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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.

AUGUST 8, 2021 - THE 19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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
<i>Saturday</i>	5:30 PM
<i>Vigil of Holy Days</i>	9:00 AM
<i>Holy Days</i>	5:30 PM
	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, August 9 - St. Teresa Benedicta**
8:00 Intentions of Fathers
- Tuesday, August 10 - St. Lawrence**
8:00 Intentions of Mothers
- Wed., August 11 - St. Clare**
5:30 Gloria Rembas
by Estate
- Thursday, August 12 - St. Jane**
8:00 Intentions of Mothers
- Friday, August 13 - Sts. Pontain & Hippolytus**
8:00 Dearly Departed Souls
- Saturday, August 14 - St. Maximilian Kolbe**
9:00 Intentions of Fathers
- 4:30 Thomas Schmacher
by Wife & Children
- Sunday, August 15 - Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary**
8:00 Mary Patricia Paxon
by Bill Paxon & Susan Molinari
- 10:15 Parishioners of St. Teresa's



Scripture Readings For the Week

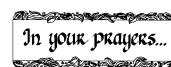
- Monday** - Deuteronomy 10:12-22
Matthew 17:22-27
- Tuesday** - 2 Corinthians 9:6-10
John 12:24-26
- Wednesday** - Deuteronomy 34:1-12
Matthew 18:15-20
- Thursday** - Joshua 3:7-10a,11,13-17
Matthew 18:21-19:1
- Friday** - Joshua 24:1-13
Matthew 19:3-12
- Saturday** - Joshua 24:14-29
Matthew 19:13-15
- Sunday** - Revelation 11:19a,12:1-6a,10ab
1 Corinthians 15:20-27
Luke 1:39-56



August 8, 2021
19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The lens through which we view life makes a difference. It also determines who we choose to learn from and what we allow to shape our thoughts and feelings. For many, life is simply what it appears to be, a given that either through evolution or some other means just came to be. There is no apparent rhyme or reason to things and things can be dissected and understood only in terms of what they empirically present. To the person using this lens, a tree is a tree and a flower is a flower. Their composition and existence can be understood only to the extent that current human knowledge allows. Through this lens, what gives life purpose and meaning? This lens has an essentially unknown beginning and definite end. Once those are accepted, the middle becomes some kind of pursuit of happiness, with values and principles being things that are self-created and found acceptable. But there is a Divine lens that also exists and deserves mention. It is found when one stumbles upon faith and begins to see things differently. This lens is of God and reveals a Divine Energy and Life that flows through and in all things. Faith then shows us that all that lives come from this one Source of Love. This is the only true lens that can give human beings the purpose and meaning they desperately need. From this perspective, all of life is much more than what is immediately apparent! It now tells and reveals a story about God generous, creative, and unconditional love! The unfolding of the human story is the unfolding of God's story. What meaning our lives have when they are viewed as a part of God's love affair with humanity! We are indeed special. The lens of our faith asks us to learn from Jesus Christ. Jesus, as the real Bread of Life, shows us our eternal destiny and completes and frames our lives. It is only in allowing ourselves to be taught by Jesus, that faith, hope, and love take on much greater importance. All the relationships in our lives are now structured and ordered using God's primary commandment of love. Jesus, then, is not just some man who lived at some point in history. Jesus is the incarnate Son of God who shows us the way, the truth, and the life. Using this lens changes things up a great deal. Looking at the creation that surrounds you and the special unique people you love, what is God trying to teach you about His love for you and the eternal life He wants you to have?

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For those communities and individuals whose lives have been effected by drought; we pray to the Lord...

Please pray for the sick of the parish and their family members, especially Bob Tiedt, Sophia Benintende, 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 Grani and Darlene Duke.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Thelma Hay.

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

THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - AUGUST 8 2021

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

St. Teresa's Bible Study - Are you interested in joining a new Bible Study? Plans are in the works to begin again in the fall. The study will take place on Monday evenings or Thursday mornings. Please call the Rectory to sign up today!

Fully Alive Eucharistic Adoration - Friday, August 13th the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed from 7:30 - 9:00 p.m. Come for as long or short a visit as you wish during this peaceful time of Adoration. Closing Benediction takes place at 9 p.m. This event is held on the second Friday of each month.

Important Notice Fr. Art's vacation is August 22nd 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. Our Lady of Peace in Clarence has weekday Mass on Mon 8:00 am, Tue-Thu 6:30 & 8:00 am, Fri 6:30 am. St. Maximilian Kolbe weekday Mass is Monday and Friday - 8:00 AM at Corfu Site; Tuesday and Thursday - 8:00 AM at East Pembroke Site; Wednesday - 7:00 PM at Corfu Site. Fr. Dave Borowiak will be present for the weekend Masses.

Mark Your Calendars: The Diocese of Buffalo Annual Golden Anniversary Special Mass will take place on Sunday, October 24th, at St. Joseph's Cathedral. The Diocese of Buffalo invites all married couples who are celebrating their 50th, 60th or 70th anniversaries to this very special Mass. For more information, please contact the Rectory.

PARTY PICNIC Last chance to sign up for the Parish Picnic! The Picnic will be held Sunday, August 15th, following the 10:15 mass!

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.

Ministers for August - Extraordinary Ministers of Communion: 4:30 pm - Tim Bergman; 8:00 am - Susan Brown; 10:15 am - Sister Gerard; Lectors: 4:30 pm - Wendy Bergman; 8:00 am - Wally Smith; 10:15 am - Karen Stachowiak

 Kenny, a city boy, moved to the country and purchased a car from a farmer for \$100. The farmer agreed to deliver the car the following day. The next morning, the farmer drove up and said, "Sorry, son, but I have some bad news. The car broke down." "OK, well, just return my money to me," Kenny said. "Sorry, can't do that," said the farmer. "I already spent it." "OK then, just unload the car," said Kenny. "Whatcha gonna do with it?" asked the farmer. "I'm going to raffle it off," Kenny replied. "You can't raffle off a broken-down car!" the farmer exclaimed. "Of course I can," replied Kenny. "Watch me. I just won't tell anybody it doesn't work." A few weeks later, the farmer met up with Kenny and asked, "So, what happened with the car?" "I raffled it off. I sold 500 tickets at two dollars a piece and made a profit of \$898.00," explained Kenny. "Didn't anyone complain?" inquired the farmer. Kenny proudly replied, "Just the guy who won. So, I gave him his two dollars back."



- **Wednesday, August 11** - Gardening along the front of the school.
- **Friday, August 13** - Fully Alive Adoration, 7:30 in the Church
- **Saturday, August 14** - Pro-Life Prayer Group, 9:30 am, in the parking lot near the St. Teresa Statue
- **Sunday, August 15** - Parish Picnic following the 10:15 Mass

A VOCATION VIEW

Nothing was more radical & shocking than Jesus' words in John 6, "the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world." His true Body and Blood in the Holy Eucharist -- this is the great mission and privilege of the priesthood. Sound intriguing? 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:

As Catholic men, we are called to be Christlike servant-leaders in our homes, in our workplaces, and in our parishes. In whatever circumstances we find ourselves, we should seek first the growth of those around us through service, remembering the words of Jesus: 'Whoever would be great among you must be your servant.'

*Sam Guzman, from the book *The Catholic Gentleman**

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