

St. Teresa of Avila Church Est. 1869

AUGUST 7, 2022 - 19TH 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., August 8 - St. Dominic

8:00 Intentions for Mothers

Tues., August 9

8:00 Dearly Departed Souls

Wed., August 10 - St. Lawrence

5:30 Beloved Gift
by Deborah Smith

Thurs., August 11 - St. Clarie

8:00 Intentions for Fathers

Fri., August 12

8:00 Intentions for Mothers

Sat., August 13

9:00 Dearly Departed Souls

4:30 Parishioners of St. Teresa
by Fr. Art

Sun., August 14

8:00 Ruth & Lester Schock
by Family

10:15 Living & Deceased of George &
Beatrice Cunningham Sr. Family
by Martha Cunningham



Scripture Readings For the Week

Monday - Ezekiel 1:2-5, 24-28c
Matthew 17:22-27

Tuesday - Exekiel 2:8 - 3:4
Matthew 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Wednesday - 2 Corinthians 9:6-10
John 12:24-26

Thursday - Ezekiel 12:1-12
Matthew 18:21 - 19:1

Friday - Ezekiel 16:1-15, 60, 63
Matthew 19:3-12

Saturday - Ezekiel 18:1-10, 13v, 30-32
Matthew 19:13-15

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



August 7, 2022
19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. Thomas Aquinas reminds us that, "Three things are necessary for the salvation of man: to know what he ought to believe, to know what he ought to desire, and to know what he ought to do." Everyone is called to work toward their salvation, which is ultimately union with God. Those who take this call seriously must embark upon a journey inward to the deepest recesses of their soul. In the adventure and wonder of that journey, we work out the details of our union with our Beloved. We cling to what we need to believe, remain firm in what we truly desire, and are guided by what we know we have to do. Once we know that our goal is to be one with our Creator, life becomes an exciting expedition to pursue that end. We make necessary preparations, follow the map, and remain on course. Whenever we really want something, we put our entire selves into achieving it. Being fully invested in our labor, we willingly work extra hours, devote an abundance of energy and effort, and remain vigilant for beneficial opportunities that may come our way. We certainly do not passively sit by doing nothing! Such an attitude leads to laziness and the accomplishment of little. Worse yet, some look to others to do the work for them, hoping to reap the benefits of another's efforts. Conscientiousness and diligence are the only means to success. For the one who eagerly awaits the day when they can be fully with God, life becomes a joyous adventure indeed! Alert, ready, focused, convicted, and willing to be a servant they constantly watch and prepare themselves for meeting the Lord. Loving the journey and being in love with their Creator, their lives become joyful witnesses of love and service. They are secure in their hope, confident in their faith, and perfect in their love. Never looking for recognition or gratitude, they stand as gentle inspirations of what the Holy Spirit can do in the hearts of those who believe. Because we do not know what tomorrow will bring, we stand ready to be used as God wills and run eagerly toward Him when He comes. How much do we desire to experience the joy of salvation?

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REMEMBER
IN YOUR
PRAYERS

For our country's active duty, reservist and retired military, that they may know God's grace and continue to serve as an example of courage and sacrifice to us all; 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, Laura Gray & Lorraine Sylvester.

Please also pray for the repose of the soul of Isabelle Robnett.

** YOUR PARISH OFFERING **

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

In Pew 7/24/2022

Sunday Collection

\$ 3,514.00



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 - Your children are registered for classes...great! If you put it off until now, please take the information letter home with you today. To be eligible to receive the sacraments, children must be enrolled in classes by Grade One. Kindergarten is optional but encouraged!



St. Teresa's Outdoor Mass & Family Picnic - Sunday, August 14th at 10:15. This is the last weekend to purchase tickets for the picnic; cost \$5 for those over 18 and free to all who are younger. Please remember the 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. Please remember to put your name on your serving items if you want them returned to you. There will be folding chairs set-up or you can bring your own chair. If you have any questions, email jdiggs@diggspro.com.

St. Teresa's Anniversary Mass will be held on Sunday, August 21st at 10:15 am. If you are celebrating a milestone anniversary, please place your return cards in the collection basket or in the mail before August 14th. Congratulations to all of our married couples!

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.

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.



Thank you to everyone who donated their time, talent and treasure to help with Vacation Bible School this year. It was a great success and the children really enjoyed it! We couldn't have done it without you! We would also like to thank the VBS families who donated \$585 to the children in Timau, Kenya. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

Divine Mercy Chaplets - Anyone interested in making Divine Mercy Chaplets please contact Barbara at 716-984-8101. The chaplets are donated and additional help is needed.

St. Maximilian Kolbe Theme Basket Auction and Clam Chowder Sale - Saturday, August 13th, 18 West Main St., Corfu. Rain or shine under the tent. 2-7 PM ticket sales, drawings start at 7 pm. Clam chowder to go.

Fully Alive Holy Hour/Eucharistic Adoration - Come and spend an hour with the Lord, with praise, prayer, reflections, and quiet time. During this peaceful hour of Adoration, Friday, August 12th, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed beginning at 7:30 p.m. Closing Benediction takes place by 8:30 p.m.



The children were all lined up for their first confession when Little Johnny's turn came. The priest asked him to confess his sins, and the boy promptly replied, "Father, I threw a stone at Jimmy." "That was a very misguided thing to do, my son," said the priest patiently. "It wasn't misguided at all," said Little Johnny. "I hit him."

Upcoming Dates to Remember

- **Thursday, August 11** - Men's Ministry in the Rectory basement meeting room, 6:45 PM
- **Friday, August 12** - Fully Alive Hour/Eucharistic Adoration from 7:30 - 8:30
- **Saturday, August 13** - Pro-Life Prayer Group, 9:30 am, in the parking lot near the St. Teresa Statue
- **Sunday, August 14** - Outdoor Mass at 10:15 am with Family Picnic to follow

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.



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*