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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 11, 2022 - 24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Women's Study Group on their way to a retreat by Seneca Lake.

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

Fr. Art on Vacation - No Daily Mass 5/12
Through 5/16/22

Sat., September 17

- 4:30 **Andrew Molitor - Living
Birthday Blessings**
by Mom & Dad
- 4:30 **Deacon Ron on His Anniversary
of Ordination**
by St. Teresa Women's Guild

Sun., September 18

- 8:00 **Geraldine Benker**
by Estate
- 10:15 **Clark Gadd - Birthday
Remembrance**
by Jan Gadd



Scripture Readings For the Week

Monday - 1 Corinthians 11:17-26, 33
Luke 7:1-10

Tuesday - 1 Corinthians 12:12-14, 27-31a
Luke 7:11-17

Wednesday - Numbers 21:4b-9
Philippians 2:6-11
John 3:13-17

Thursday - 1 Corinthians 15:1-11
John 19:25-27

Friday - 1 Corinthians 15:12-20
Luke 8:1-3

Saturday - 1 Corinthians 15:35-37, 42-29
Luke 8:4-15

Sunday - Amos 8:4-7
1 Timothy 2:1-8
Luke 16:1-13



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 11, 2022
24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Since God created human beings, we have struggled to keep our focus on God. We wrestle with the question of "who is God" and foolishly believe some of God's job description can be better completed by us. We wander in different directions, lose our way, think that happiness can be found elsewhere and even construct golden calves to worship. Are we simply too independent or just blatantly stubborn? It's a good question to ask. Even with all of our silliness and distractions, God compassionately and patiently waits. He lets us assert our wills and knows that perhaps one day we will actually wake up and realize how lost we are. "Since happiness is nothing other than the enjoyment of the highest good and since the highest good is above, no one can be made happy unless he rises above himself, not by an ascent of the body but of the heart. But we cannot rise above ourselves unless a higher power lifts us up ... Divine aid is available to those who seek it from their hearts, humbly and devoutly; and this means to sigh for it in this valley of tears, through fervent prayer (St. Bonaventure)." One of the biggest human struggles is discerning what, exactly, is the highest good. We are ordered to achieve it but if we pursue it with clouded vision, we will never truly find it. One of the greatest obstacles to God's power and love is a stubborn, closed heart of stone. When we are fiercely determined to set our sights elsewhere for happiness or simply ride the popular currents of the day, we will never satisfy the deep ache and longing within. We know that ache well. It is precisely why we scurry all over the place, attempting to find the next best thing to take away its pain. Nothing in the created world ever can or will. We continue our journey. One day, people may wake up and realize that they are grazing in the wrong pasture and putting themselves in harm's way. When this awakening occurs, it will be a most joyous day as we will see God's wide-open arms waiting to receive us. "Lead me, Lord, in your path, and I will enter in your truth. Let my heart rejoice that it may fear your name (St. Bonaventure)." ©LPi



REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

May our prayers, joined with those of people around the world, help guide those waging war to end the meaningless suffering and restore peace; we pray to the Lord...

Please pray for the sick of the parish and their family members, especially Iola Ciammetti, Ita Steele, Louise Ribbeck, 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 8/21/2022

Sunday Collection

\$ 3,161.00

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

On the Front Cover - St. Teresa's Women Study Group meets every Friday morning after 8am mass in the Rectory Meeting Room. Our goal is to grow closer to Our Lord through prayer, presentations and sharing. New members welcome! The picture on the cover was taken on the way to our retreat at Branches, a Catholic Retreat Center on Seneca Lake.

Religious Education - Welcome back everyone! And a special welcome to the new families in our Religious Education program! Our catechists and hallway monitors have been looking forward to seeing the children and to supporting the families of the parish. Check out our website stredakron.wordpress.com for our policies, procedures and calendar dates. God bless us all!

This weekend we are blessed to be hosting Rev. Richard Kunzman representing Cross Catholic Outreach. This official Catholic ministry was founded to link parishes in the U.S. with priests, religious brothers and sisters, and laypeople working in Church missions overseas. Its programs span the Caribbean, Africa, Asia, and Central and South America. Please be generous in your response to his appeal. Please be sure to say "hi" after Mass. Brochures with a donation envelope will be provided if you wish to support this worthy Catholic ministry. For more information on Cross Catholic Outreach, please go to CrossCatholic.org/outreach or text BLESSINGS to 474747.

Please Note: Fr. Art is on vacation through September 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.

St. Teresa's Craft Show applications for the Women's Guild 35th Annual Craft Show which will be held on Saturday, October 1st from 10 AM to 4 PM are now available on the website at stteresasofakron.com.

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.

Great Expectations - A wine and food tasting at Our Lady of Peace in Clarence, on September 17 at 5:30 PM. Come 'Rome' with us as we visit Italian Regions and taste their delicious delicacies paired with the wines of the area. Tickets are \$25 in advance and \$35 at the door.

"Taste of Oktoberfest" - Saturday, September 24, 2 - 4 PM at Sisters of St. Joseph, 4975 Strickler Road, Clarence NY. Join us for German hors d'oeuvres, desserts, beer and wine. Tickets cost \$25. Call 759-6454 x200, Marilyn Peterson, for tickets and more information.

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.

THE MATTER OF LIFE Movie - Showing on Wednesday, October 5th at 6:00 PM in Our Lady of Pompeii Auditorium, 129 Laverack Ave, Lancaster, NY 14086. 716-683-6522, www.olpparish.com All ages 16+ are welcome and 16-17 year olds need to be accompanied by a parent.



Little Johnny is in school, taking a true-false test and he's flipping a coin. At the end of the test he's flipping the coin again. The teacher says, "What are you doing?" He says, "Checking my answers."

Upcoming Dates to Remember

- **Sunday, September 11** - Religious Education Classes Begin 9:00 am - 10:00 am and 11:15 am - 12:30 pm
- **Saturday, September 18** - Pro-Life Prayer Group, 9:30 am, in the parking lot near the Blessed Mother Mary statue
- **Sunday, September 19** - Religious Education Classes 9:00 am - 10:00 am and 11:15 am - 12:30 pm

VOCATION VIEW

"Rejoice with me because I have found my lost sheep." God rejoices when people turn back to Him, but so many wander in darkness. Who will go out and seek the lost? If this is your calling, contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit buffalovocations.org.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

"We must love our neighbor, either because he is good or in order that he might become good."
*St. Augustine of Hippo
quoted in Docat*