

# St. Teresa of Avila Parish

1878 Abbe Road Sheffield Village, Ohio 44054

*September 15, 2019 • Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

“Rejoice with me  
because I have found  
the coin that I lost.”

~ Luke 15:9





**Established 1845**

ST. TERESA OF AVILA CHURCH is handicap accessible.

**STAFF**

**Reverend Edward J. Smith, Pastor**  
Office Hours: Wed & Fri 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

**Fr. Thomas Sanders, OSB,**  
Weekend Associate

**Debbie Wehler, Sue DiVaccaro,**  
Secretaries

**Lou Varos, Finance Council Chairperson**

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK**

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

**PARISH INFORMATION**

**BAPTISMS:** Baptisms are celebrated after the 11:00 a.m. Mass on Sundays. Arrangements should be made shortly before or after the birth of the child.

**COMMUNION CALLS:** Please call the Rectory to schedule.

**MATRIMONY:** At least one member must be a parishioner and be active for at least six months prior to calling. Couples need to make arrangements at least six months prior to the wedding date. No date may be reserved until discussed with the 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.



**Twenty-fourth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time  
September 15, 2019**

A clean heart create for me, O God,  
and a steadfast spirit renew within me.

— Psalm 51:12

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

**Saturday, September 14 The Exaltation of the Holy Cross**  
4:30 p.m. Norm & Susan Novak – 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary

**Sunday, September 15**  
8:30 a.m. +Julia King by Tom & Peg  
11:00 a.m. +Shirley Piezer by Dan & Theresa

**Monday, September 16 Sts. Cornelius and Cyprian**  
**NO MASS**

**Tuesday, September 17 St. Robert Bellarmine**  
**NO MASS**

**Wednesday, September 18**  
8:30 a.m. Jonathan Nocjar by Don & Carol Kirchner

**Thursday, September 19 St. Januarius**  
**NO MASS**

**Friday, September 20 St. Andrew Kim Tae-gon & Companions**  
8:30 a.m. living/deceased of St. Anthony & St. Teresa Parishes

**Saturday, September 21 St. Matthew, Apostle**  
4:30 p.m. Patrick J. O'Connor

**Sunday, September 22**  
8:30 a.m. +John Pliszka, Sr. by Andrea McKay  
11:00 a.m. +David DeChant by Bill DeChant, Gerry & family



<b>Weekly Goal</b>	\$4,000.00
<b>September 8</b>	\$3,578.25
<b>Children's</b>	\$9.15

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

**WE ARE IN NEED OF ALTAR SERVERS**

Father Smith needs altar servers! Students in 4<sup>th</sup> grade and up and Adults are asked to consider helping. Call the church office at 934-4227 if interested.

**MASSES**

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

**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-mail** .....st.teresa.church@neohio.twcbc.com  
**Website**..... www.stteresaparish.com

**A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR**

How intense the joy of a parent who's little one has wandered off, when the child has finally been recovered, safe and sound! In today's parable, Jesus depicts the joy of a spiritual shepherd who has anxiously sought out and finally rescued a strayed soul.

For a shepherd to save one erring soul is payment enough. An American Franciscan priest, Father Sixtus O'Connor, had the privilege of saving more than one of the Nazi war criminals condemned at the Nuremberg Trials of 1946.

According to the National Catholic News Service, Fr. O'Connor, who had been a parish priest in Manhattan, served during World War II as a U.S. Army chaplain in Germany. He had studied earlier in universities there and spoke German fluently. It was doubtless because of this fluency that he was retained in service after the close of the war and assigned as chaplain to the Nazi war-criminals imprisoned in the Nuremberg jail while they awaited trial. The prisoners came to respect this man of God because of his realism, faith, serenity and compassion.

Among the prisoners were men who had held high positions in Nazidom: Baldur von Schirach head of the Nazi youth movement; Hans Fritzsche, deputy minister of propaganda; Hans Frank, Governor of Nazi-held Poland; and Ernst Kaltenbrunner, in charge of the Austrian Gestapo. Through prayer and patient discussion, Fr Sixtus had the happiness of changing the hearts of these four major leaders. Von Schirach, a lapsed Catholic, sentenced to 20 years in prison, returned to devout Catholicism. Herr Fritzsche lived to praise the priest in memoirs. Kaltenbrunner was grateful for the priest's defense when the Allied officials called him a total liar. He and Hans Frank made peace with God before they were hanged. Frank, bound for the gallows, offered his life in atonement for his sins. What must have been Fr. O'Connor's gratitude to God at that moment. And on the day that Hans Frank died contrite, how great must have been the "joy in heaven."

**The Reverend Edward J. Smith, Pastor**

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: 1 Tm 2:1-8; Ps 28:2, 7-9; Lk 7:1-10  
 Tuesday: 1 Tm 3:1-13; Ps 101:1b-3ab, 5-6; Lk 7:11-17  
 Wednesday: 1 Tm 3:14-16; Ps 111:1-6; Lk 7:31-35  
 Thursday: 1 Tm 4:12-16; Ps 111:7-10; Lk 7:36-50  
 Friday: 1 Tm 6:2c-12; Ps 49:6-10, 17-20; Lk 8:1-3  
 Saturday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-5; Mt 9:9-13  
 Sunday: Am 8:4-7; Ps 113:1-2, 4-8; 1 Tm 2:1-8; Lk 16:1-13 [10-13]



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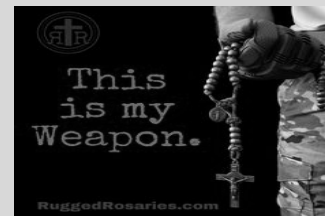
.to Mike Griffith and Griffith Paving for striping the older section of St. Teresa's parking lot free of charge!

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

PSR	Tues, Sept 17	6 – 7:15 p.m.	PLC Classrooms
Eucharistic Adoration	Wed, Sept 18	9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Church
Bible Study	Thurs, Sept 19	7:00 p.m.	St. John Room
Saturday Supper	Sat, Sept 21	5:30 – 7 p.m.	Avila Hall

**PARISHIONERS:**

Luz Villanueva, Eleanor Rieth  
 Pat Chozinski, Loretta Forthofer  
 Gladys Mackert, Eva-Maria Peters  
 Charlotte Joherle, Amy White  
 Kathleen Brezinski, Anna Joseph  
 Patricia Welsh, Maebelle Fill  
 Marty Lima, Marianne Rieth  
 Ruth Bistak, Jean Ackerman  
 Rosita Marinic, Neva Young  
 Arlene Flynn, Dorothy Tomshe



**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, Justin Brown, Michael Garba  
 SSgt. Leo Ostrolencki  
 1st Sgt. Derek Lisowski  
 Dustin Moorman  
 To add names call 934-4227.

**HOSPITAL CALLS**

Please request the services of the Catholic Chaplain at the hospital for a patient. Notify the parish office so that the sick will be remembered in our prayers and Masses.



**ST. TERESA OF AVILA  
 PRAY FOR US!**

*"All souls are capable of loving... The soul's progress does not lie in thinking much but in loving much."*  
 St. Teresa of Avila





## CATHOLIC PROGRAMMING



**EWTN Kids' Programming** Looking for wholesome, family-friendly TV? Then look to EWTN for kids' programming you'll be proud to watch with your children or grandchildren. Our faith-filled shows entertain kids with the building blocks of Catholicism, while teaching them valuable life lessons. For more information, visit the EWTN website at <http://video.ewtn.com/kids/>.



From **September 25 – November 3**, 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. Visit [www.40daysforlife.com/cleveland](http://www.40daysforlife.com/cleveland).

## CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

### ST. JOSEPH ACADEMY 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE SHADOWING

Begins September 9 and goes thru November 26. High School Placement Test dates are Sat, Oct 26, Wed, Oct 30 and Sat, Nov 2. For more information visit [www.sja1890.org/admissionevents](http://www.sja1890.org/admissionevents).

### MAGNIFICAT

8<sup>TH</sup> Grade visitations days from September 17 – December 12.  
HSPT Exam/Parent Information Sessions: Sept. 21, Oct 17 & 26.  
Open House on October 6 from 11 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.  
Visit [www.magnificaths.org](http://www.magnificaths.org)

### WALSH JESUIT

8<sup>th</sup> Grade visit Sept 26 from 5 – 7 p.m. For test prep dates and test dates visit [www.walshjesuit.org/explore-wj](http://www.walshjesuit.org/explore-wj).

### ST. EDWARDS

Open Houses are Mon, Oct 14, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. and Sun, Oct 27, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.  
8<sup>th</sup> Grade Admission Tests Sat, Oct 19, 9 a.m.; Wed, Oct 23, 5:30 p.m.; Sat, Nov 2, 9 a.m.  
Pre-register for test at [sehs.net](http://sehs.net). \$20 test fee.  
Contact information is 216-521-2204 or [admission@sehs.net](mailto:admission@sehs.net)

### HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL HOSTS HIGH SCHOOL NIGHT

On Wednesday, September 25, 2019 Holy Trinity School will host admissions directors and staff from nine local high schools: **Benedictine, Elyria Catholic, Holy Name, Magnificat, Padua Franciscan, St. Edward, St. Ignatius, St. Joseph Academy, Avon**

## ROSARY COAST TO COAST

Join us in praying for our Nation on **October 13, 2019 at 4 p.m.**

Come pray at Holy Trinity Church, 33601 Detroit Road, Avon, Ohio 44011 – an official Rosary Coast to Coast site. We will be uniting our prayers with the 4<sup>th</sup> annual National Rosary Rally simultaneously being said in front of the U.S. Capital in Washington, D.C. Be a visible witness as we pray the Rosary at the busy intersection of Detroit and Nagel Roads (inside the church in case of rain).

Last year there were over 1,200 Rosary Rallies across the U.S. and in over 50 countries!

## POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION - SEPTEMBER

"That politicians, scientists and economists work together to protect the world's seas and oceans."



### Jesus I Trust In You!

Seek Jesus by spending time with Him in the Eucharist.

**Every Wednesday at  
St. Teresa Church  
9 a.m. – 1 p.m.**

## VISIT OUR WEBSITE!

Keep up to date with current happenings in your parish! Visit [www.stteresaparish.com](http://www.stteresaparish.com). Scroll to the bottom of the homepage for current events and other information.

## MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

The next monthly breakfast will be Saturday, September 21st. So please join us at St Peter's (North Ridgeville) in the school gym for breakfast from 8:30 am to 9:45 am. Meet new friends and strengthen your relationship with Jesus. To carpool from St. Teresa's parking lot please meet at 7:45 a.m.

## CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE IF YOUR LOVED ONE IS SICK

If a family member is sick or hospitalized we welcome a phone call at the parish office so their name can be put in the bulletin for prayers. Not all hospitals in the area notify churches that a parishioner has been admitted.

## 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/)



**Time, Talent & Treasure**

**HOW TO HELP OUR PARISH FAMILY**

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF HOLY COMMUNION FALL TRAINING**

Our Parish is in need of Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. If you would like to become one, please call the church office to register for one of the Fall 2019 training dates:

**Thursday, October 10 at St. Clarence Parish, 30106 Lorain Rd., N. Olmsted, OH from 7 – 9:30 p.m.**

*Contact St. Teresa's office by October 3*

**Tuesday, October 15 at Holy Trinity Parish, 33601 Detroit Rd., Avon, OH from 7 – 9:30 p.m.**

*Contact St. Teresa's office by October 8*

***There is no charge to you for this training!***



**SATURDAY NIGHT SUPPER - SEPTEMBER 21, 2019**

**PORK SCHNITZEL**

Full menu includes: **Pork Schnitzel, Spaetzles, Fried Red Cabbage, Roll, Dessert, and Beverage**

***All dinners are just \$10!***

**Tickets can be purchased** after Mass this weekend, September 14th & 15th and in the church office Monday – Friday 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Dinner served from 5:30 – 7 p.m.

***Help is needed! Please call the church office if interested. Thank you!***

**SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE NEWS**

**Support Mother Cabrini Food Pantry**

*Help is always needed at the pantry: 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays every month, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.*

Many thanks to all those who support this ministry!

**Malley's Candy Bars!**

\$1.00 each!

Purchase them in the rear of the church or in the church office. Proceeds support Mother Cabrini Food Pantry.

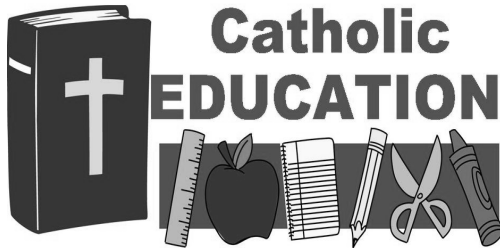


**Plastic Mats for the Homeless**

These plastic mats for the homeless to sleep on are being crocheted by our Altar & Rosary and Social Concerns members. They are in need of **clean and dry blue plastic grocery bags**. Please drop them in the cardboard bin in the vestibule of the church.

**ST. TERESA'S HOMEBOUND MINISTRY**

We visit Parishioners who are in nursing homes or who are homebound because of age, illness or recovering from surgery. If you know a Parishioner who would like a visit please call the church office at 440-934-4227.



Classes are on Tuesdays from 6 – 7:15 p.m.  
 For students in grades 1<sup>st</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>.  
 Call with questions to the Parish Office  
 at 40-934-4227

**ST. TERESA'S BIBLE STUDY**  
 Our next meeting will be  
 Thursday, September 19th at 7 p.m.

**CONFIRMATION CLASSES**

Classes will be held on Sundays at St. Teresa of Avila Church/Parish Life Center from 8:30 a.m. (with Mass) to 11:45 a.m. The first class is December 8<sup>th</sup>. **PARENTS:** there is a mandatory Parent/Guardian meeting at St. Anthony's after the 10 a.m. Mass on Sunday, December 1, 2019.

**Adult Education Class  
 Orthodoxy & Heresy:**



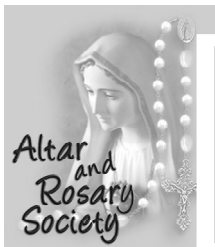
**Why It Matters What We Believe – Part 1**

As Catholics, we know that our faith is built on theological doctrines. Although these doctrines define every aspect of our faith, most Catholics are completely ignorant of what they are and why they matter. We recite theological statements such as the Creed at Mass every Sunday, and yet we have no idea what those words mean or why they are crucially important. In this class Father Edward Smith will delve into some of the most important teachings of the Church, while addressing those who have challenged those teachings throughout history. We will discuss why it is important to understand what we believe as Catholics, and how easy it can be to embrace false beliefs or heresies, if we don't know the truths of our faith.

**Where: Saint Teresa of Avila Parish Life Center**

**When: 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM**

- October 2<sup>nd</sup>: Arianism
- October 9<sup>th</sup>: Docetism
- October 16<sup>th</sup>: Nestorianism
- October 23<sup>rd</sup>: Eutychianism
- October 30<sup>th</sup>: Adoptionism

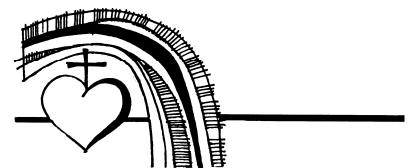


**THE ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY NEWS**

**Our next Altar & Rosary Society Mass** will be Sunday, October 13, 2019 at 8:30 a.m. The Rosary will be said at 8:00 a.m. prior to Mass.

*All Ladies of the Parish are welcome to all events and meetings! You do not have to be a member.*

**NEEDED**  
**The thing that is most needed in homes today is a family.**     **--Anonymous**



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**TELEVISED SUNDAY MASS**

ch8 at 6:00 a.m.                      WUAB ch43 at 8 a.m.                      WMFD ch68 at 9:30 a.m.  
 Online video Mass from *Heart of the Nation, Catholic Mass*, with Fr. Mark Payne at [www.HeartoftheNation.org](http://www.HeartoftheNation.org)

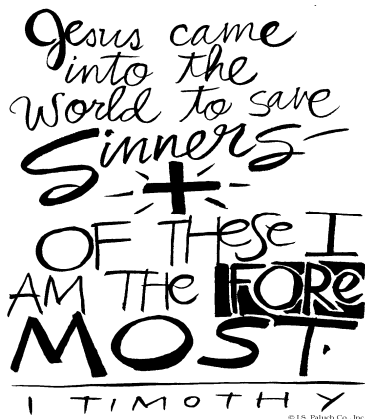
### Liturgical Ministers Schedule

#### Eucharistic Ministers

<b>Sat, Sept 14</b> <b>4:30 p.m.</b> Debbie Korce Frances Geiger Ruth Bistak <b>EM Needed</b>	<b>Sun, Sept 15</b> <b>8:30 a.m.</b> Carol Yonkof Marty Yonkof Bill Bistak ** Aaron Davis	<b>Sun, Sept 15</b> <b>11:00 a.m.</b> Trish MacDonald Marci Matsamas Fred Courtright Debbie Brady
<b>Sat, Sept 21</b> <b>4:30 p.m.</b> Joan Gigliotti Tom Pienoski ** John Katricak <b>EM Needed</b>	<b>Sun, Sept 22</b> <b>8:30 a.m.</b> Greg Smail Barb Eifel ** Aaron Davis Sue DiVaccaro	<b>Sun, Sept 22</b> <b>11:00 a.m.</b> Theresa Gillotti Marci Matsamas Elmer Klingshirn Dan Gillotti

#### Lectors

<b>Sat, Sept 14</b> <b>4:30 p.m.</b> Andrew Augustine	<b>Sun, Sept 15</b> <b>8:30 a.m.</b> Greg Petro	<b>Sun, Sept 15</b> <b>11:00 a.m.</b> Tom Parkey
<b>Sat, Sept 21</b> <b>4:30 p.m.</b> Andrew Augustine	<b>Sun, Sept 22</b> <b>8:30 a.m.</b> Adam Smail	<b>Sun, Sept 22</b> <b>11:00 a.m.</b> Gene Welsh



#### Altar Servers

<b>Sat, Sept 14</b> <b>4:30 p.m.</b> Ray Fitzwater	<b>Sun, Sept 15</b> <b>8:30 a.m.</b> Bill Brock	<b>Sun, Sept 15</b> <b>11:00 a.m.</b> <b>Server Needed</b>
<b>Sat, Sept 21</b> <b>4:30 p.m.</b> Dan Huczko	<b>Sun, Sept 22</b> <b>8:30 a.m.</b> Cara Smail	<b>Sun, Sept 22</b> <b>11:00 a.m.</b> Mike Griffith Dave Griffith

### Around the Town

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

The next meeting will be **September 27, 2019 from 6 - 8 p.m.**  
Vermilion River: Carriage Barn, 51211 N. Ridge Rd., Vermilion. For information call Kathy at 440-823-6177. Visit: [www.lorainadas.org](http://www.lorainadas.org).

#### **CRAFTERS WANTED**

Elyria Catholic High School Band Parents *Holiday Craft Show and Bazaar*. Takes place **Saturday, November 9, 2019 from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.** Vendor tables available for \$35, or \$40 with electric, until September 30. After that date tables are \$40 and \$45 with electric. If interested contact Lynette Patton at 440-288-8034.

#### **SISTERS OF NOTRE DAME - ANNUAL BBQ & BOUTIQUE**

Enjoy delicious BBQ food and shop the boutique on **Sept 29 Noon – 5 p.m.** On the website ([sndchardon.org](http://sndchardon.org)): Become a Sponsor, Become a Volunteer, Donate Online, Order BBQ Tickets, Donate a Raffle Basket. **Cost:** Chicken: \$13 | Ribs: \$16. Held at Notre Dame-Cathedral Latin gymnasium, Notre Dame Ed. Center.

#### **ST. JUDE DAY OF RETREAT**

St. Jude Altar & Rosary Society invites all women and men to St. Jude Day of Retreat on Tuesday, September 24, 2019 from 8:30am-1:00pm. Join us for 8:30am Mass followed by a continental breakfast and a presentation by Fr. Richard Gonser, D. Min. "Travels of a Retired Pastor". Quiet time for prayer/reflection in the chapel or the Outdoor Stations at 11am, then enjoy lunch. Freewill offering will be accepted. Contact Joan at 366-7163 to RSVP.

#### **CLEVELAND RETROUVAILLE WEEKEND**

This is a lifeline for troubled marriages. Takes place September 27-29, 2019. Registration fee of \$150 is required. For more information and to register contact Marc or Liz Gliha at 440-357-6580.

#### **CATHOLIC CEMETERIES ASSOCIATION – FAMILY DAY AT CALVARY CEMETARY, CLEVELAND**

Event goes from 1 -4 p.m. on September 29 at Calvary Cemetery, Cleveland. Families can honor their loved ones buried here and have help finding burial locations. Learn more at [clecem.org](http://clecem.org).

#### **ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CARD PARTY**

Takes place on October 3 from 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. in the gym. Menu includes meatloaf, mashed potatoes, green beans, applesauce, ice cream and beverages. Raffles throughout the day. RSVP to Pat Wilson at 324-3325.

#### **KEEP FAITH, HOPE & LOVE ALIVE**

Assisted suicide is now legal in seven states. It is of great importance in keeping faith, hope and love for a natural death. This will be discussed, in detail, by Father John Mulhollan Parochial Vicar of St. Basil The Great Parish. Prior to his priesthood, Fr. Mulhollan received his law degree from The Ohio State University and became a corporate health care attorney. This informative event is free of cost and is open to the public on **Thursday, October 3, 2019 at 7:00 pm in the Church at St. Joseph Parish, 32929 Lake Rd, Avon Lake, Ohio 44012.** Light refreshments will follow.