chicken BBQ, 12 noon - 1 PM, in the Church parking lot

Diocese of Buffalo
 175th Anniversary Mass

Bishop Michael C. Fisher
 Invites you to celebrate a
 Mass of Thanksgiving
 for our Northern Erie Vicariate

Thursday, July 28, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.
 S.S. Peter & Paul R.C. Church
 5480 Main Street
 Williamsville, NY 14221

Light reception to follow

Please Join Us !



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
 THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:**

"The peculiar thing about a man is that, though he may cease to act like a man, he never loses the imprint of human dignity. The Divine image with which he was stamped is never destroyed; it is merely defaced."

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