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APRIL 25, 2021 - 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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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

- Monday, April 26**
8:00 Intentions for Fathers
- Tuesday, April 27**
8:00 Dearly Departed Souls
- Wednesday, April 28 - Sts. Peter
Chanel & Grignon de Montfort**
5:30 Michael Burt - Birthday
Blessings by *Mary Olsen*
- Thursday, April 29 - St. Catherine**
8:00 Intentions for Mothers
- Friday, April 30 - St. Pius V, Pope**
8:00 Parishioners of St. Teresa's
- Saturday, May 1 - St. Joseph**
9:00 Anna Molitor - Living
Birthday Blessings
by *Karen & Mark Molitor*
- 4:30 Anthony Scheeda
by *The Bergman Family*
- Sunday, May 2 - 5th Sunday of
Easter**
8:00 Gloria Rembas
by *Estate*
- 10:15 In Memory of Ron Kintzel
by *Your Love*



Scripture Readings For the Week

- Monday** - Acts 11:1-18
John 10:1-10
- Tuesday** - Acts 11:19-26
John 10:22-30
- Wednesday** - Acts 12:24-13:5a
John 12:44-50
- Thursday** - Acts 13:13-25
John 13:16-20
- Friday** - Acts 13:26-33
John 14:1-6
- Saturday** - Acts 13:44-52
John 14:7-14
- Sunday** - Acts 9:26-31
1 John 3:18-24
John 15:1-8

Catholic Charities Update
Parish Goal: \$41,602
Current Total: 51%

\$21,217

Thank you for your generosity!

April 25, 2021 - 4th Sunday of Easter



Any builder worth his or her salt knows the value and importance of a cornerstone. Properly laying and securing this primary unit determines how the rest of the project unfolds and its success. Cornerstones are necessary elements not only of buildings but of lives as well. Many human beings conduct the business of their lives paying little attention to a grounding reference or starting point. Hence, what unfolds is a tapestry of relativism, with few anchors or guideposts and many impulsive choices. Some consider love to be their cornerstone. While this may sound attractive and useful, the pursuit of love without a simultaneous pursuit of its source can be shallow and self-focused. Just because a person chooses to do no harm and love others does not mean that they are living in truth and properly anchored to the real cornerstone.

Jesus is the true and authentic cornerstone and shepherd. It is only in following the Risen One as the way, the truth, and the life that we can move from being well grounded ethical people to properly focused moral ones. Proper conduct, a true sense of justice, wisdom, virtue, moral principles, faith, hope, and love will be difficult to find unless we listen to the right Voice. It is when we learn to listen to the voice of God that we begin our journey on the road to salvation. It is only the Good Shepherd, the authentic and solid cornerstone, who can guide us through life's questions and challenges and bring us to the safe and proper pasture.

A person's life only has meaning when the cornerstone is properly selected and set. Understanding themselves only as random acts of creation, existing without intent or purpose, will color their choices and influence their decisions. The foundation of their lives will be simply a matter of preference and choice, leaving benchmarks of growth and higher ideals optional to pursue. Whereas people who believe that they are fashioned and loved into existence by a God who purposely made them, have this incredible unconditional relationship at their source which has tremendous significance. Their allegiance is not to themselves but to their Creator. Life, then, is an adventure in search of this Creator God and a journey of self-discovery that seeks to unite their will to His. There is a cost. We have to give up our life in order to gain our life. As ironic as that sounds, it is true. It is only when we finally figure this out that the true cornerstone of our lives will be properly laid and we can, with God's help, get about the business of properly constructing a temple that endures.

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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 John Ernst, Shirley Lantz, Baby Vivian, Liam Williams, Crystal and Leah Howard, Nancy Torody, Sister Bea Leising, Paul Schifferle, Matthew Hanlon, George Cunningham, Lorraine Sylvester, Darlene Duke and Sonny Grainy.

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

4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER - APRIL 25, 2021

Religious Education - Classes for our children continue through May 9th on Sunday mornings. Thanks to our dedicated catechists who have volunteered to shepherd each grade level, each child, every Sunday morning. As a parish we support our third grade students in prayer as we look forward to May 15th. The sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated in the fall. Please check our website stredakron.wordpress.com for more information about this sacrament and the directives for both candidates and sponsors.



May is the Month of Mary, Mother of Jesus.
The Rosary will be said before each weekday Mass.
Please arrive about 15 minutes before Mass starts.
All Are Welcome to Join Us!



St. Teresa's Women's Guild Spring Raffle - Tickets available for a chance to win a beautiful queen sized log cabin pattern quilt. \$5 for 1 or 3 for \$10. The raffle will take place on May 30th. Proceeds for the Women's Guild parish projects.

Intercessory Prayer Group Meeting - Do you have a prayer request? Simply write your intention in an envelope marked "Prayer Group" and place it in the collection basket. All are welcome, next meeting 5/5.

Chicken BBQ - St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish, Sunday, May 2, 2021, Noon - 1:30 PM or sold out, East Pembroke Hall, 8656 Church Street, East Pembroke (off Angling Road). Homemade desserts! Presale tickets available by calling 585-599-4833. Chicken by St. Max Pit Crew.

Support the Catholic Home Missions Appeal today! Right now, over 40% of dioceses in the United States and its territories are considered mission territory, because they are unable to fund essential pastoral activities needed in their communities. Your support funds religious education, seminary formation, lay ministry training, and other programs that build vibrant faith communities right here in the United States. Please be generous. More information can be found at www.usccb.org/home-missions.

Honor Your Mother in a Special Way on Mother's Day and beyond with a gift of the holy sacrifice of the Mass. Special envelopes are available in your packet of envelopes or on the tables in the back of Church. Please return them in the weekly collection basket.

Catholic Charities - These are challenging, uncertain times. Just as we have for nearly 98 years, Catholic Charities is here and ready to help. If you have an emergency need for food, mental health counseling, substance abuse treatment and more, Catholic Charities is ready. Helpline at 716-218-1419 is staffed weekdays from 8:45 to 4:45 or you can leave a message at any time. Check out our services at www.ccwny.org/services. Appeal 2021 online through June 30. To make as secure online donation, visit www.ccwny.org.donation.

Bible Study - For any participants wishing to complete the Gospel of St. Matthew study online, the online availability has been extended through March of 2022. Please call the office if you need help accessing the study.

Looking for a summer job with meaning? Become a Camp Counselor at Camp Turner. Employment begins June 27 and ends August 15. Earn a salary while making a difference. Openings for cabin counselors, horse corral, nature studies, outdoor living skills, and low ropes. Counselors must be 18. Activity Assistants (minimum age 17). Applications are available at www.CampTurnerOLV.com.



- **Sunday, April 25** - Religious Education Classes 9:00 am - 10:00 am
- **Weekend of April 24/25** - St. Teresa's Women's Guild Spring Raffle tickets available before and after Mass.
- **Saturday, May 1** - First Saturday Rosary before the 9 am Mass & Confessions from 8:15 - 8:45 and 3:30 to 4:00
- **Saturday, May 1** - Pro-Life Prayer Group, 9:30 am, in the parking lot near the St. Teresa Statue
- **Sunday, May 2** - Religious Education Classes 9:00 am - 10:00 am

A VOCATION VIEW

On this Good Shepherd Sunday we celebrate the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and religious life -- especially in our diocese. May Jesus raise up good shepherds in our midst. If you feel the call, talk with Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit buffalovocations.org.



Once a terrible golfer hit a ball onto an ant hill. He went over to the ant hill to hit the ball. No matter how hard he tried, all the golfer managed to do was to hit the ant hill and kill many ants. At last, only two ants remained. One turned to the other and said, "If we want to stay alive, we'd better get on the ball!"



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

"Brothers and sisters: Are you unaware that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? We were indeed buried with Him through baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live in the newness of life."

Letter of St. Paul to the Romans 6:3

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