

St. Teresa of Avila Parish

1878 Abbe Road Sheffield Village, Ohio 44054

December 10, 2017

Second Sunday of Advent



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*
Lou Varos, *Finance Council Chairperson*

ST. TERESA OF AVILA CHURCH is handicap accessible.



**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 10, 2017****"Prepare the way of the LORD,
make straight his paths."**

Mark 1:3

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Weekly Goal	\$4,000.00
December 3	\$4,428.00
Kid's	\$2.00

*Please keep St. Teresa Parish in mind
when making out your will.***RETIREMENT FUND FOR
RELIGIOUS**

Donations to the Retirement Fund for Religious support more than 32,000 senior religious and their communities. Most older sisters, brothers, and religious order priests worked for small stipends, leaving a large deficit in retirement funding. Each year, proceeds from the annual collection help hundreds of religious communities furnish medications, nursing care, and other necessities.

*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)

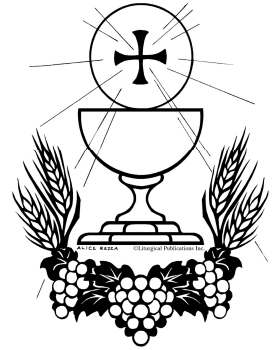
Classes take place on Tuesdays from 6 - 7:15 p.m. for grades 1-8. Call with questions to 934-4227.

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.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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
Monday, December 11	St. Damasus I
	NO MASS
Tuesday, December 12	our Lady of Guadalupe
	NO MASS
Wednesday, December 13	St. Lucy
8:30 a.m.	deceased of the Peters family by Eva Maria Peters
Thursday, December 14	St. John of the Cross
	NO MASS
Friday, December 15	
8:30 a.m.	+Jack Lamb by Zytkowski family
Saturday, December 16	
4:30 p.m.	+Violet Trudnowski by Donna Scalzitti
Sunday, December 17	Third Sunday of Advent
8:30 a.m.	People of St. Teresa Parish
11:00 a.m.	+Samuel & Doris Denton by Dan & Theresa

**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. **"In failing to confess, Lord, I would only hide You from myself, not myself from You."**

--Saint Augustine**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.

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.

GIFTS FOR BABY JESUS

The Social Concerns Committee will be collecting Gifts for Baby Jesus during Advent, **through December 16th.** Take a tag from the tree, purchase the item and place in front of the St. Joseph altar in the church.

HOLY SPIRIT, BRING TO US A DESIRE FOR EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

"Jesus Himself is calling you to spend one special specific hour with Him each week." St. John Paul II

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, December 24 -	4:30 p.m. Children's Mass
	10:00 p.m.
Monday, December 25	8:30 a.m.

Please note: regular Mass schedule for the Fourth Sunday of Advent remains: 4:30 p.m. Saturday, December 23 and 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. on Sunday, December 24. Confession takes place from 3:30 - 4:00 p.m. on December 23.

JOURNEY THROUGH ADVENT

The Word Among Us 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.

Tweet with the Pope: @Pontifex and with **Bishop Nelson Perez:** @BishopNPerez

Dynamic Catholic - BestAdventEver.com/YoureInvited - rediscover the joy in preparing for Christmas!

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Lk 5:17-26
Tuesday:	Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38
Wednesday:	Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30
Thursday:	Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9-13ab; Mt 11:11-15
Friday:	Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19
Saturday:	Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13
Sunday:	Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; Lk 1:46-50, 53-54; 1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

On August 24, 1981, twelve children from Saranac Lake, led by two adults, began to descend from the crest of wooded Ampersand Mountain, which they had just climbed. Ten-year-old Kathryn Dekkers, the last in line, stopped for a minute to tie her shoestrings. When she tried to catch up with the strung-out party she unfortunately took the wrong turn of the trail. In moments she was lost in the depths of the great Adirondack forest.

As soon as the leaders noticed that she was not with them, they wisely completed the trip and reported her missing. Everybody was deeply concerned. The last time a hiker had gone astray in that area was in 1896, and he had never been found.

Kathryn's father and brothers quickly assembled a searching party of 200 to comb the woods. They fanned out from the trail and kept looking for three days. Finally, thanks to a hunch of one of the hunters in the posse they discovered the little wanderer. Kate was hungry and a little scratched-up but otherwise sound in body and mind. In fact, her only real fear was facing her mother. She had lost her socks and was afraid of a big scolding.

Now somebody might ask: Why should 200 people take three days off and go traipsing through the woods in search of one small child only ten years of age?

Anybody with a heart could answer. All the living things of earth that God has created are precious. Most precious among his creatures is the human being, no matter how small. He made us lovingly in his own image and likeness. He made sparrows, too; but we are worth more to him, and to our fellow men, than many sparrows.

"... Like a shepherd he feeds his flock; in his arms he gathers the lambs, carrying them in his bosom, and leading the ewes with care." (Isaiah, 40: 10-11. Today's first reading).

The Reverend Edward J. Smith

RESPECT LIFE

".....As well as for reasons of a misguided pity at the sight of the patient's suffering, euthanasia is sometimes justified by the utilitarian motive of avoiding costs which bring no return and which weigh heavily on society. Thus it is proposed to eliminate malformed babies, the severely handicapped, the disabled, the elderly, especially when they are not self-sufficient, and the terminally ill. Nor can we remain silent in the face of other more furtive, but no less serious and real, forms of euthanasia. These could occur for example when, in order to increase the availability of organs for transplants, organs are removed without respecting objective and adequate criteria which verify the death of the donor." 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



Watch EWTN for special features during Advent, such as, *In Concert: Magnificat In C Major* - December 10 at 1:30 p.m. and *Queen Of Heaven: Guadalupe - Mother of the Americas* - December 12 at 6:30 a.m. Also, visit www.ewtn.com.

NEWS OF COMFORT

In a time of preparation, much of it having to do with material things, it is good to hear the words of Isaiah, "Comfort, give comfort to my people, says your God" (Isaiah 40:1). In a time of such stress and rush, when our usual burdens are augmented by piles of Christmas preparations, we can choose to slow down, take some time to heal, and appreciate the enormous gift we are about to receive. Christ, the Son of God, has become one of us, and knows our human limitations. Yet God, even now, is freeing us from the burdens that our inattentiveness to our God and to our deepest inner longings have heaped upon us. The Lord comes, not as a king with mighty armies, but as a shepherd leading the flocks with care and tenderness. Isaiah prophesies good news: our oppression is over, our sins forgiven. The savior we have awaited is coming, not the first time, but in the end times, as our salvation.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

PSR	Tues, Dec 12	6:00 p.m.	PLC Classrooms
Eucharistic Adoration	Wed, Dec 13	9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Church
Advent Penance Service	Sun, Dec 17	2:00 p.m.	Avila Hall
PSR	Tues, Dec 19	6:00 p.m.	PLC Classrooms
Eucharistic Adoration	Wed, Dec 20	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Church
Bible Study	Thurs, Dec 21	7:00 p.m.	St. John Room

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

Thank You to all those who support the collection for the Mother Cabrini Food Pantry with food or money donations.

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
St. Anthony
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.

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.

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. 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.

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!

CATHOLIC CEMETERIES ASSOCIATION - MONTHLY GRIEF SUPPORT

– 3rd Sunday Of Every Month - Please join us for an hour of learning and healing along your grief journey. **We meet the 3rd Sunday of every month at 3:00 p.m., except on holidays, then we meet the 4th Sunday. The next Support Group is Sunday, December 17th at St. Joseph Cemetery in Avon.** December 17th Topic: Emmanuel - God's Presence: You are not alone. No registration is required. For more information, visit our website <https://www.clecem.org/Information/Bereavement.aspx> or contact Rhonda at 216.930.4866 rabrams@clecem.org.

HOLY SPIRIT PARISH IN AVON LAKE HAS A PART-TIME RECEPTIONIST-SECRETARY POSITION AVAILABLE.

The position hours are afternoons/evenings, Monday through Thursday and daytime hours several times during the year for vacation substitute. Duties include answering phone, data entry, filing and other general office duties. Computer skills and multi tasking skills are a must, along with strong interpersonal skills. The ability to understand the need for and to keep confidence regarding church matters is essential. Please send a resume with cover letter, Attention Pat Kassay, to 410 Lear Rd., Avon Lake, OH 44012 or hsp@holyspiritavonlake.org.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP - "HOPEFUL HEARTS"

For Seniors, 60 and over, will meet **Tuesday, December 19 at 1 p.m.** in the Holy Spirit Parish Family Center, 410 Lear Rd., Avon Lake. No reservations. For more information contact Mary Lou at 440-933-4423.

CHRISTMAS CARDS TO OHIO'S DEATH ROW INMATES

Join CACLC on **Thursday, December 14 from 7 - 9 p.m.** at St. Mary Parish, Elyria, Weigand Room. Light dinner/refreshments will be served followed by Advent prayer, reflection and Christmas card signing. Let us give thanks for God's mercy in our lives and in the world. Pray for peace, dignity, and restorative justice in our communities. Hosted by the Catholic Action Commission of Lorain County.

Liturgical Ministers Schedule

Eucharistic Ministers

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

Sat, December 16

4:30 p.m.

Joan Gigliotti
Mike Palmer
Ann Glime
EM Needed

Sun, December 17

8:30 a.m.

Carol Yonkof
Marty Yonkof
Greg Smail
Sue DiVaccaro **

Sun, December 17

11:00 a.m.

Debbie Brady
Marci Matsamas
Dan Gillotti
Theresa Gillotti

Lectors

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

Sat, December 16

4:30 p.m.

Phil Gigliotti

Sun, December 17

8:30 a.m.

Bruce DiVaccaro

Sun, December 17

11:00 a.m.

Gene Welsh



Altar Servers

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

Sat, December 16

4:30 p.m.

Dan Huczko

Sun, December 17

8:30 a.m.

Cara Smail
Adam Smail

Sun, December 17

11:00 a.m.

Victoria Korce