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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

Sunday Liturgies8:00 AM, 10:15 AM
Saturday Vigil.....4:30 PM
Daily Mass8:00 AM, except Wednesday 5:30 PM
Saturday9:00 AM
Vigil of Holy Days5:30 PM
Holy Days8:00 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, August 2 - St. Eusebius &
St. Peter Julian Eymard

8:00 Living Intentions of
Vittorio Bueme
Love Mom

Tuesday, August 3

8:00 Special Intention
by Jim & Mary Schneider

Wed., August 4 - St. John Vianney

5:30 Benker Family
by Estate

Thursday, August 5

8:00 Parishioners of St. Teresa's

Friday, August 6 - Transfiguration of
the Lord

8:00 Intentions of Fathers

Saturday, August 7 - St. Sixtus II &
St. Cajetan

9:00 Alfred Strollo
by Family

4:30 Anniversary Blessings -
Maria & Faizal Kahn
by Mary Olsen

Sunday, August 8

8:00 In Memory of Richard Tobin
by Brian Tobin

10:15 George & Bernice Covrig
*by Arlene & Jeffrey
Szczepanski*



Scripture Readings For the Week

Monday - Numbers 11:4b-15
Matthew 14:13-21

Tuesday - Numbers 12:1-13
Matthew 14:22-36

Wednesday - Numbers 13:1-2, 25-
14:1, 26a-29a, 34-35
Matthew 15:21-28

Thursday - Numbers 20:1-13
Matthew 16:13-23

Friday - Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14
2 Peter 1:16-19
Mark 9:2-10

Saturday - Deuteronomy 6:4-13
Matthew 17:14-20

Sunday - 1 Kings 19:4-8
Ephesians 4:30-5:2
John 6:41-51

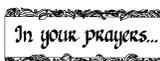


August 1, 2021
18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"You cannot see the forest for the trees" is a widely known saying that can bring wisdom to our understanding of our journey. Often, our sight becomes limited to what is immediately before us. We lose touch with lessons and experiences from the past and promises and hope for the future. As human beings, we have the privilege of being able to choose things. What I like and don't like, want, and don't want can be major preoccupations of our minds and hearts. Our preferences and desires begin to define us more than the simple fact of our being. Who we are matters more than what we are or what we have. If we don't move beyond the external and superficial stuff to what really is of essence, we risk becoming very unsettled, disorientated, angry, and unhappy. We fail to see the bigger picture of hope and promise that lies ahead and the Divine Presence that has sustained and carried us before.

We like it when the "now" time of our lives satisfy us. Even the people who witnessed Jesus feed the five thousand got confused and distracted. It felt good when thousands of people were able to eat. They wanted to know what they could do to get this to happen again! But Jesus quickly reminds them that this is not the point of this sign. As much as the now time of our lives is of concern, it is not what is ultimately important. We need to learn the difference between being and doing, drawing more strength from who we are and who God is rather than what is happening around us and the choices we can make. Jesus is the true bread that came down from heaven. Jesus is the very incarnate presence of God who sustains life and assures us that we will not perish. This is not easy to understand and feel. We have to practice being in the presence of ourselves, others, creation, and God. We are brought to a holy place when we encounter the sacredness of being. This is real prayer.

Then, we learn to trust. It is when we cease trusting that we start to become afraid, uncertain, apprehensive, and doubtful, and overly self-concerned. We even start to grumble. God has our back. That is the essential powerful message of the living bread come down from heaven. God, who is alpha is also omega, the beginning and the end, and has everything in between in his care as well. A woman once remarked that her most powerful God moment happened when she and her husband cuddled with their new baby for a time. Without exchanging words and using only the affection communicated through sight and touch, they rested in being with each other. This brought them to the sacred, where they realized that a greater Being was with them. It was real. They knew that they were part of something bigger, intimate, and profound. When we rest in the Living Source of life, we will find that our souls are no longer hungry or thirsty. ©LPi



For those communities and individuals whose lives have been damaged by the fires out west; we pray to the Lord...

Please pray for the sick of the parish and their family members, especially 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 pray for the repose of the soul of David Ribbeck.

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

2021 Mission Appeal

Dear Parishioners of St. Teresa of Avila Parish, Akron, NY,

On behalf of Bishop Jose Slaby and the people of Prelature of Esquel in Argentina (Patagonia) I want to thank you for your prayers and generous support last weekend. Your donation to the Mission Appeal will help ensure that the Gospel is spread and reaches even to "the end of the earth". Thank you for helping build from scratch Prelature of Esquel.

Thanks to your support poor and underprivileged can experience the joy of the Gospel that brings true hope in theirs very challenging life. Be assured that you will be always remembered in our prayers.

May God bless you all!

Fr. Marcin Gacek



- **Wednesday - August 4** - Gardening along the front of the school.
- **Wednesday, August 4** - Intercessory Prayer Group meets after the 5:30 Mass in the school hall.
- **Saturday, August 7** - Pro-Life Prayer Group, 9:30 am, in the parking lot near the St. Teresa Statue

A VOCATION VIEW

Manna in the desert - this miraculous gift was only a sign of the more amazing Bread From Heaven that Jesus would later give us in His Body & Blood, a supreme gift which continues through the ministry of priests. To be part of this otherworldly ministry, contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit: buffalovocations.org.



Don't go out when it's raining spiders. You risk getting caught in a tarantula downpour.



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

"Raising children with prayer and the sacraments and liturgical living in a faithful Catholic home is, unfortunately, not a guarantee that they'll never err or stray as they get older. But it means that if they do, they'll have the graces and good habits (and their mother's prayers) tugging them back toward faith and family."

Kendra Tierney, from her book The Catholic All Year Prayer Companion

Religious Education - Confirmation - Are you ready? Just when you think "Oh, I still have time..." No, it is not too early to think about and prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Parents, please refer to the pages regarding requirements on our website: streledakron.wordpress.com



Fr. Art's vacation is August 21st to the 31st. There will be no daily Masses held at St. Teresa's during his vacation. Please join our sister Parishes for daily Mass. Fr. Dave Borowiak will be present for the weekend Masses.

Intercessory Prayer Group meets Immediately following the 5:30 Mass in the Parish Hall August 4th. Prayer requests may be placed in the collection basket in an envelope marked "Prayer Group". All are welcome to join us to share intercessions, prayers, scripture & hymns.



Have you signed up for the Parish Picnic? FREE GIFT to the first 250 people to sign up! The Picnic will be held Sunday, August 15th, following the 10:15 mass!

Theme Basket Auction - St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish, Saturday, August 14th, 18 West Main St., Corfu, under the tent, 2-7.

Sunday marks the start of World Breastfeeding Week! Catholic Charities Women, Infants and Children (WIC) nutrition program offers breastfeeding education and support to expectant and new mothers. WIC also provides nutrition education and counseling, prenatal and postpartum support, referrals and eWIC benefit cards. To connect with Catholic Charities WIC, call 716-218-1484 or visit www.ccnw.org/WIC.

Our Lady of Peace Youth Ministry invites the youth of St. Teresa's - Grades 6-12 - to attend **Worship Worthy Wednesdays** with Prayer, Service, Lunch And FUN!! Wednesdays from 11A-1P during the summer. Meet at the entrance to the church.

40 Hours of Devotion - St. Maximilian Kolbe, August 12-14, in honor of St. Maximilian Kolbe. August 12 - Mass to begin the 40 Hours at 7PM in the Corfu Church along with Adoration. August 13th, 6:30PM Recitation of the Rosary followed by Evening Prayer, Reflection and Confessions (outside, weather permitting). August 14th, Noon Mass to close the 40 Hours of Devotion in the Corfu Church. Please join us when you can and sign up to spend an hour with our Lord. Contact the parish office for open times.

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