

# St. Teresa of Avila Church Est. 1869

**AUGUST 29, 2021 - THE 22ND 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**

*Sunday Liturgies* .....8:00 AM, 10:15 AM  
*Saturday Vigil*.....4:30 PM  
*Daily Mass* .....8:00 AM, except Wednesday 5:30 PM  
*Saturday* .....9:00 AM  
*Vigil of Holy Days* .....5:30 PM  
*Holy Days* .....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

Wed., September 1

5:30 Irene Swift  
by Bernadette Connolly

Thursday, September 2

8:00 Intentions for Fathers

Friday, September 3 - St. Gregory the Great

8:00 Parishioners of St. Teresa'

Saturday, September 4 - BVM

9:00 Andrew Molitor - Living  
Birthday Blessings

4:30 Dearly Departed Souls

Sunday, September 5

8:00 Mary Patricia Paxon  
by Bill Paxon & Susan  
Molinari

10:15 Dick Thoma - 1st  
Anniversary of Death  
by Barb Thoma & Family



### Scripture Readings For the Week

Monday - 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18  
Luke 4:16-30

Tuesday - 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6, 9-11  
Luke 4:31-37

Wednesday - Colossians 1:1-8  
Luke 4:38-44

Thursday - Colossians 1:9-14  
Luke 5:1-11

Friday - Colossians 1:15-20  
Luke 5:33-39

Saturday - Colossians 1:21-23  
Luke 6:1-5

Sunday - Isaiah 35:4-7a  
James 2:1-5  
Mark 7:31-37



**MASS INTENTIONS** There are openings in the daily and weekend Mass schedule during the up coming months. Please contact the rectory to schedule a mass.



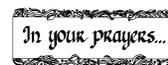
August 29, 2021  
22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Albert Einstein said that the "true measure of intelligence is not knowledge but imagination." Being a disciple of Jesus Christ requires a great deal of imagination. It is not enough to simply attend to facts, rules and rituals and consider the job done. Quite contrarily, the Gospels demands creativity, of trying to discern how to put flesh on the Beatitudes and properly serve God's children. Jesus never doled out a top down agenda. Not once did he ever demand conformity over conversion or sacrifice over mercy. The Gospel is always about putting people in touch with their compassionate, forgiving, and unconditionally loving God and meeting them where they are.

For Jesus, it often meant breaking a few rules. Well respected and time-honored traditions had to be set aside in order to attend to what really mattered. God's compassion, mercy and true conversion were always the trump cards. The story of the Good Samaritan, healing on the Sabbath, and bypassing of purification rituals all display this theme. Human beings can get too hung up on protocol and tradition. This is so much so that often preserving all of these things is of greater concern than the beggar knocking on our door or the sinner looking for mercy. It is no wonder, then, that we can easily become hypocritical. Many can see us on our knees in prayer while our true heart and actions, rooted in judgment and self-preservation, are hidden from others. It is a trap into which we can easily fall. Who cares how we live our lives as long as our hands are properly washed!

Here enters the need for imagination and the distinction of truly being a wise and intelligent person. It takes a good measure of creativity and a lot of guts to really be a doer of God's word and not merely a hearer. Being a person who doesn't just tell people about God but shows people God requires courage and ingenuity. That's why people like St. Francis of Assisi and St. Teresa of Calcutta are timeless. Their genuineness speaks volumes generation to generation. It's risky business taking the step to allow God into our hearts. Permitting God to release us from the grip of our evil thoughts, infidelity, greed, malice, sexual improprieties, licentiousness, envy, arrogance, folly, and the like takes courage. That's why we prefer to spend our energy rearranging the future rather than take measures to secure a foundation that is most certainly crumbling.

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For those communities and individuals whose lives have been damaged by the flooding due to tropical storms or hurricanes; 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, Martha Cunningham, Liam Williams, Gail and Charlie Pisarek, Nancy Tordey, Sister Bea Leising, Paul Schifferle, Matthew Hanlon, Lorraine Sylvester.

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.

**Please Note:** The office will be closed for Labor Day Weekend from Thursday, September 2 thru Monday, September 6.

## THE TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - AUGUST 29, 2021

**Religious Education** - We look forward to welcoming the children of our parish family for "in person" classes beginning on Sunday, September 12, 2021. Classrooms are scrubbed and desks are sanitized and all recommendations for the health and safety of the children and catechists will be followed. Remember to register before the first week of classes. Please visit our website to view the calendar for this school year. Both the website and our new phone # are listed on the front page of this bulletin.

**Are you interested in joining a new Group Study?** The Search, which examines the great big story of everything—life and death, sorrow and happiness, science and faith, will take place on Monday evenings or Thursday mornings. Please call the Rectory or use the sheet in the narthex to sign up today! Cost for a workbook is \$15. The first class will be held Mon., September 27th or Thur., September 30th.

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

**St. Teresa's Youth Ministry – 8<sup>th</sup> grade to 12<sup>th</sup> grade students** – meeting at the Parish Hall this Sunday from 6:30 to 8 pm. Come learn about all the activities we are scheduling for the year; Trunk or Treats, Breakfast w/Santa, Christmas Tree Lighting, Bonfires, Campouts, Retreats, and much more!

**JOY!! Magnificat Ministry to Women** prayer breakfasts are returning! Enjoy a morning of prayer, testimony, and praise on September 11, 2021. Guest speaker, Arlene Meyerhofer, a local Catholic woman and covenanted member of the People of Praise Community, will offer words of encouragement and, perhaps, a bit of humor, as we face the challenges of life with a strong focus on the power of the Holy Spirit. **WHEN:** September 11, 2021 Registration opens 9:00 AM; Seating 9:15AM; program begins 9:45AM - approximately 12:10. **PLACE:** Millennium Hotel, 2040 Walden Avenue, Cheektowaga, NY 14222 **PRE-REGISTRATION** is required! Advance registration \$20.00 (postmark by August 28(\$25.00 thereafter) Checks payable to **MAGNIFICAT-BUFFALO** c/o Maureen Wilson. 303 Meyer RD. Apt. #1403, West Seneca, NY 14224 [www.facebook.com/magnificatbuffalo](http://www.facebook.com/magnificatbuffalo) or call Maureen 716-683-2290.

**Intercessory Prayer Group** meets Immediately following the 5:30 Mass in the Parish Hall September 1st. 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.

**Mark your calendars** - St. Teresa's Chili Cook Off - Sunday, October 17th from 5 to 7 pm. Enter your chili recipe or come be a judge. More information to come.

### Ministers for September

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion: 4:30 pm - Joseph Berman; 8:00 am - Randy Bergman; 10:15 am - Lisa Reigle; Lectors: 4:30 pm - Tom Bergman; 8:00 am - Karen Molitor; 10:15 am - Wally Smith



A Policeman came to my door yesterday and asked, "Where were you between four and six?" So I said, "Probably in kindergarten or first grade."



- **Wednesday - September 1** - Gardening at the St. Teresa statue.
- **Wednesday, September 1** - Intercessory Prayer Group meets after the 5:30 Mass in the school hall.
- **Saturday, September 4** - Pro-Life Prayer Group, 9:30 am, in the parking lot near the St. Teresa Statue
- **Sunday, September 5** - Youth group meets from 6:30-8 In the Parish Hall

### A VOCATION VIEW

As Catholics, we believe that God has shown us the best way to live. Who will share Gods' plan for fulfillment with those who are lost? If you feel called to take up this mission, contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit [buffalovocations.org](http://buffalovocations.org).

**COME AND SEE**  
Each week starting Tuesday September 7th  
In the Church - On the large screen  
7:00 pm to 8:30 pm

**The CHOSEN**  
Nativity of the BVM  
Main St. & Harris Hill



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

*"Jesus didn't come for the healthy; He came for the sick. Jesus didn't come for the cleaned up and the self-righteous; He came for the dirty and sinful. Jesus didn't come for the self-sufficient; He came for the people who needed a rescue."*

*Lisa Benninkmeyer, from the devotional Rest: 31 Days of Peace*

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