

St. Teresa of Avila Parish

1878 Abbe Road Sheffield Village, Ohio 44054

December 17, 2017

Third 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.



Rejoice always.
Pray without ceasing.

— 1 Thessalonians 5:16

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 17, 2017

**"I will rejoice greatly in the
LORD, and my soul will exult in
my God."** *Isaiah 61:10a*

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Weekly Goal	\$4,000.00
December 10	\$3,245.00
Immaculate Conception	\$468.00

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

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

ANOIDING 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.

**No classes on December 26, 2017
and January 2, 2018.**

Have a blessed Christmas!

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.

PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED

We pray for the soul of
Tom Chozinske, who passed away
last week. May our God of mercy and
love welcome Tom to His eternal
banquet.

CHURCH OFFICE CHRISTMAS HOURS

The Church Office will be closed on
December 25, 26, 29, and January 1,
2018.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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

Monday, December 18

NO MASS

Tuesday, December 19

NO MASS

Wednesday, December 20

8:30 a.m. Magdalena Ragnoni

Thursday, December 21 **St. Peter Canisius**

NO MASS

Friday, December 22

8:30 a.m. +Charles Stanley by John Mackin

Saturday, December 23 **St. John of Kanty**

4:30 p.m. +Robert Dolacki by Alan & Gail Greaves

Sunday, December 24 **Fourth Sunday of Advent**

8:30 a.m. +Otto Klaameyer by Arline La Riccia

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

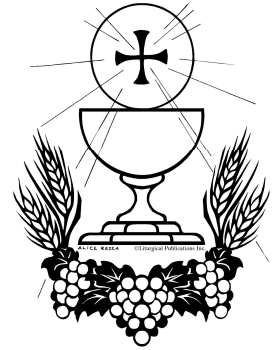
Sunday, December 24 **Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord**

4:30 p.m. deceased f the Smith & McCoy families

10:00 p.m. People of St. Teresa Parish

Monday, December 25 **THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD**

8:30 a.m. for the Becherer family



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, January 14, 2018 at 8:30 a.m.** The Rosary will be said at 8:00 a.m. prior to Mass.

HOLY SPIRIT, BRING TO US A DESIRE FOR EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

"The only time our Lord asked the Apostles for anything was the night He went into agony. Not for activity did He plead but for an Hour of companionship." Archbishop Fulton Sheen

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 Saturday, 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: Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25

Tuesday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25

Wednesday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38

Thursday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45

Friday: 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lk 1:46-56

Saturday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14; Lk 1:57-66

Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38



A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

This weekend we celebrate Gaudete Sunday, or the Third Sunday of Advent. The Introductory antiphon for Gaudete Sunday Mass, in both the Traditional Latin Mass and the Novus Ordo (our current Liturgy), is taken from Philippians 4:4-5: "Gaudete in Domino semper" ("Rejoice in the Lord always").

Like Lent, Advent is a penitential season of preparation, so a priest normally wears purple vestments. But on Gaudete Sunday, having passed the midpoint of Advent, the Church lightens the mood by allowing a priest to wear rose colored vestments. The change in color provides us with encouragement to continue our spiritual preparations for Christmas.

At the midpoint of this Advent season, what do you have to rejoice about? How has God blessed you this Advent? How much time have you invested in preparing yourself spiritually for Christmas? What more still needs to be done?

The Reverend Edward J. Smith

RESPECT LIFE

"Consequently, when the sense of God is lost, the sense of man is also threatened and poisoned, as the Second Vatican Council concisely states: "Without the Creator the creature would disappear ... But when God is forgotten the creature itself grows unintelligible". Man is no longer able to see himself as "mysteriously different" from other earthly creatures; he regards himself merely as one more living being, as an organism which, at most, has reached a very high stage of perfection. he is somehow reduced to being "a thing", and no longer grasps the "transcendent" character of his "existence as man". He no longer considers life as a splendid gift of God, something "sacred" entrusted to his responsibility and thus also to his loving care and "veneration"." 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 SPECIAL EWTN ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS PROGRAMMING

EWTN is proud to bring you LIVE Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses from Rome and the Basilica of the National Shrine in Washington, D.C. as well as inspiring musical performances, specials for children and teens, and new holiday presentations the whole family will enjoy. For more information, go to ewtn.com.

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

Our next meeting will be **Thursday, December 21, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.** Join us in the St. John Room in the Parish Life Center. **Studying the Bible is not boring!**

ST. EDWARD HIGH SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

Congratulations to: **Ryan F. Dunn**, for earning a place on the Honor Roll!

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CATHOLIC CHURCH - PIEROGI FRIDAY!

(Located at: 1305 E. Erie Avenue, Lorain) We will be selling our **Famous Pierogi on Friday, December 22nd from 10 am to 6 pm** in our Social Hall. Purchase pierogi for your Christmas gatherings. Menu includes **Pierogi** - \$7/dozen frozen or \$8/dozen cooked; **Cabbage & Noodles** - \$3 small or \$6 large; **Macaroni & Cheese** - \$3 small or \$6 large; **Pierogi To Go Dinner** includes 6 Pierogi, Cabbage & Noodles, and Macaroni & Cheese - \$10; and **Dessert Pierogi**: Apple or Cherry - 3/\$2, 6/\$4 or 12/\$8. *Let us cook for you!*

CORNERSTONE PREGNANCY SERVICES IS IN GREAT NEED!

We are in great need of diapers (size newborn, 4 & 5) and wipes for our Baby Bucks Boutique. Our **Holiday Diaper and Wipes Donation Drive** is from **December 11 - January 4, 2018**. Our prayer is that we stock our shelves full for the New Year. We are blessed to have clients coming in requesting these items, but, we do not have the supply for the demand. Gift Cards to purchase the items are needed *If you are able....Please bring donations to The Center located at 364 Griswold Rd. in Elyria, Monday-Thursday between 9-5. Our Thanks and Merry Christmas to all you Warriors for Life!*



UPCOMING EVENTS

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
Christmas Eve Mass	Sun, Dec 24	4:30 p.m. & 10:00 p.m.	Church
Christmas Day Mass	Mon, Dec 25	8:30 a.m.	Church

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

Thank You to all parishioners and visitors who made loving donations to the *Gifts for Baby Jesus* collection for Birthright of Lorain County. We may never know what these gifts mean to those mothers in need, but, let us send these gifts with our prayers for healthy pregnancies and births and a blessed love between mother and child.

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, 1st Sgt. Derek Lisowski
To add names call 934-4227.

PARISH CLUSTER CORNER

St. Thomas the Apostle

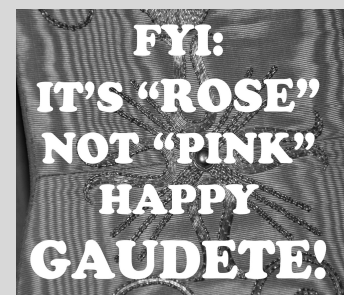
www.saintthomaschurch.net

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.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

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

Around the Town

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

The next meeting will be **December 27, 2017 from 6 - 8 p.m.** at Amherst Beaver Creek: Visitor Center, 913 N. Lake St., Amherst. 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.

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.

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.loraincountyrighettoilife.org under Resources and Issues tab.

ANNUAL PARISH CHRISTMAS CONCERT - ST. MARY OF THE FALLS

(Located at 25615 Bagley Road in Olmsted Falls) Join us **7PM on Thursday, December 28**; concert will feature all music ministry groups including adult choir, youth choir and life teen band with special guests: award-winning pianist, Rixiang Huang and world-renowned guitarist, Neil Zaza. The concert is free; a goodwill offering will be taken. All are welcome! For questions, please contact Music Director, Christina Dupré at 440.465.1195 or christina.dupre37@gmail.com.

EXALT!! - ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CHURCH

Join us on **Friday, December 29 from 7 - 8:30 p.m.** in the church for a night of Eucharistic Adoration, praise & worship music, a teaching and silent meditation. Light refreshments to follow.

"THANK GOD IT'S FIRST FRIDAY" - ST. CLARENCE CHURCH

An inter-parish men's group will meet at St. Clarence Church, 30106 Lorain Road, N. Olmsted, on **January 5, 2018**, for a First Friday luncheon, at 11:30 a.m. followed with a talk by Rev. Fr. Sean Ralph and concluding with Mass. Cost is \$10. Call George at 440-937-6606 by Tuesday, January 2.

Pregnant and in need? Help is available at OptionLine.org or call 1-800-712-HELP.

Homeless and pregnant? Call Good Counsel Homes, 1-800-723-8331 or visit www.goodcounselhomes.org.

Hurting from an abortion? Visit www.AbortionForgiveness.com.

Liturgical Ministers Schedule

Eucharistic Ministers

<p>Sat, December 16 <u>4:30 p.m.</u> Joan Gigliotti Mike Palmer Ann Glime EM Needed</p>	<p>Sun, December 17 <u>8:30 a.m.</u> Carol Yonkof Marty Yonkof Greg Smail Barb Eifel **</p>	<p>Sun, December 17 <u>11:00 a.m.</u> Debbie Brady Marci Matsamas Dan Gillotti Theresa Gillotti</p>
<p>Sat, December 23 <u>4:30 p.m.</u> Debbie Korce Mike Palmer Frances Geiger John Katricak</p>	<p>Sun, December 24 <u>8:30 a.m.</u> Rick Basista Barb Eifel ** Kathy Cunningham Christi Smail</p>	<p>Sun, December 24 <u>11:00 a.m.</u> Trish MacDonald Norman Novak Susan Novak Carol Kirchner</p>
<p>Christmas Eve Sun, December 24 <u>4:30 p.m.</u> Christi Smail Bill Bistak ** John Katricak Greg Smail</p>	<p>Christmas Eve Sun, December 24 <u>10:00 p.m.</u> Tom Pienoski ** Joan Gigliotti Marty Yonkof Carol Yonkof</p>	<p>Christmas Day Mon, December 25 <u>8:30 a.m.</u> Ann Glime Sue DiVaccaro ** Rick Basista EM Needed</p>

Lectors

<p>Sat, December 16 <u>4:30 p.m.</u> Phil Gigliotti</p>	<p>Sun, December 17 <u>8:30 a.m.</u> Bruce DiVaccaro</p>	<p>Sun, December 17 <u>11:00 a.m.</u> Gene Welsh</p>
<p>Sat, December 23 <u>4:30 p.m.</u> Larry Durica</p>	<p>Sun, December 24 <u>8:30 a.m.</u> Greg Petro</p>	<p>Sun, December 24 <u>11:00 a.m.</u> Tom Parkey</p>
<p>Christmas Eve Sun, December 24 <u>4:30 p.m.</u> Student Lector</p>	<p>Christmas Eve Sun, December 24 <u>10:00 p.m.</u> Phil Gigliotti</p>	<p>Christmas Day Mon, December 25 <u>8:30 a.m.</u> Jean Ackerman</p>



Altar Servers

<p>Sat, December 16 <u>4:30 p.m.</u> Dan Huczko</p>	<p>Sun, December 17 <u>8:30 a.m.</u> Cara Smail Adam Smail</p>	<p>Sun, December 17 <u>11:00 a.m.</u> Victoria Korce</p>
<p>Sat, December 23 <u>4:30 p.m.</u> Tom Pienoski **</p>	<p>Sun, December 24 <u>8:30 a.m.</u> Server Needed</p>	<p>Sun, December 24 <u>11:00 a.m.</u> Beth Parkey</p>
<p>Christmas Eve Sun, December 24 <u>4:30 p.m.</u> Cara Smail</p>	<p>Christmas Eve Sun, December 24 <u>10:00 p.m.</u> Victoria Korce</p>	<p>Christmas Day Mon, December 25 <u>8:30 a.m.</u> Bill Brock</p>