

# St. Teresa of Avila Church

Est. 1869

SEPTEMBER 18, 2022 - 25TH 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., September 19

8:00 Roy Laciura  
by Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Tirabassi

Tues., September 20

8:00 Luca Kahn - Birthday Blessings  
by Mary Olsen

Wed., September 21 - St. Matthew

5:30 For the People of St. Teresa's  
Parish - by Fr. Art Mattulke

Thurs., September 22

8:00 John & Helen Capan  
by Daughter

Fri., September 23 - St. Pius of Pietrecina

8:00 William J. Coughlin on the  
Anniversary of Death  
by Margaret & Family

Sat., September 24 - BVM

4:30 Tom Lembke - Living Birthday  
Blessings by Mom & Dad

4:30 Gloria Rembas  
by Estate

Sun., September 25

8:00 Tom & Amy Bergman -  
Anniversary Blessings  
by The Bergman Family

10:15 Joanne Mueller  
by John & Sheila Ernst



## Scripture Readings For the Week

Monday - Proverbs 3:27-34  
Luke 8:16-18

Tuesday - Proverbs 21:1-6, 10-13  
Luke 8:19-21

Wednesday - Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13  
Matthew 9:9-13

Thursday - Ecclesiastes 1:2-11  
Luke 9:7-9

Friday - Ecclesiastes 3:1-11  
Luke 9:18-22

Saturday - Ecclesiastes 11:9 - 12:8  
Luke 9:43b-45

Sunday - Amos 6:1a, 4-7  
1 Timothy 6:11-16  
Luke 16:19-31



## MASS INTENTIONS

There are a number  
of openings in the  
daily and weekend

Mass schedule during the upcoming  
months. Please contact the rectory to  
schedule your preferred dates.



September 18, 2022  
25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“You cannot serve both God and mammon.” Merriam-Webster defines mammon as material wealth or possessions, especially having a debasing influence. While God does not take issue with our need to use money for the business of our lives, there can be a problem with the attitudes we bring to it. We can easily become so preoccupied and obsessed with money that it becomes the real “god” we worship. Do we serve mammon instead of God? In their book, *Wealth, Riches and Money*, Craig Hill and Earl Pitts outline symptoms of mammon’s influence in our lives. Some of these are worry and anxiety over money, money mismanagement, fear over “never having enough,” an “I can’t afford it” mentality, impulse buying, stinginess, greed, debt, and discontent. Many of the things on that list can consume us to the point that we are distracted from what we really need to be doing. Many people spend an inordinate amount of time worrying about money and it becomes the source of their worst fears. If we are honest with ourselves, we need to admit that we place far more emphasis on our material securities than we ought. In fact, we have actually convinced ourselves that we cannot live without it. Are we that certain about the presence of God? Many of the world’s problems, especially those involving inequity and injustice, result from conflicts about money. Many equate money with happiness. Those successful in accumulating large amounts of it quickly realize just how wrong they are. “Your ultimate allegiance is not to the government, not to the state, not to nation, not to any man-made institution. The Christian owes his ultimate allegiance to God, and if any earthly institution conflicts with God’s will it is your Christian duty to take a stand against it. You must never allow the transitory evanescent demands of man-made institutions to take precedence over the eternal demands of the Almighty God (Martin Luther King, Jr.)” This is the point Jesus is trying to make. Unfortunately, when we look around our man-made kingdoms are far more prevalent than God’s kingdom. When we start seeing greater evidence of justice, equity, dignity, respect, opportunity, gentleness, holiness, solidarity, honesty, simplicity, care for creation, and a decrease in ambition, then we will know that God’s kingdom is being served. We will be doing what we are supposed to do.

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## REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

For all of God’s creation that has been ripped away or destroyed by earthquake, wind, fire, and rain—that the natural beauty of the earth will be restored in time; 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 8/28/2022

Sunday Collection

\$ 3,490.00

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** - Pope Francis reminds us: "No one becomes Christian on his or her own. If we believe, if we know how to pray, if we acknowledge the Lord and can listen to His word, if we feel Him close to us and recognize Him in our brothers and sisters, it is because others, before, us, lived the faith and then transmitted it to us."

**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](http://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.

**St. Teresa of Avila Meat Raffle** will be on October 15th. We are selling tickets after all the Masses for the next couple weekends. We are selling tables of 8 for the price of 7. You can reserve a table by emailing [jdiggs@diggspro.com](mailto:jdiggs@diggspro.com). We need items to build baskets for the event. Please bring in a completed basket or items for a basket and give them to the ticket sellers at the back of church.

**The Knights of Columbus C&B Charitable and Benevolent** raffle booklets have been sent to parishioners. If you would like to purchase the 3 tickets fill your name address & phone # on the ticket. For Solicitor that can be left blank. For Council # write in "13661". The back page of the booklet is for administration, please leave that blank. Tear off the lower portion of the ticket stubs and keep for yourself. Place the top of the ticket stubs along with your payment in an envelope and place it in the Sunday Mass collection. Please mark the outside of the envelope KofC. The Knights of Columbus John Cardinal O'Hara Council 13661 would like to thank the parishioners of St. Teresa's for all their support.

**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](http://www.olpparish.com) All ages 16+ are welcome and 16-17 year olds need to be accompanied by a parent.

 A man who did not get along with his wife's cat decided to get rid of him one day by driving him 20 blocks from his home and leaving him at the park. As he was nearing home, the cat was walking up the driveway. The next day, he decided to drive the cat 40 blocks away and try the same thing. As we was driving back into his driveway, there was the cat! He kept taking the cat farther and farther away, but the darn cat would always beat him home. At last, he decided to drive a few miles away, turn right, then left, past the bridge, then right again and another right and so on until he reached what he thought was a safe distance from his home and he left the cat there. Hours later, the man calls home to his wife: "Jen, is the cat there?" "Yes," the wife answers. "Why do you ask?" Frustrated, the man answers: "Put that darn cat on the phone. I'm lost and I need directions!"



**ST. TERESA'S ANNUAL FALL CRAFT SHOW**  
**Saturday, October 1st**  
 10 a.m. - 3:30p.m.  
 5771 Buell Street  
 Akron NY 14001

Handmade Crafts  
 ~  
 Delicious Bake Sale, Raffles  
 ~  
 Scrumptious Lunch



**Nativity**  
 of the Blessed Virgin Mary



**Weekend MISSION 25**

7 Engaging Speakers  
 Devotions - Rosary & Chaplet of Divine Mercy  
 Adoration and Reconciliation  
 Activities & time for fellowship

**Friday September 23rd** 6:45 pm to 9:40 pm  
 Msgr Paa Center registration

**Saturday September 24th** 8:00 am to 6:30 pm  
 8:00 am Mass, Lunch provided,  
 4:30 Vigil Mass, Pizza Party dinner

**Sunday September 25th** 1:00 pm to 6:00 pm  
 Shared Dinner

Registration & Information: Jeanne 631-4018  
 Email: [nativityofmarymission@gmail.com](mailto:nativityofmarymission@gmail.com)  
 Walk ins Friday night -Msgr Paa Center

**Upcoming Dates to Remember**

- **Sunday, September 18** - Religious Education Classes  
 9:00 am - 10:00 am and  
 11:15 am - 12:30 pm
- **Wednesday, September 21** - Movie "Science Tests Faith", 6:15 In the Parish Hall
- **Thursday, September 22** - Men's Group meets in the Rectory basement meeting room, 6:45 PM
- **Friday, September 23** - Women's Group meets in the Rectory meeting room following 8 AM Mass
- **Saturday, September 24** - Pro-Life Prayer Group, 9:30 am, in the parking lot near the Blessed Mother Mary statue
- **Sunday, September 25** - Religious Education Classes  
 9:00 am - 10:00 am and  
 11:15 am - 12:30 pm

**VOCATION VIEW** - You cannot serve both God and money. The religious sisters and friars take a vow of poverty to live this radical teaching. What a bold statement! Is Jesus calling you to this life? Contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit [buffalovocations.org](http://buffalovocations.org).

IT'S HERE!

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**THANK YOU**  
WITH MUCH MORE TO COME  
 AS PLEDGES ARE PAID

**\$84,280.78**

Total Funds received  
 For our narthex renovation. 1/2022




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

*"We need to engage the enemy in hand-to-hand combat. We're not just opposed to sin in the general sense. We have to oppose the specific sins that are besetting us."*

*Scott Hahn from his talk Faith Works: A Bible Study on the Letter of Saint James*