

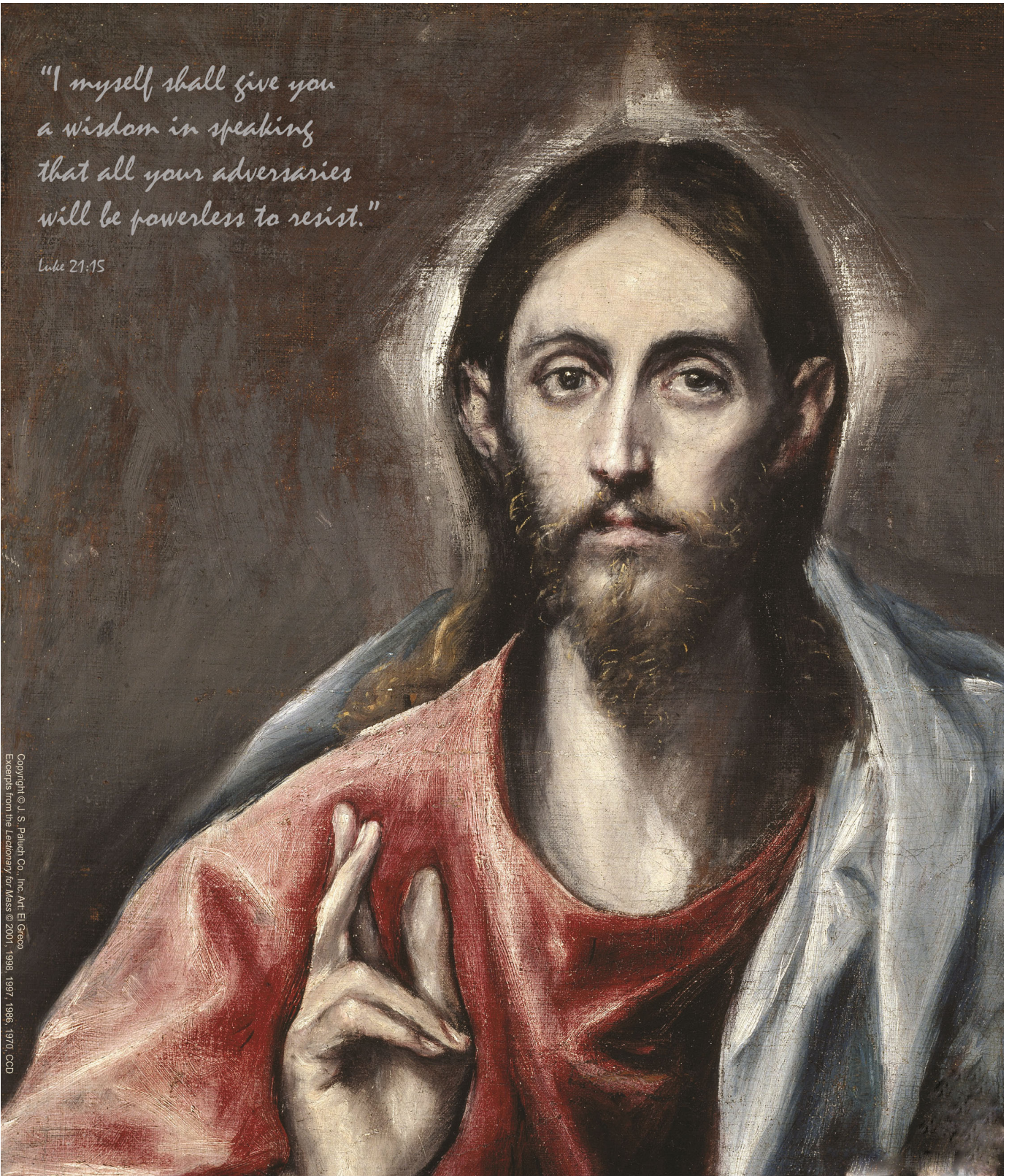
# St. Teresa of Avila Parish

1878 Abbe Road Sheffield Village, Ohio 44054

*"I myself shall give you  
a wisdom in speaking  
that all your adversaries  
will be powerless to resist."*

Luke 21:15

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November 17, 2019 | Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time



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.

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
NOVEMBER 17, 2019

Sing praise to the LORD with the harp, with the harp and
melodious song.- Psalm 98:5



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, November 16 St. Margaret of Scotland; St. Gertrude, Virgin
4:30 p.m. +Gus Wehler by family

Sunday, November 17
8:30 a.m. +Joseph Tomshe by Dorothy Tomshe
11:00 a.m. +Beatrice & Charles Mack by family

Monday, November 18 Dedication of Basilicas of Sts. Peter & Paul
NO MASS

Tuesday, November 19
NO MASS

Wednesday, November 20
8:30 a.m. All Souls

Thursday, November 21 Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
NO MASS

Friday, November 22 St. Cecilia, Virgin & Martyr
8:30 a.m. Jonathan Nocjar by Don & Carol Kirchner

Saturday, November 23 St. Clement I, Pope & Martyr
4:30 p.m. +Joan M. Imbrogno by David & Lynne Carek

Sunday, November 24 OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST,
KING OF THE UNIVERSE

8:30 a.m. +John Pliszka, Jr. by Andrea McKay
11:00 a.m. +Martin & Dorothy Yonkof by family



Weekly Goal \$4,000.00
November 10 \$3,094.00

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



THANK YOU TO...

.....the Altar & Rosary Society and anyone who helped with
the Turkey Raffle!

MASSES

Sunday Vigil - Saturday 4:30 PM Sunday - 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM
Wed & Fri - 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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Fax.....(440) 934-4500 E-mail .....st.teresa.church@neohio.twcbc.com
Website..... www.stteresaparish.com

**A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR**

There is one trial for which we must have a wholesome fear. That is the trial to which all human beings will be subjected when Christ comes to judge the living and the dead.

Even before that judicial trial, however, we must all suffer many trials; Our Lord himself has warned us. We will not only have to endure the anguish of natural grief and disasters, but even the efforts of evil men to win us away from Christ because they hate His name and all that it represents. Therefore, even you and I might be called to martyrdom. "Some of you will be put to death," Jesus says in today's gospel. But even in the midst of such persecution, we must not fear. He will stand unseen by our side.

He stood by the side of Captain John P. Flynn, U.S.M.C. in 1954. When we think of martyrs, we usually think of people long ago and far away. Captain Flynn was a very modern and very American "martyr" during the Korean War. A news dispatch of the National Catholic News Service reported the stirring tale of this Catholic Officer whose airplane was downed behind the North Korean Communist Lines.

Flynn survived the crash of his plane but was captured and marched off to a Communist prison camp. En route, his captors made him face a mock trial in a small Korean village. They discovered from his rosary that he was a Catholic. The court ordered him to throw this rosary on the ground, trample on it and spit upon it. This would have meant for him, as his captors knew, his rejection of his Catholic faith.

John Flynn refused. They next brought out a block of wood and an axe, and made him kneel and put his neck upon the block. They raised the axe. In that brief moment, he said later on, "I thought of my family and how they needed me. But I knew if I gave in to the Reds, I would be no good to my family or to myself and that I might lose my soul. This was it!"

The threat of beheading proved to be only a trick. What the court really wanted was to have Flynn "confess" that he had carried on germ warfare. Far from "confessing", he talked back, ridiculed their propaganda, and when put into prison plotted escapes, and led prayer services for his fellow captives, using with gratitude the rosary he had refused to desecrate. After 16 months, he was finally freed. On his return to headquarters, he was awarded the Navy and Marine Cross for valor.

But John Flynn already had a greater reward than any decoration. It was the remembrance that when he had been brought to trial for Christ's name, he had offered his life totally to God. If Jesus had withheld the axe, he had not withheld the martyr's crown.

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

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

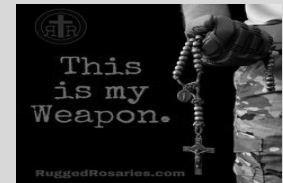
Monday: Acts 28:11-16, 30-31; Ps 98:1-6; Mt 14:22-33  
 Tuesday: 2 Mc 6:18-31; Ps 3:2-7; Lk 19:1-10  
 Wednesday: 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31; Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b, 15; Lk 19:11-28  
 Thursday: 1 Mc 2:15-29; Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15; Lk 19:41-44  
 Friday: 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59; 1 Chr 29:10bcd, 11-12; Lk 19:45-48  
 Saturday: 1 Mc 6:1-13; Ps 9:2-4, 6, 16, 19; Lk 20:27-40  
 Sunday: 2 Sm 5:1-3; Ps 122:1-5; Col 1:12-20; Lk 23:35-43

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

PSR	Tues, Nov 19	6 – 7:15 p.m.	PLC Classrooms
Eucharistic Adoration	Wed, Nov 20	9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Church
Bible Study	Thurs, Nov 21	7:00 p.m.	St. John Room

**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, Arlene Flynn  
 Neva Young, Bernadette Mack



**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, Capt. Matt Terrigno  
 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!**

*“Consider that it is well worthwhile for you to have understood this truth: that the Lord is within us, and that there we must be with Him.”*  
 St. Teresa of Avila



**CATHOLIC PROGRAMMING**



**Chaplet of Divine Mercy on ETWN** Everyday at 3:00 p.m. – the hour of Divine Mercy!

**LORAIN COUNTY RIGHT TO LIFE – COME AND PRAY!**

Please join us on the **first Thursday of each month**, at the **Prayer Vigil at the Planned Parenthood in Lorain from 3-4 p.m.** This facility located in the YWCA Women’s center building at 200 W. 9<sup>th</sup> St. While this facility does not perform surgical abortions, they (like all Planned Parenthood facilities) encourage sexual promiscuity, and provide abortifacients, such as the birth control pill, even to minor children. Prayer is the most potent weapon we have in the battle for life! Call 440-322-0076 if you have any questions.

**WELCOME TO OUR NEWLY REGISTERED PARISHIONERS!**

**Kevin & Jeanne Coughlin and Family**  
*Welcome to the St. Teresa of Avila Parish Family!*



**PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED**

**Patricia Farrell**, who passed away Monday, November 11, 2019.  
*Father of all, we pray to you for Patricia, and for all those whom we love but see no longer. Grant to them eternal rest. Let light perpetual shine upon them. May her soul and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.*

**WINTER MARKET**

35 carefully curated artists, makers, finders, collectors, and boutiques will offer unique home decor and holiday gifts. There will be yummy bites from Cafe Melissa and a handful of food trucks will be on hand, cash bar open all weekend, holiday music...everything you will need to kick off the holiday season in the most incredible new event space!  
**Friday, November 22 6:30-9:30 & Saturday, November 23 9:30-4:30** at The Shipyards 485 California Ave. Lorain, OH. Proceeds from this event benefit GIRLS GIVE BACK & BLESSING HOUSE of Lorain.

**WORLD DAY OF CLOISTERED LIFE**

**Pro Orantibus Day (for those who pray)** Each year there is a special day for Cloistered Communities of women and men who are a tremendous gift to the Catholic Church. It is celebrated each year on the Memorial of Mary’s Presentation in the Temple. Join us this year as we pray the weekends of November 9-10 and 16-17 and on Pro Orantibus Day, Thursday, November 21, 2019. **Cleveland’s cloistered communities include: Carmel of the Holy Family, OCD; Poor Clare Colettines, PCC; and Poor Clares of Perpetual Adoration, PCPA.**

**POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION - NOVEMBER**

“That a spirit of dialogue, encounter, and reconciliation emerge in the Near East, where diverse religious communities share their lives together.”



**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.

**NUT & POPPY SEED ROLLS FOR SALE**

St. Vincent de Paul Church Altar & Rosary Society  
 Order by December 1 by calling 440-324-2775 or by email to [SVDP-nut-poppy-orders@twc.com](mailto:SVDP-nut-poppy-orders@twc.com).

\$10 each.

Pick up will be  
 Fri, Dec 13, Noon – 6 p.m. and  
 Sat, Dec 14, 9 a.m. – 3 p.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

### SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE NEWS



**If you are still making a mat:** there are plenty of plarn balls in the breezeway for you to use. When you have a completed mat, please leave it in the breezeway and it will be delivered to Valor Home.

**We are no longer collecting plastic bags for this project.**

We thank everyone for their generosity in bringing bags over the last few months.

### MALLEY'S CANDY BAR SALE TO SUPPORT MOTHER CABRINI FOOD PANTRY

Malley's candy bars are still *only* \$1.00!

They are available for purchase in the rear of the church and in the church office.



**Proceeds go to Mother Cabrini Food Pantry in Lorain** to help purchase non-perishable food items for the needy.



### THE ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY NEWS

**Our next Altar & Rosary Society Mass** will be **Sunday, December 8, 2019 at 8:30 a.m.**

The Rosary will be said at 8:00 a.m. prior to Mass.

*All Ladies are welcome to all events & meetings! You do not have to be a member.*

### SPIRITUAL ADOPTION OF THE UNBORN

**Sponsored by the Altar & Rosary Society and the Social Concerns Committee of St. Teresa of Avila Church**

We have just over one month before "our babies" will be born! Let us persevere during these last few weeks with our prayers being even more fervent and offering a small sacrifice for these little ones – skip a snack, turn off the TV, send a special note to someone you haven't talked with in a while – these make our prayers more pleasing to the Lord.

### CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

Next week, our special collection will support the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. More than 46 million people in the United States live in poverty today. This collection supports programs that empower people to identify and address obstacles as they work to make permanent and positive changes for their communities. Learn more about the CCHD at

[www.usccb.org/cchd/collection](http://www.usccb.org/cchd/collection).

### DAUGHTERS OF ST. PAUL CHOIR

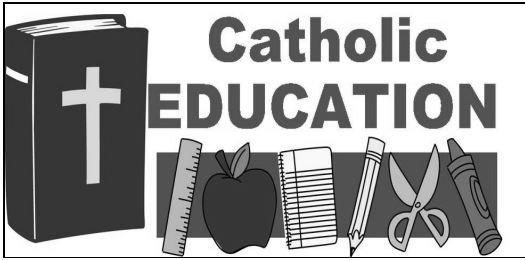
**He is Born: 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas Concert!** Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist; Helen D. Schubert Concert Series

<https://saintjohncathedral.com/concerts>

Save the date! **Monday, December 2, 2019 at 7:30 p.m.**

### 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 440-934-4227

**ST. TERESA'S BIBLE STUDY**  
 Our meetings for November will be  
 Thursdays, the 7<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> 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.



**CHRISTMAS MEALS FOR FAMILIES IN NEED**

Fr. Smith and St. Teresa Parish are working with the other churches of Sheffield Village to provide a family-centered Christmas meal for families of Sheffield Village and Sheffield Lake. See Father's complete letter in the bulletin insert.

Parishioners of St. Teresa Parish who wish to donate money or food can drop it in front of the St. Joseph's altar in church or to the church office. **\$30 provides a meal for a family, or food items to donate are: boxed mashed potatoes, boxed scallop potatoes, canned sweet potatoes, canned green beans, canned corn, canned brown gravy, boxed cake mix, and canned frosting.**

**Donate between now and December 13, 2019.**

*Our hope is that as we honor the coming of our Savior, and his place within the Holy Family of Nazareth, we can share Christ's love with all the families of our community who may need help during this Holy Season.*

**FIRST HONORS AT ELYRIA CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL**

**Ana MacDonald, Class of 2022**

*Congratulations and we are proud of you!!*

**HELP CELEBRATE WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR CONSECRATED LIFE**

We celebrate those consecrated to religious life on **February 1-2, 2020**. In preparation for these days, we ask for pictures for the "Formation Poster" that gets distributed throughout the Diocese. If you know anyone from our Diocese who is in a religious formation program, or who is discerning within a religious community and they want their photo to appear on this poster please send the picture to the office. Deadline is November 29. Photos must be digital, the file (300 dpi, jpeg, or tiff) and emailed to [st.teresa.office@neohio.twcbc.com](mailto:st.teresa.office@neohio.twcbc.com). Background should be neutral, pose from the chest up, well lit and a pleasant facial expression.

**Call the church office with questions: 440-934-4227.**

**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

**Sat, Nov 16**  
**4:30 p.m.**  
Joan Gigliotti  
Ann Glime  
Tom Pienoski  
**EM Needed**

**Sun, Nov 17**  
**8:30 a.m.**  
Kathy Cunningham  
Bill Bistak  
Sue DiVaccaro \*\*  
Christi Smail

**Sun, Nov 17**  
**11:00 a.m.**  
Debbie Brady  
Elmer Klingshirn  
Dan Gillotti  
Theresa Gillotti

**Sat, Nov 23**  
**4:30 p.m.**  
Joan Gigliotti  
Debbie Korce  
Frances Geiger  
Daniel Bryda

**Sun, Nov 24**  
**8:30 a.m.**  
Bill Bistak \*\*  
Marty Yonkof  
Carol Yonkof  
Greg Smail

**Sun, Nov 24**  
**11:00 a.m.**  
Don Kirchner  
Norman Novak  
Susan Novak  
Trish MacDonald

#### Lectors

**Sat, Nov 16**  
**4:30 p.m.**  
Phil Gigliotti

**Sun, Nov 17**  
**8:30 a.m.**  
Bruce DiVaccaro

**Sun, Nov 17**  
**11:00 a.m.**  
Fred Courtright

**Sat, Nov 23**  
**4:30 p.m.**  
Phil Gigliotti

**Sun, Nov 24**  
**8:30 a.m.**  
Karen Davis

**Sun, Nov 24**  
**11:00 a.m.**  
Dan Gillotti

#### Thursday, November 21



**Presentation**  
of the  
Blessed Virgin Mary

#### Altar Servers

**Sat, Nov 16**  
**4:30 p.m.**  
Bill Brock \*\*

**Sun, Nov 17**  
**8:30 a.m.**  
Cara Smail

**Sun, Nov 17**  
**11:00 a.m.**  
Dave Griffith

**Sat, Nov 23**  
**4:30 p.m.**  
Dan Huczko

**Sun, Nov 24**  
**8:30 a.m.**  
Frank Lanza

**Sun, Nov 24**  
**11:00 a.m.**  
**Server Needed**

### Around the Town

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

The next meeting will be **November 22, 2019 from 6 - 8 p.m.** Marcy Health & Recreation, 47160 Hollstein Dr., Amherst. For information call Kathy at 440-823-6177. Visit: [www.lorainadas.org](http://www.lorainadas.org).

#### **CHRISTMAS CONCERT & DINNER AT ST. THOMAS CHURCH**

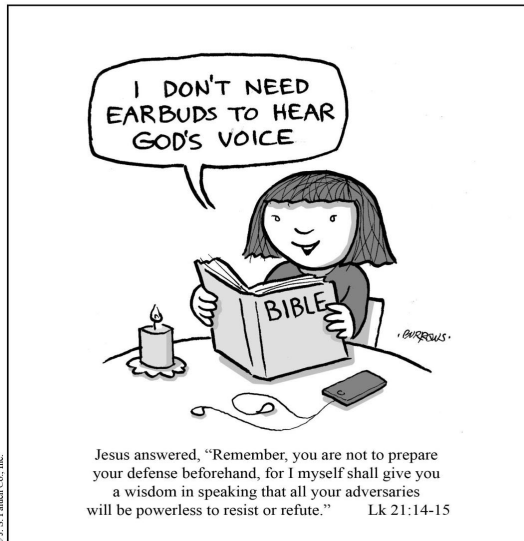
with Kim Robins & 40 Years Late with Acoustic Age is Saturday, **December 7th from 6-10 PM.** Advanced tickets are \$25.00 each and (includes a Turkey or Pasta meal) are on sale now until December 1st. Call the Parish Office or Michelle (440) 670-1931. Doors open at 5PM.

#### **CATHOLIC CEMETERIES MONTHLY GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP**

Join us **Sunday, November 17 at 3 p.m. at St. Joseph Cemetery, Avon** (temp. trailer office). Topic will be: Thanks-Giving Grief and Preparing for the Holidays. Call with questions to 216-930-4866.

The Little Ones

Jim Burrow



#### **CHEFS IN TRAINING - CHRISTMAS COOKIE MAKING**

**December 7 | 9 am - 12 pm.** Students in grades 6-9 are invited to join us for a morning of making a variety of Christmas cookies. Register at [elyriacatholic.com](http://elyriacatholic.com). Cost is \$25.

#### **INTER-PARISH MEN'S GROUP – FIRST FRIDAY**

Join us on Friday, December 6 for a First Friday Luncheon at St. Clarence Church, 30106 Lorain Road, N. Olmsted. Registration begins at 11:15 a.m., followed by the luncheon, then an inspirational talk, and concludes with Mass. Cost is \$10. Call George at 440-937-6606 by December 3.

#### **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](http://www.loraincountyrighttolife.org) under Resources and Issues tab.

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

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