Welcome to St. Teresa of Avila's Parish Community

We extend our hands and hearts in Christian fellowship to you here celebrating with us. Whether long-time residents or newly arrived in our parish, we thank God that you are with us. If you are not registered or have changes to your registration, please fill in the form below, or complete the form on our website.

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The community of St. Teresa’s finds its strength to fulfill this through participation in the Eucharist, prayer, learning the building of relationships, and action for Justice.

ST TERESA’S GREEN TEAM

Home delivery companies have made grocery shopping more convenient now than ever before. Within hours, nearly any food item can be delivered, usually in excessive packaging that is needed to keep the items safe. The cost of this convenience comes at the expense of the environment. When thinking about stocking your pantry, go to the store in person. Bonus points for riding your bike or walking instead of driving!

ON-LINE GIVING

To make a one time gift, scan the QR code, scroll past the log in, click on Quick Give. To register, scan the QR code and complete the log in, etc.

FIRST & SECOND COLLECTIONS APRIL

**Weekend Masses**

First Collection $4,117
Building & Maintenance $ 748
St. Vincent de Paul $ 927

**On-Line Giving**

First Collection $3,647
Building & Maintenance $4,773
St. Vincent de Paul $ 875

**COMBINED**

Holy Thursday $ 45
Good Friday $ 536
Easter $4,682
Easter Flowers $ 80
Home Missions $1,132
Garden Fund $2,760

ST TERESA’S MISSION STATEMENT

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Do you know that there are special Children’s Bulletins available in the vestibule every week? There are 2 versions available: for ages 3-6 or for ages 7-12. They feature a link to on-line games, etc. on most bulletins.

INTERNET SAFETY FOR FAMILIES

Keeping children and teens safe and healthy with regard to use of the internet and social media can be overwhelming. The U.S. Catholic Bishops’ website, FaithAndSafety.org, contains an immense amount of user-friendly information and resources: devices to be wary of; Facebook safety and privacy; protecting your home network; bullying; cell phones; virtual worlds; app and website reviews, and more. All is presented in the context of our faith, with articles on using technology in a Christian way and seeing other users as our Online Neighbors.

MASS INTENTIONS

As we celebrate Mass together we include in our prayers:

- televised Masses including the People of the Parish
- the Deceased of the Parish
- the People of the Parish
- the Parish from Home
- the People of the Parish, Columbus, Ohio
- the People of the Parish, Las Vegas, NV

Enquiries: Fr. Brian, 608-277-8757

Parish Calendar

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Please take a moment before you leave to replace the hymnals in their racks, bring any unwanted bulletins up front to the vestibule, to as much of the Bible as possible. Over a three-year period, the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke are linked to cycles A, B, and C, and the same holds true for the Acts of the Apostles: during the Easter Season, the first reading is taken from Acts, and over a three-year period we are exposed to a good portion of the book.

But there is a more important reason for reading Acts during Easter time. The Acts of the Apostles is basically a history of the early church. The four Gospels end with the Ascension of Jesus. From the very first chapter we realize that Jesus is gone. He died, rose from the dead, and walked among us for a while, but after the Resurrection he was around for only a very short period of time (40 days) before ascending to his Father. Ten days later the Holy Spirit appeared at Pentecost, and the author of Acts demonstrates that, although Jesus is no longer physically present, the community nevertheless continues to experience his presence in Spirit. In a very real sense, we are like those early communities in that, whenever we gather together to break the bread, we experience the presence of Jesus in our midst. Like those early Christians, our task is to form community and build up the Church.

The Acts of the Apostles was written by the evangelist Luke, and is the “companionship book” to his Gospel. Written about 50 years after the death and resurrection of Jesus, Luke describes what is referred to as the “missionary period” of the early church. Acts describes the events of a 30-year period from Ascension-Pentecost until the deaths of Peter and Paul.

When reading Acts we have to remember that Luke was not a first-century reporter, notebook in hand, chronicling the history of the early Church. Acts gives us some remarkable “snapshot views” of the early Church and early Christian community, but the events described in Acts took place long before Luke wrote about them. The major issues and concerns raised in Acts were resolved long before Luke put pen to paper.

We get a glimpse of that in today’s reading. Paul and Barnabas chronicled the end of the first missionary journey, describing how they appointed elders in those Churches established in the Mediterranean. When they returned to Antioch, they were “commended to the grace of God for the work they had now accomplished.”

What Luke doesn’t tell us is that the news of Paul and Barnabas’ success was not so well received. Initially, Paul and Barnabas took the message to synagogues in the diaspora, but the Greek-speaking Jews largely rejected the preaching. Although there was “good news” that Churches were established and thriving, the “bad news” was that the members of those Churches were gentiles. This sets the stage for the first major issue confronting the nascent Church: do you have to be Jewish in order to be Christian? Dealing with this issue results in the Council of Jerusalem, described in the 15th Chapter of Acts.

Michael Kwiecien, O. Carm.