

# St. Teresa of Avila Church

Est. 1869

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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.

SEPTEMBER 4, 2022 - 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



From Left to Right: Don Kreher, Steven Flumerfeldt, Mario Candino

## 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 3:00 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., September 5**

**8:00** Nick Borth - Birthday Blessings  
*by Mary Olsen*

**Fr. Art on Vacation - No Daily Mass 5/6**  
**Through 5/16/22**

**Sat., September 10**

**4:30** Chelsea & Stephao A. Bueme -  
Living 1st Wedding Anniversary  
*by Mom*

**Sun., September 11**

**8:00** Bill & Nancy O'Donnell  
*by Bob & Kathy Penn*

**10:15** Richard Thoma  
*by Barb Thoma & Family*



## Scripture Readings For the Week

**Monday** - 1 Corinthians 5:1-8  
Luke 6:6-11

**Tuesday** - 1 Corinthians 6:1-11  
Luke 6:12-19

**Wednesday** - 1 Corinthians 7:25-31  
Luke 6:20-26

**Thursday** - Micah 5:1-4a  
Romans 8:28-30  
Matthew 1:1-16, 18-23

**Friday** - 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22b-27  
Luke 6:39-42

**Saturday** - 1 Corinthians 10:14-22  
Luke 6:43-49

**Sunday** - Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14  
1 Timothy 1:12-17  
Luke 15:1-32



## 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.



**September 4, 2022**  
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

What virtue is the cornerstone of discipleship? Love. Jesus preached about it, lived it, and summarized his greatest commandment featuring it. Love is in our DNA. To follow Jesus, then, is to follow the path of love. While this may appear to be an attractive and easy option, it most assuredly is not. Authentic love always comes with sacrifice. It is the complete giving of oneself to another. The sacrificial character of love always requires that we leave something aside and pursue something else. This is at the heart of self-denial. Love asks us to make choices that are often difficult. There is a reason Jesus asks that the love of God come first. "Charity is the right attitude of mind which prefers nothing to the knowledge of God. If a man possesses any strong attachment to the things of this earth, he cannot possess true charity (St. Maximus the Confessor)." "If anyone comes to me without hating his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple." A devoted disciple must be single-minded in her quest for God. She cannot allow anyone or anything to have more power over her soul than God. When any earthly attachments become more important than Love, we can get ourselves into trouble. The Gospel calls us to walk boldly into the darkness, confusion, and emptiness of the world clothed in the mantle of love. We are asked to walk with others on their journey, offering a supportive, healing, challenging, and faithful presence. Ours is not to judge. To walk this sacrificial journey means that I must put myself aside and focus on the needs of others. "A sacrifice to be real must cost, must hurt and must empty ourselves (St. Teresa of Calcutta)." Love helps us walk straight and focus to see things more clearly and help others to do so as well. Many folks struggle to find joy and meaning in life. People may simply need someone with the freedom to sit with them in their pain, so they don't feel so alone. Through acts of kindness, gestures of acceptance, and words of compassion, burdens can be lightened. Believe in God's love and seek it above all other things!

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## REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

For young people, that Our Blessed Mother will guide them to a deeper relationship with Jesus and that the Holy Spirit will help them see God's truth in the Catholic faith; let us pray to the Lord...

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

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

Funds needed per week in August for Expenses: \$4,721 (5 weeks)

In Pew 8/14/2022

## Sunday Collection

\$ 3,686.00

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



Little Johnny was caught swearing by his teacher. "Johnny," she said, "you shouldn't use that kind of language. Where did you hear such talk, anyway?" "My daddy said it," he responded. "Well, that doesn't matter," explained the teacher. "You don't even know what it means." "I do, too!" Little Johnny retorted. "It means the car won't start."

## 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - SEPTEMBER 4, 2022

**On the Front Cover** - Thank you to Don Kreher, Mario Candino and Steven Flumerfeldt for fixing the broken sidewalks around St. Teresa's! The trio removed old sidewalks and replaced them with new cement. Your time & effort are greatly appreciated!

**Religious Education** - "Today, children are a sign. They are a sign of hope, a sign of life, but also a "diagnostic" sign, a marker indicating the health of families, society, and the entire world. Wherever children are accepted, loved, cared for, and protected, the family is healthy, society is more healthy, and the world is more human." *Pope Francis*

**Please Note:** Fr. Art is on vacation from September 6th through the 16th. Daily Mass will not be held at St. Teresa's during his vacation. Please join our sister Parishes for daily Mass. Our Lady of Peace in Clarence has weekday Mass on Mon 8:00 AM, Tue-Thu 6:30 & 8:00 AM, Fri 6:30 AM. St. Maximilian Kolbe weekday Mass is Monday and Friday - 8:00 AM at Corfu Site; Tuesday and Thursday - 8:00 AM at E. Pembroke Site; Wednesday - 7:00 PM at Corfu Site. If there is an emergency, please call Our Lady of Peace at 716-759-8554. **The Office** will be closed on September 9.

**Father Richard Kunzman** will be visiting our parish next weekend to speak at all the Masses on behalf of Cross Catholic Outreach which was founded to create a meaningful link between parishes in America and the priests and nuns working in the Church overseas in the Caribbean, Africa, Asia, Central and South America.



Sr. Stella of Arogymatha Congregation of Kadapa Diocese in South India will share the mission experiences of their parishioners in India at the Masses this weekend. They minister among the poorest of poor in India, especially in the remote villages. Your generous donation in the second collection helps towards formation of the nuns, education of the orphans, young sisters and women. Thank you for your generosity.

**Intercessory Prayer Group** meets in the Parish Hall Wednesday, September 7, at 6 PM. All are welcome to join us to share intercessions, prayers, scripture & hymns. Reminder - there is no 5:30 Mass due to Fr. Art's vacation.

**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, September 9th, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed beginning at 7:30 p.m. Closing Benediction takes place by 8:30 p.m.

**Science Tests Faith** - Come join us after the 5:30 Mass on Wednesday, September 21st, for a presentation of the documentary, "Science Tests Faith: Following the Trail of the Blood of Christ." This 2010 film features an investigative journalist (and lapsed Catholic) who enlists the help of forensic scientists to examine unexplained religious phenomena, as well as the Real Presence in the Eucharist. The documentary is 104 minutes in length.

**Nativity Harris Hill will hold Mission #25** this September with a new weekend format from September 23rd to September 25th. A great opportunity to meet other faithful Catholics and enrich our relationship with Jesus through educational talks, devotions, and community activities. Information and registration: Jeanne Skrobacz 716 631-4018.

**HEART BEAT**  
09.12.2022  
7PM MUSIC & SPEAKERS  
8PM ADORATION

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PRO-LIFE SPEAKERS

MRS. CHERYL CALISE  
DIOCESE OF BUFFALO

FR. AARON KULCZYK  
PAROCHIAL VICAR  
OUR LADY OF POMPEII

MRS. AMY SCHLIER  
CANCER SURVIVOR  
MOTHER OF 4

LIVE MUSIC  
OUR LADY OF POMPEII  
MUSIC MINISTRY

LOGO AND TITLE BY  
CLARA ROSE HOPKINS  
ANNELO HOPKINS

WE ARE UNDER THE TENT!  
Bring a chair and donations for the:  
GIANNA MOLLA CENTER & MOTHER TERESA HOME

**ST. TERESA OF AVILA**  
**MEAT RAFFLE**

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15th**  
DOORS OPEN AFTER 4:30PM MASS  
IN THE PARISH HALL - FIRST SPIN AT 6:30PM  
5771 BUELL STREET, AKRON, NY 14001

**\$15**  
RAFFLE ITEMS  
RIBS STEAKS ROAST & MUCH MORE

All Proceeds stay within  
St. Teresa of Avila Church  
Tickets: \$15 / Person - limited to First 200  
Includes: Beer, Wine, Pop & Popcorn  
Bring Your Own Snacks & Adult Beverages  
Bring your \$1 bills. Door Prizes, Basket Raffles, 50/50 Raffle and more...

For More Information go to [www.stteresaoftakron.com](http://www.stteresaoftakron.com)  
or email: [jdiggs@diggspro.com](mailto:jdiggs@diggspro.com) for ticket reservations.

## Upcoming Dates to Remember

- Tuesday, September 6** - Women's Guild Meeting, 7 PM at Ross Funeral Home
- Wednesday, September 7** - Intercessory Prayer Group meets at 6 PM in the Parish Hall (no daily Mass during Fr. Art's vacation.)
- Thursday, September 8** - Men's Group meets in the Rectory basement meeting room, 6:45 PM
- Friday, September 9** - Fully Alive Hour/Eucharistic Adoration from 7:30 - 8:30
- Saturday, September 10** - Pro-Life Prayer Group, 9:30 am, in the parking lot near the Blessed Mother Mary statue
- Sunday, September 11** - Religious Education Classes Begin 9:00 am - 10:00 am and 11:15 am - 12:30 pm

## VOCATION VIEW

"A reading from the Book of Wisdom." Very often when people feel like their problems have no solution, a bit of God's Wisdom can change everything. Take up this ministry of good counsel. Contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit [buffalovocations.org](http://buffalovocations.org).

SEPT  
**5** CHIAVETTA'S  
Chicken Barbecue

ST. JOACHIM & ANNE PARISH

St. Vincent Auditorium  
11:00am - Until Sold Out  
\$15.00/ Dinner  
Take out only

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

*"It is easy to find truth; it is hard to face it, and harder still to follow it."*

*Ven Fulton Sheen from his book Go to Heaven*