

## 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



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Twenty-fourth Sunday  
In Ordinary Time

September 12, 2021

I will walk before the Lord,  
in the land of the living!

## MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

### Saturday, September 11 Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30pm (St. Teresa) Dick Landis by Catherine Landis, Mary Harned & Linda Fucci

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

### Sunday, September 12 Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:45am (St. Thomas) Dorothy Baressi by Her Children

10:45am (St. Teresa) Gordon Hanlin by the Hanlin Family

### Monday, September 13 St. John Chrysostom

8:00am Communion Service

8:00am (St. Thomas) Catherine Lackovic by Her Family

### Tuesday, September 14 The Expiation of the Holy Cross

8:00am Paul Flynn by Bill & Judy Flynn

### Wednesday, September 15 Our Lady of Sorrows

8:00am Virginia Poninsky by Family

### Thursday, September 16 Sts. Cornelius & Cyprian

8:00am In Thanksgiving for God's Blessings by The Massangcay Family

5:15pm (St. Thomas) Deceased Members of the St. Thomas Altar Rosary by the Altar Rosary

### Friday, September 17 Weekday

8:00am Communion Service

8:00am (St. Thomas) Dorothy Srnka by The Nigbor Family

### Saturday, September 18 Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30pm (St. Teresa) Emmett Layden by Estate

4:30pm (St. Thomas) Bernie & Helen Gluvna by Deacon Randy & Anna Kondrlik

### Sunday, September 19 Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:45am (St. Thomas) Stanley & Donna Sander by Ed & Judy Bitters

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

**Sacrificial Giving:** The offertory last weekend was \$2,162 for St. Teresa which includes \$2,128 in envelopes and \$34 in loose & \$880 for Our Lady of Fatima which includes \$425 in envelopes and \$455 in loose. Offertory Goal \$3,000

### Mass Readings for the Week

Mon. 1 Timothy 2:1-8♦Luke 7:1-10

Tue. Numbers 21:4b-9 ♦ Philippians 2:6-11 ♦John 3:13-17

Wed Hebrews 5:7-9♦John 19:25-27 or Luke 2:33-35

Thur 1 Timothy 4:12-16♦ Luke 7:36-50

Fri. 1 Timothy 6:2c-12♦ Luke 8:1-3

Sat. 1 Timothy 6:13-16♦Luke 8:4-15

Sun. Wisdom 2:12, 17-20♦ James 3:16, 4:3 ♦Mark 9:30-37

## Religious Education

ATTENTION PARENTS!! The Pre-K/Kindergarten class is back for the upcoming Religious Education school year! Registration is open for Pre-K/Kindergarten and any new students, please contact Lisa at the Parish Office for registration forms.

09/12 Class

09/19 Class

09/26 Youth Mass 11/Enroll 3<sup>rd</sup> (Children's Liturgy)

10/03 4<sup>th</sup> Fall Social (Adoration)

**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**

The Reverse Raffle committee is requesting donations of baked goods for the raffle that will be held on Friday, September 24<sup>th</sup>. Baked goods can be dropped off at the parish center on Thursday the 23<sup>rd</sup> between 8:00 & 5:00 and Friday the 24<sup>th</sup> before 3:00.

St. Teresa Church is sponsoring a float in the Homecoming Parade on September 17<sup>th</sup>. Donations of bags of candy would be very much appreciated and can be left in the back of the church or dropped off at the parish office prior to the 17<sup>th</sup>.

**A Family Perspective** If commitment is the choice we make to give up other choices, then it is about “losing ourselves”. If we try to be independent from others by “saving ourselves”, we end up lonely and alone. Happiness is found in commitments. The gospel is true: We save our life by losing it!

**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.

**Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments- Diocesan Child Protection Policies:** The Diocese of Erie, along with all other dioceses in the United States, has policies and procedures in place to address the national problem of child abuse and to aid in maintaining safe environments. The three main components of the Policy for the Protection of Children are: screening of all employees and volunteers who work with minors, training of all youth, parents, employees and volunteers, and reporting all suspected child abuse. The diocese is committed to promptly reporting any suspected child abuse directly to ChildLine or law enforcement. The diocese requires on-going screening and training of all personnel, paid or unpaid, who have regular contact with our children and youth under the age of 18. The diocese also requires yearly safe environment training of our children, youth and parents regarding touching-safety and safe environments. Visit <https://www.eriecd.org/childprotection/> to read the policy and learn what the diocese requires for all personnel who work with children and youth in parishes/schools/agencies.

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.

**Pray for Our Priests** Rev. Msgr. Robert M. Malene, Rev. Robert Horgas, Rev. David Carter, Rev. Msgr. James E. Sanner, Rev. Robert A. Manning, Rev. Peter Pierjok, OSB

SCHEDULES FOR SEPTEMBER 18 & 19	
<b>4:30</b>	<b>10:45</b>
<b>LECTORS</b>	
Don Smith	Bill Sullivan
<b>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS</b>	
Dick Hasbrouck	Ilene Zakovitch Choir: Pat Vallimont
<b>ALTAR SERVERS</b>	
Colton Boyd	

**Marriage Moment** Are you in a “mixed marriage”? Often this term has been used for Catholic/Non-Catholic marriages but it could mean mixed races, mixed classes, mixed ethnicities. or even mixed technology (PC vs MAC). How has your life been enriched by the difference your spouse brings?

**Bishop Persico releases pastoral letter** As part of the *Re-membering Our Sunday Story* initiative, Bishop Lawrence Persico has released “a pastoral letter in pandemic.” Anchored in the story of the disciples on the road to Emmaus, one section of the letter looks at the challenges we’ve been facing during this time of pandemic. The bishop’s words invite us to consider how Christ has remained with us, even if, like the disciples who unknowingly met Christ, we didn’t always recognize him. Find the letter, as well as questions for reflection and discussion, at [www.eriecd.org/SundayStory.html](http://www.eriecd.org/SundayStory.html)

St. Jude’s Church in Erie is having a Charity Car Raffle. Win a 2021 Corvette Stingray 1LT or \$40,000. Drawing is Christmas Eve 2021. Details can be found at [stjudeapos.org](http://stjudeapos.org) or [winavette.com](http://winavette.com)

***Faith of itself, if it does not have works, is dead.  
(James 2:17)***

Think of your faith as a flame in your heart. It is first and foremost a gift from God, but it won't burn brightly unless you feed it. Without a fuel source, it will die out. We all know how to nourish our faith: with prayer, the sacraments, and God's word. But there's another "fuel" we can't do without, and that is good works.

Today's second reading is a stark reminder that our faith isn't just between the Lord and us. We are part of a body, the body of Christ, united through Jesus' death and resurrection. So when we are loving our neighbor, we are also loving the Lord, and that makes our flame of faith grow larger and burn more intensely.

We know that God calls us to care for our brothers and sisters in need – it's one of the ways we respond to the love He has already poured into our hearts. But in the day-to-day busyness and challenges of life, it's easy to become focused only on our own issues. It sometimes takes a deliberate effort to think beyond ourselves and our immediate families. That's partly because we often don't "see" the poor among us. But that doesn't mean they don't exist or don't need our help.

You are probably already performing many good deeds. Perhaps you are supporting a favorite charity, making meals for a shelter, or reaching out to a lonely neighbor. But whatever you are doing, ask Jesus from time to time if there is something more or different you should consider. As you pray, He may spark an idea for a new way to serve at your parish or move you with compassion to support people suffering in a country half a world away. Above all, He will be pleased that you care for the needs that are on His heart – and that you are doing all you can to keep the flame of faith alive in your own.

***“Jesus, put the needs of your people on my heart,  
and show me how to care for them.”***

**Parenting Pointers** Twenty years ago, on Sept. 11, 2001, terrorists attacked NYC and Washington DC. How old were you? If your children are old enough, share your experience of how you felt. Are there things that frighten them today? Remember that brave people in one of the 4 planes sacrificed their own lives to save unknown future victims.

### **St. Elizabeth Center, Oil City Chief Executive Officer**

St. Elizabeth of Hungary Center, a food pantry and thrift store, is looking for a dynamic, organized, and enthusiastic person to become the next Chief Executive Officer. This is a part-time position which serves to support the Catholic Church's response to the call of the Gospel to serve the poor and vulnerable in the spirit of hospitality, compassion, and dignity. They are looking for candidates with a bachelor's degree, with one to three years' experience in not-for-profits, pastoral ministry, or other human services areas. For best consideration, please apply by **September 15, 2021**. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. Full position profile and application may be found at <https://www.eriecd.org/employment.html>.

Thank you to everyone who supported our fund raisers this year. Our **Lawn Festival** showed a profit of **\$8,009.88** and our **Golf Tournament** showed a profit of **\$5,463.94**. The **Wall of Money** collected **\$3,290** in 2020 and **\$3,354** in 2021. A special thank you to those who organized and chaired these events and to the many, volunteers who gave of their time. Without you, these events would not be possible.

A **Taste of Poland** will be held at St. Stanislaus Church in Erie Sunday October 10<sup>th</sup> 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.

**In moments when fever, agony, and pain make it hard to pray, the suggestion of prayer that comes from merely holding the rosary-or better still, from caressing the Crucifix at the end of it-is tremendous!**

**PRAY FOR VOCATIONS**