

St. Teresa of Avila Parish

1878 Abbe Road Sheffield Village, Ohio 44054

February 26, 2017

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time



PARISH INFORMATION

BAPTISMS: Baptisms are celebrated after the Noon mass on Sundays. A pre-baptism class is required for the first child. For class information call the rectory. Arrangements should be made shortly before or after the birth of the child.

COMMUNION CALLS: are made on Sundays by Eucharistic Ministers to the homebound. Please call the Rectory to schedule.

MATRIMONY: Couples need to make arrangements at least six months prior to the wedding date. No date may be reserved until discussed with a priest of the parish.

NEW PARISHIONERS: Call the Rectory to register.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION: Interested in becoming a member of the Catholic Church? Call the Rectory for more information.

CONFESSIONS

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Sat. 3:30 - 4:00 PM or by appointment.

CONTACT US

Rectory Office.....(440) 934-4227
Office Hours.....Monday – Friday 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Fax.....(440) 934-4500
E-mailst.teresa.church@neohio.twcbc.com
Website..... www.stteresaparish.com

MASSES

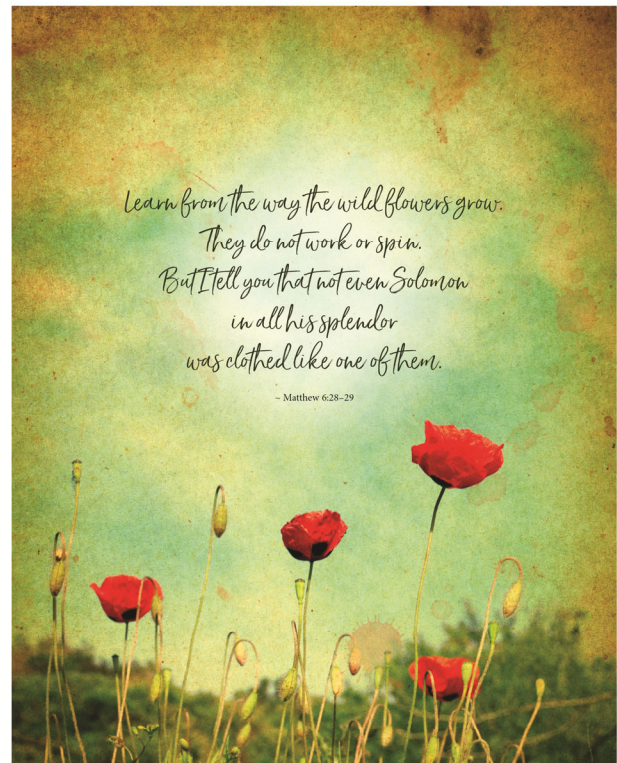
Sunday Vigil.....Saturday 4:30 PM
Sunday:.....8:30 AM and 11:00 AM
Holy Day Vigil:.....Watch Bulletin
Holy Day:.....Watch Bulletin
Civic Holidays:.....Watch Bulletin
Wednesday & Friday:.....8:30 AM

STAFF

Reverend Edward J. Smith, Pastor
Fr. Thomas Sanders, OSB, Weekend Associate
Debbie Wehler, Sue DiVaccaro, Secretaries
Michael Joris, Parish Council Chairperson
Dean Robinson, Parish Catechetical Leader
Lou Varos, Finance Council Chairperson

ST. TERESA OF AVILA CHURCH is handicap accessible.

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**THE EIGHTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME
FEBRUARY 26, 2017**

Can a mother forget her infant, be without tenderness for the child of her womb? Even should she forget, I will never forget you. — *Isaiah 49:15*

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Weekly Goal	\$4,000.00
February 12, 2017	\$3,621.00
Kids'	\$4.00

Please keep St. Teresa Parish in mind when making out your will.

**COLLECTION FOR CENTRAL
AND EASTERN EUROPE**

This Collection takes place on **Ash Wednesday**. Please be generous.

**KEEP THESE PARISHIONERS
IN YOUR PRAYERS**

Joan Hensley, Luz Villanueva
Pat Chozinski, Marty Lima
Richard Forthofer, Gladys Mackert
Gladys Wisnieski, Kathleen Brezinski
Eleanor Rieth, Maebelle Fill
Lenore Summers

MONTHLY SPIRITUAL MAXIM

Consider the Lord as very deep within [your soul]; such a thought is much more alluring and fruitful than thinking of Him as outside oneself.

St. Teresa of Avila

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

For those advanced in age, sick, or undergoing surgery. Administered upon request. Contact the Rectory.

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION

PSR Classes take place on Tuesdays from 6:00 - 7:15 p.m.

If the Sheffield Schools are closed on a Tuesday due to bad weather, PSR will be cancelled for that night.

**WELCOME TO OUR NEWLY
REGISTERED PARISHIONERS**

Ciela Neale - *Welcome to the Parish Family at St. Teresa of Avila Parish!*

**PLEASE REMOVE ALL
CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS
FROM THE CEMETARY.**

THANK YOU!

**DONATIONS FOR ST. FRANCES
CABRINI FOOD PANTRY**

Please bring your donations the weekend of **March 4 & 5, 2017**. All nonperishable food items can be placed in the tub in the vestibule of the church. **Thank you!**

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, February 25

4:30 p.m. the Living/Deceased Fathers of St. Teresa Parish

Sunday, February 26

8:30 a.m. +Marty Broska by Ray & Cathy

11:00 a.m. People of St. Teresa Parish

Monday, February 27

NO MASS

Tuesday, February 28

NO MASS

Wednesday, March 1

Ash Wednesday

8:30 a.m. deceased of the Lamb/Zytkowski families

Noon Distribution of Ashes (No Mass)

Thursday, March 2

NO MASS

Friday, March 3

St. Katharine Drexel

8:30 a.m. All Souls

Saturday, March 4

St. Casimir

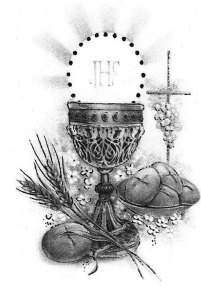
4:30 p.m. +Daniel Leemans by Bill & Ruth Bistak

Sunday, March 5

First Sunday of Lent

8:30 a.m. +Tom Paterson by Robert & Cora Doyle

11:00 a.m. People of St. Teresa Parish



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ASH WEDNESDAY - MARCH 1, 2017

Ashes will be distributed at 8:30 a.m. Mass and at Noon (No Mass)

Eucharistic Adoration will end at Noon on Ash Wednesday.

LENTEN SCHEDULE

Stations of the Cross - Wednesdays of Lent from March 8 - April 5, 7:00 p.m. in the church

Reconciliation - Every Saturday from 3:30 - 4 p.m. and on Wednesday, March 15 from 6 - 7 p.m.

Cluster Communal Penance Service - Sunday, March 26 at 2 p.m., St. Thomas Church

Eucharistic Adoration - Wednesdays from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Fish Fry - Fridays of Lent from March 3 - April 14 from 4:30 - 7 p.m.

ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY NEWS

Our next Altar & Rosary Society Mass will be **Sunday, March 12, 2017 at 8:30 a.m.** The Rosary will be said at 8:00 a.m. prior to Mass.

Save the Date - June 4, 2017 The A&R is sponsoring a bus trip to Presque Isle. Signups sheets and information available in the rear of the church.

FISH FRY - BAKERS AND POP DONATIONS NEEDED !!

Once again we ask the bakers of St. Teresa Parish to donate baked goods for our Fish Fry. We also need donations of pop: Pepsi or Coke and Sprite or 7-Up, regular and diet. Donations can be dropped off at the Parish Life Center on Thursdays and Fridays between 9 a.m. & 3 p.m. beginning March 2 & 3.

DISPENSATION FROM LENTEN ABSTINENCE ON FRIDAY, MARCH 17, 2017

Out of pastoral solicitude, Bishop Daniel Thomas has formally dispensed the faithful of the Diocese of Cleveland from the obligation to abstain from meat on the Memorial of Saint Patrick, Bishop, which will be observed this year on Friday, March 17. Those who choose to partake of meat on that day are encouraged to undertake another penance that day in the form of a corporal or spiritual work of mercy. In this way, a faithful Catholic still keeps the penitential spirit of a Friday in Lent and unites oneself more closely with the suffering of Christ and His Church.

ST. TERESA'S BIBLE STUDY CONTINUES - EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

Our next meeting will be **Thursday, March 2, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.** in the St. John Room in the Parish Life Center.

Studying the Bible is not boring!

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Sir 17:20-24; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 10:17-27

Tuesday: Sir 35:1-12; Ps 50:5-8, 14, 23; Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25

Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15

Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32

Sunday: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Ps 51:3-6, 12-13, 17; Rom 5:12-19 [12, 17-19]; Mt 4:1-11

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

As a priest I am often asked what the Church defines as a "Practicing Catholic". In a day and age where many people run around claiming the title "Catholic", without actually living a life of faith, I thought it was important to address this question. It might surprise you as to what the Church expects of a Catholic who says they are practicing their faith.

The Church says the following items are essential if a person is to be considered a "Practicing Catholic":

1. Obey and observe the 10 Commandments
2. Assent to Church teaching
3. Follow the Precepts of the Catholic Church as annunciated in the Catechism #2041-2043. The Church says these Precepts are considered the indispensable minimum for growth in the spiritual life. These Precepts are:
 - A. To attend and participate at Mass on all Sunday's and Holy Days of Obligation. This precept requires less than 60 hours of our time per year.
 - B. Go to Confession at least once per year
 - C. Receive Holy Communion at least once per year during the Easter season
 - D. Observe the prescribed days of fasting & abstinence. Days of fasting are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Days of abstinence are Fridays during Lent and Ash Wednesday.
 - E. Provide for the material needs of the Church according to your ability.

Truthfully, the Church does not set the bar terribly high when it comes to being a "Practicing Catholic". These requirements also impact a person in being considered a "Parishioner" of a Parish. Filling out a registration form is just the beginning. If a person does not attend a Parish for liturgies, and does not support their Parish through acts of service, charity and material support, then they are not truly Parishioners. They are simply someone who filled out a piece of paper. The bottom line is that the Church in general, and a Parish in particular, wants to form a spiritual relationship with a person. This is meant to be a significant part of a person's life-long journey of faith. The Church, and by extension the Parish, is a community of believers that should be supporting and encouraging one another to grow in the love of Jesus and our neighbor. This is an active requirement...one that requires our time and dedication. I applaud and commend all of you who wonderfully witness to your faith each day, by embracing and living these requirements annunciated by the Church. If you are a person who has not been living these requirements, I encourage you to reconsider your relationship with Christ, and actively live it in the community we call our Parish.

The Reverend Edward J. Smith

PRO-LIFE

"Threats which are no less serious hang over the incurably ill and the dying. In a social and cultural context which makes it more difficult to face and accept suffering, the temptation becomes all the greater to resolve the problem of suffering by eliminating it at the root, by hastening death so that it occurs at the moment considered most suitable." Pope John Paul II - *EVANGELIUM VITAE, March 1995*, To the Bishops, Priests and Deacons, Men and Women religious, Lay Faithful, and all People of Good Will on the Value and Inviolability of Human Life. **VISIT** www.clevelandrighttolife.org

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

From **March 1 through April 9**, you're invited to join other Christians for 40 Days for Life – 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. For more information or to volunteer, contact: John Noall @ 216-245-9744 or email at: clevelandpraysforlife@gmail.com. www.40daysforlife.com/cleveland.

LENTEN RETREAT AT ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CHURCH

Everyone is welcome on **Monday, March 20, 2017 beginning with Mass at 6:30 p.m.** followed by a Soup Dinner and our speaker Fr. Michael Gurnick. RSVP to St. Teresa's office. Dinner includes Chicken Noodle Soup and Vegetarian Vegetable Soup, rolls, dessert, coffee. Event is Free. Donations to the St. Vincent de Paul Society will be accepted including cleaning supplies and personal hygiene items.

UPCOMING EVENTS

PSR	Tues, Feb 28	6:00 p.m.	PLC Classrooms
Mass with Ashes	Wed, March 1	8:30 a.m.	Church
Eucharistic Adoration	Wed, March 1	9:00 a.m. - NOON	Church
Distribution of Ashes (No Mass)	Wed, March 1	Noon	Church
Bible Study	Thurs, March 2	7:00 p.m.	St. John Room
Fish Fry	Fri, March 3	4:30 - 7:00 p.m.	Avila Hall

LET US GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD OUR GOD FOR THOSE AMONG US:

Thank You to the Social Concerns Committee for hosting the seminar on a healthy, plant based diet.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS SERVING OUR COUNTRY

Charles Godles, Christopher Barnhart, Jason Bender, Thomas Daley, Capt. Richard Robinson, Tom Fisher, Anthony Burns, Michael Naughton, Allen Fish, 2nd Lt. Louis Rios, Michael Krivas, Justin Callison, Capt. Shelby Stratton, Grant Bartlett, Sgt. Tyler Corwin, John McGlynn, Cpl. Andrew Edwards
To add names call 934-4227.

PARISH CLUSTER CORNER

St. Thomas the Apostle

www.saintthomaschurch.net

St. Anthony

www.stanthonylorain.parishesonline.com

COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND AND THE ILL

If a parishioner is homebound, ill, or recovering from surgery and would like to have The Holy Eucharist brought to them, please call the church office.

HOSPITAL CALLS

Every hospital has an appointed Catholic Chaplain. Please request his services for a patient. Notify the parish office so that the sick will be remembered in our prayers and Masses.

TELEVISED SUNDAY MASS

Sunday Mass is aired on Channel 8 on Sundays at 6:00 a.m.

CLUSTER PARISH MASS TIMES

St. Anthony of Padua
8:30 a.m. Monday & Tuesday
4 p.m. Saturday & 10 a.m. Sunday
St. Thomas the Apostle
9 a.m. Monday - Saturday
4 p.m. Sat. & 9 & 11 a.m. Sunday

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

St. Teresa's: Wednesday from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
St. Anthony's perpetual Adoration Chapel is behind the church.
St. Thomas the Apostle Church: 9 a.m. Friday - 9 a.m. Saturday.

Around the Town

SOLACE OF LORAIN COUNTY - ADVOCACY FOR FAMILIES COPING WITH SUBSTANCE ABUSE

The next meeting will be **March 8, 2017 from 6 - 8 p.m.** at LCCC CARE Center (BU 113D), 1005 N. Abbe Rd., Elyria. For information call Kathy at 440-823-6177.

FREE TAX ASSISTANCE

AARP Tax-Aide Volunteers provide Free Tax Assistance from Feb. 1 - April 18, 2017. There are many sites open in Lorain County **by appointment only**. To find a location near you call 1-888-227-7669.

ST. JUDE ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY ANNUAL SALAD BUFFET

Wednesday, March 8, 2017 at 4:30 p.m. in the Family Center. Includes talk by Sr. Margaret Marszal, HM. Call 366-7163 for reservation.

LENTEN PIEROGI SALE

St. Anthony of Padua Church, Lorain, will be once again sell their famous, homemade potato with cheese pierogi & sauerkraut pierogi. Sales will be **Ash Wednesday, March 1st & Fridays during Lent: March 3 - April 7, from Noon to 6 pm.** \$6 per dozen frozen (uncooked) or \$7 per dozen cooked and topped with butter & onion. Pre-order: Patty at 440-934-4482 during the week, or 440-288-1752 ext. 236 during the Friday sale. Cabbage & noodles and bake sale items will also be available. No walk in orders will be taken after 4 pm.

INTER-PARISH MEN'S GROUP - ST. CLARENCE CHURCH

Join us **Friday, March 3, 2017 at 11:30 a.m.** Day includes lunch, talk given by Rev. Fr. Michael Lanning, and concludes with Mass. Cost is \$10. Call George at 440-937-6606 by February 28th.

ST. EDWARD HIGH SCHOOL LENTEN RETREAT

Saturday, March 4, 2017 from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. in the Holy Family Chapel. All Alumni are invited to attend. FREE. RSVP to 216-221-3776 x244.

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA SCHOOL ENDOWMENT DINNER

Saturday, March 4, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. at Chez Francois, 555 Main St., Vermilion, Ohio. Tickets for the School Endowment Dinner "A Night in Paris" are \$75 each and include a 3 course French dinner. For tickets call Diana at 440-288-1752 x 223.

NINE DAY LENTEN NOVENA - ST. MARY'S AVON

March 5 - March 13, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. with Fr. C. Thomas Cleaton. This novena is in Honor of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal. Call 934-4212 with questions.

TETELESTAI - BY CLEVELAND PERFORMING ARTS MINISTRIES

Join us at **St. Mary Parish, 320 Middle Ave., Elyria on March 3, 4 & 5.** Friday & Saturday performances are at 8 p.m. and Sundays is at 2 p.m. FREE.

LORAIN ST. ANTHONY SENIOR SOCIABLES/YOUNG AT HEART GROUP

Invites you **Thursday, March 16th, 12:30 pm** in the **Social Hall** for a **presentaion by Carol Starr Kmieck, As a One Woman Show.** Menu will be Cabbage Rolls & Kielbasa, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans with Bacon & Onion, Garden Salad, Dinner Rolls, Coffee, Hot Tea, Lemonade & Dessert. Cost is \$8. Reservations must be in by Monday, March 13th to Karen Less, 440-949-2934. Don't miss this fun event!

LET'S BRUNCH! - ST. JOSEPH'S TABLE

You are cordially invited to join us at **St. Joseph's Table on Sunday, March 26 from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.** being held at St. Mary Parish, Johnston Hall - 309 7th Street, Lorain, OH. Funds raised will benefit both St. Joseph Shelter and Lorain Family Center as we join together as the newly named St. Elizabeth Center in the Spring. Cost is \$15 (Adults 12 and older); \$8 (Children ages 5 - 11); Free (Children 4 and under) and will include many brunch dishes. Reservations may be made by calling St. Joseph Shelter at 440-244-2179. There will be a limited number of tickets available at the door.

Liturgical Ministers Schedule

Eucharistic Ministers

Sat, February 25
4:30 p.m.
 Ann Glime
 Jean Ackerman
 Joan Gigliotti
 Tom Pienoski **

Sun, February 26
8:30 a.m.
 Greg Smail
 Bill Bistak **
 Marty Yonkof
 Carol Yonkof

Sun, February 26
11:00 a.m.
 Debbie Brady
 Fred Courtright
 Dan Gillotti
 Theresa Gillotti

Wed, March 1
Noon
 Bill Bistak

Ash Wednesday

Sat, March 4
4:30 p.m.
 Joan Gigliotti
 Frances Geiger
 John Katricak **
 Tom Pienoski

Sun, March 5
8:30 a.m.
 Greg Smail
 Barb Eifel
 Jacqueline Summers
 Sue DiVaccaro **

Sun, March 5
11:00 a.m.
 Don Kirchner
 Norman Novak
 Susan Novak
 Carol Kirchner

Lectors

Sat, February 25
4:30 p.m.
 Phil Gigliotti

Sun, February 26
8:30 a.m.
 Aaron Davis

Sun, February 26
11:00 a.m.
 Tom Parkey

Wed, March 1
Noon
 Jean Ackerman

Ash Wednesday

Sat, March 4
4:30 p.m.
 Andrew Augustine

Sun, March 5
8:30 a.m.
 Greg Petro

Sun, March 5
11:00 a.m.
 Dan Gillotti



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Altar Servers

Sat, February 25
4:30 p.m.
 Dan Huczko

Sun, February 26
8:30 a.m.
 Adam Smail
 Cara Smail

Sun, February 26
11:00 a.m.
 Victoria Korce

Sat, March 4
4:30 p.m.
 Ray Fitzwater

Sun, March 5
8:30 a.m.
 Aaron Davis

Sun, March 5
11:00 a.m.
 Beth Parkey