

St. Teresa of Avila Parish

1878 Abbe Road Sheffield Village, Ohio 44054

March 5, 2017

First Sunday of Lent

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*Jesus was led by the
Spirit into the desert
to be tempted
by the devil.*

Matthew 4:1

**FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
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"The Lord, your God, shall you worship and him alone shall you serve."
— *Matthew 4:10*

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Weekly Goal	\$4,000.00
February 12, 2017	\$3,407.00
Kids'	\$2.00

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

**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

"I know that the Lord Himself who walks with you will console you, assure you, and give the confessor light that he may give it to you."

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. Students will go to Confession on March 7.

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

**PLEASE REMOVE ALL
CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS
FROM THE CEMETARY.
THANK YOU!****MOTHER CABRINI FOOD
PANTRY - VOLUNTEERS**

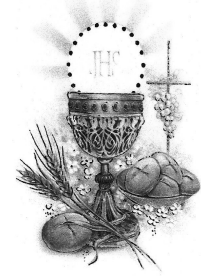
Adults and teens interested in helping can meet at St. Frances Cabrini Church, Lorain in the brick building at the rear of the parking lot. The food pantry is open **the 2nd, 3rd and 4th Saturdays of each month from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.** *Many thanks to all those who support this ministry financially and with their time!*

**CONTRIBUTIONS: BUILDING
FUND - FEBRUARY 2017**

Donations for February	\$ 1,800.00
Monthly Payment	\$ 3,272.20
Balance owed	\$392,776.28

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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
Monday, March 6	NO MASS
Tuesday, March 7	Sts. Perpetua & Felicity
NO MASS	
Wednesday, March 8	St. John of God
8:30 a.m.	+ Joe Brown by Ray & Cathy
7:00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross
Thursday, March 9	St. Frances of Rome
NO MASS	
Friday, March 10	
8:30 a.m.	+Sidney Heidrick by Grandparents
Saturday, March 11	
4:30 p.m.	+Emily Fabanich by family
Sunday, March 12	Second Sunday of Lent
8:30 a.m.	living and deceased of the Altar & Rosary Society
11:00 a.m.	People of St. Teresa Parish

**LENTEN SCHEDULE**

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

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 casino 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.

ST. TERESA OF AVILA LENTEN FISH FRY - THE BEST FISH AND FOOD AROUND !!

Fridays during Lent, **March 3 - April 14, 2017, from 4:30 - 7:00 p.m.** at St. Teresa of Avila Parish, 1878 Abbe Road (corner of Colorado and Abbe Roads) in Sheffield Village. Our generous menu portions include Perch, Shrimp, Baked Tilapia, Pierogi Dinners and Kids' Meals. All Meals include choice of french fries, parsley potatoes, cabbage & noodles or macaroni and cheese; each meal comes with coleslaw, roll, hot/cold beverage and dessert. The best value in town with dinners from \$6 - \$15. Take out and drive thru available by calling 440-934-0503. Visit our website at www.stteresaparish.com for complete menu and pricing.

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.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mt 25:31-46
Tuesday:	Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday:	Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32
Thursday:	Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12
Friday:	Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26
Saturday:	Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48
Sunday:	Gn 12:1-4a; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; 2 Tm 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

Perhaps the bible phrase with which our Lord answered Satan in the desert, "You shall not put the Lord your God to the test," is better known in its older translation, "You shall not tempt the Lord your God." No matter. Either version tells us "Don't shake your fist at God!" One American of yore who did "shake his fist at God" was Robert Green Ingersoll (1833-1899), a freethinking lawyer, politician and public speaker who rejoiced in the title, "The Great Agnostic."

Ingersoll, born in Dresden, N.Y., south of Geneva, was a self-educated man, the rationalistic son of an orthodox Congregationalist minister. After studying law, he was admitted to the Illinois Bar. During the Civil War, he formed a regiment, was named its colonel, saw action, and was also held for some months as a prisoner of war. After the War he turned Republican and served as attorney general of Illinois. As a delegate to the 1876 Republican National Convention, he was given the honor of nominating the party's presidential candidate, James G. Blaine. Blaine lost, but Ingersoll's nomination speech was such a classic that he was much in demand afterwards as a lecturer. Indeed, he could earn as much as \$3,500 for a single talk.

Col. Ingersoll spoke on many things, but preferred religious (or rather, irreligious) subjects especially exposés of God, Moses, the Devil, and Superstition. He attacked common belief with scientific "proofs." As a speaker, he loved shock. When he lectured on God, for instance, he started by taking out his watch and declaring, "If there is a God, I will give him five minutes to strike me dead." This was truly "shaking his fist at God."

Of course, Ingersoll always won – not because God was dead, but because He was infinitely patient. Robert Ingersoll meanwhile had high hopes that Republicans in power would promote him to important civil office. They never did because, very sensibly, they didn't want to raise to a position of power one who so delighted in offending the religious sensibilities of the majority of Americans.

As Lent begins, we who believe in God can only pray the He may be as patient with us as He was with Robert Green Ingersoll.

The Reverend Edward J. Smith

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Visit www.clevelandrighttolife.org

LENTEN RETREAT AT ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CHURCH

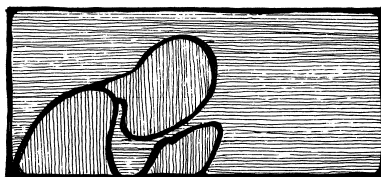
Everyone is welcome on **Monday, March 20, 2017 beginning with Mass at 6:30 p.m.** followed by a Soup Dinner and our speaker Fr. Michael Gurnick. RSVP to St. Teresa's office. Event is Free. Donations to the St. Vincent de Paul Society will be accepted including cleaning supplies and personal hygiene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

"THE EDGE" YOUTH MINISTRY

"The Edge" Youth Ministry will be having a "Youth Night" **Sunday evening March 12th at 7:00pm in the Holy Spirit "Youth Room"**. Any and all teens (grades 8-12) are welcome to join us, as we explore our Catholic Faith in a unique way, often with a fun or crazy activity.

HOW TO RECEIVE THE EUCHARIST WHILE IN THE HOSPITAL

When admitted to the hospital, tell the staff that you are Catholic, would like to receive the Eucharist and that you belong to St. Teresa of Avila Parish. A volunteer will bring Communion and the staff will call the church office so that our community can pray for you. Please keep in your prayers two women from our Parish who recently began the volunteer ministry of taking the Holy Eucharist to patients in the Avon Cleveland Clinic Hospital: Carol Kirchner and Lois Carns.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

PSR (student Confessions)	Tues, March 7	6:00 p.m.	PLC Classrooms
Eucharistic Adoration	Wed, March 8	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Church
Stations of the Cross	Wed, March 8	7:00 p.m.	Church
Fish Fry	Fri, March 10	4:30 - 7:00 p.m.	Avila Hall
Social Concerns Meeting	Sat, March 11	10:00 a.m.	Call church office
PSR	Tues, March 14	6:00 p.m.	PLC Classrooms
Eucharistic Adoration	Wed, March 15	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Church
Confessions	Wed, March 15	6:00 - 7:00 p.m.	Church
Stations of the Cross	Wed, March 15	7:00 p.m.	Church

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

Thank You to all those who helped in any way to make the Mardi Gras a success, especially those who donated gift baskets and those who came and enjoyed the evening!

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

EUCHARISTIC 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

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.

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.

LENTEN PIEROGI SALE

St. Anthony of Padua Church, Lorain, will sell their homemade potato with cheese pierogi & sauerkraut pierogi. Sales: **Ash Wednesday, March 1st & Fridays: March 3 - April 7, from Noon to 6 pm.** \$6/ dzn frozen (uncooked) or \$7/ dzn cooked w/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 also available. No walk in orders after 4 pm.

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.

LORAIN ST. ANTHONY SENIOR SOCIABLES/YOUNG AT HEART GROUP

Invites you **Thursday, March 16th, 12:30 pm** in the **Social Hall** for a **presentation by Carol Starr Kmieck, As a One Woman Show.** 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

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 - the newly named St. Elizabeth Center in the Spring. Includes many brunch dishes. Reservations by calling St. Joseph Shelter at 440-244-2179.

BRINGING AMERICA BACK TO LIFE

Conference on the sanctity of life will be held **March 10 & 11, 2017** at the Embassy Suites, Independence, Ohio. For information and registration go to bringingamericabacktolife.org. The two days include inspirational and informative speakers as well as vendors with take home information.

WESTSHORE SEPARATED, DIVORCED AND WIDOWED - GROUP

Our next meeting will be **March 5 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Brendan's Kenny Center, 4242 Brendan Ln., N. Olmsted.** Call Jane for information: 216-509-4570.

LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Performance by Students of Elyria Catholic High School, **Sunday, March 12, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.** at St. Frances Xavier Cabrini Parish, 2143 Homewood Drive, Lorain. While praying the stations you will witness each one come to life in dramatic fashion and feel like you are there as we explore the thoughts of those who walked with Christ.

PRAY 40 DAYS: THE PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD YOU'VE ALWAYS WANTED

Mondays, March 13, 20 & 27 from 7 - 9 p.m. at the Jesuit Retreat House in Parma. Presented by Fr. Michael Denk. Register: 440-884-9300 or visit www.jrh-cleveland.org.

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FATHER RAGAN COUNCIL

is sponsoring a Blood Drive on **Thursday, March 16, 3:30 to 7:30 PM**, at Ragan Hall 1783 Moore Road, Avon. The Blood Drive provider is LifeShare. Each donor will receive a free t-shirt, hotdog, chips and soft drink. Call with questions or to schedule a donor time: Jim [440-865-9668](tel:440-865-9668) or John [440-725-7369](tel:440-725-7369).

Liturgical Ministers Schedule

Eucharistic Ministers

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

Sat, March 11
4:30 p.m.

Tom Pienoski **
Joan Gigliotti
Jean Ackerman
Ann Glime

Sun, March 12
8:30 a.m.

Rick Basista
Christi Smail
Jacqueline Summers
Bill Bistak **

Sun, March 12
11:00 a.m.

Debbie Brady
Marci Matsamas
Theresa Gillotti
Dan Gillotti

Lectors

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

Sat, March 11
4:30 p.m.

Phil Gigliotti

Sun, March 12
8:30 a.m.

Larry Durica

Sun, March 12
11:00 a.m.

Gene Welsh

**BEGINS SUNDAY,
MARCH 12, 2017
DAYLIGHT**



SAVING TIME

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Altar Servers

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

Sat, March 11
4:30 p.m.

Ray Fitzwater

Sun, March 12
8:30 a.m.

Aaron Davis

Sun, March 12
11:00 a.m.

Mikey Griffith
Dave Griffith