

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 7:00 P.M.

• KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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

• RELIGIOUS EDUCATION GUILD

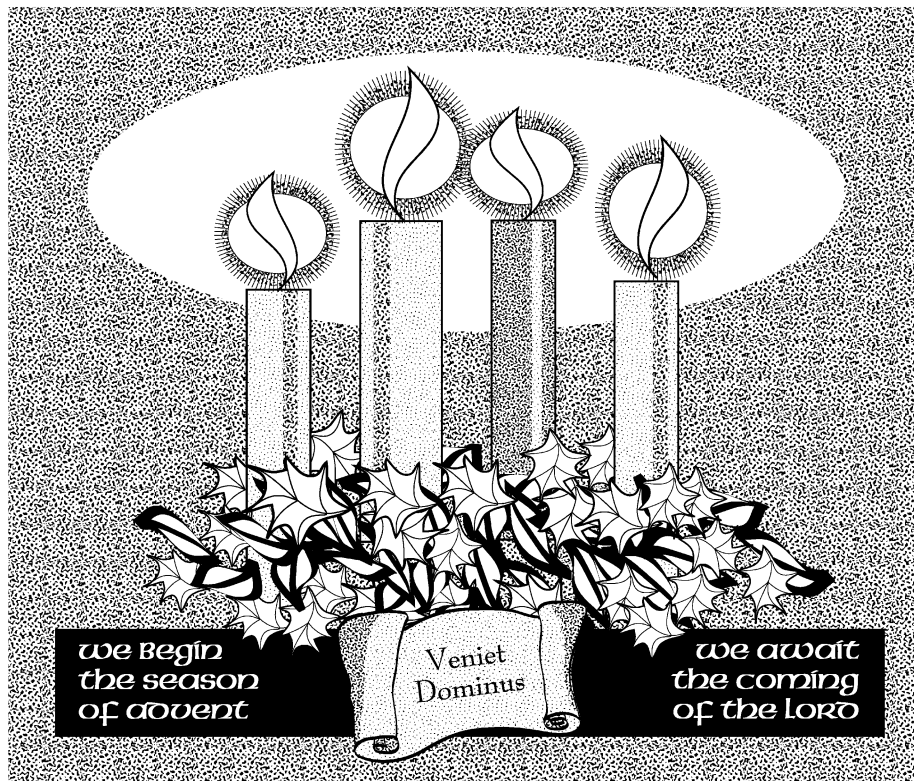
Meets during the school term.

• SCRIPTURE DISCUSSION GROUP

1:00 p.m. Wednesdays (Sept. – May)

• PARISH CENTER RENTAL

Contact Matt Moon: 814-490-1494



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First Sunday
of Advent

November 29, 2020

Come, Lord Jesus!

MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

Saturday, November 28 First Sunday of Advent

4:30pm (St. Teresa) Bob Adams by Melody and family

4:30pm (St. Thomas) Joe & Jerry Hand, Terry Hand & Mary Hand by Judy Green

Sunday, November 29 First Sunday of Advent

8:45am (St. Thomas) Earle Slayton by Knights of Columbus. Council #425

10:45am (St. Teresa) Intentions of our Parish Families

Monday, November 30 St. Andrew

8:00am Communion Service

Tuesday, December 1 Advent Weekday

8:00am Anne Luba by Mary Ann Luba and family

Wednesday, December 2 Advent Weekday

8:00 am Herb Combs by John Gronostaj and family

Thursday, December 3 St. Francis Xavier

8:00am Margaret Campbell by family and friends

Friday, December 4 Advent Weekday

8:00am Communion Service

Saturday, December 5 Second Sunday of Advent

4:30pm (St. Teresa) Donald Thomas by Ann Ranyak

4:30pm (St. Thomas) Marilynn Knowlton, Mike Knowlton, Rod Knowlton & Mary Roehrig by Pun, Lana & Jenna Messina

Sunday, December 6 Second Sunday of Advent

8:45am (St. Thomas) Intentions of Our Parish Family

Family

10:45am (St. Teresa) Jeanne Vallimont by Patrick Vallimont

Sacrificial Giving: The offertory last weekend was **\$1,005 for St. Teresa which includes \$957 in envelopes and \$48 in loose & \$140 for Our Lady of Fatima in envelopes. Offertory Goal \$3,000**

The Union City Food Bank is in need of volunteers to help distribute food on Monday's 9-12noon and/or 4-6pm. Also, every other Friday morning 9-10:30am to unload deliveries from The Second Harvest Food Bank. For more information, call Pat Vallimont (460-8732) or Lynora Rumm (McLane Church 814-734-1907 ext 31)

TURTLE'S TOY BOX is an agency that accepts donations of new/gently loved toys to give to children who are victims of misfortune. Any donations that you might have can be dropped off at the parish office.

There will be an **Advent Penance Celebration** at St. Thomas Church on Sunday, Dec 6, at 3pm with five confessors available for confessions. Also, confessions will continue to be heard at St. Teresa before each Saturday Mass of Advent up to the Saturday before Christmas.

Mass Readings for the Week

Mon. Romans 10:9-18 ♦ Matthew 4:18-22

Tue. Isaiah 11:1-10 ♦ Luke 10:21-24

Wed. Isaiah 25:6-10a ♦ Matthew 5:29-37

Thu. Isaiah 26:1-6 ♦ Matthew 7:21, 24-27

Fri. Isaiah 29:17-24 ♦ Matthew 9:27-31

Sat. Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26 ♦ Matthew 9:35, 10:1, 5a, 6-8

Sun. Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11 2 Peter 3:8-14 ♦ Mark 1:1-8

2020 Catholic Services Appeal

Goal - \$31,004

Amount Pledged to Date - \$28,664

Amount Paid to Date - \$27,169

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

Religious Education

11/29 No REP Class, Thanksgiving break

12/6 REP Class w/Advent confessions grades 3-11

12/13 REP Class, Youth Mass/Grade 4

12/20 REP Class

Christmas Basket Raffle Currently, The Religious Education Guild (who supports Religious Education) are having their annual Christmas Basket Raffle complete with a \$50.00 Walmart gift card plus many things for wrapping gifts and Christmas itself. Ticket will be \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. Tickets will be sold before and after all liturgies till **December 20** the date of the drawing. All religious education students will be given tickets to sell to complete for a class treat.

SCHEDULES FOR DECEMBER 5 & 6

4:30

10:45

LECTORS

Pat Brown

Cheryl Mongara

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Mary Ann Shinko

George Wetzel

Anyone that is homebound and wishes to receive the Eucharist may contact Ken Calfo 746-8219, Yvonne Stauffer 438-7017, Ilene Zakovitch 438-3664 or the parish office 438-3408

Please Pray for Our Priests: Rev. Joseph Kalinowski
Rev. Msgr. Henry A. Kriegel Rev. John J. Murphy,
Rev. David M. Renne, Rev. Msgr Joseph V.
Wardanski, Rev. Paul S. Siebert, Rev. Richard C.
Tomasone

The monthly Bible Study, “Christology in Film” will continue on the 3rd Tuesday of each month from 7-9pm, in the former St. Thomas School multi-purpose room, through the end of 2020. All those previously in attendance as well as any new participants are welcome as we show and discuss the film “Jesus of Nazareth.” Please mark your calendars.

Marriage Moment Sometimes marriage is like our computers. You learn a lot of information, but with time bugs and viruses can creep in. Things get messy and work slower. When all else fails try rebooting your relationship. Let go of old hurts and start from scratch with the same spouse. Programs like [Marriage Encounter](#) and [Better Marriages](#) can now be done online.

During the month of November, there will be a “Book of the Dead” in the back of the church. You may write the names of any deceased family members, friends, parishioners, etc. in the book at any time in November, and those names will be remembered in our intercessory prayers throughout the month.

The Parish Bulletin is available weekly on line at st-teresa-unioncity.org

A Family Perspective Today’s gospel tells us to “Be watchful.” This comes natural to families. Parents are watchful of their children’s health, grades and friends. Children are watchful of parental moods. Today’s gospel encourages us to use this ability to see God acting in the innocence, tenderness, love and forgiveness of your family. “Be watchful,” the Lord is already with you.

Thank you to the many, many parishioners who contributed food and money so that food baskets could be given to those in need this Thanksgiving. A special thank you to Ilene Zakovitch and her committee for overseeing this project. Many families will have a happier Thanksgiving because of your generosity.

PRAY FOR PEACE

Your creativity is earnestly solicited: In previous years, you will remember how wonderfully St. Teresa’s Church has been decorated – especially during the special seasons of the year. Advent and Christmas is fast approaching. At the present time, we have no one who has volunteered to be in charge of decorating. **PLEASE** we need someone to step up to the plate and oversee this. If Father Davis asks for your help, please do what you can to help or just let him or the office know if you would be available to help in any way. Many hands make light work.

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

This year, the parish will decorate it’s first annual Christmas Remembrance Tree, with ornaments in memory of all those loved ones who have passed away. If you have an ornament like that at home, please let us borrow it for the Christmas season. Simply bring it to us before the day we decorate, December 20, so that we ensure it is hung. Also, all those parishioners who had a funeral for a loved one in the past year, an ornament has been ordered for them, and will be hung on this same tree. All ornaments are yours and can be picked up after we undecorate on January 10.

The parish will be decorating our sanctuary for Christmas after the 10:45am Mass on December 20. Please come and help us. We want our church to be fully reflective of the season. See you then, and thanks in advance. Happy Advent and Merry Christmas!!

THE WORD AMONG US Advent edition is available Free of Charge in the back of the church. Please take one and use it for your Daily Meditations during Advent.

Give Catholic – Advanced Giving on November 16-30. Online giving starts December 1st. and can be processed through <https://erie.igivecatholic.org/> and search for St. Teresa. More about this can be found on our website.

STAY HEALTHY-STAY WELL-STAY HAPPY

I give thanks . . . for the grace of God bestowed on you in Christ Jesus. (1 Corinthians 1:4)

Welcome to Advent! Whether it's your first time entering this holy season or your ninetieth, be assured that God, your heavenly Father, is eager to bestow his grace on you.

As Paul says in today's second reading, God has *already* poured his grace on you. He has given you access to every spiritual gift as you wait for Jesus to reveal himself to you (1 Corinthians 1:7). And God wants to do even more. He wants you to have a great Advent! He wants to make this season into a time for you to grow closer to him and come to know him better.

That doesn't necessarily mean these days before Christmas will be easy. Your faith might deepen, or you might receive unexpected blessings. But you might also experience hardship or setbacks. Yet no matter what happens, God will reward whatever effort you put into your Advent preparations. That's because he wants nothing more than for you to deepen your relationship with Jesus. That's the grace God is offering you this season.

So dig in! Start by committing to spend more time in prayer this month. Use this magazine to read the Mass readings and meditations with an open heart. Participate in the life of your parish, maybe through Eucharistic Adoration or a service project. Pick up a spiritual book or do an Advent Bible study to develop your understanding of your faith.

Above everything else, be hopeful: "God is faithful, and by him you were called to fellowship with his Son" (1 Corinthians 1:9). That's what this season is all about.

"Father, I want to experience your blessing as I wait and watch and prepare this Advent."