

## 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**

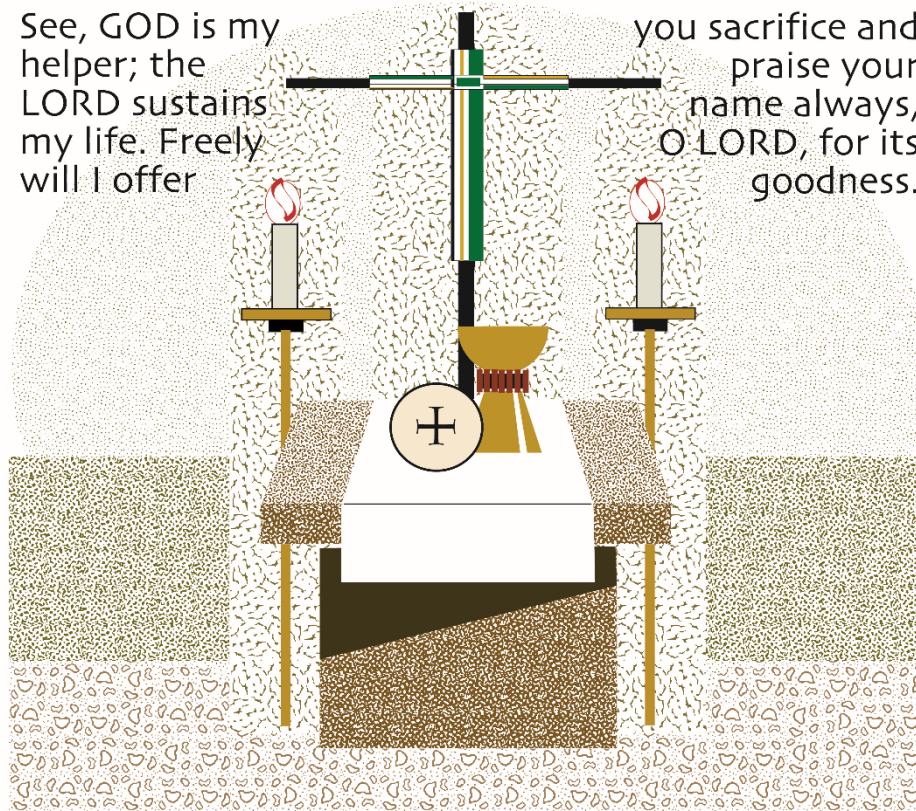
1:00 p.m. Wednesdays (Sept. – May)

##### ● **PARISH CENTER RENTAL**

Contact Matt Moon: 814-490-1494

See, GOD is my  
helper; the  
LORD sustains  
my life. Freely  
will I offer

you sacrifice and  
praise your  
name always,  
O LORD, for its  
goodness.



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## Twenty-fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time

### September 19, 2021

The Lord upholds my life!

## MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

### **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

### **Monday, September 20 Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gon & Paul Chong Ha-sang**

8:00am Communion Service

8:00am (St. Thomas) Ann Crawford by Her Son

### **Tuesday, September 21 St. Matthew**

8:00am For the Poor Souls in Purgatory

### **Wednesday, September 22 Weekday**

8:00am Twila Davis by Fr. Skip Davis

5:15pm (St. Thomas) Carl Vanchieri by Veronica Bailey

### **Thursday, September 23 St. Pius of Pietrelcina**

8:00am Deceased members of the Polish National Alliance, Lodge 2230 by PNA officers & members

### **Friday, September 24 Weekday**

8:00am Communion Service

8:00am (St. Thomas) Terrie Gage by Mickey & Mary Johnson

### **Saturday, September 25 Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:30pm (St. Teresa) Julia & Andy Ryba by Bill & Judy Flynn

4:30pm, (St. Thomas) Deceased Members of the Farver & Shone Families by Richard & Jean Farver

### **Sunday, September 26 Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

10:45am (St. Teresa) Andrew & Helen Harnak by Dorothy Rhodes & Family

**Sacrificial Giving:** The offertory last weekend was \$1,436 for St. Teresa which includes \$1,300 in envelopes and \$136 in loose & \$215 for Our Lady of Fatima. Offertory Goal \$3,000

#### Mass Readings for the Week

Mon. Ezra 1:1-6♦Luke 8:16-18

Tue. Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13♦Matthew 9:9-13

Wed. Ezra 9:5-9♦Luke 9:1-6

Thur. Haggai 1:1-8♦ Luke 9:7-9

Fri. Haggai 2:1-9♦ Luke 9:18-22

Sat. Zechariah 2:5-9, 14-15a♦Luke 9:43b-45

Sun. Numbers 11:25-29♦ James 5:1-6 ♦Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

### **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.

09/19 No Class

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

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

10/10 5<sup>th</sup> (Living Rosary)

**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. 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)

**A Family Perspective** Disagreements are common in families. But what would you say if Jesus posed the same question “What are you arguing about?” Is it silly and petty? Is it an attempt to impose your will and control on another, or to really solve a problem? Today Jesus tells us and his disciples to give it up. We are meant to serve each other, not control.

**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 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. Glenn Whitman, Rev. Richard Tomasone, Rev. Stanley J. Swacha, Rev. V. David Foradori, Rev. Christopher J. Singer, Rev. B. LaMounte Sayers, Rev. Joseph V. Dougherty

**Reverse Raffle** Tickets are sold out. Anyone interested in purchasing a Meal Ticket may buy one for \$25. A dinner ticket makes you eligible to play the sideboards and any of the other raffles. If you have any questions, you make contact Irene Weaver at 814-350-5309 or Rowena Watts at 814-438-7013.

**Parenting Pointers** “Taking a child, Jesus placed him/her in the [disciples’] midst...Whoever receives one child in my name, receives me.” (Mark 9:36-37) Think of one thing you have learned from your child.

SCHEDULES FOR SEPTEMBER 25 & 26	
4:30	10:45
LECTORS	
Marty Brown	Tricia Young
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	
Flo Down	Roger Pelc Choir: Kelly Young
ALTAR SERVERS	
Volunteer	Volunteer

**Marriage Moment** “Where do the conflicts among you come from?” (James 4:1) - Jealousy, fatigue, fear, misunderstanding... There are many sources but more important is to search for reconciliation, mercy. We all have our faults. Is there anything I need to ask forgiveness for from my beloved this week?

**Bishop Persico's pastoral letter in pandemic invites us to deepen our commitment**

“It is time for us to come together again as disciples of Christ and to “re-member” our Sunday story,” Bishop Lawrence Persico says in his new pastoral letter written in time of pandemic. “By this I do not mean only a recalling of the teachings and legacy of Jesus Christ that deepen our faith; I also mean that we need to come together again as the Body of Christ...and to become in Christ the faith-filled disciples that we are called to be.” The letter, along with questions for reflection and discussion, can be found in its entirety on the *Re-membering Our Sunday Story* webpage at [www.Eriercd.org/sundaystory.html](http://www.Eriercd.org/sundaystory.html).

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.

**Love of self without love of God is selfishness; love of neighbor without love of God embraces only those who are pleasing to us, not those who are hateful.**

***Whoever receives one child such as this in My name,  
receives Me.  
(Mark 9:37)***

The disciples were caught red-handed and they knew it. Jesus had asked them what they were arguing about, and they had no choice but to tell Him: they were caught up in a heated debate about which of them was the greatest disciple. In reply, Jesus told them to focus on being servants, not on becoming great. This probably wasn't the first time He had said something like this to them, and it surely wouldn't be the last!

But then instead of going deeper into His teaching about serving, He pivoted to the theme of receiving a child in His name. So why did Jesus change the subject.

He didn't. He just had a different definition of service than the disciples did – and probably a different definition than we do. Like the disciples, we might think of service in terms of quantity and impact. But that's now how Jesus sees it. If you lead a Bible study with fifty people and your neighbor leads one with five people, that doesn't necessarily make you a better servant. If you are spending all your free time helping out in numerous parish ministries and your neighbor is able to give up only one extra hour a week, that doesn't automatically mean you're more of a servant.

What makes you a servant? Your willingness to welcome Jesus no matter how he comes to you. If you're willing to "waste" your time with a child or any other vulnerable person, you're a servant. If you're willing to imitate Jesus' humility as He washed His disciples' feet, you're a servant. If you're willing to imitate His compassion as He stood up for a woman caught in adultery, you're a servant.

Jesus promised that those who become "the last of all and servant of all" are the "first" (Mark 9:35). May we all learn how to live in the humility and lowliness of Christ.

***"Jesus, give me the heart of a servant. Give me your heart of love."***

GECAC is holding a Warming Event at the Union City Senior Center and are asking for donations of the following: HATS, GLOVES, SCARVES, TOWELS & SOCKS. They are asking that the items be new and not used. Distributions of these items go to Union City and Corry and will be available for pickup at the Union City Center on Saturday, October 16<sup>th</sup> between 10 & 12 or until they run out of items. If anyone is interested in volunteering their time that would also be appreciated. Refreshments will be available for all volunteers. Items may be brought to the center the week of October 13<sup>th</sup> between 9 & 3 or by appointment by calling 814-438-2146 and asking for Laura.

*CREATOR OF THE UNIVERSE Throughout September, we pray that we all make courageous choices for a simple and environmentally sustainable lifestyle, rejoicing in our young people who are resolutely committed to this.*

### A Tight Rein

*Those who consider themselves religious and yet do not keep a tight rein on their tongue deceive themselves.*

There isn't a person alive who hasn't spoken out of turn at some point or wished he could unsay something. Much like toothpaste from a tube, the words simply can't be put back once they have come out. Words can cause damage that can't be undone.

Learning to control one's tongue will prevent the regrets and hurt feelings that often accompany hasty words. Solomon felt that there was little hope for a man who was too hasty with his words (Proverbs 29:20). He also warned against being too quick to make promises before God (Ecclesiastes 5:2).

To truly live joyfully, a person needs to heed the instructions given in Scripture. It's often the simplest commands that, when disobeyed, wreak havoc in a life. We can have joy when the words of our mouth are acceptable to God (Psalm 19:14).

*Forgive me, Lord, when I've been too quick to speak. May my words bring glory to You and life to those around me.*

***The Good repent on knowing their sin; the evil become angry when discovered.***