

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

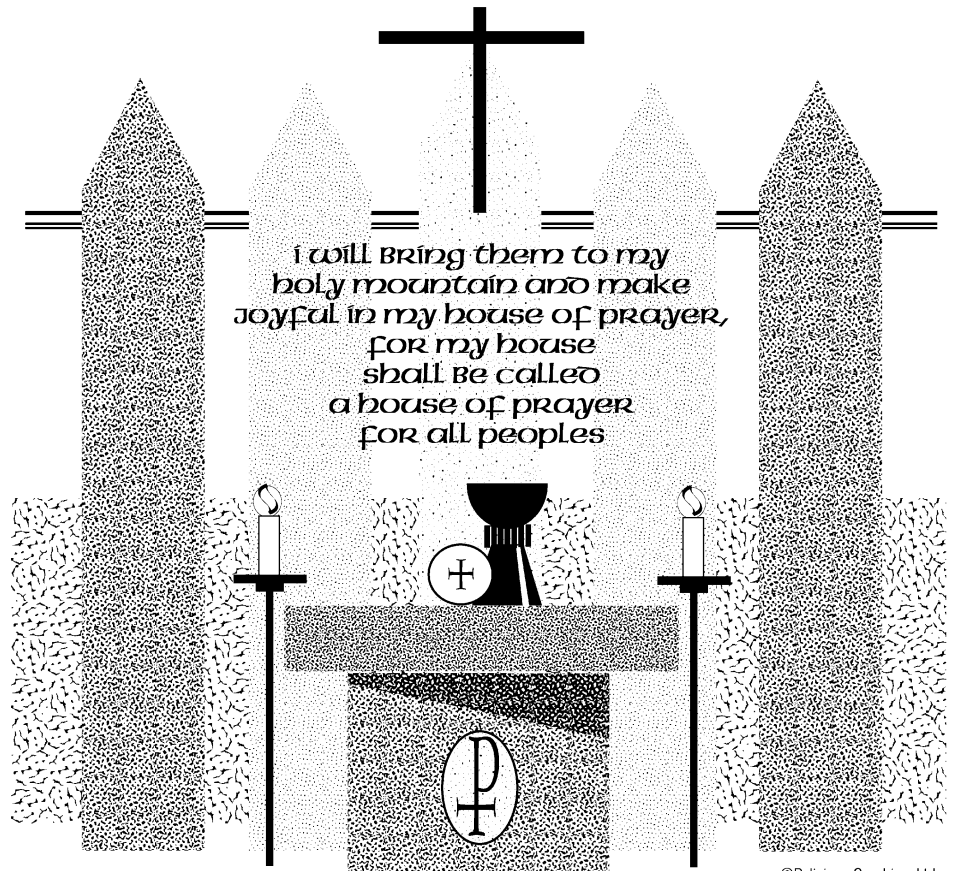
Meets during the school term.

● SCRIPTURE DISCUSSION GROUP

1:00 p.m. Wednesdays (Sept. – May)

● PARISH CENTER RENTAL

Contact Matt Moon: 814-490-1494



Twentieth Sunday in
Ordinary Time

August 16, 2020

With the Lord
there is mercy!

MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

Saturday August 15 Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30pm (St. Teresa) Julia Keegan and Catherine Bradley by Jo Cromie

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

Sunday August 16 Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:45M (St. Thomas) Paul Suchar Jr, Ann Suchar & Paul Suchar by Mrs. Paul Suchar Jr.

9:30am (Our Lady of Fatima) Alfred Gavulic by daughter Carol Steinmetz & Family

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

Monday August 17 Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m Communion Service

Tuesday August 18 Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Eusebia and Saturnino Allanigue by Family

Wednesday August 19 Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Mary Wotus by Sophie Combs

Thursday August 20 St. Bernard

8:00 a.m. William Kirik, Sr. by Bob and Becky Kirik

Friday August 21. Pius X

8:00 a.m. Communion Service

Saturday August 22 Queenship of The Blessed Virgin Mary

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

4:30pm (St. Thomas) Anna Amoroso by John & Grace Lutz

Sunday August 23 Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:45am (St. Thomas) Ann Gluvna by Peter Sander

9:30am (Our Lady of Fatima) Peg & Herb Lloyd by Pam & Tim Roberts

10:45am (St. Teresa) Marjorie and Kenneth Hanlin by Family

Sacrificial Giving: The offertory last weekend was \$1952 for St. Teresa which includes \$1773 in envelopes and \$179 in loose & \$402 for Our Lady of Fatima which includes \$255 in regular collection, \$137 loose and \$10 National Needs. Offertory Goal \$3,000.

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

A Family Perspective The mother in today's gospel persisted, even when she was ignored and insulted. She would do whatever was necessary to bring relief to her child. Parenting is more than bringing life into the world; it is also about sacrificing daily for your children.

Mass Readings for the Week

Mon. Ezekiel 24: 15-24 ♦ Matthew 19: 16-22

Tue Ezekiel 28: 1-10 Matthew 19: 23-30

Wed. Ezekiel 34: 1-11♦ Matthew 20: 1-16

Thu. Ezekiel 36: 23-28 ♦ Matthew 22: 1-14

Fri. Ezekiel 37: 1-14 ♦ Matthew 22: 34-40

Sat. Ezekiel 43: 1-7♦ Matthew 23L 1-12

Sun. Isaiah 22: 19-23 Romans 11: 33-36 Matthew 16: 13-20

2020 Catholic Services Appeal

Goal - \$31,004

Amount Pledged to Date - \$27,234

Amount Paid to Date - \$23,544

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

The monthly Bible Study, "Christology in Film" will resume on September 15, from 7-9pm, in the former St. Thomas School multi-purpose room, and will continue 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.

If you know of anyone who is interested in being baptized or fully initiated into the Catholic Church, the RCIA program begins on September 2, in the former St. Thomas multi-purpose room, from 6:30-8:30pm, and will be held every other Wednesday until Easter of 2021. Please let Fr. Skip know.

The parish Religious Education program begins on Sunday, September 13, before and after the 10:45 Mass. Please mark calendars and make every effort to be in attendance. All COVID-19 protocols will be observed. The Mass that day will include the Confirmation Rite of Enrollment for 2021, and a meeting of candidates and parents will follow.

Thank you to everyone who donated on Erie Gives Day. St. Teresa Parish received a total of \$4,513

Deacon Randy is available every Thursday from 6-8pm at the church for discussion of Faith issues and for prayer. Please feel free to drop in for a time of fellowship and prayer.

SCHEDULES FOR AUGUST 22 & 23

LECTORS

Fran O'Connell

Elizabeth Moon

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Yvonne Stauffer

Casey Pfeiffer

WALL OF MONEY

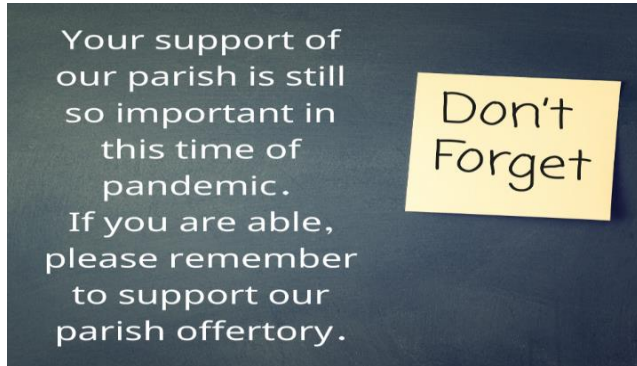
GOAL \$3,000

AMOUNT COLLECTED \$1,720

HAVE YOU PICKED UP AN

ENVELOPE YET?

Marriage Moment "For my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples." (Isaiah 56: 7) It is good to pray and be a person of faith, BUT married couples don't always share the same faith or pray the same way. Even if you are of the same faith, ask each other how they describe God, what they really believe, or how they pray. You can be different but still united.



OUR LADY OF FATIMA

Mass Intentions

Sunday August 16 9:30AM
Alfred Gavulic by daughter Carol Steinmetz and Family

Sunday August 23 9:30AM
Peg and Herb Lloyd by Pam and Tim Roberts

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
God's love is free, and God's mercy extends to all. Sometimes that is a hard concept to accept for those who always try to abide by God's laws. Think about

the reaction that the brother of the "Prodigal son" had upon the son's return. How about Martha getting upset with Mary because she felt burdened with all the work when Mary spent her time at the feet of Christ? There was dissention in the early Church about Christians conforming to the dietary restrictions of the Chosen People and the circumcising of men. Human beings judge people by our own standards. Lucky for all of us that God doesn't have such standards. Jesus recognized the faith and the need of the Canaanite woman in the gospel today and compassionately healed her daughter. Christ's universal message of salvation includes everyone. Our Redeemer's mercy and love reaches out across religious, social, political, and geographic borders to the ends of the earth. We must acknowledge and respect the traditions, beliefs, and background of all people. They are our brothers and sisters as children of God, and will be welcome into His heavenly kingdom.

Notable Dates Thursday, **August 20, is the memorial of St. Bernard**, Abbot and Doctor of the Church. St. Bernard was a nobleman who joined an abbey in France. Many of his family members and friends followed in his footsteps. Bernard wanted to follow and lead others to Christ, not to himself. He used his gifts for leadership, arbitration, writing, and creating harmony in the abbey to give glory to God. On Friday, **August 21, we remember St. Pius X**, Pope. As pope at the turn of the last century, St. Pius X reformed the liturgy and breviary, promoted Gregorian chant, opposed Modernism, and lowered the age of first Communion from twelve to seven. St. Pius had humble origins and never lost his love for simple, accessible liturgy and expressions of doctrine.

Saturday, **August 22, the Memorial of the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary** is observed. Eight days after we celebrate her Assumption, we honor Mary as the Queen of Heaven. Mary's life mirrors that of her Son, whose temple she was as the Christ bearer.

Keep in mind; every saint started out as a sinner, and every sinner has the chance to be a saint.

My house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples. (Isaiah 56: 1, 6-7)

All of today's readings tell us that God's salvation is meant for everyone. The prophet Isaiah speaks of foreigners who will join themselves to the Lord (56:6). The psalmist declares, "May the peoples praise you O God" (Psalm 67:6). Jesus praises a Canaanite woman's faith (Matthew 15:28). And Paul, apostle to the Gentiles, proclaims that God wants to "have mercy upon all" (Romans 11:32).

For the Jewish people in today's first reading, this must have been difficult to accept. They had just returned from exile to discover foreigners living in their holy city, Jerusalem. Their covenant told them that they were set apart as a holy people chosen by God. So how could "impure" Gentiles be living on their land? They forgot that God had chosen them by His grace, not just for their own sake, but to bring His light to every nation.

This call became increasingly clear in the early Church. Initially, all of Jesus' followers were Jewish. But as Gentiles came to believe in the Lord, the Jewish Christians began to understand that God's plan of salvation was far bigger than they had expected. Learning to live and work and pray alongside Gentiles could not have been easy. But they, like us, had to allow God's grace to help them love each other. The result? The diverse, beautiful, sometimes messy Church we know today.

Jesus wants His Church to be a house of prayer for all nations so that every person can belong to His family. He sees people who are searching for hope, meaning, and a place to meet God, and He is asking us to draw them in, to be the loving, welcoming face of the Church. May we always be open to everyone who is seeking the Lord, and through us, may God's grace flow out to the entire world!

"Jesus, help me to show everyone the love that You have given me."