

# St. Teresa of Avila Church

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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 27, 2022 - FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



**MILK & PORRIDGE/FOLLOW THE CHILDREN** - The Women's Guild would like to thank the parishioners for their incredible generosity & kindness in donating \$10,541 to date to feed the babies and help to educate the children at the mission in Timau, Kenya.

## 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
<i>Saturday</i>	5:30 PM
<i>Vigil of Holy Days</i>	9:00 AM
<i>Holy Days</i>	5:30 PM
	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., November 28

- 8:00 Thomas Schumacher - On His Anniversary of Death by Family

Tues., November 29

- 8:00 Dearly Departed

Wed., November 30 - St. Andrew

- 5:30 In Remembrance of Whitey Spoth & Deceased of Spoth Family by Joan Spoth

Thurs., December 1

- 9:00 For the People of St. Teresa's Parish by Fr. Art Mattulke

Fri., December 2

- 8:00 Meg Eassa by Mary Olsen

Sat., December 3 - St. Francis Xavier

- 9:00 In Memory of Janice Wylde by Family

- 4:30 Tyler Brunner by Fr. Art Mattulke & Fr. Pat O'Keefe

Sun., December 4

- 8:00 Josephine Marchese by The Wilkinson Family

- 10:15 In Thanksgiving for the Quilt Ministry by Andrea & Rich Gleason



## Scripture Readings For the Week

Monday - Isaiah 4:2-6  
Matthew 8:5-11

Tuesday - Isaiah 11:1-10  
Luke 10:21-24

Wednesday - Romans 10:9-18  
Matthew 4:18-22

Thursday - Isaiah 26:1-6  
Matthew 7:21, 24-27

Friday - Isaiah 29:17-24  
Matthew 9:27-31

Saturday - Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26  
Matthew 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

Sunday - Isaiah 11:1-10  
Romans 15:4-9  
Matthew 3:1-12



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.



November 27, 2022  
1st Sunday of Advent

We can embrace and relish each moment of our lives as a sacred sacrament or nonchalantly and robotically attend to what life presents. We have our feet in two worlds. One is holy and sacred, and the other is profane and secular. Which one has the greater claim on us? To what do we devote most of our energy? We can easily be consumed with the particular demands and essentials of daily life: family, work, obligations, and the like, that we don't really notice anything more than what is right before us. We become masters at "doing" and neglect our need to "savor." Jesus reminds his friends that "as it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. In those days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark. They did not know until the flood came and carried them all away." While certain things require our daily attention, we cannot become so consumed with them that we fail to see the larger picture of what is coming. For the Christian, Advent is the time to pause, reflect, and savor. It is a time to see life as a sacrament of the moment and not just an investment in secular interests, pleasures, and personal obligations. It is easy to get distracted, lazy, preoccupied, and tired. Apathy can quickly wreak havoc on the most dedicated of souls. Whatever we can do this Advent season to be more attentive, focused, alert, and watchful will serve us well. It will make us eager and well-prepared to meet our Lord when he comes. It is for certain that he will come. Who made me? What is my purpose? What will happen to me when I die? These are pivotal questions that, in life's busyness, we hardly find time to ask and answer. They define who we are, and the answers we provide serve as guideposts and anchors in the seas of our lives. Advent is the perfect time to make friends with our souls. It is a time to perk ourselves up, open our eyes, ears, and hearts and seek God's presence in the simple moments of our lives. God is with us. Ask God to grant you a deeper appreciation for His presence and the gift of attentiveness.

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REMEMBER  
IN YOUR  
PRAYERS

For all veterans and for agencies and people who support them. We give thanks for their service and their dedication; we pray to the Lord...

Please pray for the sick of the parish and their family members, especially Gary Karaskiewicz, Louis Pulvino, Paul Schifferle, Sr. Joanne Gangloff, Iola Ciammetti, Ita Steele, Austin Penn, Jim & Joe Vasi, Sterling McCarriagher, Virginia Maloney, Bob Tiedt, Jean Ottney, Shirley Lantz, Donna Stock, Rita Whalen, Laura Gray & Lorraine Sylvester.

Please also pray for the repose of the soul of Faith Bassanello.

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

Funds needed per week in November for Expenses: \$4,960

In Pew 11/6/2022

Sunday Collection

\$ 6,550

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

 An American tourist was visiting a small village in Newfoundland. He approached a local person and asked, "What's the quickest way to Marystown?" The local, scratched his head, "Are ya walkin' er drivin'?" he asked the stranger. "I'm driving," said the stranger. "Well, that's the quickest way."

## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT - NOVEMBER 27, 2022



We would like to thank everyone who made our Confirmation a memorable time. Thank you to the priests, our parents, our sponsors, our families, our catechists and classmates who supported us on this journey. The Confirmation Class of 2022



**Youth Ministry Poinsettia Sale** - Thru December 4th with pick up on December 10th and 11th after Masses. Parishioners may order for Pick up or as Memorials to be placed in the church during the Christmas season. Order forms are available on the St. Teresa's website.

**Advent Reflection Time:** You are welcome to join us on Wednesday mornings, beginning November 30th, from 9-10 am for Scripture based reflections in preparation for Christmas. Sister Ruth and Sister Gerard will lead each gathering in the meeting room of the rectory. Bring your Bible and relax in God's love!



**Salvation Army collection at Pixley's.** We are asking anyone who is interested in ringing the bell for a half hour during the day on Friday, December 9th, to call the office, 716-542-9103, or sign-up using the sheet on the bulletin board in the narthex. All of the funds collected help those in need in the Akron area

**Renewal Family Day of Mercy** - December 7th & 8th with 24 hours straight of Adoration and Confession at St. Mary of Swormville church. Fr. Art is scheduled to hear confessions from 8-10 pm on December 7th and 12 Noon-2 pm on December 8th. Our regular Sacrament of Reconciliation schedule will be followed during Advent and there will be an additional Family Penance Service at Nativity of Mary Church - watch for details.

**SAVE THE DATE** - Our Annual Christmas Tree Lighting will be on December 17th after the 4:30 pm Mass with a Tree Blessing, Lighting and Carols.



**Sock, Mitten & Hat Tree** - New hats, scarves and socks, especially men's socks, are greatly needed. Distribution will take place on December 6th at the Food Pantry, but the tree will remain through December to gladly receive donations. Thank you for your generosity.



**Winter Warmth Rolled with a Ribbon** - The collection for the Response to Love Center is sweatshirts for men and women size extra large to 5X, with the larger sizes needed most. Hooded shirts are preferred, but any warm sweatshirt is appreciated. If you wish, you may make a donation in the collection box in the narthex and the Guild will shop for you. Place your rolled and tied with a ribbon sweatshirts in the bins in the narthex. Distribution will take place on December 5th.

**COATS FOR KIDS** - There is a barrel in the Narthex for gently used coats for children and adults which are being collected by the Knights of Columbus in partnership with the Coats for Kids program run by Colvin Cleaners. Colvin Cleaners will clean the coats for free and then will distribute them to organizations who will give them to families in need. If you or someone you know could use a new coat, please call the office.

**VOCATION VIEW** - Advent begins! "At an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come." When our Savior returns, we want Him to find us carrying out His will. What is Jesus asking of you? If it's a call to ordained ministry, contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit buffalovocations.org

**Football Pool** - The winner for week ten of the football pool is Deb Smith. Congratulations Deb!

**In the Pews** this weekend, you will find a card about Hallow, an app you can download for free with wonderful resources for this Advent. Along with Formed which is offered to all parishioners at no charge, you can use the Hallow app during advent and beyond to help you deepen your prayer life.

"On behalf of the Akron-Newstead Food Pantry, we wish to thank you in our mission to reach out to those who are less fortunate. We are answering God's call to help our neighbors with monthly distributions. You cannot begin to believe the gratitude, we as the staff, appreciate your donations. The clients also express their thanks each month as they receive their grocery bags. A special thank you goes to all the volunteers who helped to sort & move the groceries, the lunch provided and the support by way of collecting items for the pantry....."

In Fellowship of Christ, Akron-Newstead Food Pantry

### Upcoming Dates to Remember

- **Weekend of November 26 & 27** - Orders accepted for the Youth Ministry Poinsettia Sale thru December 11th
- **Sunday, November 27** - There are no Religious Education Classes due to Thanksgiving
- **Saturday, December 3** - Pro-Life Prayer Group, 9:30 am, in the parking lot near the Blessed Mother Mary statue
- **Sunday, December 4** - Religious Education Classes 9:00 am - 10:00 am and 11:15 am - 12:30 pm
- **Wednesday & Thursday, December 7th & 8th** - Day of Mercy, St. Mary Swormville Church with Adoration & Reconciliation
- **Friday, December 9th** - "Ring the Bell" for the Salvation Army, all day

Looking for an Advent Project? Try a giving countdown Reverse Advent Calendar for the Akron/Newstead Food Pantry.

December 1 - Box of Cereal  
December 2 - Peanut Butter  
December 3 - Stuffing Mix  
December 4 - Boxed Potatoes  
December 5 - Macaroni and Cheese  
December 6 - Canned Fruit  
December 7 - Canned Tomatoes  
December 8 - Canned Tuna  
December 9 - Dessert Mix  
December 10 - Jar of Applesauce  
December 11 - Jar of Jelly  
December 12 - Cranberry Sauce  
December 13 - Canned Beans  
December 14 - Box of Crackers  
December 15 - Package of Rice  
December 16 - Package of Oatmeal  
December 17 - Package of Pasta  
December 18 - Spaghetti Sauce  
December 19 - Chicken Noodle Soup  
December 20 - Tomato Soup  
December 21 - Canned Corn  
December 22 - Canned Mixed Veggies  
December 23 - Canned Carrots  
December 24 - Canned Green Beans  
Donations may be placed in the bins in the Narthex or at the drop off box at Trinity Lutheran Church. Christmas distribution is December 20th.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

"All Christian marriages should give joyful witness to the fact that children are never a chore or a burden, even in the most complex situations of life, but rather a project based on confidence an inexhaustible source of happiness."

Cardinal Gerhard Muller from his book The Hope of the Family