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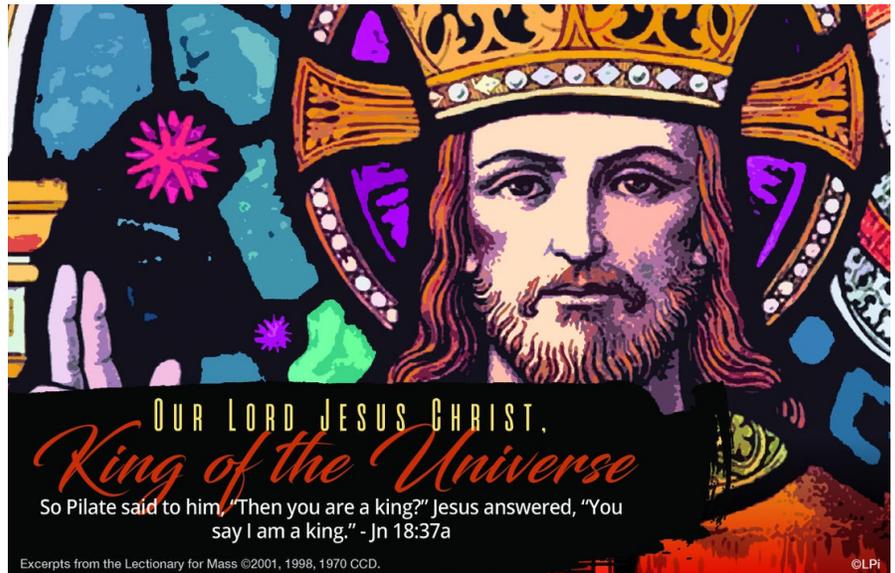
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MISSION STATEMENT

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.

NOVEMBER 21, 2021 - OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE



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 22 - St. Cecilia

8:00 Intentions for Mothers

Tues., November 23 - St. Clement, St. Columban, Blessed Miguel Agustin

8:00 Intentions for Fathers

Wed., November 24 - St. Andrew

5:30 George & Bernice Covrig
by Arlene & Jeffrey Szczepanski

Thurs., November 25

9:00 In Thanksgiving for Our Parishioners

Fri., November 26

8:00 Benker Family
by Estate

Sat., November 27

9:00 For the People of the Parish
4:30 1st Anniversary of Death of
Thomas Schumacher
by Wife & Children

Sun., November 28

8:00 In Memory of Howard Tobin
by Brian Tobin

10:15 David Ross
by Ron & Sherry Shimmel



Scripture Readings For the Week

Monday - Daniel 1:1-6,8-20
Luke 21:1-4

Tuesday - Daniel 2:31-45
Luke 21:5-11

Wednesday - Daniel 5:1-6,13-14,
16-17,23-28
Luke 21:12-19

Thursday - Daniel 6:12-28
Luke 21:20-28

Friday - Daniel 7:2-14
Luke 21:34-36

Saturday - Daniel 7:15-27
Luke 21:34-36

Sunday - Jeremiah 33:14-16
1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2
Luke 21:25-28,34-36



MASS
INTENTIONS

The 2022 Mass Book is available to schedule Masses for next year.



November 21, 2021

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

We often come to life expecting all of the pieces of the puzzle to nicely fit together. We want and expect harmony, order, and fairness, the achievement of rewards for good behavior, good health, and happiness. We can more easily accept death when it comes naturally after a good long life, but have a real difficulty comprehending the meaning of it all when it is cut short. Willing to put in a good measure of effort, we desire positive results. When things go wrong and life gets hurtful, unjust, and downright ugly, we become unsettled and can quickly fall into despair. This is especially true if we are people of faith who believe in a God who sees things on our terms and works in favor of our life agenda. What happens to our faith when we find ourselves sitting in a mess?

Does it help to know that God understands and that hardship, failure, disappointment, injustice, confusion, and all of life's ugliness do not make faith irrelevant or irrational? God is wonderfully and surprising creative! He turns the tables on not only our understanding of life, but of what it means to be a king. God sends us a king who is not exempt from life's ills but embraces them. The king that God gives to us knows what it means to be poor, suffer insults, be ridiculed, face rejection, endure suffering, be betrayed, and face a most unjust and horrific death. This is our king. Jesus is not a king of prestige or grandeur but a king who brings light to darkness, hope to despair, sinners to mercy, and new life out of death. Christ dances before us pleading with us to hold on, cling to love, avoid being negative, stop feeling cheated, and be strong in faith! There may be hardship and disappointment now but there are more surprises to come.

Once we understand this truth, we will also understand that we are on a most incredible and awesome universal journey to Christ and becoming one in Christ. We all carry within us the image of God, the image of our suffering king. The One who lives in us also lives in all of our brothers and sisters. Failing to see this universal Divine Presence in all is one of the greatest mistakes we can make, for we also fail to see God, our king, as well. There are many things that can bring hardship to life. If we keep our head about us and do not lose hope, we can persevere and strive for the greatest degree of justice possible. Even though there are ample things that can challenge our faith, we also know that our deepest joy comes from union with God and our brothers and sisters. One day, the fullness of that joy will be ours to have when we are all eternally one with Christ our King forever. ©LPi



With grateful thanks for the Word of God, and for God's Church; may all members grow in gratitude for the many gifts bestowed upon them; 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, Donna Stock, Martha Cunningham, Sophia Benintende, Sister Bea Leising, Rita Whalen and Lorraine Sylvester.

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



Thanksgiving Mass Schedule

Wednesday Evening 5:30 PM
Thursday Morning 9:00 AM

Thanksgiving loaves will be available at the 9 AM Mass on Thanksgiving Day.



- **Sunday, November 21** - Religious Education Classes 9:00 am - 10:00 am and 11:15 am - 12:30 pm
- **Sunday, November 21** - Sacrament of Confirmation Mass, 4:30 pm
- **Saturday, November 27** - Pro-Life Prayer Group, 9:30 am, in the parking lot near the St. Teresa Statue
- **Sunday, November 28** - No Religious Education Classes Due to the Thanksgiving Holiday
- **Sunday, November 28** - Anniversary Mass, 10:15 am

A VOCATION VIEW

Praised be Jesus Christ, King of the universe! We assemble in church as the royalty of His court, brave knights & noble ladies sent out to do His bidding. What has Christ the King decreed for you? Could it be a life of service in the Church, as an ordained or lay minister? Call Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 to start the conversation or visit buffalovocations.org.

😊 What's one thing that you'll have in common with a teddy bear on Thanksgiving? You'll both be filled with stuffing.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

"Christ beside me, Christ before me, Christ behind me, Christ within me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me."

St. Patrick

 **BAPTISM** On November 14th we welcomed August Jasinski into our faith community through the saving waters of Baptism. August is the son of Jonathan and Colleen Jasinski. Congratulations and God's richest blessings to the entire family!



St. Teresa's Anniversary Mass for couples celebrating 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60 and 65 years of marriage will be held on Sunday, November 28th at 10:15 am. Congratulations to all of the couples who have celebrated anniversaries during 2021!

Do you love the Lord? Are you looking for ways to serve our God and God's holy people? Are you in 4th grade or higher? Have you ever thought of being an altar server? We will be having an altar server training on Dec. 4, 2021 following the 4:30 Saturday Mass. Please join us for an hour that is sure to change your life forever by signing up on the sheet on the bulletin board in the narthex!

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR CONFIRMATION CLASS OF 2021

Christopher Bergman	Paul Bergman	Cydney Brandl
Natalie Ginestre	Alexis Hoffman	Melanie Holtz
Sophia Janik	Margaret Middaugh	Emma Orr
Kaylee Orr	Rylee Seelau	

2nd Annual Foundation of the Future Raffle - Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary will be raffling off a car or \$20,000 in cash January 6, 2022. There are weekly drawings beginning December 2nd for cash prizes. Visit nbvmcarraffle.givesmart.com for more information.

Wonders of the Vatican - Thursday, November 18 at 7 PM at Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church, 8500 Main St., Clarence. Please join Bob Poczik on a journey to the heart of the Vatican and discover some of its many wonders.

Parish Townhall Meeting

We will be having a 1-hour parish Townhall meeting on Sunday, December 12, following the 10:15 Mass in the Church.

We will be presenting:

1. The finalized plans for the handicapped accessible bathroom, the new narthex/gathering space, and the new sign for our parish.
2. Our end of the year financial report with an opportunity to ask questions for clarification.
3. The Road to Renewal process with an opportunity for questions and answers.

We look forward to seeing you!

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.