

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.



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 3:30 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., November 8

8:00 Walter Bender & John Urso
by *The Urso Family*

Tues., November 9 - Lateran Basilica

8:00 Kenneth & Leola Campbell
by *Dick & Betty Campbell*

Wed., November 10 - St. Leo the Great

5:30 Ronald Adamczak
by *Flumerfeldt Family*

Thurs., November 11 - St. Martin

8:00 Veterans late Ron Konieczny
& Friend Wally Kaus
by *Nancy Konieczny*

Fri., November 12 - St. Josaphat

8:00 Gloria Rembas
by *Estate*

**Sat., November 13 - St. Frances
Xavier Cabrini**

9:00 For the People of the Parish

4:30 Deacon Ron - Birthday
Blessings by *St. Teresa
Women's Guild*

Sun., November 14

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

10:15 Bernie & Cathie Badding
by *Family*



Scripture Readings For the Week

Monday - Wisdom 1:1-7
Luke 17:1-6

Tuesday - Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12
1 Corinthians 3:9c-11, 16-17
John 2:13-22

Wednesday - Wisdom 6:1-11
Luke 17:11-19

Thursday - Wisdom 7:22b-8:1
Luke 17:20-25

Friday - Wisdom 13:1-9
Luke 17:26-37

Saturday - Wisdom 18:14-16; 19:6-9
Luke 18:1-8

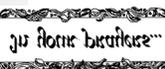
Sunday - Daniel 12:1-3
Hebrews 10:11-14, 18
Mark 13:24-32

November 7, 2021
32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

On December 10, 1979, a very petite holy woman known as Mother Teresa of Calcutta spoke these words in her Nobel Peace Prize Acceptance Speech, "But I am sure in the families and many of our homes, maybe we are not hungry for a piece of bread, but maybe there is somebody there in the family who is unwanted, unloved, uncared, forgotten, there isn't love. Love begins at home. And love to be true has to hurt. I never forget a little child who taught me a very beautiful lesson. They heard in Calcutta, the children, that Mother Teresa had no sugar for her children, and this little one, Hindu boy four years old, he went home and he told his parents: I will not eat sugar for three days, I will give my sugar to Mother Teresa. How much a little child can give. After three days they brought into our house, and there was this little one who could scarcely pronounce my name, he loved with great love, he loved until it hurt. And this is what I bring before you, to love one another until it hurts, but don't forget that there are many children, many children, many men and women who haven't got what you have. And remember to love them until it hurts."

Living authentically and walking with holiness always involves sacrifice. It has to hurt. Only actions springing from true and deep sacrifice demonstrate true integrity. Without sacrifice, even what is apparently a generous gesture can be nothing. It is no wonder that the widow who contributed from her poverty received great admiration from Jesus and the young child in our story above the interest of Mother Teresa. It is easy to make the houses of our lives look like they are in perfect order when in fact they are in shambles within. Religion can sometimes make this hypocritical masquerade easy to accomplish. We can find ourselves in all the right holy places, reciting all of the correct prayers, participating in community collections, and reciting the proper doctrines only to find ourselves empty, shallow, self-focused, and overly anxious about personal concerns.

The one who learns to discover their inner poverty, their spiritual poverty, is the only one who can truly place him or herself at the mercy of God. It is only when we allow ourselves to be empty that we realize Who we actually need to fill us. This is the real meaning of trust. Many of us are afraid to take the plunge. We allow ourselves to detach from only so much, always keeping a watchful eye on the protection of our securities. We understand the value of poverty, but we do not want to become too poor. As long as we are able to recognize this tension, our reluctance to let go and our struggle, we can continue our journey of humbly learning how to love so deeply that it hurts. God understands and waits. ©LPi



For migrants seeking asylum for themselves and their families who have left their homelands in search of a better life, including the surge of Haitian migrants into Del Rio, Texas; we pray to the Lord.

Please pray for the sick of the parish and their family members, especially Theresa Mary Dolph, Bob Tiedt, Jean Ottney, Nancy O'Donnell, John Ernst, Shirley Lantz, Mike Charles, Martha Cunningham, Sophia Benintende, Sister Bea Leising, Rita Whalen and Lorraine Sylvester.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Rev. James Fugle, Mary Mecca and Mary Wukman.

Please continue to pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, religious life, the diaconate and lay ministries, and that the Lord guide the work of the hands of vocation directors, especially our own Fr. Dave Baker.



Mark Your Calendars - Breakfast with Santa will be held on December 5th. Breakfast will be served in the Parish Hall from 7 to Noon by Saint Teresa's Youth Ministry Group.



Religious Education - The Gospel writer, Mark, tells us that Jesus notices a poor widow's offering and commends her great sacrifice. This leads us to think about our family's financial contributions to our parish, the diocese, and other Church sponsored organizations. Good stewardship invites us to share our treasure as well as our time and talent. Sometimes our charitable giving is not noticed by our children. Today is an opportunity to invite all family members to be aware of how we contribute to our church and other charitable organizations.

St. Teresa's Youth Ministry - The YM Group will next meet on Sunday, November 14th in the Parish Hall from 6 to 8pm. All 8th thru 12th grade students are invited.

Fully Alive Eucharistic Adoration - Friday, November 12, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed from 7:30 - 9:00 p.m. Come for as long or short a visit as you wish during this peaceful time of Adoration. Closing Benediction takes place at 9 p.m. This event is held on the second Friday of each month.

Are you interested in becoming a Lector? We are looking for additional parishioners who would like to join our team of dedicated lectors. Lector once a month, half a month or on a monthly basis. If you are interested, please call the office at 716-542-9103.

Knights of Columbus - November 14th is the deadline for parishioners to have any remaining Charitable & Benevolent booklets in by mail or in the collection baskets at weekend Masses. Thank you for your generous support!

Mission in Timau, Kenya - This weekend and again on the 14th the Women's Guild will be collecting donations to feed the babies at St. Elizabeth's Mission in Timau, Kenya and to pay for little ones to attend elementary school. Sister Bea Leising worked at the mission run by the Sisters of St. Francis before having to return home due to illness. If writing a check, please fill it out to Sisters of St. Francis. Donations can be mailed to our parish office if you prefer.

Thanksgiving Baskets: The Women's Guild will be collecting money to help local families have a great Thanksgiving meal this weekend and on 11/14 after each Mass. The money collected will be used to purchase turkeys and all the fixings for the meal. If paying by check, please make checks out to St. Teresa's Women's Guild. Last year we were able to help 11 families due to your generous donations plus give a donation to the Akron food bank. If you would like to recommend a family or if you are willing to help with delivering the food baskets on November 20th, please call Trish Sharkey 716-462-2883.

Congratulations to Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church of South Newstead who is celebrating their 150th Anniversary this weekend!

☺ Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson go on a camping trip, set up their tent, and fall asleep. Some hours later, Holmes wakes his faithful friend. "Watson, look up at the sky and tell me what you see." Watson replies, "I see millions of stars." "What does that tell you?" Watson ponders for a minute. "Astronomically speaking, it tells me that there are millions of galaxies and potentially billions of planets. Astrologically, it tells me that Saturn is in Leo. Timewise, it appears to be approximately a quarter past three. Theologically, it's evident the Lord is all-powerful and we are small and insignificant. Meteorologically, it seems we will have a beautiful day tomorrow. What does it tell you?" Holmes is silent for a moment, then speaks. "Watson, someone has stolen our tent."

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- **Monday, November 8** - Study Group meets at 7 pm in the Parish Hall
- **Thursday, November 11** - Study Group meets at 8:45 am in the Parish Hall
- **Friday, November 12** - Fully Alive Eucharistic Adoration, 7:30-9:00 pm
- **Saturday, November 13** - Pro-Life Prayer Group, 9:30 am, in the parking lot near the St. Teresa Statue
- **Weekend of November 13/14** - Collection for Thanksgiving Baskets & the Mission in Timau, Kenya, after each Mass
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A VOCATION VIEW

You may not think you have much to offer the Church, but God can use small things to great effect! Recall the widow's gift in today's Gospel. Don't let feelings of unworthiness prevent you from exploring God's plan for your life. Call Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit buffalovocations.org.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

"The family is the little Church where we begin to encounter God, to love Him, and to form personal ties with him."

Robert Cardinal Sarah
from the book *God or Nothing*