

# St. Teresa of Avila Church Est. 1869

MARCH 14, 2021 - THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

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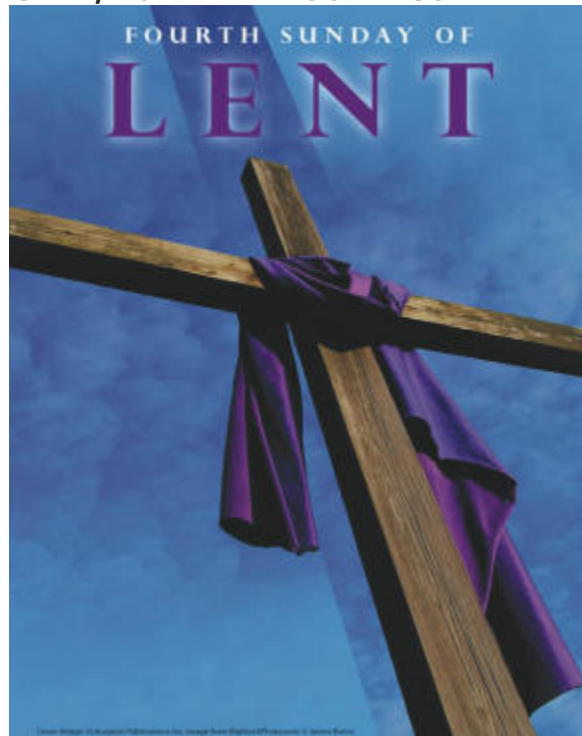
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## MISSION STATEMENT

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 15

8:00 Kathy Burt - Birthday Blessings  
by Mary Olsen

Tues., March 16

8:00 Parishioners of St. Teresa's

Wed., March 17 - St. Patrick

5:30 Msgr. Robert Williamson's  
59th Anniversary of  
Ordination into the  
Priesthood by St. Teresa's  
Women's Guild

Thurs., March 18 - St. Cyril

8:00 Gail Wangler  
by Ann Sayers

Fri., March 19 - St. Joseph

8:00 Joseph Mattioli  
by Family

Sat., March 20

9:00 Phil Wittman  
by Margaret Lucas

4:30 Ron & Glow Kintzel

65th Wedding Anniversary  
by Your Love

Sun., March 21

8:00 Alice & Leonard Rejewski  
by the Flumerfeldt Family

10:15 George & Bernice Covrig

by Arlene & Jeffrey Szczepanski



## Scripture Readings For the Week

Monday - Isaiah 65:17-21  
John 4:43-54

Tuesday - Ezekiel 47:1-9, 12  
John 5:1-16

Wednesday - Isaiah 49:8-15  
John 5:17-30

Thursday - Exodus 32:7-14  
John 5:31-47

Friday - 2 Samuel 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16  
Romans 4:13, 16-18, 22  
Matthew 1:16, 18-21, 24a

Saturday - Jeremiah 11:18-20  
John 7:40-53

Sunday - Jeremiah 31:31-34  
Hebrews 5:7-9  
John 12:20-33

**Catholic Charities Update**  
Parish Goal: 41,602  
Current Total: 25%



Thank you for your generosity!



## March 14, 2021 - 4th Sunday of Lent

Is there something to Lent that goes beyond our own spiritual house cleaning and spiritual refinement? Yes, there is! It has to do with listening and learning so that we can take up the task of the Gospel with greater clarity and fortitude. While the spiritual refocusing of Lent is necessary, the fruit of this Lenten conversion has much more to do with learning how we can be a better Church than it does about our eternal salvation. Salvation is a gift that flows out of God's unconditional Mercy and cannot be merited. The spiritual maturity we can experience as a result of our Lenten disciplines serves to reduce the anxiety and apprehension we may experience as messengers of good, but very challenging, and unsettling, news.

St. Oscar Romero said that, "a church that doesn't provoke any crises, a gospel that doesn't unsettle, a word of God that doesn't get under anyone's skin, a word of God that doesn't touch the real sin of the society in which it is being proclaimed, what gospel is that?" When we listen to those descriptive and provocative words, do they resonate with anything in our experience? As messengers of the Gospel, we are called to bring an unsettling message to the world. If our main concern is protecting our self-interests, then we are missing something huge! Many really struggle with being rejected, dismissed, or perceived as someone who is speaking out of turn. There is a counter cultural message that must be preached that clearly sides with the poor, marginalized, victimized, oppressed, neglected, disregarded, and lost souls throughout the world. There is a widespread misery among the peoples that is all too often allowed to fester with no one coming forward to offer a change or resolution.

The Church can speak to the needed structural changes that will allow people to earn just wages, feed their families and share abundantly and equally in the gifts of God's good earth. Such a vision is not some optimistic fairy tale, but the vision of the Creator himself. Lent reminds us, as St. Oscar Romero also states, that, "we are workers, not master builder, ministers, not messiahs. We are prophets of a future not our own." We are not called to labor simply for the benefit of the here and now but of the "what is to come." Our myopic vision can be replaced by a more far reaching Lenten vision that is much greater and deeper in scope. As long as we are carrying the right blueprints with us and our thoughts extend beyond ourselves, then even the little things we do and the simplest prayer we utter go a long way. They give witness to our preference for the light of Christ and not the darkness of error and sin.

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In your prayers...

For blessings on all those served by our Quilting Ministry; 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 Tordey, 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 Rev. Walter Werbicki.

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

## THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT - MARCH 14, 2021

**Religious Education** - Another name for the Church is the Body of Christ. This name helps us to see the unity of the Church. Jesus is the head and we are the members of the Body of Christ. Visit the Religious Ed website to learn more about the life offered to us in Christ Jesus, the Church he founded, the sacramental life that sustains us: [streledakron.wordpress.com](http://streledakron.wordpress.com).

**REMINDER** - There will be no confessions heard during Holy Week. See the front of the bulletin for the Reconciliation schedule.

**19th Annual Catholic Men's Conference** - "Awake, O sleeper, and rise...." (Eph. 5:14), March 20, 8:30 - 12 Noon. The conference will use a different format this year. The event will be "streamed" to 5 locations including the Our Lady of Peace Parish Center, where 50 to 100 men will gather in a COVID-compliant setting (masked, socially-distanced). No food is allowed, but we will provide bottled water. There is no charge for this half-day event. Register Online @ [www.cmfofwny.org](http://www.cmfofwny.org) or contact Mark Morgante @ 491-8469 or visit the OLP Website for more info. Fr. Walt Szczesny will offer Mass after the Conference.

**St. Teresa's Women's Guild is planning a Spring Raffle** - A beautiful, queen sized quilt in the log cabin pattern. Tickets will be sold outside of church before & after masses beginning on Easter Sunday weekend, April 3rd & April 4th. The quilt is being made by the guild's quilting group. Tickets will be \$5. A ticket or 3 tickets for \$10. The raffle will take place on the Sunday of Memorial Day weekend, May 30th, after the 10:15 Mass. The proceeds from the Spring Raffle will be used by the Women's Guild to continue their parish projects.

**Hearts and Hands, Faith in Action** is a volunteer agency providing free transportation, grocery shopping/delivery and friendly phone pals to seniors in Erie and Niagara County. Currently, we are experiencing great need for volunteers. If you are interested in learning more about Hearts and Hands or would like to volunteer, please call (716) 542-2226 or go to St. Teresa's website to watch a video on Hearts and Hands, Faith in Action or to <https://vimeo.com/502655604>.

### 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](mailto: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 14** - Religious Education Classes  
9:00 am - 10:00 am and  
11:15 am - 12:30 pm
- **Friday, March 19** - Stations of the Cross - 7:00 pm
- **REMINDER** - The Collection Barrels for the Akron/Newstead Food Pantry are in the back of church - cans of tuna fish are needed!
- **Saturday, March 20** - Pro-Life Prayer Group, 9:30 am, in the parking lot near the St. Teresa Statue
- **Sunday, March 21** - Religious Education Classes  
9:00 am - 10:00 am and  
11:15 am - 12:30 pm

### A VOCATION VIEW

"Whoever lives the truth comes to the light...." Step into the light of Jesus and hear His call in your life. If that call involves a Church vocation, contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit [buffalovocations.org](http://buffalovocations.org)



It was April and Tax Day was looming when an elderly woman showed up at my desk at the IRS. She said she required a thick stack of tax forms. "Why so many?" I asked. "My son is overseas," she said. "He asked me to pick up forms for the soldiers on the base." "You shouldn't have to do this," I told her. "It's the base commander's job to make sure that his troops have access to the forms they need." "I know," she began, "I'm the base commander's mother."



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

*"I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness In the land of the living.*

*Hope in Him, hold firm and take heart.*

*Hope in the Lord!"*

*Psalm 27*



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