

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**

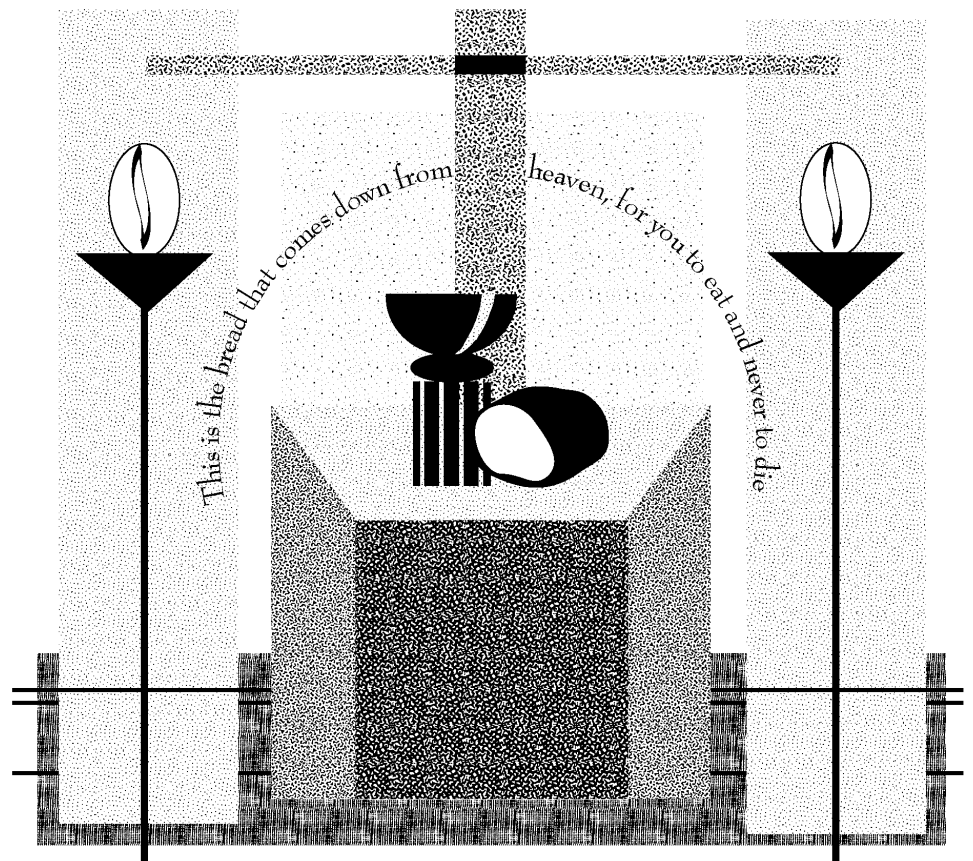
Meets during the school term.

● **SCRIPTURE DISCUSSION GROUP**

1:00 p.m. Wednesdays (Sept. – May)

● **PARISH CENTER RENTAL**

Contact Matt Moon: 814-490-1494



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Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 8, 2021

Give glory to our God
and call upon His name!

MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

Saturday, August 7 Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

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

Sunday, August 8 Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:45am (St. Thomas) Gene Vinca by Daniel & Cassandra Pfeiffer

9:30am (Our Lady of Fatima) Alfred and Francis Gavulic by Carol and Gregg Steinmetz and Family

10:45am (St. Teresa) Rosemary Sefchick by Ilene Zakovitch

Monday, August 9 Weekday

8:00am Communion Service

Tuesday, August 10 St. Lawrence

8:00am Twila Davis by Fr. Skip Davis

Wednesday, August 11 St. Clare

8:00am Mass of Thanksgiving for God's Blessings by The Masangcay Family

Thursday, August 12 Weekday

8:00am Sophie Combs by Ann Marie Wildes

Friday, August 13 Weekday

8:00am Communion Service

Saturday, August 14 The Assumption Of The Blessed Virgin Mary

4:30pm (St. Teresa) John Fifer by Altar Servers

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

Sunday, August 15 The Assumption Of The Blessed Virgin Mary

8:45am (St. Thomas) Madeline Jawdy by Joe & Janet Jawdy

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

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

Sacrificial Giving: The offertory last weekend was \$2,171 for St. Teresa which includes \$2,075 in envelopes and \$96 in loose & \$370 for Our Lady of Fatima which includes \$195 in envelopes and \$175 in loose. Offertory Goal \$3,000

Mass Readings for the Week

Mon. Deuteronomy 10:12-22♦Matthew 17:22-27

Tue. 2 Corinthians 9:6-10 ♦John 12:24-26

Wed Deuteronomy 34:1-12♦Matthew 18:15-20

Thur Joshua 3:7-10a, 22, 13-17♦ Matthew 18:21-19:-1

Fri. Joshua 24:1-13♦ 2 Matthew 19:3-12

Sat. Joshua 24:14-29♦Matthew 19:13-15

Sun. Revelation 11:19a 12:1-6a, 10ab♦ 1 Corinthians 15:20-27♦Luke 1:39-56

Religious Education

With the new Religious Education year quickly approaching, our Religious Education leaders, Lisa and Missy would like to introduce themselves and also get to know students, parents, volunteers and anyone interested in helping with the upcoming year. Please join them for a meet and greet this Thursday August 12th from 6:00 to 7:30 pm in the yard between the church and parish center. Refreshments and light snacks will be provided.

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.

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 - \$28,777

Amount Paid to Date - \$26,742

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

Marriage It's summer. It's hot in the northern hemisphere. How do you and your beloved keep cool? If you're lucky enough to have air-conditioning. Be thankful and help someone who doesn't. If you live in the southern hemisphere – just wait.

SCHEDULES FOR AUGUST 14 & 15

4:30

10:45

LECTORS

Becky Boleratz

Tricia Young

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Rowena Watts

Paul Beer
Choir: Ilene Zakovitch

ALTAR SERVERS

Colton Boyd

Allie Anderson

The Rosary Altar Society will hold a Bake Sale after all Masses this weekend.

Chapel bulletin and Mass of August 8, 2021

Sunday August 8 9:30AM

Alfred and Francis Gavulic by Carol and Gregg Steinmetz and Family

Sunday August 15 9:30AM

Peg and Herb Lloyd by Pam and Tim Roberts

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Many themes appear in today's readings: our own discouragement and God's compassion; perseverance in the journey; true Christian life; and Jesus as the bread of heaven. In the Old Testament reading from today's Mass we learn of the discouragement of the prophet Elijah. In his depression he prayed for death. When he was provided food by the angel of the Lord, Elijah was strengthened by the meal and went forward to continue God's work. All sensible adults realize that in order to carry out our obligations we must be nourished. God designed marvelous bodies for us, and an environment for growing food, raising cattle, and harvesting the seas to sustain our lives. We know that without adequate food, we will be unable to live our lives fully. We must also nourish ourselves spiritually in order to grow in our faith and remain strongly dedicated to God. This is most perfectly accomplished by the frequent reception of the Eucharist. It sustains us through life as it gives

us strength for the journey to heaven. This Sunday's scriptures show us that, just as God is our companion on this long and sometimes disheartening journey, so we must be companions for one another, offering support and encouragement whenever we can.

WEEKLY OFFERING The collection of Sunday, July 25, was \$370.00 and included \$195.00 in 10 adult envelopes, and \$175.00 in loose money. The Chapel is grateful for your contributions that support the work of God here in this faith community.

FLORAL REMEMBRANCE The flower arrangement at the altar is in loving memory of Virginia Poninsky donated by the Poninsky family. May Virginia be welcomed into her heavenly home and live eternally in the presence of God.

NOTABLE DATES Monday, August 9, Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross is remembered. Don't recall her? Actually, she was born a Jew, Edith Stein in 1891. She embraced the Catholic faith at the age of 30 and later entered a Carmelite monastery after studying philosophy and reading the autobiography of our parish patron saint, Teresa of Avila. She was hunted down by the Nazis during World War II and sent to Auschwitz where she died on August 9, 1942. The memorial of other saints this week are: Tuesday, August 10, Saint Lawrence, deacon and martyr; Wednesday, August 11, Saint Clare, virgin, and founder of the community of the Poor Clares' on Friday, August 13, Saints Pontian and Hippolytus, martyrs; and on Saturday, August 14, we remember St. Maximilian Kolbe, a priest who was martyred by the Nazi regime through starvation.

*Taste and see the goodness of
the Lord*

If your address or phone number has recently changed, please notify the parish office so that our records are current and up to date.

A Family Perspective. "Stop murmuring" Jesus told the disciples in today's gospel. Complaining is a dead-end; constant complaining is nagging. We might feel better but others feel bitter. Silence or grumbling will not resolve the problem. Address differences honestly and respectfully. Don't make them personal attacks.

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.

Parenting Pointers When Jesus talked about being “the bread of life” the Jews didn’t understand what he meant and complained. Jesus responded, “Stop murmuring among yourselves.” (John 6: 43). Sometimes we complain about food too. What’s each family member’s favorite food? Can you treat each member to their favorite food sometime this week?

Please Pray for our Priests Rev. Msgr. David A. Rubino The Most Reverend Lawrence T. Persico, Rev. Raymond W. Hahn, Rev. Justin P. Pino, Rev. Brandon Kleckner, Very Rev. Michael T. Kesicki, The Most Rev. Donald W. Trautman, Rev. Samuel G. Bungo, Very Rev. Msgr. Richard R. Siefer, E.V., Rev. Philip Bilotte

ERIE GIVES- Tuesday August 10th between 8am-8pm. Just go to www.ErieGives.org and select St. Teresa of Avila Church. Donations can be made online by Visa, Master Card or Discover. The minimum gift amount is \$25. The Erie Community Foundation and Sponsors will match a percentage of your donation. Check our parish website at www.st-teresa-unioncity.org for additional information.

Prayer to Live As God’s Child. Heavenly Father, As a child of God, May I look up to You, For You have all wisdom; May I be blessed with humility, For You make everything possible; May I enjoy hopeful anticipation, For You give surprising gifts; May I come to You in need, For You are never too busy; May I find comfort in faith, For You are gentle and forgiving; May I love unselfishly, For You love me. Amen.

***Be imitators of God...and live in love
(Ephesians 5:1, 2)***

On the face of it, today’s reading seems simple enough. Just try to love people. But Paul doesn’t leave it there. In very practical and pointed terms, he tells us what this kind of love looks like: it’s not just a matter of avoiding “fury,” or even its milder cousin, “anger.” There is no room for “bitterness” or “shouting,” either. Not even a hint of “malice”! Instead, the love Paul is calling us to is marked by kindness and compassion – and forgiveness (Ephesians 4:31, 32).

Forgiveness. That’s the linchpin. Our ability to show compassion and kindness stands and falls on whether we are able – or at least willing to try – to forgive people who have wronged us. Without forgiveness, our love is conditional: *Of course I love you, but only if you are good to me. The moment you hurt me, all bets are off.*

That’s not how Jesus loves us. His love is unconditional’ there is never a moment that He doesn’t love us. Even when we are mired in a sin that we can’t seem to overcome, He is still completely committed to us. But that doesn’t mean He is indifferent to our sin. It means that He longs for us to repent so that we can receive His forgiveness and healing. And He asks us to treat one another with the same mercy and love.

This isn’t always easy. Sometimes it feels downright impossible. Some sins seem just too hard to forgive. But if anyone knows that, it’s Jesus. That’s why He is so patient. He promises to love you even if you are struggling to forgive someone. He knows that His love can soften your heart and give you the grace to show mercy.

Paul told the Ephesians to love in the same kind of love that Jesus had when He “handed Himself over for us” (5:3). Jesus never gave up on us, even when it meant going to the cross. So never give up on yourself – or anyone else!

“Lord teach me how to love with your love – the love that forgives.”

CONGRATULATIONS to Fr. Tom Suppa on the occasion of his 43rd Anniversary of Ordination on August 11th. May God continue to bless you.

