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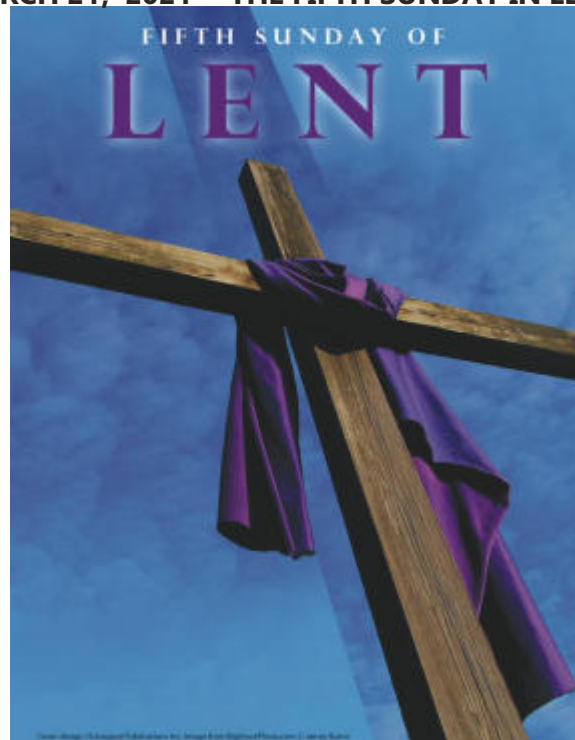
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MISSION STATEMENT

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 22

8:00 In Memory of Gertrude &
Andrew Korszykowski
by Estate of Gertrude Bartels

Tues., March 23 - St. Turibius

8:00 Olivia Khan-Birthday Blessings
by Mary Olsen

Wed., March 24

5:30 Intentions of Mary Lou
Flumerfeldt
by Steven Flumerfeldt

Thurs., March 25 - Annunciation of the
Lord

8:00 Intentions for Mothers

Fri., March 26

8:00 Don Abt
by the Kaiser Family

Sat., March 27

9:00 Parishioners of St. Teresa

4:30 Keith Kaiser
by Mom & Dad

Sun., March 28

8:00 Phil Wittman
by Jean & Jim

10:15 Gloria Rembas
by Estate



Scripture Readings For the Week

Monday - Daniel 13:1-9,15-17,19-30,33-62
John 8:1-11

Tuesday - Numbers 21:4-9
John 8:21-30

Wednesday - Daniel 3:14-20,91-92,95
John 8:31-42

Thursday - Isaiah 7:10-14;8:10
Hebrews 10:4-10
Luke 1:26-38

Friday - Jeremiah 20:10-13
John 10:31-42

Saturday - Ezekiel 37:21-28
John 11:45-56

Sunday - Isaiah 50:4-7
Philippians 2:6-11
Mark 14:1 - 15:47



March 21, 2021

5th Sunday of Lent

Any good teacher or parent will tell you that once a lesson is really learned it doesn't need to be taught again. When we internalize things we have learned, they become a part of who we are and influence how we perceive and interact with our world. The same is true for the law God has written upon our hearts. Once humanity learns this lesson, we will simply know it to be true and act accordingly. Sometimes, it is hard to get people to learn the lessons they need to learn. They are often distracted, disinterested, conflicted, misdirected, or just too stubborn and unable or unwilling to see what is right before their eyes. Understanding that God is in a loving and committed relationship with those fashioned and formed in God's own image, seems like such a simple lesson to learn. But history and experience has proven that it is not. We struggle with faith, especially when that faith asks us to learn something very particular about ourselves. We must, like a grain of wheat, fall to the ground and die. Because God's DNA is at the very core of who we are, there are specific pearls of wisdom that must be acquired before we can live a full life. One very powerful lesson is that it is not the task of the world to tell us who we are and what has meaning, but God. For many, death is not an opportunity for greater life but a permanent ending to the life they have known. Jesus knew every dimension to what it means to be fully human because he was! He knows the joys, limitations, sorrows, frustrations, wonders, suffering, opportunities, and joys of the human experience. Jesus can teach us a wealth of knowledge and life's lessons from his example, especially obedience. When we accept the law God has placed in our hearts and gain wisdom from it, then when we suffer we learn to listen more attentively to the Voice behind that law. We naturally flee to our Creator for inspiration, consolation, hope, direction, and comfort as we navigate through this time of darkness. We will not need to run from it, subdue it, fight it, or be overcome by it because we will know, having internalized this profound lesson before, that God will bring new life. God's law is love and love never fails. Even in the moments of Jesus' deepest despair, he glorified the name of his Father. What he learned allowed him to put everything in perspective and be obedient to the tender, loving Voice that echoed within. As Lent quickly winds down, may we learn the same! Then, may we gain the fortitude and wisdom to help others see what is right before their eyes.

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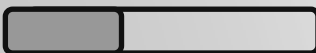
In your prayers... For the success of this year's Catholic Charities drive; we pray to the Lord.

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 departed soul of Rev. Msgr. Michael Del Vecchio.

Please also pray for the sacredness of all human life from conception until natural death.

Catholic Charities Update
Parish Goal: 41,602
Current Total: 30%



Thank you for your generosity!

THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT - MARCH 21, 2021



Reverend Arthur E. Mattulke has been appointed the new Pastor to St. Teresa's Parish and will be joining us on April 14th.

Holy Week at St. Teresa's

Holy Thursday 7:00 pm - Mass of the Lord's Supper
8:30-10:00 pm - Adoration in the Church

Good Friday 2:00 pm - Liturgy of the Lord's Passion
7:30 pm - Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday 1:00 pm - Blessings of Easter Baskets
8:00 pm - Easter Vigil Mass

Easter Sunday Masses at 8:00 am and 10:15 am

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

Religious Education - Here's an update on sacramental programs: Sacrament of Reconciliation; Children in Grade 2 received this sacrament for the first time on Saturday, March 13th. Photos are posted on the bulletin board in the back of the church and on our website stredakron.wordpress.com. Sacraments of Holy Eucharist; Children in Grade 3 are preparing to receive Jesus in Holy Communion at a special Mass at 10 am Saturday, May 15th. Sacrament of Confirmation; Candidates are looking for sponsors who meet the criteria as practicing Catholics and who receive a letter of recommendation from their parish priest.



St. Teresa's Women's Guild Spring Raffle - A beautiful, queen sized quilt in the log cabin pattern will be raffled off. Tickets will be sold outside of church before & after masses beginning Easter Sunday weekend, April 3rd & April 4th. 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 will be used by the Women's Guild to continue their parish projects.

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. Next meeting, April 7th. **All are welcome.**

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 21** - Religious Education Classes
9:00 am - 10:00 am and
11:15 am - 12:30 pm
- **Friday, March 26** - Stations of the Cross - 7:00 pm
- **Saturday, March 27** - Pro-Life Prayer Group,
9:30 am, in the parking lot near the St. Teresa Statue
- **Sunday, March 28** - Religious Education Classes
9:00 am - 10:00 am and
11:15 am - 12:30 pm
Final Class grades 7-10

A VOCATION VIEW

We are the people of God's New Covenant, and the Covenant is renewed at every Mass. Who will continue to lead this profound act of worship? If God is calling you to consider the priesthood, contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit buffalovocations.org



A motorist, driving by a Texas ranch, hit and killed a calf that was crossing the road. The driver went to the owner of the calf and explained what had happened. He then asked what the animal was worth. "Oh, about \$200 today," said the rancher. "But in six years it would have been worth \$900. So \$900 is what I'm out." The motorist sat down and wrote out a check and handed it to the farmer. "Here," he said, "is the check for \$900. It's postdated six years from now."



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

"You stretch out your hand and save me,

Your hand will do all things for me.

Your love, O Lord is eternal,

Discard not the work of your hands.

Psalm 27

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