

St. Teresa of Avila Parish

St. Teresa Church

(Union City)

Weekend Masses

Saturday: 4:30 P.M.

Sunday: 10:45 A.M.

Confessions: Saturday, 4:00 P.M.

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Our Lady of Fatima Chapel

(Canadohta Lake)

Weekend Masses

(Memorial Day – Labor Day)

Sunday: 9:30 A.M.

Confessions: before Mass

WELCOME

If you are new to our parish, we extend a warm welcome and hope you will find our parish community a place where your faith will be nourished. Newcomers are asked to introduce themselves to the pastor and call the office to register.

WEEKDAY SERVICES

See inside of bulletin for current weekday schedule.

BAPTISM

By appointment. Parents must attend pre-baptismal instruction.

MARRIAGE

Arrangements must be made six months in advance.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

Please let the pastor know when a family member or a friend is ill, either at home, in the hospital or at a nursing home.

CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS

● **ROSARY-ALTAR SOCIETY**

Meets the first Monday of each month at 6:00 P.M.

● **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

Meet every third Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.

● **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION GUILD**

Meets during the school term.

● **SCRIPTURE DISCUSSION GROUP**

1:00 p.m. Wednesdays (Sept. – May)

● **PARISH CENTER RENTAL**

Contact Matt Moon: 814-490-1494

Hear, O Israel!
The LORD our GOD is one!

You shall
LOVE the LORD
with all your heart
with all your soul
✠ with all your mind
and with all your strength
and you shall
LOVE your NEIGHBOR
as yourself

There is no commandment greater than these.

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**Twenty-seventh Sunday
In Ordinary Time**

October 3, 2021

Blessed are they who fear the Lord!

MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

Saturday, October 2 Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30pm (St. Teresa) Jenine Mineo by Family

4:30pm (St. Thomas) Ed Girovsky by Diane Hall

Sunday, October 3 Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:45am (St. Thomas) Z. Marion & Irene Zaczekiewicz by Sue, Gary & Joseph Johnston

10:45pm (St. Teresa) Intentions of Our Parish Family

Monday, October 4 St. Francis of Assisi

8:00am Communion Service

8:00am (St. Thomas) Living & Deceased Members of the Rushin & Hennings Families by Steve & Julie Rushin

Tuesday, October 5 Weekday

8:00am For the Poor Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday, October 6 Weekday

8:00am Elenore Henry by Ed & Irene Weaver

5:15pm Andrew Tomcho by Ed & Judy Bitters

Thursday, October 7 Our Lady of the Rosary

8:00am Everett Crowley by a Friend

Friday, October 8 Weekday

8:00am Communion Service

8:00am (St. Thomas) Millie Falcon (100th birthday) by Donna, Gary, Seth & David Johnson

Saturday, October 9 Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30pm (St. Teresa) Alfred Tujetsch by Carol Bryant

4:30pm (St. Thomas) Intentions of Our Parish Family

Sunday, October 10 Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Tie

8:45am (St. Thomas) Earle Slayton by Will & Patty Birtciel

10:45am (St. Teresa) Bernard & Helen Gluvna by Sigmund & Mary Ann Bronowski

Sacrificial Giving: The offertory last weekend was \$1,332 for St. Teresa which includes \$1,250 in envelopes and \$82 in loose & \$160 for Our Lady of Fatima. Offertory Goal \$3,000

St. Teresa Rosary Altar Society will meet Monday evening, October 4th at 6:00pm in the Parish Center.

Mass Readings for the Week

Mon Jonah 1:1, 2:2; 11♦Luke 10:25-37

Tue. Jonah 3:1-10♦Luke 10:38-42

Wed Jonah 4:1-11♦Luke 11:1-4

Thurs. Malachi 3:13-20b♦ Luke 11:5-13

Fri. Joel 1:13-15; 2:1-2♦ Luke 11:15-26

Sat. Joel 4:12-21♦Matthew Luke 11:27-28

Sun. Wisdom 7:7-11♦ Hebrews 4:12-12

♦Mark 10:17-30 or 10:17-27

Religious Education

10/03 4th Fall Social at Port Farms-No Class

10/10 5th (Living Rosary)

10/17 6th

10/24 7th

PLEASE – any calls regarding the Religious Education Program should be made directly to the parish office. The extension is 103 to leave a message for Lisa Lockwood, Religious Education Administrator or Missy Silka, Religious Education Facilitator.

Goal - \$28,606

Amount Pledged to Date - \$29,447

Amount Paid to Date - \$27,767

Reminder – Please make all CSA checks payable to St. Teresa Church

A Family Perspective Perhaps Jesus' two-fold message in today's gospel is a reminder to married couples to return to the innocence of the early years of their love—like children, loving each other with abandon. Do you know any couple who have recently married? Their love is contagious, and glowing, right? Married couples are called to be a sacramental reflection of God's faithful and selfless love ... a place where people live and love beyond rules and formulas.

The Reverse Raffle Committee would like to thank everyone who made this year's raffle a success. The many people who worked, those who provided desserts and all of the participants, **THANK YOU.**

Masses for our deceased loved ones: The Church teaches us to pray for the dead that they may live eternally in the presence of God. There is no greater prayer than the holy sacrifice of the Mass. If you wish to have a memorial Mass said, please place your request in the collection basket, and include your name and contact information and the name(s) of the deceased. If you wish, you may request a specific date and time for the Mass; however, please be aware that the date and time you request may already be filled, in which case the Mass will be scheduled as close as possible to your request. Alternatively, you may contact Natalie Wilmoth directly at 814-397-4933 to arrange a specific schedule. The normal donation of \$10 should also be placed in the envelope with your request.

The Scripture Discussion Group will meet each Wednesday from 1:00 to 2:00 in the St. Teresa Center. The Sunday Mass Scripture readings are discussed to indicate the many ways they apply to our lives. All are welcome to join in the lively discussion.

Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments- Diocesan Code of Conduct: The Diocese of Erie is committed to protecting the children and youth who are entrusted to its care and to ensuring that those in ministry with our young people are in right relationship with the children/youth receiving services. To share in the ministry of Christ is a great privilege as well as a tremendous responsibility. The *privilege* is the joy of sharing in the mission of Jesus Himself. The *responsibility* is acting in a way that conforms to the attitude and actions of Christ. In this spirit, the diocese has issued a ministerial Code of Conduct. The code is included in the diocesan *Policy for the Protection of Children*. To read the Code of Conduct, go to: <https://www.eriecd.org/images/sections/childprotection/pdf/CURRENTPolicy.pdf> for more information, contact Mrs. Cindy Zemcik, in the diocesan Office for the Protection of Children at 814-824-1195.

****Please note: The October Parish Bulletin containing the Code of Conduct announcement must be mailed to the Office for the Protection of Children and Youth.**

SCHEDULES FOR OCTOBER 9 & 10	
4:30	10:45
LECTORS	
Ernie Ferro	Cheryl Mongera
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	
Rowena Watts	Pat Vallimont Choir: George Wetzel
ALTAR SERVERS	
Daniel Smith	Emma Geer

Marriage Moment At the beginning of this summer many of us thought that the Covid-19 pandemic was winding down. Now we're not so sure. How have Covid restrictions been hard on your marriage? Are there any ways that new practices have enlivened your love?

A **Taste of Poland** will be held at St. Stanislaus Church in Erie Sunday October 10th from 11:30am-5:00pm. Polish Platter Dinners-Dine in or take out. Raffles, Theme Baskets, frozen pierogi for sale as well as baked goods.

GECAC is holding a Warming Event at the Union City Senior Center and are asking for donations of the following: **HATS, GLOVES, SCARVES, TOWELS & SOCKS.** They are asking that the items be new and not used. Distributions of these items go to Union City and Corry and will be available for pickup at the Union City Center on Saturday, October 16th between 10 & 12 or until they run out of items. If anyone is interested in volunteering their time that would also be appreciated. Refreshments will be available for all volunteers. Items may be brought to the center the week of October 13th between 9 & 3 or by appointment by calling 814-438-2146 and asking for Laura.

Pray for Our Priests Rev. Thomas M. Aleksa, Rev. Gregory P. Passauer, Rev. Glenn Whitman, Rev. James G. Gutting, Rev. James C. Campbell, Rev. John M. Fischer, Rev. David Whiteford

PRAY FOR PEACE

FALL FISH DINNERS - St. Teresa Parish will be holding their Fall Fish Dinners October 1st, 8th, 15th & 22nd between the hours of 4:30pm-7:00pm. This will be TAKE-OUT ONLY. Choice of: Haddock - baked or fried Mac & Cheese or French Fries Homemade Coleslaw or Applesauce Includes cookies for desert!

The Special Intentions of Pope Francis
Lord Jesus, during this month of October, we pray for all missionary disciples. We pray that every baptized person may be engaged in evangelization, available to the mission, by being witnesses of a life that has the flavor of the Gospel.

Bishop Persico’s new pastoral letter offers chance to reflect on lessons from the pandemic

Our faith in Christ teaches us that we encountered the presence of God with us during these days of pandemic in the courage of doctors, nurses, emergency medical personnel, essential workers, teachers, food pantry volunteers and so many others. Their service and bravery in the face of this virus have helped us to see the presence of Christ in them and to hold on to hope. These thoughts and more can be found in *Re-memembering Our Sunday Story: A pastoral letter in pandemic*, offered by Bishop Lawrence Persico. Accompanying the letter are thought-provoking questions such as:

What acts of service did you witness during this pandemic? In your parish? In the world? How can we better connect our celebrations of Eucharist to our parish life, our personal life, and our home life? The letter and questions, designed for both individuals and small groups, can be found at www.Eriercd.org/SundayStoryPastoralLetter.html .

Two principles inspire much of the personal and social dealings of many a citizen in our land: “What can I get it of it?” and “Can I get away with it?” Evil is confused with good, and good is confused with evil. Revolting books against virtue are termed courageous”: those against morality are advertised as “daring and forward-looking”; and those against God are called “progressive and epoch-making.” It has always been the characteristic of a generation in decay to paint the gates of Hell with the gold of Paradise. In a word, much of the so-called wisdom of our day is made up of that which once nailed our blessed Lord to the Cross.

St. Lawrence Parish in Albion will be holding their

Annual Fall Dinner on Sunday October 10th from 11:00-2:00 or until sold out at St. Lawrence Center. Drive Thru, Take Out, Roast Beef Dinner. \$12 per meal.

*From the beginning of creation...
(Mark 10:6)*

“Is it lawful?” some Pharisees quizzed Jesus, hoping to trip Him up (Mark 10:2). Everyone knew Moses had allowed divorce; it was fairly commonplace in Jewish society at the time. But Jesus didn’t take their bait. Instead, he redirected them to the Garden of Eden, to a time before Moses, a time before sin entered the world. “From the beginning of creation, God made them male and female...And the two shall become one flesh” (Mark 10:6, 8; see Genesis 1:27). By focusing on what was lawful, these Pharisees were asking the wrong question. The real question was *What did God have in mind?*

It’s natural to think small and want specifics: what’s allowed and what isn’t, who’s right and who’s wrong. But Jesus wanted His opponents to think bigger, to see God’s huge, glorious plan – and He wants to do the same thing for us.

God’s intention for marriage is so much greater than doing right and avoiding wrong.

It’s about creative, faithful, self-giving love. It’s about God knitting together a man and woman who are both in need of grace. It’s about reflecting the image of God: revealing His perfect love through the everyday, imperfect love of a husband and wife. And it’s a beautiful window into the loving faithful relationship that God desires to have with every one of His children.

Jesus wants to lift our eyes to the greatness of God’s plan from the beginning. Our experiences of family love will fall short of this ideal because we are all sinners. But our families can still be beautiful and glorify God. Even troubled marriages and fractured families can still be windows into God’s love. As through stained glass, God’s love can still shine through us and point toward the one who made us. Because “all things are possible for God” (Mark 10:27).

“Jesus, teach me to love.”

