

# St. Teresa of Avila Church Est. 1869

NOVEMBER 28, 2021 - FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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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

<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 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 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 29

8:00 Intentions for Fathers

Tues., November 30 - St. Andrew

8:00 Intentions for Mothers

Wed., December 1

5:30 **The Campbell Family**  
by *Dick & Betty Campbell*

Thurs., December 2

9:00 **Frank Waz**  
by *Daniel & Judith Pokigo*

Fri., December 3 - St. Francis Xavier

8:00 For the People of the Parish

Sat., December 4 - St. John

9:00 **Fr. David Baker - Birthday**  
*Blessings by St. Teresa*  
*Women's Guild*

4:30 **In Memory of Jennie Kershenski**  
by *The Bergman Family*

Sun., December 5

8:00 **In Memory of Kenneth & Leola**  
*Campbell by Campbell Family*

10:15 **Geraldine Benker - Birthday**  
*Remembrance*  
by *The Benker Family*



## Scripture Readings For the Week

Monday - Isaiah 2:1-5  
Matthew 8:5-11

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

Wednesday - Isaiah 25:6-10a  
Matthew 15:29-37

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 - Baruch 5:1-9  
Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11  
Luke 3:1-6



MASS  
INTENTIONS

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



November 28, 2021

1st Sunday of Advent

Staying awake can often be a challenge, especially when we are exhausted. Life's demands have a way of zapping every last bit of energy out of us. When we are tired it affects us not only physically, but psychologically and spiritually as well. All of our senses are dulled and diminished. We can overlook details, become disinterested, lethargic and apathetic, and detached. Getting sufficient physical rest only helps so much. We need to be rejuvenated, refreshed, and reenergized in other ways. If we are psychologically exhausted, we need to understand what is draining our emotions and taxing our relationships. If we are spiritually tired, we need to find the necessary "shot in the arm" to put us back in touch with God. Unfortunately, exhaustion is seldom limited to just one part of who we are. When we lack energy and zeal it is usually the case that everything suffers. We not only are affected physically, but psychologically and spiritually as well. In short, when we run out of gas the engine stops. And yet, our Lord's directive is clear, "Be vigilant at all times." Even Jesus knew what "the anxieties of daily life" can do to us. One day pours into another and time quickly flies by. Any one of us can take a moment and reflect on how many wonderful, creative opportunities we miss because there is always so much "stuff" to do and so little time to do it. Usually these are missed moments of love, and if we are missing love encounters we are also missing God. Sleepwalking through life, we check the boxes next to our list of "must and have to dos" and justify it all by convincing ourselves that tomorrow is another day and there'll be more time. It may surprise us, but tomorrow is here, and time is running out. While we may like to believe that we have an "eternity" of time to do all those things that require the focus, energy, and desire we do not currently have, we don't. We're on a limited ride and time is short. Jesus is also clear on another point. "That day [will] catch you by surprise like a trap." If we are going to be judged on love and so easily justify not having all that much time to do so, then it seems we must shift focus a bit. St. Teresa of Calcutta tells us, "We desire to be able to welcome Jesus at Christmas-time, not in a cold manger of our heart, but in a heart full of love and humility, a heart so pure, so immaculate, so warm with love for one another." Getting to this place doesn't "just happen." It requires vigilance and discipline both with a knowledge of what is really of importance and what really needs to be the focus of our energy and time. Pray, starting now and not tomorrow, that we can stay alert, be strengthened in our faith, and prepared for whatever will come. Don't miss another opportunity to love. ©LPi



That the Lord look with kindness upon those who are celebrating their Wedding Anniversaries during this weekend's Sacrament of Marriage Mass and that He continues to strengthen in them the bond of peace, so that they may forever enjoy His blessing; 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, Kathleen Karaskiewicz, Shirley Lantz, Donna Stock, Martha Cunningham, Sophia Benintende, John Ernst, Sister Bea Leising, Rita Whalen and Lorraine Sylvester.



**Religious Education:** Who can we turn to for help during these times of anxiety that the holidays, health concerns and internal turmoil bring into our everyday lives? Reach out to Mary, our heavenly mother. Because of her faith, even when the hard times came, she never lost her connection to her heavenly Father. Faith sustained her and she will show us the way. We too can trust that nothing is impossible with God.

**Are You or Have You Ever Thought of Being an Altar Server?** We are inviting all present altar servers and those interested in becoming a server to an altar server training on Dec. 4, 2021 following the 4:30 Saturday Mass. Pizza will be provided. 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!

**Intercessory Prayer Group meets** immediately following the 5:30 Mass in the Parish Hall December 1st. Prayer requests may be placed in the collection basket in an envelope marked "Prayer Group". All are welcome to join us to share intercessions, prayers, scripture & hymns.

**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.

**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. **Tickets are available in the Parish Office during office hours.** Visit [nbvmcarraffle.givesmart.com](http://nbvmcarraffle.givesmart.com) for more information.

**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!



St. Teresa's has been asked to participate in this year's 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 10th, to call the office, 542-9103, or sign-up using the sheet on the bulletin board in the narthex. All of the funds collected are used to purchase vouchers for gas or food at Pixley's to help those in need in the Akron area. The need is great as there was no collection last year due to Covid.



One day, a bear walks into a bar. He sits down at the counter, and the bartender comes over.  
 "What'll it be?" asks the bartender.  
 "I'll have a... beer," the bear says.  
 "Alright, one beer for the bear. But I gotta ask, why the big pause?" asks the bartender.  
 "I don't know," says the bear. "I was born with them."

- **Sunday, November 28** - Religious Education Classes 9:00 am - 10:00 am and 11:15 am - 12:30 pm
- **Sunday, November 28** - Sacrament of Marriage Golden Anniversary Mass, 10:15 am
- **No Youth Group Meeting** due to Thanksgiving Holiday, Next Meeting December 5th
- **Wednesday, December 1** - Intercessory Prayer Group meets after the 5:30 Mass in the school hall.
- **Saturday, December 4** - First Saturday - Rosary before the 9 am Mass and Confessions from 8:15-8:45 am and 3:30-4 pm
- **Saturday, December 4** - Pro-Life Prayer Group, 9:30 am, in the parking lot near the St. Teresa Statue
- **Sunday, December 5** - Religious Education Classes 9:00 am - 10:00 am and 11:15 am - 12:30 pm

**A VOCATION VIEW**

As we wait for Christ to return, we know that one day we will "see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory." When He does, will you be able to say, Jesus I faithfully answered Your call? What is Jesus asking of you? If it's a Church vocation, contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit [bufalovocations.org](http://bufalovocations.org).



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

*"It is easy to love the people far away. It is not always easy to love those close to us. I is easier to give a cup of rice to relieve hunger than to relieve the loneliness and pain of someone unloved in our own home. Bring love into your home for this is where our love for each other must start."*

*From Mother Teresa's book  
Do Something Beautiful for God*