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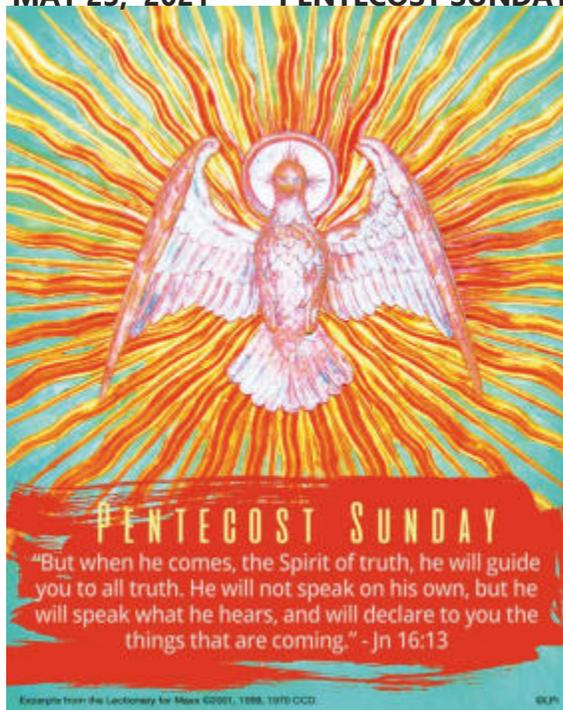
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MISSION STATEMENT

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.



MAY 23, 2021 - PENTECOST SUNDAY



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, May 24 - BVM

8:00 Rev. Daniel J. Palys
Anniversary of Ordination
by *Cindy White*

**Tuesday, May 25 - St. Bede, St. Gregory
VII & St. Mary Magdalene**

8:00 Donald Benker - Birthday
Remembrance
by *The Benker Family*

Wednesday, May 26 - St. Philip Neri

5:30 Phil Wittman
by *Charlie*

Thursday, May 27 - St. Augustine

8:00 The Benker Family

Friday, May 28

8:00 Parishioners of St. Teresa

Saturday, May 29 - St. Paul VI; BVM

9:00 John & Helen Capan
by *Daughter*

4:30 Bruce Kershenski & Wanda
Pagels by *Bergman Family*

Sunday, May 30

8:00 Paul Feldt
by *Kaiser Family*

10:15 Gloria Rembas

by *Estate*



Scripture Readings For the Week

Monday - Genesis 3:9-15, 20
John 19:25-34

Tuesday - Sirach 35:1-12
Mark 10:28-31

Wednesday - Sirach 36:1, 4-5a, 10-17
Mark 10:32-45

Thursday - Sirach 42:15-25
Mark 10:46-52

Friday - Sirach 44:1, 9-13
Mark 11:11-26

Saturday - Sirach 51:12cd-20
Mark 11:27-33

Sunday - Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40
Romans 8:14-17
Matthew 28:16-20



May 23, 2021 - Pentecost Sunday

Begin by taking a moment to calm yourself, focus on your breathing and become aware of the life force that flows through your veins. Center yourself in the words and affections of St. Augustine's Prayer to the Holy Spirit, "Breath in me, O Holy Spirit, that my thoughts may all be holy. Act in me, O Holy Spirit, that my work, too, may be holy. Draw my heart, O Holy Spirit, that I love but what is holy. Strengthen me, O Holy Spirit, to defend all that is holy. Guard me, then, O Holy Spirit, that I may always be holy." Sanctifying, bringing things to wholeness, blessing, restoring and creating are just some of the fruits of the presence of the Holy Spirit. Being filled with the Holy Spirit is not always about proclaiming loud cries of praise or singing alleluia from a roof top. It is about unfolding and encountering the ordinary in an extraordinary way. Being filled with the Holy Spirit means being filled with the fullness of God's life and in touch with the power and wonder of God's presence. It's about becoming holy. It is not just for saints or people who have a religious vocation. Holiness is for the ordinary, simple run-of-the-mill person who desires to love God, others, and all of creation. When an ordinary, humble person becomes connected with life and the wondrous power of God's love, they begin to live life more deeply, a bit more reverently, desire a simple fare and find themselves relishing in ordinary beauty. Their senses become attuned to the Author of life and they realize that they are not alone. The Holy Spirit connects all of the dots of human experience and existence, bringing everyone to center on the Divine Presence. The Holy Spirit does not just breathe "on me" but "in me" and is the force behind every breath I take. Take a moment to soak that thought in. There is the Divine Presence of the Holy Spirit in me, right now. When a person becomes in touch with truth, they know that when inspired by the Holy Spirit, his or her actions are not solely their own. They realize that they are moved by Divine Grace and drawn to things not found in secular affairs. We live in a world where it is hard to discover truth. Real truth is veiled by so many imposters that it is hard to find, especially for those who are young. It is easy to get fooled and duped and often, without full conscious awareness of doing so, we choose to walk down a path of self-absorption and destruction. It is only the Holy Spirit, through the ministry of the church most especially, who guides us to truth and shows us the way to be the graced and holy human beings God made us to be. The wonders and inspirations of today's Feast of Pentecost are necessary to share with both those we love and those who only casually cross our paths. The first disciples, touched by the Holy Spirit, brought the Gospel to the ends of the earth one step at a time. Is it unrealistic to ask that we assist in that same mission by helping people understand who they are and who God is one at a time? Ask the Holy Spirit to alleviate the fear in your heart that prevents you from doing so. ©LPi

In your prayers...

That we may be like Mary, treasuring God's words and deeds in our hearts and drawing wisdom from them for our daily lives; we pray to the Lord.

Please pray for the sick of the parish and their family members, especially Brian Hillestad, John Ernst, Shirley Lantz, Baby Vivian, Liam Williams, Crystal and Leah Howard, Nancy Tordy, Sister Bea Leising, Paul Schifferle, Matthew Hanlon, George Cunningham, Lorraine Sylvester, and Darlene Duke.

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

Catholic Charities Update

Parish Goal: \$41,602

Current Total: 75%

\$30,931

Thank you for your generosity!

PENTECOST SUNDAY - MAY 23, 2021

Religious Education - Today is Pentecost Sunday. The scriptures offer several images of the Holy Spirit: "a strong driving wind," "tongues of fire," breath, Advocate. Many passages in the Acts of the Apostles refer to the disciples calling on the Spirit, being filled with the Spirit and directed by the Holy Spirit. Today the Holy Spirit who is the Breath of God in us, urges us Christians to go out into the world like a strong wind, or a gentle whisper, or a burning fire, bringing a message of love, truth, and mercy, and serving as advocates for justice.



Congratulations To Our 2021 First Holy Communion Class

Andrew Borden, Cameron Cena,
Alexander Kempston, Grace Lotz,
Sophia Mast, Benjamin Moreland,
Gwendolyn Mruk, Liam Reigle

Timau Mission Report - Sister Joanne is pleased to report that the babies & toddlers in the St. Teresa's Milk & Porridge Program are all doing well. Our donation of \$10,023 in November 2020 is feeding 33 children for a year. The little ones are growing & their overall well being is improving. The children are weighed & measured every 2 weeks and parents also attend a class to teach them about good nutrition. Each child is receiving 2 servings of a multi-grain porridge, a fruit and vegetable & 2 cups of milk daily. Sister wants all the parishioners to know that their generous donations are helping children in Timau to develop into healthy, happy youngsters and that you are all remembered in the prayers of those at the mission and the sisters. Please watch for pictures from Timau in the narthex in the next few weeks.

Attention Cemetery Plot Owners: The water is turned on in the cemetery. Please remember that we do not have garbage cans in the cemetery, so all garbage needs to be taken with you when you leave.



Drive Thru Chicken BBQ - June 6th, Noon to 1 pm, pre-order only, with tickets available after Mass through May 30th, \$12 each. Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Council 13661. Pick up at St. Teresa or Our Lady of Peace.



St. Teresa's Women's Guild Spring Raffle - Tickets available after mass on 5/29 & 30 or at Pixley's on 5/22 & 29 for a chance to win a beautiful queen sized quilt. \$5 for 1 or 3 for \$10. The raffle will be held on Sunday, May 30th. Proceeds for the Women's Guild parish projects.

Field Day at Our Lady of Peace Parish, Sunday, June 6th, 11 am - 1 pm. Held in the field behind the Church, 10950 Main St., Clarence. Fun and games for all ages! Hosted by Our Lady of Peace Youth Ministry.

New Grounds Committee - Calling anyone interested in being a part of our Parish Life to join a group which will help coordinate the care of our beautiful church grounds. A little landscape or garden knowledge is helpful. Meet once in the spring and once in the fall. Call the office during regular office hours if you are interested!



The father is telling his son stories to help him sleep. The only sound is the murmur of dad's voice. Two hours pass, and there's silence in the room. The mother creeps to the door and whispers, "Is he asleep, dear?" "Yes, Mommy," says her son.



- **Weekend of May 22/23** - Knights of Columbus Chicken BBQ tickets available before and after mass
- **Saturday, May 29** - Pro-Life Prayer Group, 9:30 am, in the parking lot near the St. Teresa Statue

A VOCATION VIEW

The Holy Spirit sends His seven-fold gift to us: wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, fear of the Lord. What better way to use these gifts than as a priest, deacon, or religious brother/sister? If God is inviting you to a Church vocation, call Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit buffalovocations.org.



Prayer for Vocations

God our Father, we thank you for calling men and women to serve in your Son's Kingdom as sisters, brothers and religious priests. Renew their knowledge and love of you, and send your Holy Spirit to help them respond generously and courageously to your will. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

"He who knows how to forgive prepares for himself many graces from God. As often as I look upon the cross, so often will I forgive with all my heart."

Saint Faustina from the book The Dairy of St. Faustina Maria Kowalska

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