

# St. Teresa of Avila Parish

1878 Abbe Road Sheffield Village, Ohio 44054

## FIRST SUNDAY

OF

# Advent

Watch therefore: you do not know  
when the lord of the house is coming,  
whether in the evening, or at midnight,  
or at cockcrow, or in the morning.

Mark 13:35



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**DECEMBER 3, 2017**

## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 3, 2017

Yet, O LORD, you are our father;  
we are the clay and you the potter.  
Isaiah 64:7

### OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Weekly Goal	\$4,000.00
November 19	\$3,114.00
Human Development	\$311.00
Kid's	\$4.00
November 26	\$3,380.00
Kid's	\$2.00

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

### RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

Your donations help religious  
communities provide for their aging  
members. Please be generous.

### KEEP THESE PARISHIONERS IN YOUR PRAYERS

Luz Villanueva, Eleanor Rieth  
Pat Chozinski, Marty Lima, Mike Gall  
Gladys Mackert, Maebelle Fill  
Gladys Wisnieski, Kathleen Brezinski  
Donna Satorius, Patricia Welsh  
Greg Brezinski, Don Kirchner  
Shirley Karasevic, Peg King  
Anna Joseph

### MONTHLY SPIRITUAL MAXIM

*Love is the genuine fruit of prayer  
when prayer is rooted in humility.*

St. Teresa of Avila

### ANOINTING OF THE SICK

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

### PSR (Parish School of Religion)

Classes take place on Tuesdays from  
6 - 7:15 p.m. for grades 1-8. Call with  
questions to 934-4227.

*Pray for our teachers and students!*

### CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Classes begin **January 7, 2018**, at  
8:30 a.m. for mandatory Mass at St.  
Teresa of Avila Parish with class  
immediately after. Classes are 90  
minutes long; last class is Sunday,  
March 4. Confirmation will be Sunday,  
March 11, 2018 at St Thomas Parish.

### WORD AMONG US - ADVENT

Please take home one of these  
booklets that aid us in our preparation  
for celebrating the birth of Jesus  
Christ in a spiritual way.  
Available in the rear of the church.

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

### Saturday, December 2

4:30 p.m. +Violet Trudnowski by Ed & Jo Niemiec

### Sunday, December 3

#### First Sunday of Advent

8:30 a.m. +Mike & Mary Ann Wargo by family  
11:00 a.m. People of St. Teresa Parish

### Monday, December 4

#### St. John Damascene

NO MASS

### Tuesday, December 5

NO MASS

### Wednesday, December 6

#### St. Nicholas

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

### Thursday, December 7

#### St. Ambrose

7:00 p.m. People of St. Teresa Parish

### Friday, December 8

#### IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

8:30 a.m. +Martha Niemiec by Ed & Jo Niemiec

### Saturday, December 9

#### St. Juan Diego

4:30 p.m. People of St. Teresa Parish

### Sunday, December 10

#### Second Sunday of Advent

8:30 a.m. living & deceased of the Altar & Rosary Society  
11:00 a.m. +Dario Gillotti by Dan & Theresa

## FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, DECEMBER 8

In teaching that Mary was conceived immaculate, the Catholic Church teaches that from the very moment of her conception, the Blessed Virgin Mary was free from all stain of original sin. The angel Gabriel said, "Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you" (Luke 1:28). The phrase "full of grace" is a translation of the Greek word *kecharitomene*. It therefore expresses a characteristic quality of Mary. **Mass times are Thursday, December 7 at 7:00 p.m. and Friday, December 8 at 8:30 a.m.** *This is a Holy Day of Obligation for all Catholics.*

### ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE

**Sunday, December 17, 2017 at 2:00 p.m.** at St. Teresa's Parish Life Center. Several priests will be available to hear confessions.

### ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY NEWS

**Our next Altar & Rosary Society Mass** will be **Sunday, December 10, 2017 at 8:30 a.m.** The Rosary will be said at 8:00 a.m. prior to Mass.

### ST. TERESA'S ANNUAL PARISH CHRISTMAS DINNER

The Altar & Rosary Society invites you celebrate this beautiful season with fellowship on **Saturday, December 9, 2017**. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. with Happy Hour. Buffet dinner served at 6:30 p.m. \$20 per ticket - Pre-Sale only. Tickets available in the church office Mon - Friday, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., *deadline is Wednesday, December 6*. Tickets will be sold after Mass this weekend. Dinner includes Boneless Breast of Chicken, Oven Roasted Eye of Round, Penne Marinara, dessert and beverages. Music, Basket Raffles and Sideboards throughout the night.

### GIFTS FOR BABY JESUS

The Social Concerns Committee will be collecting Gifts for Baby Jesus during Advent, **starting the week before Advent, November 25th, and going through December 16th**, since Christmas Eve falls on a Sunday this year. See the flier in the bulletin for items needed. Items can be placed in front of the St. Joseph altar in the church.

### GENTLY WORN CLOTHING COLLECTION FOR BIRTHRIGHT

Birthright of Lorain County has a great need for gently used fall/winter clothes for children sizes 18 months through size 8, including winter coats, boots, sweaters, pants, and socks. Please drop the clothing in the breezeway at the Parish Office in the tub provided. Donations needed by December 8. *Thank You!*

### PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED

**Stanley Pliszka**, brother of Theresa Andorka. May our Savior Jesus Christ welcome him into His kingdom!

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday:	Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday:	Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37
Thursday:	Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday:	Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
Saturday:	Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6; Mt 9:35 — 10:1, 5a, 6-8
Sunday:	Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 85:9-14; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8

**A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR**

This Advent, as we prepare for the all-out season of gift giving, there have been many serious needs that have arisen at our Parish. We have major roofing issues across our campus.

1. The Parish Rectory roof, which has leaked since before my appointment as Pastor in 2009, has finally become a serious issue. The cost to fix and shingle the roof is \$8,300.00.
2. The Parish Life Center roof has been a serious issue this entire year. We have already had to pay to have a venting issue repaired, due to defective material used in the construction. Now, we have discovered an issue with drainage off the roof, which has created a leak in the kitchen area. The cost to fix the roof is \$1,290.00.
3. Th Church roof is also leaking into the Sacristy and Confessional. This is due to at least 20 missing slate roof tiles, and an issue with water runoff. Unfortunately, this is a specialty project that is not handled by all roofing companies. We do not have an exact cost yet, but it is currently being estimated at \$15,000.00.

These leaks must be addressed, if we are to avoid larger issues in the future. And so, I ask you to consider making a donation to St. Teresa Parish so that we can address these issues as soon as possible. If, in your generosity, you would be willing to donate, please make a check payable to St. Teresa of Avila Parish and mark the memo line "Roof".

I thank you, in advance, for your continued generosity and support. Saint Teresa of Avila, pray for us.

**The Reverend Edward J. Smith**

**RESPECT LIFE**

*The Church's spiritual motherhood is only achieved-the Church knows this too-through the pangs and "the labor" of childbirth (cf. Rev 12:2), that is to say, in constant tension with the forces of evil which still roam the world and affect human hearts, offering resistance to Christ: "In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it" (Jn 1:4-5)." Pope St. 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](http://www.clevelandrighttolife.org)

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

Our next meeting will be **Thursday, December 7, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.** Join us in the St. John Room in the Parish Life Center. **Studying the Bible is not boring!**

**LORAIN COUNTY RIGHT TO LIFE - SIGNATURE AD & BILLBOARD CAMPAIGN**

Signatures will be taken after Mass the weekends of December 9 & 10, 2017. \$5 per signature.

**GOD HAS A DIFFERENT PLAN**

We begin the season of Advent with a heartfelt call for our own repentance. We remember God's faithful love for us, and call upon God to help us to turn back. For "behold, you are angry, and we are sinful" (Isaiah 64:4). In the first reading and in the psalm, we recall God's promises and lament our unfaithfulness and our guilt. We call upon God's might and power in order to save us. With Isaiah, we ask God to "rend the heavens and come down, / with the mountains quaking before you" (Isaiah 63:19). Yes, God is faithful to us, because we are the work of God's hands. God is the potter, we are the clay. And yet, our concept of how God will come to save us is rooted in our own expectations of a warrior God who crushes mountains and thunders into our lives with great noise and glory. But God has a different plan: the Incarnation.

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**BUILDING FUND - NOVEMBER 2017**

Donations for November	\$ 2,278.00
Monthly Payment	\$ 3,272.20
Balance Owed	\$379,844.86

**Thank you to all those who donated to the Building Fund!**



**UPCOMING EVENTS**

PSR	Tues, Dec 5	6:00 p.m.	PLC Classrooms
Eucharistic Adoration	Wed, Dec 6	9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Church
Bible Study	Thurs, Dec 7	7:00 p.m.	St. John Room
Vigil - Immaculate Conception	Thurs, Dec 7	7:00 p.m.	Church
Immaculate Conception Mass	Fri, Dec 8	8:30 a.m.	Church
Parish Christmas Dinner	Sat, Dec 9	5:30 p.m.	Parish Life Center

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

*Thank You* to all those who helped in any way with the Community Dinner held for all of Lorain County in November. Let us continue to thank God for His many blessings.

**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, Justin Callison, Quinn Rambo, 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](http://www.saintthomaschurch.net)

**St. Anthony**

[www.stanthonylorain.org/our-parish/](http://www.stanthonylorain.org/our-parish/)

**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.

**HOLY SPIRIT, BRING TO US A DESIRE FOR EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**

St. Teresa's: Wednesday from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

St. Anthony's perpetual Adoration Chapel is behind the church.

**HOPE AND HEALING BEYOND HEROIN**

Catholic Charities and the Diocesan Social Action Office (DSA) are partnering with *Greater Than Heroin*, an ecumenical collaborative of faith leaders, to launch a 3-month campaign to elevate awareness and offer resources in response to the opioid crisis. Brochures are available in the vestibule of the church - take one home and educate yourself!

## Around the Town

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

The next meeting will be **December 13, 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.

### **HELP US PROTECT LIFE BY VOLUNTEERING**

Cleveland Right to Life needs volunteers. Our volunteers will tell you that their gift of time and talents are repaid ten-fold in the joy they get from assisting the families and clients who visit us. Call 216-661-3000.

### **ST. THOMAS COUNTRY CHRISTMAS CONCERT**

This features Tayla Lynn, granddaughter of Loretta Lynn. Join us **Saturday, December 9** with dinner at 5 p.m. and concert at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$25 each. Contact Michelle at 615-556-4642.

### **"BREATH OF HEAVEN" - LIVE NATIVITY**

Join us for the 20th Anniversary of this live presentation! Takes place **Saturday, December 9 & Sunday, December 10 from 4 - 8 p.m.** Starting location is St. Matthew Lutheran Church, 15617 Mason Road, Vermilion. Join the members of St. Matthew, Bethany & Grace Lutheran Churches as they present this live walk-through every 15 minutes. Please bring non-perishable food items to be donated to local food banks. Performances by the Firelands High School Select Choir.

### **CHAPLAIN SERVICES TO PRISONS AND JAILS**

If you have a loved one incarcerated in one of the eight counties of the Diocese and would like to have a priest, deacon or one of our lay volunteer ministers visit with them, call 800-869-6525 or 216-696-6525, x3500. The Diocesan Ministry to the Incarcerated has a presence in the three state prisons, the county jails and the juvenile facilities located within our diocese.

### **THE ANNUAL KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY IS SUNDAY DECEMBER 17**

On Sunday, December 17, 2017, 1PM-3PM, the Knights of Columbus Fr. Ragan Council #3269 will host its annual Children's Christmas Party at Ragan Hall, 1783 Moore Rd. Avon, Ohio. The event is open to parishioners and their children 10 years and under of St. Mary's Avon, Holy Trinity Avon, St. Joseph's Avon Lake, Holy Spirit Avon Lake, and St. Teresa of Avila Sheffield Village. There will be a gift for each child and Santa Claus will be available for pictures. Pizza and beverages will also be served. Reservations are required and can be made by calling Grand Knight Jim Brady by December 14 at (440) 865-9668 or email to [sunbeam.gardens@gmail.com](mailto:sunbeam.gardens@gmail.com).

### **CHRISTMAS CONCERT WITH THE DAUGHTERS OF ST. PAUL**

**Friday, December 8, 2017 at 7:30 p.m.** at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist, 1007 Superior Ave., Cleveland. Concert is FREE and open to the public (no tickets or reservations). Free, secure parking at Cathedral Plaza Garage, Rockwell Ave. & E. 9th St. For more information call 216-696-6525 X 5510 or visit [gheisman@dioceseofcleveland.org](mailto:gheisman@dioceseofcleveland.org).

### **ADVENT PARISH MISSION - ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CHURCH, ELYRIA**

**Friday, Dec. 15 and Saturday, Dec. 16 at 7 p.m.** National speaker and author Greg Wasinski and his wife, vocalist Aimee Wasinski will host: FAITH, HOPE AND LOVE, with stories, faith sharing and music. Open to everyone!

### **PRO-LIFE DOCTORS LIST**

A list of local Pro-life doctors, who do not practice abortion nor support its use, is available. Call 440-322-0076 or visit [www.loraincountyrighettoflife.org](http://www.loraincountyrighettoflife.org) under Resources and Issues tab.

**Pregnant and in need?** Help is available at [OptionLine.org](http://OptionLine.org) or call 1-800-712-HELP.

**Homeless and pregnant?** Call Good Counsel Homes, 1-800-723-8331 or visit [www.goodcounselhomes.org](http://www.goodcounselhomes.org).

**Hurting from an abortion?** Visit [www.AbortionForgiveness.com](http://www.AbortionForgiveness.com).

## Liturgical Ministers Schedule

### Eucharistic Ministers

Sat, December 2

4:30 p.m.

Ann Glime  
Joan Gigliotti  
Tom Pienoski \*\*  
**EM Needed**

Sun, December 3

8:30 a.m.

Barb Eifel  
Sue DiVaccaro  
Christi Smail  
Carol Yonkof

Sun, December 3

11:00 a.m.

Dan Gillotti  
Theresa Gillotti  
Elmer Klingshirn  
Debbie Brady

Thurs, December 7

7:00 p.m.

Barb Eifel \*\*  
Ann Glime  
Theresa Gillotti  
**EM Needed**

Fri, December 8

8:30 a.m.

Caro Kirchner  
Bill Bistak  
Sue DiVaccaro

**Immaculate Conception  
Blessed Virgin**

Sat, December 9

4:30 p.m.

Mike Palmer  
Debbie Korce  
John Katricak  
Frances Geiger

Sun, December 10

8:30 a.m.

Christi Smail  
Bill Bistak \*\*  
Kathy Cunningham  
Sue DiVaccaro

Sun, December 10

11:00 a.m.

Susan Novak  
Norman Novak  
Carol Kirchner  
Trish MacDonald

### Lectors

Sat, December 2

4:30 p.m.

Phil Gigliotti

Sun, December 3

8:30 a.m.

Greg Petro

Sun, December 3

11:00 a.m.

Fred Courtright

Thurs, December 7

7:00 p.m.

Dan Gillotti

Fri, December 8

8:30 a.m.

Jean Ackerman

**Immaculate Conception  
Blessed Virgin**

Sat, December 9

4:30 p.m.

Andrew Augustine

Sun, December 10

8:30 a.m.

Larry Durica

Sun, December 10

11:00 a.m.

Tom Parkey

### Altar Servers

Sat, December 2

4:30 p.m.

Ray Fitzwater

Sun, December 3

8:30 a.m.

Adam Smail

Sun, December 3

11:00 a.m.

Victoria Korce

Thurs, December 7

7:00 p.m.

Ray Fitzwater

**Immaculate Conception  
Blessed Virgin**

Sat, December 9

4:30 p.m.

Bill Brock \*\*

Sun, December 10

8:30 a.m.

**Server Needed**

Sun, December 10

11:00 a.m.

Beth Parkey