

St. Teresa of Avila Parish

1878 Abbe Road Sheffield Village, Ohio 44054

LET THE PEACE OF CHRIST
CONTROL YOUR HEARTS,
THE PEACE INTO WHICH
YOU WERE ALSO CALLED IN ONE BODY.

COLOSSIANS 3:15



THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

DECEMBER 29, 2019



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.

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Over all [other virtues] put on love, that is, the bond of perfection.

— Colossians 3:14

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, December 28 The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

4:30 p.m. +Ruth Wagner by family

Sunday, December 29 THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

8:30 a.m. +Louise Pliszka-Nichols by Kathy Eckenrode

11:00 a.m. +Jimmy Matsamas by Marci Matsamas

Monday, December 30 6th Day in the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

NO MASS

Tuesday, December 31 7th Day in the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

4:30 p.m. +Clara Schilens by Bill DeChant, Jim & family

Wednesday, January 1 SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

8:30 a.m. living/deceased members of St. Teresa parish

Thursday, January 2 Sts. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen

NO MASS

Friday, January 3 Holy Name of Jesus

8:30 a.m. +Chuck DeChant by Bill DeChant

Saturday, January 4 St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

4:30 p.m. +Jean Ackerman by Jane Dowdel

Sunday, January 5 EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

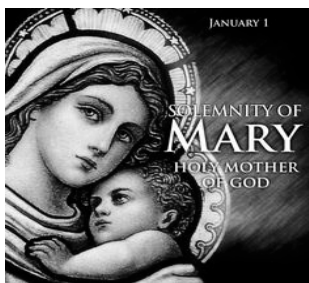
8:30 a.m. Special intention of the King family

11:00 a.m. Bernie Mack (healing & peace) by Don & Carol



Weekly Goal	\$4,000.00
December 15	\$3,714.00
Children's	\$2.00

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



THE FEAST OF THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

We celebrate this feast on Wednesday, January 1, 2020, and it is a **Holy Day Of Obligation**. The Vigil Mass will be on Tuesday, December 31, at 4:30 pm, and Mass on the Feast Day on Wednesday, January 1, 2020 will be at 8:30 am.

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

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

We live in a day and age when the traditional image of the family is disintegrating, due to a whole host of issues that plague our society. Therefore, I would like to offer you a wonderful reflection by Dr. Gregory Popcak of the Pastoral Solutions Institute.

The Five “Marks” of a Catholic Family

1. Catholic Families Worship Together - The Eucharist is the source of our love and the sign of the intimacy to which we are called. Therefore, as a family, we attend Sunday mass weekly & Holy Days, and we actively participate in parish life—our spiritual home away from home. We also recognize that as fallen persons, we struggle to be the loving community we are called to be. Therefore, as a family, we regularly go to confession to seek God’s healing and grace so we might better live his vision of love in our lives and homes.

2. Catholic Families Pray Together - As “domestic church” we recognize that we cannot love one another as God loves us unless we ask him, *together*, to teach us what this means. Therefore, in addition to our individual prayer life, *we gather together as husband and wife and also as a family for prayer each day*. In that time, we praise and thank God for his blessings, we ask him for the grace to love each other and the world better, we seek his will for our lives, and we pray for both our needs and the needs of the Family of God.

3. Catholic Families are Called to Intimacy - Tertullian once proclaimed, “The world says, ‘Look at those Christians, see how they love one another!’” The Christian life is first and foremost a call to intimate communion. We recognize that families are “Schools of Love.” Therefore, as a family, we constantly challenge ourselves to seek to discover new ways to be even more open with and loving to each other as husband and wife, parents and children. We recognize that children are to be a visible sign of the loving union between husband and wife and we work to make this a reality in our homes both in the quality of our relationships and in our openness to life. Further, we cultivate marriage and parenting practices that make each member of the family—husband and wife, parents and children—willingly open up to one another and seek to freely give themselves to create a deeper “community of love” and practice all the virtues that help us live life as a gift.

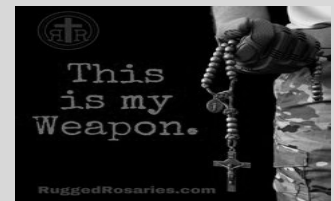
4. Catholic Families Put Family First - We recognize that—because our family relationships are the primary vehicle God uses to perfect us and challenge us to become everything we were created to be—family life, itself, is the most important activity. To protect the intimacy we are called to cultivate as the domestic church, we recognize the importance of regular family rituals *and* we are intentional about creating and protecting those activities such as family dinner, family prayer and worship, a game night and/or “family day”, and regular time for one-on-one communication and relationship-building. We hold these activities as sacred rituals of the domestic church and value them over all other activities that would seek to compete with them.

5. The Catholic Family is a Witness and Sign - God wants to change the world through our families. We allow ourselves to be part of his plan for changing the world in two ways. First of all, by striving to exhibit—in every way possible in our daily interactions as husband and wife, parents and children—the love and intimacy that every human heart longs for. We must show the world that this love is a possible dream worth striving for. Second, we will carry this love outside the home by serving the world-at-large in a manner that is responsible and respectful of the integrity of the family unit. We do this by committing ourselves and our families to the intentional practice of all the corporal and spiritual works of mercy within the home and outside of it. To this end, the ways we, as a family, are trying to fulfill this responsibility will be a regular topic of conversation in our homes.

The Reverend Edward J. Smith, Pastor

TOGETHER - 
LET US PRAY ...
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
Mike Gall



**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,
Dustin Moorman, Cpt. 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!**

“There is every reason to be conformed to the will of God.”
St. Teresa of Avila



CATHOLIC PROGRAMMING



The Case for Marriage (January 27 – 31, 5:30 p.m.) Noted author Dr. David Anders explains how he came to know and fully embrace the Catholic Church's position on marriage. An in-depth interview with EWTN theology advisor Noah Lett. Visit ewtn.com for programming details.

PRAYER TO SAVE THE WORLD ONE BABY AT A TIME

"Jesus, you gave us your mother as Our Mother. Send Our Mother, who had an unplanned pregnancy, to her daughter who is considering an abortion. Tell your daughter that she is greatly loved by her Mother in heaven, her baby, and Jesus. Then ask her to CHOOSE LIFE for the sake of her baby, herself and the world." **Hail Mary,**

FATHER BECHERER 65TH JUBILEE!

Let us thank our Lord for the dedication shown by Fr. James Becherer throughout his Priesthood of 65 years! Let us join together and thank Fr. Becherer, by sending cards of appreciation, prayer and joy. Send cards to his address:
4963 E. Lake Road, Sheffield Lake, Ohio 44054.
Let us keep Fr. Becherer in our prayers every day.



READ
THE BIBLE
EVERY DAY

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: 1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-10; Lk 2:36-40
- Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18
- Wednesday: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21
- Thursday: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28
- Friday: 1 Jn 2:29 — 3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-6; Jn 1:29-34
- Saturday: 1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Jn 1:35-42
- Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

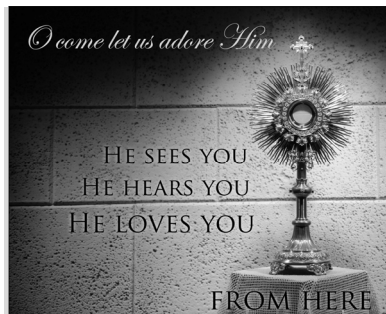
UPCOMING EVENTS

Solemnity of Mary	Tues, Dec 31	4:30 p.m.	Church
Solemnity of Mary	Wed, Jan 1	8:30 a.m.	Church
Office Closed	Dec 31/Jan 1		
Confirmation	Sun, Jan 5	8:30 a.m.	Church/PLC

**NO CONFIRMATION ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29.
NO PSR ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31.**

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION - DECEMBER

"That every country take the measures necessary to prioritize the future of the very young, especially those who are suffering."



Seek Jesus by spending time with Him in the Eucharist.

No Adoration on New Year's Day

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.



THANK YOU TO...

...to all those who donated gift baskets for the St. Teresa Christmas Dinner. Many beautiful baskets were available for raffle.

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.



HOW TO HELP OUR PARISH FAMILY

SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE NEWS

“Helping Hands” – Aid to Parishioners in Need

Any parishioner or family registered at St. Teresa of Avila Church who is in need of help with groceries, utilities, baby needs or other essentials is invited to call the church office for assistance from the Social Concerns Committee. *All requests are confidential.*

Donations for Mother Cabrini Food Pantry

Our next collection will be the weekend of January 4 & 5, 2020.
Leave donations of non-perishable food in the tub in the vestibule of the church.

Malley’s Candy Bars

\$1.00 each in the rear of the church and in the church office.

THE ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY NEWS

Our next Altar & Rosary Society Mass will be **Sunday, January 12, 2020 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.



THE HOLY FAMILY

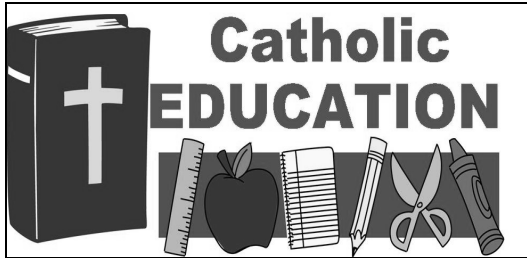
by Tim Muldoon

A meditation on the Holy Family might help us recall that theirs is not the only holy family. Family life is vocational: it is a calling from God. Every act, every decision within the life of the family, when done with great love, is a real symbol of Christ’s love. During this holy season, let us recall our holy families and reach out to them with ever more generous love. Let us too reach out to those without families, recalling the words of the mature Jesus who redrew the lines of family: “those who hear and do the will of God are my mother and my brothers” (Luke 8:21). The love we learn and practice in families is ultimately the love that ought to govern our way of relating to all people.



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.



PSR classes are on Tuesdays from 6 – 7:15 p.m.
for students in grades 1st – 8th.
No classes on December 24 & 31, 2019.

If the Sheffield schools are closed on Tuesday because of bad weather, PSR will be cancelled that night as well.

ST. TERESA'S BIBLE STUDY

We meet on Thursdays at 7:00 p.m.
Join us in January on the 9th.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Classes are held on Sundays at St. Teresa of Avila Church/Parish Life Center from 8:30 a.m. (with Mass) to 11:45 a.m. **There are no classes on December 22nd and 29th.** Class resumes on January 5th, 2020.



THERE ARE MANY MASS INTENTIONS AVAILABLE FOR 2020.

Call the church office if you would like to schedule a mass for a loved one.

PLEASE HELP US KEEP “UP TO DATE”

If you've recently had a child, and the baptism took place at another parish, please let us know so we can update our records.

If you are a young adult, supporting yourself, living on your own or with your parents, you should be independently registered in our parish.

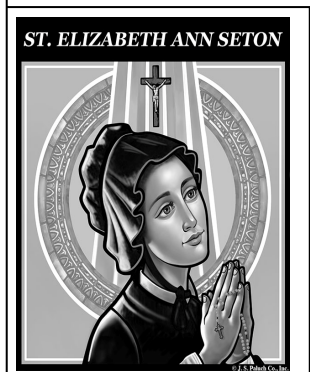
If your son/daughter got married, at another parish but was baptized at St. Teresa, please let us know so we can make the notation in our records.

If you have changed your address, email or phone number, please let us know so we can update our records.

Contact us by calling 440-934-4227 or email at st.teresa.office@neohio.twcbc.com.

Elizabeth Ann Bayley was born in New York City on August 28, 1774 to a prominent Episcopal family. In 1794, at the age of 19, Elizabeth married William Magee Seton, a wealthy businessman with whom she had five children. William died of tuberculosis in 1803, leaving Elizabeth a young widow. After discovering Catholicism in Italy, where her husband had died, Elizabeth returned to the United States and entered the Catholic Church in 1805 in New York.

After a number of difficult years, Elizabeth moved in 1809 to Emmitsburg, Maryland, where she founded the Sisters of Charity of St. Joseph's, the first community for religious women established in the United States. She also began St. Joseph's Academy and Free School, planting the seeds of Catholic education in the United States. Her legacy includes religious congregations in the United States and Canada, whose members work on the unmet needs of people living in poverty in North America and beyond. Mother Seton, as she is often called, was canonized on Sunday, September 14, 1975 by Pope Paul VI. She was the first citizen born in the United States to be given the title of "Saint." Her remains are entombed in Emmitsburg in the Basilica at the National Shrine that bears her name.



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, Dec 28
4:30 p.m.
Debbie Korce
Joan Gigliotti
Frances Geiger
EM Needed

Sun, Dec 29
8:30 a.m.
Kathy Cunningham
Christi Smail
Bill Bistak
Sue DiVaccaro **

Sun, Dec 29
11:00 a.m.
Elmer Klingshirn
Marci Matsamas
Trish MacDonald
Debbie Brady

Tues, Dec 31
4:30 p.m.
John Katricak
Daniel Bryda
Frances Geiger
Ann Glime

Wed, Jan 1
8:30 a.m.
Greg Smail
Sue DiVaccaro **
Marty Yonkof
Carol Yonkof

Sat, Jan 4
4:30 p.m.
Tom Pienoski
Ann Glime
Daniel Bryda
EM Needed

Sun, Jan 5
8:30 a.m.
Greg Smail
Bill Bistak
Aaron Davis
Sue DiVaccaro **

Sun, Jan 5
11:00 a.m.
Carol Kirchner
Norman Novak
Susan Novak
Trish MacDonald

Lectors

Sat, Dec 28
4:30 p.m.
Phil Gigliotti

Sun, Dec 29
8:30 a.m.
Greg Petro

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

Tues, Dec 31
4:30 p.m.
Larry Durica

Tues, Jan 1
8:30 a.m.
Bruce DiVaccaro

Sat, Jan 4
4:30 p.m.
Andrew Augustine

Sun, Jan 5
8:30 a.m.
Karen Davis

Sun, Jan 5
11:00 a.m.
Fred Courtright



Altar Servers

Sat, Dec 28
4:30 p.m.
Dan Huczko

Sun, Dec 29
8:30 a.m.
Cara Smail

Sun, Dec 29
11:00 a.m.
Mikey Griffith
Dave Griffith

Tues, Dec 31
4:30 p.m.
Bill Brock **

Tues, Jan 1
8:30 a.m.
Frank Lanza

Sat, Jan 4
4:30 p.m.
Ray Fitzwater

Sun, Jan 5
8:30 a.m.
Cara Smail

Sun, Jan 5
11:00 a.m.
Server Needed

Around the Town

CURSILLO (Spanish for "short course")....

.....is a movement deeply 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 through prayer, fellowship and working together. The Diocese of Cleveland has scheduled Cursillo Weekends for the following dates: **Men's Weekend - January 16th - 19th, 2020; Women's Weekend - February 20th - 23rd, 2020.** If you would like more information about Cursillo or would like to registrar for one of the above scheduled weekends, please call Joe Perez 440-915-4886 or Lisette Gracia 440-308-7006.

MEN'S FIRST FRIDAY LUNCHEON

Join us at St. Clarence Church, 30106 Lorain Rd., N. Olmsted, on **Friday, January 3, 2020.** Registration begins at 11:15 a.m., followed by luncheon, then an inspirational talk, and concludes with Mass. Cost is \$10. RSVP to George at 440-937-6606 by Monday, December 30.

NIGHT OF PRAYER AND HEALING

Peter's Shadow Healing Ministry will be at St. Ambrose Catholic Church, 929 Pearl Rd., Brunswick, Oh, on **Sunday, January 19, 2020 from 1:30 – 4:30 p.m.** Jesus often preached the Gospel of the Kingdom of God with demonstrations through signs, wonders and miracles – with healing as the most frequent! **Jesus still heals today!** Come experience God's supernatural Love. No Charge. No Reservation Needed. For more information call Peter's Shadow at 234-206-0263. Schedule for the day is: 1:30 p.m. – Eucharistic Procession and Exposition, Gospel and Preaching; 2:30 p.m. – Corporate Prayer for Healing; 3:30 p.m. – Individual Prayer Ministry.

A RETREAT FOR YOUNG ADULT PROFESSIONALS

Join other young adults for the **Seekers' Retreat:** "Why not have a life?" We'll explore the challenge of living fully in the present while anticipating the future. The retreat runs January 31-February 2, 2020 at Bethany Retreat Center in Chardon. For more information or to register, visit www.charis.org or contact Sr. Kate Hine, SND, khine@ndec.org.

CLEVELAND RETROUVAILLE WEEKEND

This is a Lifeline for Troubled Marriages. Next weekend is **January 24 – 26, 2020.** This program consists of a weekend experience for couples and six follow up sessions. A registration fee of \$150 is required to confirm your reservation. For more information concerning the program, or to register, please call Marc or Liz Gliha at 440-357-6580 or go online to www.helpourmarriage.org.

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.