

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**

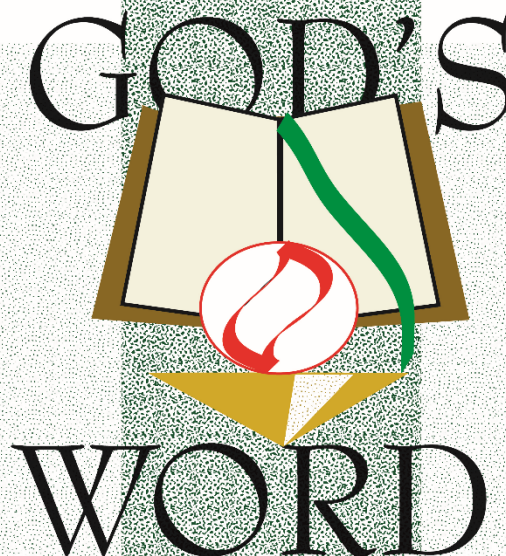
Meets during the school term.

● **SCRIPTURE DISCUSSION GROUP**

1:00 p.m. Wednesdays (Sept. – May)

● **PARISH CENTER RENTAL**

Contact Matt Moon: 814-490-1494



The law of the LORD refreshes the soul

**Twenty-sixth Sunday
In Ordinary Time**

September 26, 2021

The precepts of the Lord
give joy to the heart!

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MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

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

Monday, September 27 St. Vincent de Paul

8:00am Communion Service

8:00am (St. Thomas) Gerald Morris by John Lutz

Tuesday, September 28 Weekday

8:00am Mike Rushin by Fr. Skip Davis

Wednesday, September 29

Sts. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels

8:00am For the Poor Souls in Purgatory

5:15pm (St. Thomas) Dorothy Wotus by Betty Sarnicki & Janet Woodruff

Thursday, September 30 St. Jerome

8:00am Steve Mongera Sr. by Dorothy Mongera

Friday, October 1 St. Therese of the Child Jesus

8:00am Communion Service

8:00am (St. Thomas) In Honor of Dave & Linda Jordan (50th wedding anniversary) by Jeff & Kristi Fike

Saturday, October 2 Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30pm (St. Teresa) Jenine Mineo by Family

4:30pm (St. Thomas) Ed Girovsky by Diane Hall

Sunday, October 3 Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:45am (St. Thomas) Z. Marion & Irene Zaczekiewicz by Sue, Gary & Joseph Johnston

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

Sacrificial Giving: The offertory last weekend was \$1,484 for St. Teresa which includes \$1,390 in envelopes and \$94 in loose & \$125 for Our Lady of Fatima. Offertory Goal \$3,000

Mass Readings for the Week

Mon. Zechariah 8:1-8♦Luke 9:46-50

Tue. Zechariah 8:20-23♦Luke 9:51-56

Wed Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 or Revelation 12:7-12a♦John 1:47-51

Thur Nehemiah 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12♦ Luke 10:1-12

Fri. Baruch 1:15-22♦ Luke 10:13-16

Sat. Exodus 23:20-23♦Matthew 18:1-5, 10

Sun. Genesis 2:18-24♦ Hebrews 2:9-11 ♦Mark 10:2-16 or 10:2-12

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.

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

10/03 4th Fall Social (Adoration)

10/10 5th (Living Rosary)

10/17 6th

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

A Family Perspective The words in today's gospel, "Whoever gives a cup of water in the name of Christ will not lose their reward" hits us at home. As parents, we gain our "reward" when we bring a bottle to a crying infant in the middle of the night, or juice boxes to parched five-year old's, or hold ice chips to the fevered lips of a spouse. It is that simple and that sacred. In our homes, we give until it hurts "in the name of Christ."

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. John B. Jacquel, Rev. Dennis A. Martin, Rev. Thomas M. Brooks, Rev. Henry C. Andrae, Rev. James P. McCormick, Rev. Msgr. Joseph K. Bobal

Parenting Pointers Next Monday, Sept. 27 is “Eat Dinner Together Day.” Maybe you usually do this anyway. Good. If not, take heed. The Natl. Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse says that one habit of healthy families is that they “eat dinner together most every night.”

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.

The Lord hears us more readily than we suspect; it is our listening to God that needs to be improved.

SCHEDULES FOR OCTOBER 2 & 3

4:30

10:45

LECTORS

Nancy Ferro

Elizabeth Moon

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Mary Ann Shinko

Tom Kunzen

Choir: Jeannie Stepnowski

ALTAR SERVERS

Luke Racop

Joseph Kondrilik

Marriage Moment “You rich, weep and wail... You have lived on earth in luxury and pleasure...” (James 5:1-5) Most of us do not think of ourselves as really wealthy. There’s always somebody richer. It usually depends on who we compare ourselves to. This week notice who is poorer than you. Do something about it.

A Taste of Poland will be held at St. Stanislaus Church in Erie Sunday October 10th 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.

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 or winavette.com

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 16th 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 13th between 9 & 3 or by appointment by calling 814-438-2146 and asking for Laura.

***Would that all the people of the Lord were prophets!
(Numbers 11:29)***

It wasn't about him. Moses was very clear about that fact. When Eldad and Medad received God's spirit and prophesied, even though they were not gathered with him at the tent of meeting, Moses was not diminished in any way.

Why not? Because the initiative and the spirit came from God, not from Moses. It was not Moses who would be glorified by the spiritual gifts poured out on the elders; it was the Lord. As he himself said, he'd be happy if all God's people were prophets! He would be delighted if they all knew the Lord as intimately as he did and spoke his word as freely. Like Joshua, though, we sometimes want to make a script for how God can work in people's lives. Moses teaches us to be open when the Lord works in unexpected ways.

Jesus had a similar response to His disciples in today's Gospel. When they complained that someone who didn't follow them was casting out demons in His name, Jesus told them not to worry. God was working through that person too. Again, like the disciples, we might think that things should be done a certain way. Then we feel threatened when people don't follow our "script." But as Jesus said, "Whoever is not against us is for us" (Mark 9:40). He was trying to broaden the disciples' view so that they could be free to recognize and follow the working of His Spirit in the future. That attitude became extremely important when Gentiles started believing in Jesus.

God sometimes looks at things differently than we do. We might be weighed down by a reluctance to change or a dislike of the unexpected. But God wants to work in the lives of His people, and He is so eager to pour out His Spirit that He won't always follow our script. He challenges our narrow viewpoint. And that can be a really good thing!

"Lord, broaden my expectations of how you might work today."

Bishop Persico's pastoral letter in pandemic encourages 'vibrant encounters'

All are invited to read and discuss Bishop Lawrence Persico's *Re-membering Our Sunday Story: a pastoral letter written in pandemic*. "I offer this reflection on our Sunday story in order to help our parish communities to make the celebration of the Eucharist more engaging, more vibrant and more effective encounters with the presence of Christ, who is always our true Companion," he writes. "It is in these encounters that we discover how our parishes can become Eucharistic communities of love, service to others and communion with one other and with all of God's People." Find the letter, as well as questions for reflection and discussion, at www.Eriercd.org/SundayStoryPastoralLetter.html.

Though the Son of Man expressed His federation with humanity, He was very careful to note that He was like man in all things save sin. He challenged His hearers to convict Him of sin. But the consequences of sin were all His as the Son of Man. Hence the prayer to let the chalice pass; His endurance of hunger and thirst; His agony and bloody sweat...His endurance of worry, anxiety, fear, pain, mental anguish, fever, hunger, thirst, and agony during the hours of His Passion – all these things were to inspire men to imitate the Son of Man. Nothing that was human was foreign to Him.

The essence of prayer is not the effort to make God give us something. Prayer, then, is not just informing God of our needs, for God already knows them. Rather, the purpose of prayer is to give God the opportunity to bestow the gifts He will give us when we are ready to accept them.