

# St. Teresa of Avila Church

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OCTOBER 8, 2023 - THE 27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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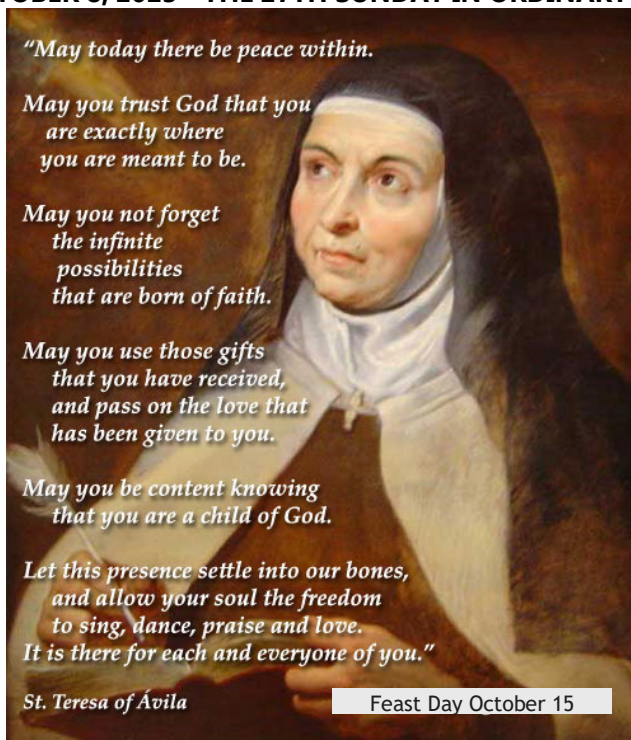
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## MISSION STATEMENT

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.



*"May today there be peace within.*

*May you trust God that you are exactly where you are meant to be.*

*May you not forget the infinite possibilities that are born of faith.*

*May you use those gifts that you have received, and pass on the love that has been given to you.*

*May you be content knowing that you are a child of God.*

*Let this presence settle into our bones, and allow your soul the freedom to sing, dance, praise and love. It is there for each and everyone of you."*

St. Teresa of Avila

Feast Day October 15

## MASS SCHEDULE

<i>Sunday Liturgy</i> .....	9:00 AM
<i>Saturday Vigil</i> .....	4:00 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 2:30 to 3:30 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., October 9

8:00 In Memory of Gertrude Bartels  
& Andrew Korszykowski  
*by Estate*

Tues., October 10

8:00 In Memory of Roy Laciura  
*by Mary Olsen*

Wed., October 11 - St. John XXIII

5:30 Geraldine Benker  
*by Benker Family*

Thurs., October 12

8:00 Tyler Nixon  
*by Mattulke Family*

Fri., October 13

8:00 Intentions of Bruce

Sat., October 14 - St. Callistus

9:00 Intentions for Mothers

4:00 Francis Dahill  
*by The Dahill Family*

Sun., October 15

9:00 In Memory of Bob Tiedt  
*by Tom & Amy Bergman*



## Scripture Readings For the Week

Monday - Jonah 1:1-2:2, 11  
Luke 10:25-37

Tuesday - Jonah 3:1-10  
Luke 10:38-42

Wednesday - Jonah 4:1-11  
Luke 11:1-4

Thursday - Malachi 3:13-20b  
Luke 11:5-13

Friday - Joel 1:13-15, 2:1-2  
Luke 11:15-26

Saturday - Joel 4:12-21  
Luke 11:27-28

Sunday - Isaiah 25:6-10a  
Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20  
Matthew 22:1-14



The 2024 Mass Book  
is now open.  
Remember a loved  
one, living or deceased in  
a special way with a Mass.  
Contact the parish  
office to reserve a date.



October 8, 2023

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus' parables are much stranger than most people realize. This week is an attention-getting example. He tells the religious leaders a parable about a completely absurd situation. Blood-thirsty and insane tenants violently abuse and kill the servants of their landlord. Inexplicably, the owner keeps sending them more victims of increasing value – up to and including his own son. Weird.

Usually, we hear this parable and assume it's an allegory: Jesus is the murdered son, the servants the prophets, etc. Fair enough. But notice – and here is where the weirdness deepens – Jesus seems to disagree with the Pharisees' interpretation that the landowner should and will punish the inheritance-obsessed murderers. So, is Jesus praising the psychotic and greedy murderers?! You can imagine the furrowed brows and deriding laughter as the scoffing crowd shuffles away.

If we stay with this tough parable, perhaps this truth emerges: God wants us to have an over-the-top obsession with a totally undeserved inheritance. Of course, we are forbidden to use violence. But the parable's violence gets our attention because it highlights the crazy goodness of the landowner. Jesus reveals that God is not merely in the business of rewarding the good and punishing the bad. He is playing a much stranger game – one marked by a kind of over-the-top mercy, a breathtaking giving of what is not deserved. What would our week look like if we embraced this kind of desire for God's kingdom on earth, even if others think we're nuts? This week let's seek God's kingdom with a passionate confidence in God's desire to give the good things we don't deserve.

– Father John Muir

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REMEMBER  
IN YOUR  
PRAYERS

Protect all those who carry peace to other nations. Bless the food, care and shelter they provide; we pray to the Lord...

Please pray for the sick of the parish and their family members, especially: Mary Prentice, Bob Larouere, Viola Izydorczak, Louis Pulvino, Ita Steele, Jim & Joe Vasi, Sterling McCarriagher, Jean Ottney, Shirley Lantz, Rita Whalen, Kathy Sylvester and Laura Gray.

Please also pray for the sacredness of all human life from conception until natural death.

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

Funds needed per week in September for Expenses: \$ 5,171.25

In Pew 9/17/2023

**Sunday Collection**

**\$ 3,406**

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:** "Protecting God's Children" ...visit our website, [stredakron.wordpress.com](http://stredakron.wordpress.com), for the most recent article on this timely topic as well as our calendar for the school year.

**DON'T MISS YOUR CHANCE TO GET YOUR MEAT RAFFLE TICKETS.** Tickets can be purchased after Mass this weekend, by emailing [jdiggs@diggspro.com](mailto:jdiggs@diggspro.com) OR the rectory at [stteresasofakron@verizon.net](mailto:stteresasofakron@verizon.net). Tickets are \$15.00 each. Baskets for the basket raffle can be brought to church or to the rectory. Questions - contact John Diggs at 716-770-5751.

**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, October 13, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed beginning at 7:30 p.m. Closing Benediction takes place by 8:30 p.m.

**"Growing In Faith Through The Word" Bible Study** - Join Barbara Shanahan as she leads you through a deeper understanding of God's Word. A different 3 week series is scheduled from 10:30 am - noon at each parish within our family of parishes. The first of the series is *"Why Catholics grew up with/without the Bible"* held at St. Teresa's on October 11, 18, and 25. The second series will be held at Our Lady of Peace on Wednesday, November 29, December 6 and 13. The third series will be held at Nativity and will be on Wednesday, March 6, 13 and 20. The fourth series will be held at St. Mary's on Wednesday, April 10, 17 and 24. More information is available on our website, as well as a link to sign-up for the study. For additional information, please contact the St. Mary Catholic Education office, [familyfaith@stmaryswormville.org](mailto:familyfaith@stmaryswormville.org) or call 716-688-0599. All are welcome at each of the sessions to participate in this Bible study together as a faith community.


**Trunk or Treats** - Saturday, October 21st after 4:00 PM Mass. Kids are welcome to wear costumes to Mass. Last year was great - we would like this year to be even better. We invite parishioners to decorate their vehicles and pass out candy to the kids. We will start after Mass and pass out candy for a half hour. There will be an area coned off just for Halloween vehicles that day. Please consider participating. If you cannot come, consider donating a bag of candy to be used for games and contests. There will be a laundry basket in the back of the church to accept donations.

**STAND WITH FELICIAN MISSION: HATTI** - Sunday, October 15, 2023 join the Felician Sisters for a Mass at 2 pm and a reception from 3-4 at Immaculate Heart of Mary Convent, 600 Doat St., Buffalo, NY 14211. Violent demonstrations reached Jacmel last fall and the US Embassy urged us to leave the country for the safety of the mission. Learn how the mission continues to operate and how your support is crucial to the needs of the Haitian people. There is no charge but registration is appreciated at [FelicianSistersNA.org/StandWithHaiti](http://FelicianSistersNA.org/StandWithHaiti) or call 724-462-3130. Missionary Sisters Marilyn, Izajaszka, Inga and Julitta.

**Vocation View** - St. Paul wrote: "Whatever is true, honorable, pure, lovely, and gracious... think about these things." That doesn't sound like what's on TV or YouTube tonight. In a world drowning in vulgarity, we need people to preach about beautiful and holy things! Contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit [buffalovocations.org](http://buffalovocations.org)



**Thank You**  
to Everyone  
who helped,  
participated,  
and shopped  
at the  
Fall Craft Show.  
There were  
beautiful  
crafts and a  
delicious  
lunch  
prepared by  
the Guild members.

 What did the left eye say to the right eye? Between you and me, something smells.

**Upcoming Dates to Remember**

- **Sunday, October 8** - No Religious Education Classes Due to Indigenous People's Day
- **Wednesday, October 11** - Bible Study "Growing in Faith Through the Word" begins in the school, Room #1, 10:30 - Noon
- **Wednesday, October 11** - Life in the Spirit, 6:30 PM OLP
- **Thursday, October 12** - Women's Study Group after the 8 am Mass
- **Friday, October 13** - Fully Alive Hour/ Eucharistic Adoration from 7:30 - 8:30
- **Saturday, October 14** - Pro-Life Prayer Group, 9:30 am, in the parking lot near the Blessed Mother Mary statue
- **Saturday, October 14** - Meat Raffle, hall doors open at 5 pm.
- **Sunday, October 15** - Religious Education Classes  
10:00 - 11 am Grades K-6 and  
10:00 - 11:15 am Grades 7-11

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PER  
TICKET

MEAT  
RAFFLE

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2023  
DOORS OPEN AT 5:00pm, first spin at 6:30pm  
Includes beer, wine, pop and popcorn.  
Bring your own snacks and adult beverages.  
Bring lots of dollar bills and have fun,  
Door Prizes, Basket Raffle, 50/50 & more.  
All proceeds stay at St. Teresa's.

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

"Ignorance of Scripture is  
ignorance of Christ."  
St. Jerome