

## 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



**LEARN FROM  
THE WIDOW  
WHO GAVE ALL  
SHE HAD.**

**CONTRIBUTE  
NOT FROM  
YOUR SURPLUS  
BUT FROM  
YOUR NEED.**

**BLESSED ARE THE  
POOR IN SPIRIT  
FOR THEIRS IS THE  
KINGDOM OF  
HEAVEN.**

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**Thirty-second Sunday  
In Ordinary Time**

**November 7, 2021**

The Lord shall reign forever!

## MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

### **Saturday, November 6 Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:30pm (St. Teresa) Herb Combs by Family

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

### **Sunday, November 7 Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:45am (St. Thomas) Deceased Members of the Catholic Daughters of Americas by Court Conception #35

10:45am (St. Teresa) Dr. Ronald Rejzer by Sophie Combs & Family

### **Monday, November 8 Weekday**

8:00am Communion Service

### **Tuesday, November 9 The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica**

8:00am Communion Service

8:00am (St. Thomas) Deceased & Living members of the Vinco & Buccolini Families by Steve & Julie Rushin

### **Wednesday, November 10 St. Leo the Great**

8:00am Communion Service

5:15pm (St. Thomas) Sally Griebel by Dick & Nancy Forbes

### **Thursday, November 11 St. Martin of Tours**

8:00am Don Tinko by Ed & Irene Weaver & Family

### **Friday, November 12 St. Josaphat**

8:00am Communion Service

### **Saturday, November 13 Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

4:30pm (St. Thomas) Albert & Dorothy Wotus by John Wotus

### **Sunday, November 14 Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:45am (St. Thomas) Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus by Corry Council #425

10:45am (St. Teresa) Fr. James Peterson by Bill & Judy Flynn

**Sacrificial Giving:** The offertory last weekend was \$1,942.87 for St. Teresa which includes \$1,894 in envelopes and \$48.87 in loose & \$180 for Our Lady of Fatima. Offertory Goal \$3,000

**Pray for Our Priests** Rev. Thomas Curry, O.S.B. Rev. Richard Tomasone, Rev. Robert Horgas, Rev. Robert A. Manning, Rev. Christopher J. Singer, Rev. Henry C. Andrae, Very Rev. Vincent P. Cieslewicz, V.F.

If you have borrowed Card Tables from St. Teresa Church or the Center, would you please return them? We are missing 4 that we know of.

### Mass Readings for the Week

Mon Wisdom 1:1-7 ♦ Luke 17:1-6

Tue. Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12♦1 Corinthians 3:9c-11, 16-17♦John 2:13-22

Wed Wisdom 6:1-11♦Luke 17:11-19

Thurs. Wisdom 7:22b, 8:1♦ Luke 17:20-25

Fri. Wisdom 13:1-9♦ Luke 17:26-37

Sat. Wisdom 18:14-16; 19:6-9♦ Luke 18:1-8

Sun. Daniel 12:1-3♦ Hebrews 10:11-14, 18  
♦Mark 13:24-32

## Religious Education

11/07 8<sup>th</sup>

11/14 9<sup>th</sup>

11/21 10<sup>th</sup>

11/28 Youth Mass 9/10<sup>th</sup> (Children's Liturgy)  
No Class

**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 Missy Silka, Religious Education Facilitator.**

**Attention Religious Education Classes:** We need your help. The parish is making food baskets for those in need this Thanksgiving. We are having a contest to see which Religious Ed. Class can bring in the most non-perishable food goods. Since classes are different sizes, we will base the count on the percent per student. The class with the highest percentage will win a breakfast of doughnuts and milk. The contest will begin November 7 through November 21.

**Rest in Peace** Word was recently received of the passing of a former member of St. Teresa parish. Mary Bowersox, age 92, died on Sunday, October 31 at Pine Island, Florida where she resided with son Dave and his wife Christine Bowersox. Mary had previously lived at Canadohta Lake and attended Our Lady of Fatima Chapel. Please pray for the repose of her soul and the comfort of the Bowersox family.

Goal - \$28,606  
Amount Pledged to Date - \$29,947  
Amount Paid to Date - \$28,577

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

**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.

Union City Pride, Inc. will be holding their annual Festival of Trees event on December 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> from 10-4 at the Union City Elementary School. There will be a craft/vendor show in the gym. This is a free event. Local organizations are invited to bring in a tree and decorate it for the event. 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place prizes will be awarded. Contact [Terristax@hotmail.com](mailto:Terristax@hotmail.com) or 814-438-3867 for more information

**A Family Perspective** The widow in today's gospel gave only a little, but it counted for a lot. In our homes, there are many LITTLE MOMENTS which can have great significance and glue the family together. Seize these moments.

**Thanksgiving Food Baskets:** We will soon begin filling food baskets for Thanksgiving. If you know of anyone in need of a basket, please call the parish office with a name and phone number of the person in need. We will need non-perishable food goods, cash donations, and we also have freezer space for a few turkeys. Our collective efforts will ensure that many people will have a good Thanksgiving Day. You can leave donations at the back of the church or at the church center. Thank you in advance for your donations.

**Attention Lectors – 2022 Lector Workbooks are in. All lectors for the 4:30 and 10:45 weekend Masses may pick up their books in the back of the church. Your names are on the front of the book.**

## SCHEDULES FOR NOVEMBER 13 & 14

4:30

10:45

### LECTORS

Nancy Ferro

Elizabeth Moon

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Dick Hasbrouck

Kim Yaple  
Choir: George Wetzel

### ALTAR SERVERS

Luke Racop

Ossy Williams

**Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments- Digital Behavior:** Parents create trust with children by initiating open, honest discussions. These dialogues are an opportunity to communicate values and expectations about your family's appropriate digital behavior, including viewing or sharing content, and apps they can and cannot use. Check in frequently with your children about their digital experiences to address any potential risk of cyberbullying and harm. Be clear that your intention is to look out for their wellbeing, and that you want to have an open dialogue. Listen to their concerns and express your perspective. To minimize the risk of cyberbullying or harm from digital behavior, parents can: set clear expectations about digital behavior and online reputation, educate about the harmful effects of cyberbullying, posting hateful speech or comments, sexting, and sharing naked photos of themselves or others (including potential legal issues), be clear about what content can be viewed or shared, and identify which apps are appropriate for your child's use and which are not. Establish rules about the amount of time that a child can spend online or on their devices. Model positive, respectful digital behavior on your own devices and accounts. For more information on cyberbullying go to: [www.stopbullying.gov](http://www.stopbullying.gov). For additional parent resources visit <https://www.eriecd.org/childprotection/>.

PRAY FOR WORLD PEACE & CHRISTIAN UNITY

## The Special Intentions of Pope Francis

Father of all mercies, during this month of November, we pray for every person who suffers from depression. May all who suffer from depression or burn-out find support and a light that opens them up to life.

### *Unexpected*

Life didn't turn out the way I expected. In some ways it has exceeded my expectations, and in other ways it has disappointed them. Never in my wildest dreams as a child would I have imagined the life I have lived. The adventures, experiences, and opportunities, the love I have given and received, and the success I have enjoyed have all far exceeded my expectations. But I also never imagined in my worst nightmares the dark side of these bright lights.

We all end up living unexpected lives.

There are hopes and dreams that didn't materialize that I grieve, but I have been surprised and delighted by other unexpected gifts. And there are hopes and dreams that I am glad did not come to fruition. The unexpected goes both ways.

But these are not the things that make life most unexpected. It's the truly unexpected things, those we don't hope for or fear – particularly those that come out of nowhere and break our hearts. You wake up one morning and discover that your life has been changed forever, because of something you did or something someone else did. It's the things we don't plan, the things we never imagined would happen. It's those unexpected events that slap you so hard in the face that you can taste blood in your mouth.

Nobody's life turns out the way they expect it to. We shouldn't be surprised. Nobody looks back on life to discover it unfolded exactly as they hoped or planned, but I found myself particularly unprepared for the inevitability of the unexpected. That's the paradox: It is inevitable that we live unexpected lives.

Life doesn't unfold according to our plans. But sooner or later, we each have to decide how we are going to make the most of our one, brief, unexpected life. It is then that we come face-to-face with two enduring truths. We cannot live without hope that things will change for the better, and we are not victims of our circumstances.

Hope is not always as accessible as we would like. It often seems just out of reach at those times when we are most in need of it, when our hearts are broken, our minds downtrodden, and our souls crushed. Yet, even in those moments, we have a choice. The unexpected is either a curse or an opportunity. We get to decide.

*She, from her poverty, has contributed all she had.  
(Mark 12:44)*

What was it about this widow that drew Jesus' attention and delighted Him so much? Many others have given far more to the Temple treasury than she had. No it wasn't the size of her gift that touched Him so deeply. It was her willingness to give all.

You can see a similar mindset in the widow in today's first reading. She used the last of her provisions to feed the prophet Elijah. Notice how God blessed her generosity and provided for her – and Elijah – through the famine.

The willingness of these two widows to offer their eager gifts was pleasing to the Lord. That's because sacrificial giving reflects the character of God Himself. Just think of the way Jesus held nothing back when He gave Himself to us. He gave every drop of blood, every ounce of mercy and love.

Does this mean that God expects us to empty our bank accounts or our pantries? Not necessarily. But He does want us to pour out our hearts. Whether we are giving financially or sacrificing our time or attention. He wants to see us become as generous as He is.

There are times when, like the widows in today's reading, you might feel as if you don't have much left. Beyond the financial, you might be "scraping the bottom of the barrel" of your patience or your sympathy or your forbearance.

But know that when you ask God for the grace and strength to give that little you have, He will bless you. He might give you what you lack, or He might give you the strength to spend yourself a little more. Even when it seems like a drop in the bucket, your decision to give pleases the Lord. That's because each time you choose to give of yourself, you become more like Him. He is building His own character in you!

*"Lord, help me give of myself as generously as you did."*

**Marriage Moment:** Life is heavy; sometimes too heavy. Just for fun, pick a day this week to walk in each other's shoes. (Do each other's chores, maybe even dress or talk like your beloved. Have fun!

