

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**

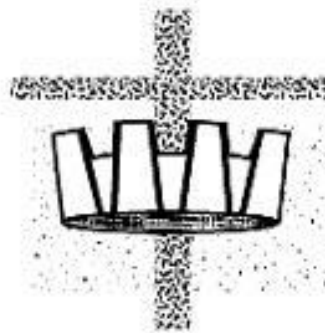
Meets during the school term.

● **SCRIPTURE DISCUSSION GROUP**

1:00 p.m. Wednesdays (Sept. – May)

● **PARISH CENTER RENTAL**

Contact Matt Moon: 814-490-1494



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Those who love
the LORD will
be heirs to
the Kingdom

Twenty-third Sunday In Ordinary Time

September 5, 2021

Praise the Lord, my soul!

MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

Saturday, September 4 Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30pm (St. Teresa) Virginia Poninsky by The Poninsky Family & Paul & Nettie

4:30pm (St. Thomas) Gene Vinca by St. Thomas Altar Rosary Society

Sunday, September 5 Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:45am (St. Thomas) Clara Sorenson by Sue & Tim Vinca

9:30am (Our Lady of Fatima) Harry and Monnie Smith and Tom Adams by the Dillon and Lenhardt Families

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

Monday, September 6 Weekday

8:00am Communion Service

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

Tuesday, September 7 Weekday

8:00am George & Irene Tinko by Ed & Irene Weaver

Wednesday, September 8 The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00am Fred Zokovitch by Ilene Zakovitch

5:15pm (St. Thomas) Frank Amoroso, Delores Kacerski Amoroso & Delores Briggs Amoroso by John Lutz

Thursday, September 9 St. Peter Claver

8:00am Mark Petrasik by Bill & Judy Flynn

Friday, September 10 Weekday

8:00am Communion Service

8:00am (St. Thomas) Adeline Rowland (Anniv. of Death) by Shirley Skiff

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

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

Sacrificial Giving: The offertory last weekend was \$1,661 for St. Teresa which includes \$1,508 in envelopes and \$153 in loose & \$518 for Our Lady of Fatima which includes \$320 in envelopes and \$198 in loose. Offertory Goal \$3,000

Mass Readings for the Week

Mon. Colossians 1:24 – 2:3♦Luke 6:6-11

Tue. Colossians 2:6-15 ♦Luke 6:12-19

Wed Micah 5:1-4a or Romans 8:28-30♦Matthew 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23

Thur Colossians 3:12-17♦ Luke 6:27-38

Fri. 1 Timothy 1:1-2, 12-14♦ Luke 6:39-42

Sat. 1 Timothy 1:15-17♦Luke 6:43-49

Sun. Isaiah 50:4c-9a♦ James 2:14-18♦Mark 8:27-35

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.

09/05 No Class

09/12 Class

09/19 Class

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

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 - \$29,147

Amount Paid to Date - \$27,282

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

Chapel bulletin of Sunday, September 5, 2021

Sunday September 5 9:30AM
Harry and Monnie Smith and Tom Adams by the
Dillon and Lenhardt Families

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sometimes our status as Christians can be used to judge and condemn instead of uplifting and strengthening other people. In the letter from James today, we are taken to task for our insistence on judging a person's worth by their external appearance. It is easy, but not an excuse, to overlook the poor, the marginalized, and the handicapped. They have no voice or visual appeal in our society. The gospel from Mark tells of Christ curing the deaf man who could not speak well. Pray that God can cure our deafness to those in need. Pray that Our Lord can cure our propensity of speaking critically of others. We at Our Lady of Fatima Chapel and St. Teresa Church need miracles in our own lives through the intervention of God to open our ears to the cries of the poor; to open our lips to speak out to support the needy and use words of compassion and consideration when addressing them. We also must open our eyes and our hearts to our own self-worth as a being of God's creation, with gifts and talents to share with others and to use them for the glory of God. All of us, regardless of social status, are beloved children of God, born in His image and deserving of love and respect.

WEEKLY OFFERING The collection of Sunday, August 29, was \$654.00 and included \$560.00 in 15 adult envelopes, and \$94.00 in loose money. Thanks to our Chapel members and visitors who have blessed us abundantly with generous giving.

CHAPEL CLOSING FOR THE SEASON

Today's liturgy ends the 2021 summer season at Our Lady of Fatima Chapel. This has been a challenging year as we continue to deal with the Covid virus in our daily lives, and also in the practice of our faith life. We are grateful to our dedicated priests who have celebrated the Eucharist with us. Thank you to

all who have helped in various ministries within the Chapel in the midst of this pandemic, and thank you to all who have attended liturgies and respected the protocols of the Erie Catholic Diocese during participation at Mass. Understandably, with a decline in attendance, the weekly offerings have decreased, but we appreciated the greatly needed support of many of the faithful members and summer friends throughout the season, and a few donated very generous gifts. It is important for the viability of the Chapel that assistance be maintained through the coming months since Chapel expenses of heat, electricity, and mowing/snowplowing continue so that the Chapel is available for special liturgies. With the seasonal closing of the Chapel, please keep in mind that contributions donated at Saint Teresa Church must either be in an assigned numbered envelope or notated as an offering for the Chapel in order for your support of the Chapel to continue in the off-season. We anticipate seeing many of the Chapel assembly join together with our parish community at Saint Teresa Church for Sunday liturgies in the ensuing months. We hope that everyone will share their gifts in ministry with our parish congregation. Our pastor Fr. Skip Davis also welcomes attendance at liturgies at St. Thomas Church in Corry. As in the past years, there will not be a separate Chapel section of the parish bulletin, however, Chapel information will be included within Saint Teresa Church bulletin. For content that you would like submitted to the bulletin call Kathy at the parish office at 438-3408. Until everyone gathers for Chapel liturgies next summer season, may God bless one and all, and keep us and our loved ones safe and healthy.

HOLIDAY REMARKS Welcome to all who are visiting the lake area for the Labor Day weekend. We hope your stay is enjoyable. It's great to have a three-day weekend and commemorate the last days of summer. Know that we will miss our seasonal friends as they close their cottages; but look forward to their return in the spring of 2022!

THE SPARTANSBURG FAIR runs Sept. 5 – 11. Gate fee \$4.00, 12 & under free. Thurs. Sept. 9, Senior Day
62 & older admitted free until 5PM, and Veterans and Active Military free ALL DAY with valid ID.

HAVE A HAPPY & SAFE LABOR DAY WEEKEND

A Family Perspective Deafness abounds not only when we cannot hear, but when we refuse to listen. Before Jesus can enter your home and heal, you must first recognize your deafness. Have trouble speaking your thoughts? Try choosing loving words, even if the message might be a difficult one to say. All things said in love are easier to hear and accept.

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 starting September 8th 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 Most Rev. Lawrence T. Persico, Rev. Robert P. Susa, Rev. Edward J. Walk, Very Rev. Vincent P. Cieslewicz,, V.F. Rev. Jason A. Glover, Rev. Leo J. Gallina, Rev. John A. Walsh

SCHEDULES FOR SEPTEMBER 11 & 12

4:30	10:45
LECTORS	
Pat Brown	Terry Dernar
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	
Nancy Ferro	George Wetzel Choir: Paul Beer
ALTAR SERVERS	
Mary Jo Smith	Jesse Nordin

The Rosary Altar Society meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 7th at 6pm in the Parish Center.

Larry Watts would like to thank everyone for their get well wishes, cards and especially for their prayers while he was in the Pittsburgh hospital. He is glad to be home.

***He put His finger into the man's ears
(Mark 7:31-37)***

If Jesus' actions in today's Gospel reading seem odd to you, you're probably not alone. It's not every day that you see someone placing his fingers in a man's ears or touching his tongue. But then again, this is the one who told His disciples to eat His body and drink His blood, who touched a man with leprosy, and who put mud on another man's eyes.

If you want to know what's behind all of this, it can probably be summed up in one word: intimacy. Not the romantic or sentimental kind of intimacy, but the compassionate kind. It's the intimacy of a God who loves His people, a God who humbles Himself to enter into our wounded, muddled, messy lives so that He can offer His healing and salvation.

By touching this man's ears and tongue, Jesus singles out the parts of His body that had kept Him trapped in isolation. He showed that He knew exactly what the man needed and that He wasn't afraid to deal with it. And through that physical touch, Jesus brought life back to him. The man was no longer trapped in silence. Now he could hear his loved ones' words. Now he could speak to them and share his heart with them.

Jesus is very close to you as well. He knows you better even than you know yourself. He sees the ways in which you have become isolated – whether through sin or fear or anxiety or sickness. Just as He signed when He touched the deaf man, Jesus knows your pain and wants to set you free. So He asks you to let down your guard and allow Him to come into your heart and heal whatever is hurting.

Today, Jesus will come to you in a very physical, personal way in the Eucharist. As you receive Him, open your heart. Let Him enter the silence and messiness inside you so that He can set you free.

“Jesus, I welcome you into my heart. Come, Lord, with your healing touch.”

