

# St. Teresa of Avila Church Est. 1869

**JULY 31, 2022 - 18TH 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 Liturgies* .....8:00 AM, 10:15 AM  
*Saturday Vigil*.....4:30 PM  
*Daily Mass* .....8:00 AM, except Wednesday 5:30 PM  
*Saturday* .....9:00 AM  
*Vigil of Holy Days* .....5:30 PM  
*Holy Days* .....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., August 1

8:00 Intentions for Mothers

Tues., August 2

8:00 Birthday Blessing for Vittorio Bueme - God Bless & Love Mom

Wed., August 3

5:30 Special Intention  
by Jim & Mary Ann Schneider

Thurs., August 4

8:00 Intentions for Fathers

Fri., August 5 - St. John Vianney

8:00 Dearly Departed Souls

Sat., August 6 - Transfiguration of the Lord

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

4:30 Geraldine Benker  
by Estate

Sun., August 7

8:00 Alfred Strollo  
by Family

10:15 Mary Patricia Paxon  
by Bill Paxon & Susan Molinari



## Scripture Readings For the Week

Monday - Jeremiah 28:1-17  
Matthew 14:13-21

Tuesday - Jeremiah 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22  
Matthew 14:22-36

Wednesday - Jeremiah 31:1-7  
Matthew 15:21-28

Thursday - Jeremiah 31:31-34  
Matthew 16:13-23

Friday - Nahum 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7  
Matthew 16:24-28

Saturday - Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14  
2 Peter 1:16-19  
Luke 9:28b-36

Sunday - Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10  
Hebrews 12:1-4  
Luke 12:49-53



July 31, 2022  
18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

What makes us feel secure? Many people look to tangible forms of security that will safeguard their livelihood and prepare for their future. We tend to associate security with things: the accumulation of goods and possessions, retirement funds, savings accounts, and substantial incomes. While acquiring these promises a life with less anxiety and worry, we actually find ourselves more preoccupied and consumed with their growth and preservation. We worry more! We can easily become quasi-hoarders, consumed with obtaining more tangible crutches. Our minds and hearts are always restless, and we never seem to be at peace. Why do we so easily give our self-worth, value, and sense of security over to things? God certainly does not deny us the pursuit of a productive and enjoyable life but where do we draw the line? A sense of well-being and happiness can easily get deferred to sometime "in the future" while we continue to wrestle with the toils of today. There is no guarantee that there will be an earthly tomorrow and all of the frenzy we bring to securing our state in life will be for naught. When we are called from this world, will we even know where to begin to look for the tranquility and repose our souls so desperately need? We cannot be hoarders, pursuers of vanity, or greedy. They just don't work as they are too dependent on things that can fall apart. Rather than always feeling the need for more, we need to learn how to be grateful for what we have. By learning to look inward we can learn how to live lives of faithful service to others. "Happiness can only be achieved by looking inward and learning to enjoy whatever life has, and this requires transforming greed into gratitude (St. John Chrysostom)." We all need to be good stewards of what has been entrusted to our care. Grateful hearts recognize the true source of what we have and realize that our true treasure lies not in what matters to us but to God.

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REMEMBER  
IN YOUR  
PRAYERS

May we be a Church of compassion and insight, finding ways to alleviate suffering, moving beyond hard boundaries and responding with genuine love; 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.

Please also pray for the repose of the soul of Dorothy Rainy.

### \*\* YOUR PARISH OFFERING \*\*

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

In Pew 7/17/2022

Sunday Collection

\$ 3,739.00



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.

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** - 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: [stredakron.wordpress.com](http://stredakron.wordpress.com)



**St. Teresa's Outdoor Mass & Family Picnic** - 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. BBQ chicken, corn on the cob and beverages are supplied. If you have any questions, please email [jdiggs@diggspro.com](mailto:jdiggs@diggspro.com).

**Intercessory Prayer Group** - All are welcome to join us to share intercessions, prayer, scripture and hymns Wednesday following 5:30 Mass.

**Fall Eucharistic Conference** - "The Eucharist, Our Source and Summit" on September 16 & 17 at St. Gregory the Great Parish, 200 St. Gregory Ct., Williamsville. We are very excited to bring back two outstanding national speakers, Dr. John Bergsma and Dr. Scott Hahn, for this Fall Eucharistic Conference. The conference will begin Friday evening at 7 pm with a couple of sessions and then go deeper into the riches of our Catholic faith on Saturday, starting with 8 am Mass. You are welcome to bring your own lunch or choose from some options available that day. To view the schedule and purchase tickets, visit <https://stpaulcenter.com/buffalo2022/> or call 740-264-9535.

**Day of Service** - The 175th Anniversary of the establishment of the Diocese of Buffalo is a reminder that we are all called to put our faith into action and to shape the communities in which we live to reflect the Kingdom of God. To serve each other, especially those in need, is to serve Christ. All are invited to participate in a Diocesan Day of Service on October 22, 2022. St. Teresa will be working with the Newstead Food Pantry to increase awareness of hunger in our community and all that we can do to help. As part of this project, we will be having a food drive during October. **However, your help is needed today!** Right now the food pantry is in need of creamy peanut butter, canned fruit in light or natural juice, tuna fish, crackers, and paper products such as facial tissues, bathroom tissue and paper towels. Most of the clients are single seniors, so small sizes are appreciated.

**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.



Six parishioners volunteered to attend the Eucharistic Training offered in July: Bridget McLaughlin, Kevin Fox, Andrea Gleason, John Diggs, Deborah Smith, and Finley Gray. With deepest gratitude for your commitment to serve, we thank you on behalf of St. Teresa's Parish. *"The gift of service leads to a life*

*of love."* - Mary White



On July 24th we welcomed Claire Elizabeth Thierrin into our faith community through the saving waters of Baptism. Claire is the daughter of Eric & Gina Thierrin of West Seneca. Congratulations and God's richest blessings to the entire family!

**Father Baker Weekend at Our Lady of Victory Basilica, Lackawanna, August 6-7:** August 6-7: Paint the Basilica - a 2-day outdoor event at which local artists will gather outdoors to paint the Basilica; August 6: Jazz Mass/Concert - WNY legend Bobby Militello will take part in a special Jazz Mass in the Basilica at 4:30 pm, preceded by a concert at 4 pm; August 6-7: "History Harvests" - have an OLV story, photo or piece of memorabilia? Share them with us before/after the Jazz Mass and before/after Father Baker Day Mass; August 7: Father Baker Day Mass at 12 pm - this annual Mass commemorates the date of Father Baker's passing in 1936; August 7: Pennies to Heaven - the tradition continues with the Penny Drop beginning before 8 am Mass and a drive-thru chicken BBQ between 1-5 pm. For further information, visit the OLV website at: <https://www.olvbasilica.org/> and follow us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.



"I'm sorry," said the clerk in flower shop, "we don't have potted geraniums. Could you use African violets instead?"  
Replied the customer sadly, "No, it was geraniums my wife told me to water while she was gone."

**Upcoming Dates to Remember**

- **Sunday, July 31** - Knights of Columbus Chicken BBQ pick-up in the church parking lot from 12-1 PM
- **Wednesday, August 3** - Intercessory Prayer meeting in the Parish Hall following 5:30 Mass
- **Thursday, August 4** - Men's Ministry in the Rectory basement meeting room, 6:45 PM
- **Saturday, August 6** - Pro-Life Prayer Group, 9:30 am, in the parking lot near the St. Teresa Statue

**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](http://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:**

*"The devotion to Our Lady is an important element of spiritual life. In our prayers, let us not fail to address her with trust. Mary will not fail to intercede for us with her Son."*

*Pope Benedict XVI  
from his book,  
A School of Prayer*