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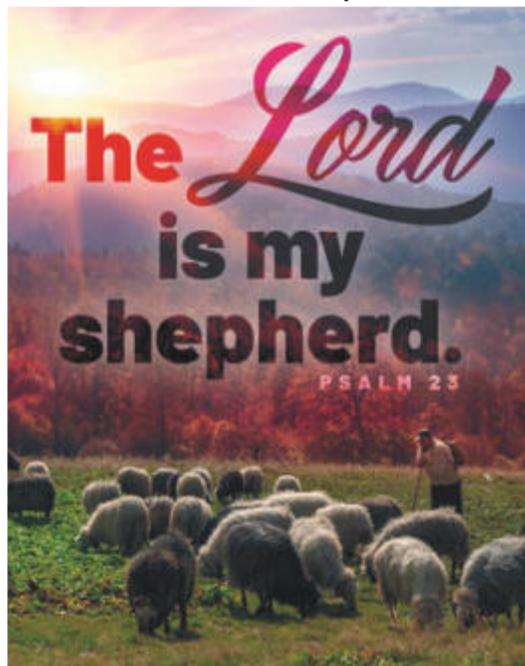
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MISSION STATEMENT

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 22, 2020 -
FEAST OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE



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 3:00 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

Monday, Nov. 23 - St. Clement I,
St. Columban,
Blessed Miguel Agustin Pro
8:00 Faithfully Departed Souls

Tuesday, Nov. 24 - St. Andrew
8:00 Faithfully Departed Souls

Wednesday, Nov. 25 - St. Catherine
5:30 Sarah Shimmel
by Ron & Sherry Shimmel

Thursday, Nov. 26
9:00 In Thanksgiving for our
Parishioners

Friday, Nov. 27
8:00 Patricia Lederhouse
by Bernadette & Stephen
Connolly

Saturday, Nov. 28 - BVM
9:00 Parishioners of St. Teresa
4:30 Florence & Helen Raykowski
by Family

Sunday, Nov. 29-1st Sunday of
Advent
8:00 Howard E. Tobin
by Son
10:15 Eileen Tiedt
by Wayne & Nancy Bernhard



Scripture Readings For the Week

Monday - Revelation 14:1-3, 4b-5
Luke 21:1-4

Tuesday - Revelation 14:14-19
Luke 21:5-11

Wednesday - Revelation 15:1-4
Luke 21:12-19

Thursday - Revelation 18:1-2, 21-23;
19:1-3, 9a
Luke 21:20-28

Friday - Revelation 20:1-4, 11-21:2
Luke 21:29-33

Saturday - Revelation 22:1-7
Luke 21:34-36

Sunday - Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7
1 Corinthians 1:3-9
Mark 13:33-37



November 22, 2020

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Many Americans are fascinated with England's monarchy. For many different reasons, we are drawn to the regal pageantry and all of the protocols associated with royal lifestyles. What's most amazing is that for all of the media attention focused on the comings and goings of English royalty, they really have very little effect on the day to day dealings of their country. Thoughts and images of kings and queens are often centered on this story book understanding of who and what they are. We associate protocols, etiquette, and proper words and actions to how we approach members of a royal family. These tools serve the necessary purpose of keeping them isolated, enthroned, and at a distance. There is something attractive about being an observer of ritual, pomp, and circumstance. It's almost theatrical.

Is this how we see Jesus Christ, too? We often behave as if Christ is an isolated, enthroned, royal, and even ineffective king. Jesus wants nothing to do with having the status of an earthly king. Jesus also does not want to be watched, observed, or set apart. He wants to get down and dirty with the very stuff of life especially the poor, marginalized, confused, hurting, lost, broken, imprisoned, and forgotten ones. Jesus is the king who turns the tables on us and wants not only our attention but our engagement and conversion. He wants us to get dirty too.

How we treat other people is at the heart of Christ's kingdom. "Whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me." At different times in our lives we are all counted among the "least" ones. We may not be physically poor, but we can easily become emotionally and spiritually poor. We may not be marginalized as many physically are, cast aside because they have too many needs or don't quite fit in. But who hasn't experienced isolation, loneliness, inner turmoil, angst, heartache, or loss? Almost every human being has experienced brokenness at one point or another, or will most definitely at some future point, facing discouragement, fear, insecurity. People are thirsty for more than water. We are imprisoned by our prejudices, misconceived notions and ideas, self-focused obsessions and ideologies. There is a lot of pain and many least ones around us. Stop, look and listen. This is what Christ the King is asking us to do. Look deeply into the eyes and soul of your sisters and brothers, all of them, and see Christ himself.

Being a spectator and observing all of the pageantry isn't enough. Jesus wants us to inherit the kingdom and live the kingdom. It is built on the blocks of love, mercy, compassion, hope, faith, and blessing. It engages those who want it, changes and informs minds, inspires and transforms hearts, converts and renews souls, and sets things right. There is such a great need around us. Are you ready and willing to do whatever you can to serve in God's kingdom? ©LPi

In your prayers...

That the global health emergency will move our hearts to recognize the precious character of all human life; we pray to the Lord.

Please pray for the sick of the parish and their family members, especially Joseph Popp, Shirley Lantz, Liam Williams, Ron Kintzel, Crystal and Leah Howard, Phil Wittman, Doug Schifferle, Nancy Tordy, Arlene Scheeda, Baby Vivian, George Cunningham, Sister Bea Leising, Matthew Hanlon, Lorraine Sylvester, and Christina & Family.

Please also pray that vocations to Priesthood and Religious Life increase in number and holiness.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - This weekend we celebrate the Feast of Christ the King which is also the end of the church year. What do we mean by "church year"? The Gospel gives us a clue that we are considering the end times, things that really matter in our daily lives. The liturgical colors also give us a clue as the green vestments give way to the festive white for today's feast and next Sunday to the purple of Advent. For parents of children in our Religious Ed program it may mean that it is time to take a look at the calendar and take note that we do not have classes next Sunday. Please visit our new website streledakron@wordpress.com for the online calendar.



- **Sunday, November 22 - Religious Education Classes,** 9:00 am - 10:00 am and 11:15 am - 12:30 pm
- **Saturday, November 28 Pro-Life Prayer Group,** 9:30 am, in the parking lot near the St. Teresa Statue
- **Sunday, November 29 - No Religious Education Classes - Thanksgiving Holiday**



THANKSGIVING MASSES WILL BE OFFERED ON Wednesday Evening at 5:30 PM and Thursday Morning at 9:00 AM.
(There are no loaves of bread this year due to the pandemic.)

THANK YOU - \$8,923 was collected for the Milk & Porridge Project to feed the little ones in Timau, Kenya. Your amazing & generous support will provide food for a year for 30 babies & toddlers. All your donations are appreciated & every penny will be used by Sister Joanne to see that the children receive nutritional food.

St. Teresa's Women's Guild

Intercessory Prayer Group - Do you have a prayer request? Simply write your intention in an envelope marked "Prayer Group" and place it in the collection basket, and it will be offered at the next meeting, on December 2nd at 6:30 in the Parish Hall. Please consider joining that evening to share intercessions, prayers, scripture and hymns with us.

Sleep in Heavenly Peace (SHP) is a national organization that builds and delivers beds to kids in need at no cost. We recently organized a chapter locally, determined to give kids (ages 3-17) a safe place to lay their heads. SHP-Buffalo is an entirely volunteer venture. Dedicated volunteers build the beds, deliver them to homes and set them up fully outfitted with new mattresses and bedding. As a 501(c)(3) non-profit charity, we rely on donations to purchase tools, materials, mattresses and bedding. To learn more about our mission and how you can help or volunteer, visit <http://www.shpbeds.org> or contact Jerry Sheldon, President SHP-Buffalo, at 716-570-3449 jerry.sheldon@shpbeds.org.

If you are an alumni of St. Martin of Tours, St. Ambrose, St. Thomas Aquinas, St. Teresa, St. Agatha, Holy Family, St. John the Evangelist, Trinity, St. Bonaventure or Notre Dame Academy, we'd love to hear from you and share your story with our current students and families via social media. Help us build on the traditions you loved so much while attending Catholic school. Drop us a note at:

GoodNews@NotreDameBuffalo.org.

 A little old lady had just returned home from an evening church service when she was startled by an intruder. As she caught the man in the midst of robbing her home, she yelled, "STOP! ACTS 2:38!" (That's the one that goes, "Repent and be baptized, in the name of the Lord, so that your sins may be forgiven.") The burglar stopped dead in his tracks. The woman calmly called the police to explain what she had done. As the officer cuffed the man to take him in, he asked the burglar, "Why did you just stand there? All the old lady did was yell scripture." "Scripture?" replied the burglar, stunned. "She said she had an ax and two .38s!"



How blest are we to be heirs of the one eternal kingdom! As heirs, we have been given unique gifts and talents, and have unique roles to play for the kingdom. What is YOUR role? If God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Father David Baker at 716-847-5535.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

"Thank God! Give Him the praise and glory. Before all the living, acknowledge the many good things he has done for you, by blessing and extolling His name in song. Before all men, honor and proclaim God's deeds, and do not be slack in praising Him."

Tobit 12:6

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