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MARCH 7, 2021 - THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

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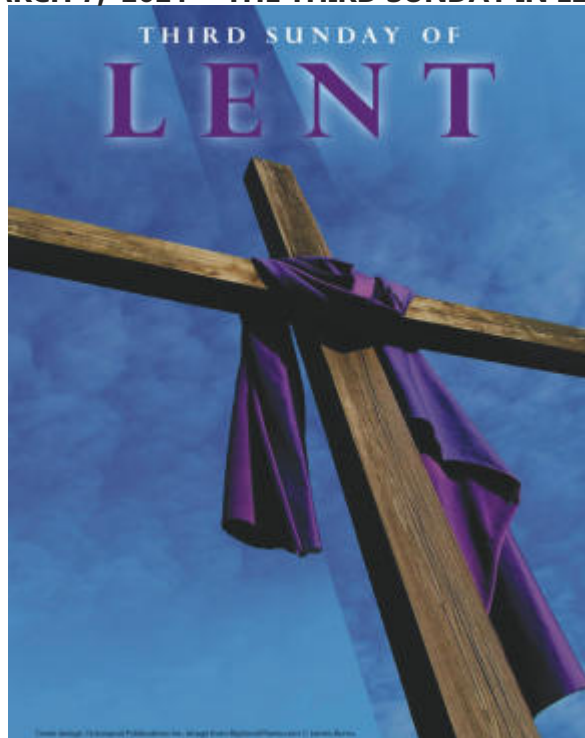
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MISSION STATEMENT

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.



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., March 8 - St. John of God
8:00 Parishioners of St. Teresa's

Tues., March 9
8:00 Intentions for Mothers

Wed., March 10 - St. Frances of Rome
5:30 Intentions of Mary Lou
Flumerfeldt
by Steven Flumerfeldt

Thurs., March 11
8:00 Intentions for Fathers

Fri., March 12
8:00 The Benker Family
by Estate

Sat., March 13
9:00 Thomas Schumacher
by Margaret Lucas

4:30 Florence & Helen
Raykowski
by Rich Raykowski

Sun., March 14
8:00 Alfred Slazak
by Family

10:15 Fred Wysocki
by Mary Ann & Jim Schneider



Scripture Readings For the Week

Monday - 2 Kings 5:1-15b
Luke 4:24-30

Tuesday - Daniel 3:25, 34-43
Matthew 18:21-35

Wednesday - Deuteronomy 4:5-9
Matthew 5:17-19

Thursday - Jeremiah 7:23-28
Luke 11:14-23

Friday - Hosea 14:2-10
Mark 12:28-34

Saturday - Hosea 6:1-6
Luke 18:9-14

Sunday - 2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-21
Ephesians 2:4-10
John 3:14-21

Catholic Charities Update

Parish Goal: 41,602
Current Total: 25%



Thank you for your generosity!



March 7, 2021 - 3rd Sunday of Lent

Many prefer a “create as you go” approach to life where laws and protocols primarily exist to secure and protect liberties rather than dictate and outline proper and right behavior. There are no real benchmarks for acceptable ethical and moral behavior, with a “you can’t tell me what to do” attitude prevailing. Parents are even limited in what they can request of their children, and dealing with threatening behaviors, especially from adults, are a challenge as well. Acceptable and expected conduct seems to amount to safeguarding each other’s space rather than increasing awareness of necessary relationships that require a more refined and higher response. We have lost our axis to the world of “anything goes” and no longer see the Ten Commandments as practical and wise guideposts to effective living. We live on “relativism island” where only a possible suggestion to “love and do not harm” may be the only standard able to be preached. While Jesus most certainly emphasized love above anything else, it was never about warm fuzzy feelings or halfhearted humanitarian efforts. The love of which Jesus spoke establishes an intimate connection with God, neighbor, self, and creation. Because this love, who is God Himself, is at the foundational core of our lives, it demands actions and attitudes that serve to build up, increase, and free up those relationships. Love requires proper conduct. Preserving and enhancing these love centered relationships is at the heart of the Ten Commandments (and the Beatitudes) and the reason for Jesus’ display of anger in the temple. The Ten Commandments can save the world from turmoil and conflict by instilling basic moral and relational principles within us. They also hold a healthy sense of sin in balance and always remind us of our relationship with God and the freedom God offers. Our faith preserves these jewels of truth that we often look beyond, dismiss altogether, or seek to remove from public view. Human beings can be so arrogant at times. Our Lenten journey, especially when embarked upon with sincerity and resolve, can restore all of our essential relationships. When we get absorbed in life’s preoccupations and demands, things can quickly get distorted and we can find ourselves way off track. In short, we find ourselves in sin. Humanity is losing a sense of both grace and sin. We need both to understand what is real and true. Until we do, the oppressive systems and ideologies that hurt so many will never change. We will never change. We are grateful for those courageous souls who willingly embrace the conversion and hard work Lent demands and stand against antiquated systems and ideologies. They give us hope that all is not lost. ©LPi



In your prayers... For the success of this year’s Catholic Charities drive;
we pray to the Lord.

Please pray for the sick of the parish and their family members, especially Jim Bradley, Shirley Lantz, Baby Vivian, Liam Williams, Crystal and Leah Howard, Nancy Tordy, Sister Bea Leising, Paul Schifferle, Matthew Hanlon, George Cunningham, Lorraine Sylvester, Darlene Duke, Nicole DeGolier and Sonny Grainy.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Dr. Dennis DePerro.

Please also continue to pray for our troops who are serving in the military and for all first responders.

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT - MARCH 7, 2021

Religious Education - When did Jesus give us this precious gift of the Eucharist? Jesus instituted the Eucharist at his last supper with the apostles. He said, "Do this in remembrance of me." (Luke 22:19) The priest repeats this statement at every Mass. Let us strive to understand and participate in the Mass with our minds and hearts receptive to the grace of the sacrament. Visit our website at streledakron.wordpress.com

The pamphlet racks have been restocked and include Lenten materials for all ages. The racks are located by the doors at the entrance of the Church and all items range from \$.50 to \$5.00.

Catholic Charities - When you are hungry, we are hope. Catholic Charities maintains nine food pantry and outreach centers in WNY. Seven sites are in Erie County and each location has emergency food pantry service and offers referrals to other needed services. Show your support of our food pantries by donating to Appeal 2021. Call 716-218-1419 or visit www.ccwny.org/donation. With your support, we can continue to be HOPE for all seasons.

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK in re The Diocese of Buffalo N.Y. Case No. 20-10322

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT, On February 28, 2020, The Diocese of Buffalo N.Y., ("Diocese") filed for protection under chapter 11 of title 11 of the United States Code (the "Bankruptcy Code"). The Bankruptcy Court has established August 14, 2021 at 11:59 p.m. (prevailing Eastern time) as the deadline to file proofs of claim against the Diocese (the "Bar Date"). If you have a claim against the Diocese, including, without limitation, a claim related to sexual abuse committed by any person connected with the Diocese, you must file a claim on or before the Bar Date. Please visit <https://case.stretto.com/diocesefofbuffalo> or call 855-292-7696 for more information on how to file your proof of claim. **IF YOU DO NOT TIMELY FILE A PROOF OF CLAIM, YOU MAY FORFEIT YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE ON ANY PLAN OF REORGANIZATION AND TO SHARE IN ANY DISTRIBUTIONS TO CREDITORS IN CONNECTION WITH THE DIOCESE'S CHAPTER 11 CASE.**

Notice From the Diocese of Buffalo Regarding Upon This Rock Fund:

Beginning in 2015, The Foundation of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Buffalo, N.Y., Inc. ("Foundation") began soliciting donations to its "Upon this Rock" ("UTR") capital and endowment campaign. The UTR campaign raised funds for many purposes, including soliciting funds for making essential upgrades to classroom facilities and technology of Christ the King Seminary ("CKS"), expanding CKS's role as a center of retreat and religious celebration, and establishing an endowment fund for CKS. Unfortunately, in early 2020, CKS's Board of Trustees determined that CKS would close at the end of the 2020-2021 academic year. CKS's closure will make it impossible for the Foundation to use the UTR funds raised for CKS for their original intended purposes. However, under New York law, when the original purposes for which funds are donated become impossible to achieve, those purposes can be modified in a manner consistent with original intent by the New York State courts. For many years, CKS provided education and formation for ordained and lay ecclesial ministers in the Diocese of Buffalo and beyond. Accordingly, the Foundation has asked the New York State Supreme Court for the County of Erie to approve a modification of the purposes of UTR funds raised for CKS so that those funds can be used to support the education and formation for ordained and lay ecclesial ministry in the Diocese of Buffalo, as determined in the discretion of the Foundation's Board. If you have donated to UTR and would like to be heard regarding this requested modification, you may send a letter to: The Foundation of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Buffalo, N.Y., Inc., attention Executive Director, 795 Main Street, Buffalo, N.Y. 14203 or an email to donor.info@frcdb.org. Copies of letters or email received by the Foundation will be provided to the Court. You may also make a formal filing in the legal proceeding entitled Matter of the Modification of Endowment Funds of The Foundation of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Buffalo N.Y., Inc., Erie County Index No. 814747/2020. In order for your submission to be available for the Court's consideration, please be sure to send any letter or email, or make any filing, no later than Friday, April 9, 2021.



- **Sunday, March 7** - Religious Education Classes
9:00 am - 10:00 am and
11:15 am - 12:30 pm
- **Friday, March 12** - Stations of the Cross - 7:00 pm
- **Saturday, March 13** - 2 PM, First Reconciliation. May God Bless all the children and may they always remain close to Jesus.
- **Saturday, March 13** - Pro-Life Prayer Group, 9:30 am, in the parking lot near the St. Teresa Statue
- **Sunday, March 14** - Religious Education Classes
9:00 am - 10:00 am and
11:15 am - 12:30 pm

A VOCATION VIEW

Who will preach the Commandments of God to the next generation? If you feel called to this ministry, contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit buffalovocations.org



Teacher: Give me a sentence which includes the words, Defense, Defeat, Detail.

Charlie: When a horse jumps over defence, defeat go first and then detail.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

"America was built on a foundation of God, as a rock of Judeo-Christian principles, on a belief that the talents and courage determinations of a properly morally compassed individual might translate into a nation of exceptionalism. America minus God equals despair. Freedom absent morality brings tyranny."

*Cheryl K. Chumley from
Christians must Rise or
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