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SEPTEMBER 5, 2021 - THE 23RD 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 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, September 6

8:00 Nick Borth Birthday
Blessings
by Mary Olsen

Tuesday, September 7

8:00 Pat Lederhouse
By Deborah Ciaudella

Wednesday, September 8 - Nativity
of the Blessed Virgin Mary

5:30 Gloria Rembas
by Estate

Thursday, September 9 - St. Peter
Claver

8:00 Intentions of Mothers

Friday, September 10

8:00 Parishioners of St. Teresa's

Saturday, September 11 - BVM

9:00 Lia Dziomba Birthday
Blessings
by Mary Olsen

4:30 Henry Raykowski
by Rich Raykowski

Sunday, September 12

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

10:15 Luca Khan Birthday Blessings
by Mary Olsen



Scripture Readings For the Week

Monday - Colossians 1:24-2:3
Luke 6:6-11

Tuesday - Colossians 2:6-15
Luke 6:12-19

Wednesday - Micah 5:1-4a
Matthew 1:1-16, 18-23

Thursday - Colossians 3:12-17
Luke 6:27-38

Friday - 1 Timothy 1:1-2, 12-14
Luke 6:39-42

Saturday - 1 Timothy 1:15-17
Luke 6:43-49

Sunday - Isaiah 50:4c-9a
James 2:14-18
Mark 8:27-35



September 5, 2021
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

From the time we are born into this world until we die, our human radar picks up signals about how to respond to life. What we picked up on when we were very young carries an even greater power. The messages we receive and process tell us what we are "supposed" to do with our feelings, how to understand and cope with disappointment, anxiety, failure, death, illness, and what to expect out of life. As life unfolds for us, these radar messages kick in and resonate in us at very deep levels. Sometimes what we have learned is helpful and sometimes it is not. The stories we have been told, especially when we are young, about how life is best lived and how to negotiate its pain carry a heavy weight. Life can be challenging and frightening. Sometimes, it really hurts to be a human being. It also can be quite unpredictable and, at times, unfair. We face our vulnerability and brokenness of all kinds: physical, emotional, and spiritual. It doesn't take much for life to quickly fall apart. What we knew to be familiar and true is gone and something we relied upon, physically, emotionally, or spiritually, can be taken away. It is hard to confront our limitations and sit with our incompleteness. Often, life hurts us so much that we find ourselves sitting in a pool of sadness, not sure what we are supposed to do. It is particularly hard when the signals we have inherited tell us that we need to be successful in what we do, and we have to avoid life's unfairness. We can feel like a failure, wondering what precisely we did to deserve this fate, or ruminate about what we did not do correctly. But it's really not about us. We are part of a bigger picture and a much more fascinating story! If we cease doing battle with life's incompleteness and see ourselves, as God does, on a journey toward wholeness and completeness we can better accept our disappointments and stand firm. The prophets told us, and Jesus reassured us: Be strong! Fear not! Sometimes we have to update our stories and replace them with newer, more accurate ones. When we make God's story our own and tune our radar into His voice, what we hear is all about restoration, healing, and rejuvenation! This is true even when we think we have hit rock bottom and can go no further. There is always hope. Remember the words of Julian of Norwich: God made us, God loves us, and God keeps us. Now, listen to God when He says, "be opened!" Be healed and allow your stories to change.

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In your prayers...

For our teachers and pupils as they start a new school year, that you will give pupils tenacity as they seek for understanding and new revelations in their studies. Also pray for parents, that they will support pupils by building a closer working relationship with teachers and staff; 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 also pray for the repose of the soul of Carol Marconi.

THE TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - SEPTEMBER 5, 2021

Religious Education - Have you registered your children for September classes? Classes resume the Sunday after Labor Day. Return the registration form and fee if you have not already done so. Visit our website at streledakron.wordpress.com.

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.

Fully Alive Eucharistic Adoration - Friday, September 10th, 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.

MARK YOUR
CALENDAR!

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.

St. Teresa's Trunk or Treats Celebration - After 4:30 Mass, October 23rd, sponsored by our Youth Ministry - more info to come. Kids 11 & under encouraged to come to Mass in costume.

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 Ave., Cheektowaga, 14222 PRE-REGISTRATION is required! Registration \$25.00 - Checks payable to MAGNIFICAT-BUFFALO c/o Maureen Wilson. 303 Meyer RD. Apt. #1403, West Seneca, NY 14224, call Maureen 716-683-2290 or www.facebook.com/magnificatbuffalo.

Sock Hop for people with disabilities and their families and friends on Saturday, September 11 from 1-2:30 pm at St. Bernadette Parish, 5930 S. Abbott Rd., Orchard Park. RSVP to Paula at 716-649-1051 or cozmo3631@gmail.com.

Rediscover Your Marriage. Retrouvaille, a program for struggling couples, simply means 'rediscovery.' The program offers the chance to rediscover yourself, your spouse, and a loving relationship in your marriage. For more information, visit www.HelpOurMarriage.org or call 716-474-9371. All calls are confidential. Next Retrouvaille weekend is September 17-19. Pre-registration is required.



When my wife quit work to take care of our new baby daughter, countless hours of peek-a-boo and other games slowly took their toll. One evening my wife smacked her bare toes on the corner of a dresser and, grabbing her foot, sank to the floor. I rushed to her side and asked what she hurt. She looked at me through tear-filled eyes and managed to moan, "It's the piggy that ate roast beef."



- Wednesday - September 8 - Gardening at the St. Teresa statue.
- Friday, September 10 - Fully Alive Adoration, 7:30 in the Church
- Saturday, September 11 - Pro-Life Prayer Group, 9:30 am, in the parking lot near the St. Teresa Statue

A VOCATION VIEW

Isaiah's message today is powerful: "Be strong, fear not! Here is your God... He comes to save you." By Jesus, we are saved from hopelessness in this life and from death in the next life. What an incredible deal -- worth devoting your life to it! If you have the courage to do this, contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit: buffalovocations.org.

If not now ...
when?

The
CHOSEN

Starting Tuesday September 7th
In the church at 7:00 pm
Nativity BVM
Main St. & Harris Hill
Mary—the mother of Jesus—at Casa



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

"When we reach out to others, by putting the works of mercy into practice, we literally touch, feed, shelter, console, and serve Christ Himself. These important works of mercy and charity make the Gospel come alive, both for us and for the people we serve."

Bishop Donald Hying from
his book Love Never Fails

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