

St. Teresa of Avila Parish

1878 Abbe Road Sheffield Village, Ohio 44054

September

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2019

God wills everyone
to be saved and to
come to knowledge
of the truth.

1 Timothy 2:4

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME



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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

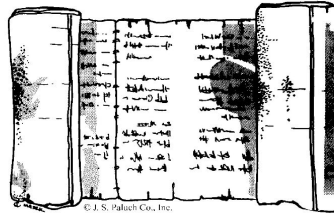
BAPTISMS: Baptisms are celebrated after the 11:00 a.m. Mass on Sundays. Arrangements should be made shortly before or after the birth of the child.

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-fifth Sunday
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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, September 21 St. Matthew, Apostle

4:30 p.m. Patrick J. O'Connor by friends

Sunday, September 22

8:30 a.m. +John Pliszka, Sr. by Andrea McKay

11:00 a.m. +David DeChant by Bill DeChant, Gerry & family

Monday, September 23 St. Pius of Pietrelcina

NO MASS

Tuesday, September 24

NO MASS

Wednesday, September 25

8:30 a.m. +Gladys Wisnieski by Ed & Marianne Clary

Thursday, September 26 Sts. Cosmas & Damian

NO MASS

Friday, September 27 St. Vincent de Paul

8:30 a.m. +Genevieve Rittenhouse by Bill, Paula & Brad Stavesky

Saturday, September 28 St. Wenceslaus

4:30 p.m. +Luciana Arnaldo Lezzi by family

Sunday, September 29

8:30 a.m. +Michael Wargo by family

11:00 a.m. +Teresita Valdez & +Maria Valdez by Valdez-Pham family



Weekly Goal	\$4,000.00
September 15	\$3,359.00
Children's	\$2.00

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

CATHOLIC COMMUNICATION CAMPAIGN

This collection creates opportunities for people across the United States and around the world to connect with Christ.

Takes place September 28 & 29, 2019. Thank you for your generosity!

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

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

Today’s gospel parable about the wily steward is a little tricky to interpret. The steward, about to be fired by his employer for embezzling, commits one final act of embezzlement to win the favor of his master’s debtors, hoping that they may give him another job. Jesus does not praise the rascal for his dishonesty; but he does give him credit for his cleverness in “winning friends and influencing people.”

Using our wits is even more important when we seek to win a hearing for a good cause by good means. It is only commonsense to speak to people in a manner they can comprehend. Father Matteo Ricci followed that principle when he went to China in 1582 to bring the gospel to the proud Chinese.

Ricci was a learned Italian Jesuit. He quickly realized that this “western” Gospel would sound strange to the pagan but highly cultured Chinese leaders whom he sought first to convert. He decided that he and his fellow missionaries could get nowhere with the “Mandarins” or scholars unless they first became “Mandarins” themselves. So, they adopted the dress and lifestyle of this highly revered academic class and set out to learn their language and literature perfectly. Ricci, in fact, succeeded so well with the language that some of his writings have become Chinese literary classics.

Once he had gained the confidence of the scholars, Dr. Li (as he called himself) began by discussing with them the admirable rules of morality and social living of their great philosopher, Confucius. But Confucius had not given all the answers – nor raised all the questions. At these open points, Fr. Matteo gently interjected Christian teachings into the discussion. Thus, as Pope Saint John Paul II said, “without imposing his views, he ended up by bringing many listeners to the explicit knowledge and authentic worship of God, the Highest Good.”

It was a painfully slow approach, but the only feasible one. The gospel was not given to the West alone, but to the whole world. It must be, therefore, proclaimed, as at Pentecost, in a manner understandable to every nation. Only thus can humanity hear the message Christ addressed to all his children.

The Reverend Edward J. Smith, Pastor

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Ezr 1:1-6; Ps 126:1b-6; Lk 8:16-18
 Tuesday: Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20; Ps 122:1-5; Lk 8:19-21
 Wednesday: Ezr 9:5-9; Tb:13:2, 3-4abefghn, 7-8; Lk 9:1-6
 Thursday: Hg 1:1-8; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Lk 9:7-9
 Friday: Hg 2:1-9; Ps 43:1-4; Lk 9:18-22
 Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a; Jer 31:10-12ab, 13; Lk 9:43b-45
 Sunday: Am 6:1a, 4-7; Ps 146:7-10; 1 Tm 6:11-16; Lk 16:19-31



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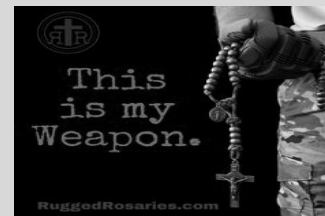
.....to our “sewing angel” for hemming the server’s alb!

UPCOMING EVENTS

PSR	Tues, Sept 24	6 – 7:15 p.m.	PLC Classrooms
Eucharistic Adoration	Wed, Sept 25	9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Church
Coffee & Donuts	Sun, Sept 29	9:30 – 12:30	Avila Hall

PARISHIONERS:

Luz Villanueva, Eleanor Rieth
 Loretta Forthofer, Dorothy Tomshe
 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, Patricia Farrell



**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.

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

ST. JOSEPH ACADEMY 8TH 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.

MAGNIFICAT

8TH 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

ELYRIA CATHOLIC

Fall Open House on Sunday, October 20, 11:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Placement Tests Oct 26 and Nov 2 8:30 a.m. – 12 p.m. Go to elyriacatholic.com.

ST. EDWARDS

Open Houses are Mon, Oct 14, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. and Sun, Oct 27, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.
8th 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. \$20 test fee.
Contact information is 216-521-2204 or 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.**

TWO LOCATIONS: *Holy Trinity Church*, 33601 Detroit Road, Avon, Ohio 44011 and *Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary*, W. 15th St. & Lexington Ave, Lorain – official Rosary Coast to Coast sites. We will be uniting our prayers with the 4th annual National Rosary Rally simultaneously being said in front of the U.S. Capital in Washington, D.C.

Prayer will be inside 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.
Scroll to the bottom of the homepage for current events and other information.

ST. THOMAS RUMMAGE SALE

Sponsored by the Ladies Guild
Takes place October 4 & 5. Drop your used items on October 2 & 3 between 2 – 7 p.m. Call with questions to Karen at 949-7714.

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

St. Anthony
www.stanthonylorain.org/our-parish/

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



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!

SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE NEWS

Support Mother Cabrini Food Pantry

The Social Concerns Committee is sponsoring a special food collection for Mother Cabrini's Food Pantry in Lorain.

Please bring one non perishable item to the Feast Day Dinner.

Suggestions include rice, boxed mashed potatoes, boxed stuffing, peanut butter, jelly, pancake syrup, Ramen noodle soups, canned tuna, coffee, taco kits, hominy beans, spaghetti sauce, breakfast cereals (sugared).

If you are unable to attend the dinner, you can still donate at church in the bin in the vestibule.

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.

“WARM UP FOR WINTER” COLLECTION!

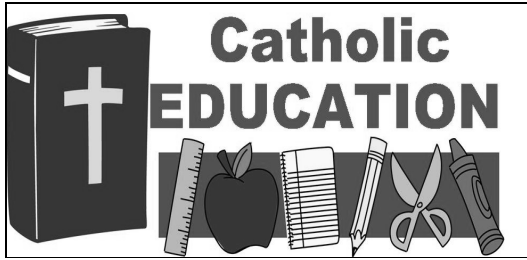
Lorain County “BRIDGES” is sponsoring a program in October for the needy of Lorain County. St. Teresa of Avila has offered to collect Hats, Gloves, and Coats to be given out to those who attend. **Please bring these new or gently used items, any size, to St. Teresa Church between now and October 10.**

All items will be delivered to the Ohio Business College in Sheffield where the program takes place on October 12.

Thank you for your help and generosity!

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 1st – 8th.
 Call with questions to the Parish Office
 at 40-934-4227

ST. TERESA'S BIBLE STUDY
 Our meetings for October will be
 Thursdays, the 3rd & 17th 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 8th. **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:**

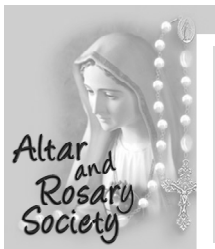
Why It Matters What We Believe – Part 1

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

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| October 2nd: Arianism | October 9th: Docetism |
| October 16th: Nestorianism | October 23rd: Eutychianism |
| October 30th: 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.

PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED

Pat Chozinski who passed away last Sunday, wife of Steve

**Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her.
 May she rest in peace.**

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

Liturgical Ministers Schedule

Eucharistic Ministers

Sat, Sept 21
4:30 p.m.
 Joan Gigliotti
 Tom Pienoski **
 John Katricak
EM Needed

Sun, Sept 22
8:30 a.m.
 Greg Smail
 Barb Eifel **
 Aaron Davis
 Sue DiVaccaro

Sun, Sept 22
11:00 a.m.
 Theresa Gillotti
 Marci Matsamas
 Elmer Klingshirn
 Dan Gillotti

Sat, Sept 28
4:30 p.m.
 Debbie Korce
 Frances Geiger
 Bill Bistak
EM Needed

Sun, Sept 29
8:30 a.m.
 Marty Yonkof
 Carol Yonkof
 Sue DiVaccaro **
 Christi Smail

Sun, Sept 29
11:00 a.m.
 Norman Novak
 Susan Novak
 Don Kirchner
 Carol Kirchner

Lectors

Sat, Sept 21
4:30 p.m.
 Andrew Augustine

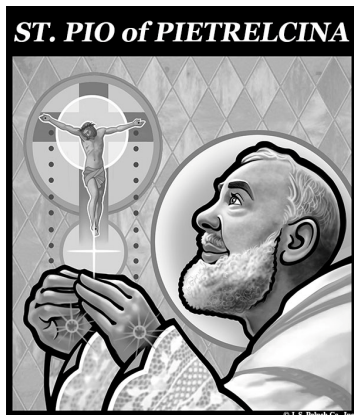
Sun, Sept 22
8:30 a.m.
 Adam Smail

Sun, Sept 22
11:00 a.m.
 Gene Welsh

Sat, Sept 28
4:30 p.m.
 Ruth Bistak

Sun, Sept 29
8:30 a.m.
 Bruce DiVaccaro

Sun, Sept 29
11:00 a.m.
 Tom Parkey



Monday, September 23

Altar Servers

Sat, Sept 21
4:30 p.m.
 Dan Huczko

Sun, Sept 22
8:30 a.m.
 Cara Smail

Sun, Sept 22
11:00 a.m.
 Mike Griffith
 Dave Griffith

Sat, Sept 28
4:30 p.m.
 Bill Brock **

Sun, Sept 29
8:30 a.m.
Server Needed

Sun, Sept 29
11:00 a.m.
 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.

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): 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. 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 that we keep faith, hope and love for a natural death. Speaker will be Father John Mulhollan Parochial Vicar of St. Basil The Great Parish. 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.

FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH EVENTS - FRIDAY, OCT 4

Gentle Woman Fellowship at St. Clarence Parish Center, 30106 Lorain Rd., N. Olmsted. Begins at 9:30; includes Mass and speaker, Fr. Richard Gonser.

St. Clarence Men's Group First Friday Lunch. Begins at 11:15 and includes Mass and lunch. Cost is \$10. Call George for RSVP at 440-937-6606.

KNOW HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Join us Thursday, October 3, 2019 from 7 - 8:30 p.m. at Sacred Heart Parish, 410 W. Lorain St., Oberlin. A panel presentation on what human trafficking is, and what you can do to help stop it. No cost.

CURSILLO WEEKENDS

"Cursillo" is Spanish for "short course". A movement rooted in Catholicism. The mission of Cursillo is to provide adult men and women a method to come to know Jesus Christ in a more intimate way. Men's weekend is October 3 -6 and women's weekend is November 7 - 10. Call with questions to Joe Perez at 440-915-4886 or Lisette Gracia at 440-308-7006.

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.loraincountyrighttolife.org under Resources and Issues tab.

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

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