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JULY 25, 2021 - THE 17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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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, July 26 - Sts. Joachim & Anne

8:00 Lorraine Wilson  
by Flumerfeldt Family

Tuesday, July 27

8:00 Intentions for Mothers

Wed., July 28

5:30 Mary Labun  
by Flumerfeldt Family

Thursday, July 29 - St. Martha

8:00 Intentions for Fathers

Friday, July 30 -- St. Peter Chrysologus

8:00 Parishioners of St. Teresa's

Saturday, July 31 - St. Ignatius

9:00 George Cunningham  
by Flumerfeldt Family

4:30 Thomas Schumacher  
by Wife & Children

Sunday, August 1

8:00 In Memory of Howard Tobin  
by Brian Tobin

10:15 George Cunningham

by Kathleen Scanish



### Scripture Readings For the Week

Monday - Exodus 32:15-24, 30-34  
Matthew 13:31-35

Tuesday - Exodus 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28  
Matthew 13:36-43

Wednesday - Exodus 34:29-35  
Matthew 13:44-46

Thursday - Exodus 40:16-21, 34-38  
John 11:19-27

Friday - Leviticus 23:1, 4-11, 15-16,  
27, 34b-37  
Matthew 13:54-58

Saturday - Leviticus 25:1, 8-17  
Matthew 14:1-12

Sunday - Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15  
Ephesians 4:17, 20-24  
John 6:24-35



There are openings in the daily and weekend Mass schedule during the upcoming months. Please contact the rectory if you wish to schedule a mass.



July 25, 2021  
17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. Oscar Romero said, "We cannot do everything, and there is a sense of liberation in realizing that. This enables us to do something and to do it very well. It may be incomplete, but it is the beginning, a step along the way, an opportunity for the Lord's grace to enter and do the rest." There were a group of ladies many years ago who made quilts. They were beautiful creations reflecting inspirational designs artfully composed from the simple scraps of fabric each woman would bring to their individual pieces. There was no plan for the finished project as each finished work became the combined creation of what each woman contributed. They abounded in vibrant colors and dazzled the beholder with intricate patterns and their myriad textures. They were so beautiful that they became coveted family treasures passed from generation to generation. Those women never realized the power of their work. Countless babies rested in the comfort of those quilts warmly nestled in the legacy of tradition they were fortunate to inherit. They adorned countless homes with their beauty and brought joy and solace to many faces. We cannot do everything. We are not meant to. Our work in life is to contribute our individual piece, a piece that reflects the unique thumbprint I claim as my own. We only have to do small things well. Then, as St. Oscar Romero reminds us, the Lord's grace will enter and do the rest. We have to trust that this is true just as those women trusted in the eventual beauty of their final work. Eucharistic blessings are blessings that start small and multiply. We all come to life with only a few loaves of bread and a few fish. Not any single one of us has all that it takes to transform our world. Who knows what God will do with the little we have and how many will benefit from our kindness, compassion, wisdom, courage, conviction, love, warmth, zeal, faith, and hope? That young lad never dreamed that his few leftovers would do all that they did. God shows up in unexpected ways! Where would life's adventure and fun be if it were any other way? Being able to be part of bringing God's creative, transforming, healing to the world opens us up to wonder, awe, and excitement! We can all bring our little piece to the bigger work of God that can result in being a coveted jewel passed generation to generation. This is good news indeed! Bread and wine transform into Christ's Body and Blood and we become what we eat. Trust that.

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In your prayers...

For safe travels and leisure for all vacationers and family picnics; we pray to the Lord...

Please pray for the sick of the parish and their family members, especially David Ribbeck, Nancy O'Donnell, John Ernst, Shirley Lantz, Baby Vivian, Liam Williams, Crystal and Leah Howard, Nancy Tordy, Sister Bea Leising, Paul Schifferle, Matthew Hanlon, Lorraine Sylvester, Sonny Grainy and Darlene Duke.

Please continue to pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, religious life, the diaconate and lay ministries, and that the Lord guide the work of the hands of vocation directors, especially our own Fr. Dave Baker.

**July 24/25 is Mission Appeal Sunday in St. Teresa's.**

**This year I invite you to support the missionary work of Prelature of Esquel (Patagonia) in the country of our Pope Francis, Argentina. Without funds collected during Mission Appeal Prelature of Esquel cannot sustain its pastoral work e.g. evangelization activities, children and youth catechetical programs, lay ministry training and help for the poor.**

**Your Mission Cooperative Preacher will be Fr. Marcin Gacek who helps to raise moneys that are much needed to build newly created Prelature of Esquel.**

**Your support during this time of struggle is greatly appreciated. Thank you for your prayers and contributions.**

**Thank you for your generous support to help the Prelature of Esquel in Argentina.**

**May God bless you and your loved ones!**

**Most Rev. Joseph Slaby**



- **Wednesday Evening, July 28 -** Gardening will continue along the south side of the church.
- **Saturday, July 31 -** Pro-Life Prayer Group, 9:30 am, in the parking lot near the St. Teresa Statue

**A VOCATION VIEW**

St. Paul encouraged the Ephesians to “live in a manner worthy of the call you have received.” But what exactly is that calling? It’s different for everyone. If your calling is a Church vocation, contact Father Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit [buffalovocations.org](http://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.

**Religious Education - A Child’s Prayer for Grandparents**

Dear God, please bless my grandparents. Thank you for the life they gave my parents and for the life they give to me. For the ways they helped me and made me strong, I give thanks. For the ways they love me no matter what, I rejoice. For the ways they have paved the road that leads me here, I am grateful. Let them grow in wisdom and joy in life. Let them find peace and rest from their work. Let them be healed of every sickness and pain. And let them see with their own eyes your glory and the love of their children and grandchildren. Bless them always until they come to rest in you.

**Are you interested in becoming a lector at a weekend mass here at St. Teresa’s?** If you are an adult and feel you may have the gift of proclaiming and would like to learn more about becoming a lector, please email [stteresasofakron@verizon.net](mailto:stteresasofakron@verizon.net).



**Welcome Jack & Vera Christie -** On July 11th we welcomed Jack & Vera Christie into our faith community through the saving waters of Baptism. Jack and Vera are the twin children of Alexx and Mary Christie of Akron. Congratulations and God’s richest blessings to the entire family!



**Save the Date -** The Parish Picnic is Scheduled for Sunday, August 15th following the 10:15 mass! Tickets cost \$1 and are available after each mass this weekend.

**School is out? Not at Catholic Charities.** If you’re ready to earn your high school equivalency diploma or become career ready, contact our Department of Workforce and Education at 716-893-3500. Services offered for youths and adults in Erie and Niagara counties include tutoring, high school equivalency preparation instruction, basic skills upgrades, employment readiness preparation, post-secondary school education planning and more. To learn more, call 716-893-3500. For more information on Catholic Charities and other services and programs we provide, visit [www.ccwny.org](http://www.ccwny.org). Join us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.



Two guys on a double bike where pedaling up a hill. It took forever to get to the top. When they finally got to the top the first guy said in a pant, “Whew, that was so hard.” The second replied, “Yeah, good thing I was pushing the brakes the whole time or we would have rolled down backwards.”



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:**

*“God wouldn’t have given us an intellect, if He didn’t want us to think straight.”*

*Msgr. Ronald Knox  
from his book  
In Soft Garments*

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