

# St. Teresa of Avila Parish

1878 Abbe Road Sheffield Village, Ohio 44054



## ASCENSION OF THE *Lord*

MAY 24, 2020

Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations,  
baptizing them in the name of the Father,  
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Matthew 28:19

### MAKE DISCIPLES OF ALL NATIONS

Today we celebrate the ascension of Jesus into heaven, his departure after the Crucifixion, the Resurrection, and all the appearances to the disciples. Acts and Ephesians look back at the time just before Jesus leaves and then at its immediate aftermath, still trying to understand what has happened and what is expected of those who were left behind. The readings remind us that the disciples are still not certain what all this means to them. But one thing is certain: Jesus is gone and they are struggling with what to do next. Matthew tells us that even as they believed in Jesus, they doubted. Jesus responds to their doubt with a call to work. He tells them to “make disciples of all nations.”

### UP, UP AND AWAY

The reading from Acts gives us a pretty complete description of the Ascension. Jesus was lifted up and taken from their sight but not before the disciples ask lots of questions about what will happen. The disciples are still thinking that the kingdom of Israel will be restored. Jesus answers them with a promise of power from the Holy Spirit and a commission that they be witnesses not just to Israel but to the ends of the earth. But the disciples are still thinking small. Jesus knows that the meaning of his death and resurrection is not small. Ephesians offers a glimpse of the great gifts of Jesus’ life, death, and resurrection. The disciples cannot even imagine what this means for them as they stand staring into the sky. Jesus tells them one more time that their work is to tell everyone about his life and work, to baptize them, and to teach them his commandments.

### NEVER CAN SAY GOOD-BYE

The disciples still thought this was just about their life and their world. They are reminded by Jesus that what they have lived through with him, his life, death, and resurrection, is greater and more far-reaching than they can yet imagine. This is not just about the kingdom of Israel. This is about all nations. This is not just about witnessing in Jerusalem, Judea, and Samaria. This work will take them to the ends of the earth. It is an enormous undertaking that we and the disciples have been given. It seemed impossible to the disciples then and it seems impossible to us now. But it is not. It is possible because we are not alone in this work. Jesus is with us not for a day or a week or even our lifetime. Jesus is with us always, until the end of the age.

### TODAY’S READINGS

Acts 1:1–11  
Psalm 47:2–3, 6–9  
Ephesians 1:17–23  
Matthew 28:16–20

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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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He was lifted up, and a cloud took him from their sight. — Acts 1:9

PUBLIC MASS WILL RESUME ON MAY 30/31

Saturday, May 23

+Martin & Dorothy Yonkof by family

Sunday, May 24

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

+Allan Jungbluth by Agnes

+Chuck, David & Brian DeChant by Bill DeChant, Gerry & family

Monday, May 25

St. Bede the Venerable

NO MASS

Tuesday, May 26

St. Philip Neri, Priest

NO MASS

Wednesday, May 27

St. Augustine of Canterbury

8:30 a.m. +Pat Chozinski by Bruce & Sue

Thursday, May 28

NO MASS

Friday, May 29

8:30 a.m. Living/deceased members of St. Anthony & St. Teresa Parishes

Saturday, May 30

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

Sunday, May 31

PENTECOST SUNDAY

8:30 a.m. Wargo-Kirsch families

11:00 a.m. +Russell, Roland & Roland Jr. Fonseca by Dan & Theresa Gillotti



Weekly Offering

Weekly Goal \$4,000.00
Shelter In Sunday \$1,968.00

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

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Beginning May 26, 2020

Going back to our usual hours: Monday – Friday 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

The office will remain closed to the public.

If you have any church business, call us at 440-934-4227.

Many questions can be answered by

visiting our website at www.stteresaparish.com.

Click on "Announcements" at the top of the page for the most current information and scroll to the bottom of the page for all church events.

CONTACT US

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**A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR**

In biblical texts, a period of time lasting forty days, months, or years is always a period of testing, trial, probation, or discipline, ending in restoration, revival, or renewal. There are at least ten instances in the Old Testament and New Testament in which the number forty occurs. For example, Noah sailed in his ark after it rained for forty days and nights; Moses was on the mountain forty days and nights; the Israelites wandered for forty years in the desert after the Exodus from Egypt; Jesus fasted in the wilderness for forty days and was seen on the earth for forty days after his resurrection until his ascension into heaven. The Ascension marks the completion of Jesus' earthly ministry. Along with the Resurrection, the Ascension underlines Jesus' claim that he is truly God and truly human. Early Christian artists showed the importance of the Ascension as the final overthrow of Satan's power. Jesus is depicted as a lion conquering the dragon, Satan. Evil and death are not the end. Nowadays, Christians are being challenged by newly fashionable atheist writers, who assume that all believers are literal fundamentalists who think that heaven is just "up there" above the clouds. The Church, more wisely, does not dwell on where heaven is, but what it means to have a Savior who has gone to prepare a place for us and who will return at the end of time. Whenever we participate in the Eucharistic liturgy, we are invited to repeat the mystery of our faith: "Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again." So, Jesus is taken from our earthly sight because he has returned to the Father, where he intercedes for us and assures us of the continual outpouring of the Holy Spirit—our strength for the journey.

**Rev. Edward J. Smith, Pastor**

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab; Jn 16:29-33  
 Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27; Ps 68:10-11, 20-21; Jn 17:1-11a  
 Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68:29-30, 33-36ab; Jn 17:11b-19  
 Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11; Jn 17:20-26  
 Friday: Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab; Jn 21:15-19  
 Saturday: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11:4, 5, 7; Jn 21:20-25  
 Sunday: Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13; Jn 20:19-23



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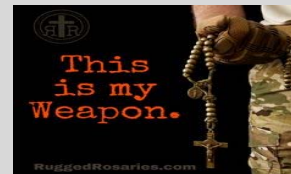
**UPCOMING EVENTS**

Mass	Wed, May 27	8:30 a.m.	Church
Eucharistic Adoration	Wed, May 27	9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Church
Mass	Fri, May 29	8:30 a.m.	Church
Confession	Sat, May 30	3:30 – 4:00 p.m.	Church
Mass	Sat, May 30	4:30 p.m.	Church
Mass	Sun, May 31	8:30 and 11:00 a.m.	Church
Mass	Wed, June 3	8:30 a.m.	Church
Eucharistic Adoration	Wed, June 3	9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Church

**TOGETHER -**   
**LET US PRAY ...**

**PARISHIONERS:**

Luz Villanueva, Eleanor Rieth  
 Loretta Forthofer, Dorothy Tomshe  
 Eva-Maria Peters, Marianne Rieth  
 Amy White, Jarmila Kos  
 Kathleen Brezinski, Anna Joseph  
 Patricia Welsh, Maebelle Fill  
 Marty Lima, Elvira Quester



**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, Ken D. 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!**

*"I desire, Lord, to please You... If it's necessary to live in order to render You some service, I don't refuse all the trials that can come to me on earth." St. Teresa of Avila*



CATHOLIC PROGRAMMING



**EWTN** Tune in to see what's on: new programming and the staples of our faith – Mass, the Holy Rosary and much more. Or visit [www.ewtn.com](http://www.ewtn.com) for their full schedule.

**PRO-LIFE MEDITATIONS OF THE ROSARY**

The Second Joyful Mystery – The Visitation John the Baptist leapt for joy in his mother's womb. We pray that people may realize that abortion is not about children who "might" come into the world, but is about children who are already in the world, living and growing in the womb, and are scheduled to be killed.

For pro-life novenas visit Priests for Life at [PrayerCampaign.org](http://PrayerCampaign.org)



**Prayer to the Holy Spirit**

**Spirit of wisdom and understanding, enlighten our minds to perceive the mysteries of the universe in relation to eternity. Spirit of right judgment and courage guide us and make us firm in our baptismal decision to follow Jesus' way of love. Spirit of knowledge and reverence help us to see the lasting value of justice and mercy in our everyday dealings with one another. May we respect life as we work to solve problems of family and nation, economy, and ecology. Spirit of God, spark our faith, hope and love into new action each day. Fill our lives with wonder and awe in your presence which penetrates all creation. Amen.**

**POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION - MAY**

"We pray that deacons, faithful in their service to the Word and the poor, may be an invigorating symbol for the entire Church."



*Seek Jesus by spending time with Him in the Eucharist.*

**Adoration will take place on Wednesdays**

**from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. as of May 27, 2020.**

**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.*

**Please Continue To Support The Church With Your Donations.**

Mail donations to the office:  
1878 Abbe Road  
Sheffield Village, OH 44054

**Thank You!!**

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

Call the church office if a family member is sick or hospitalized. 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 INFO**

St. Thomas the Apostle  
[www.saintthomaschurch.net](http://www.saintthomaschurch.net)

St. Anthony  
[www.stanthonylorain.org/our-parish/](http://www.stanthonylorain.org/our-parish/)

### Parish News

Please continue to read the bulletin on our website at [www.stteresaparish.com](http://www.stteresaparish.com) and read "Announcements" at the top of the home page for updates on parish news.



#### Casino Bus Trip - CANCELLED

All money that was already paid by individuals for this trip will be refunded. Call the church office with any questions at 440-934-4227.

#### Find this on our website:

Fr. Smith's Teachings on the Mass

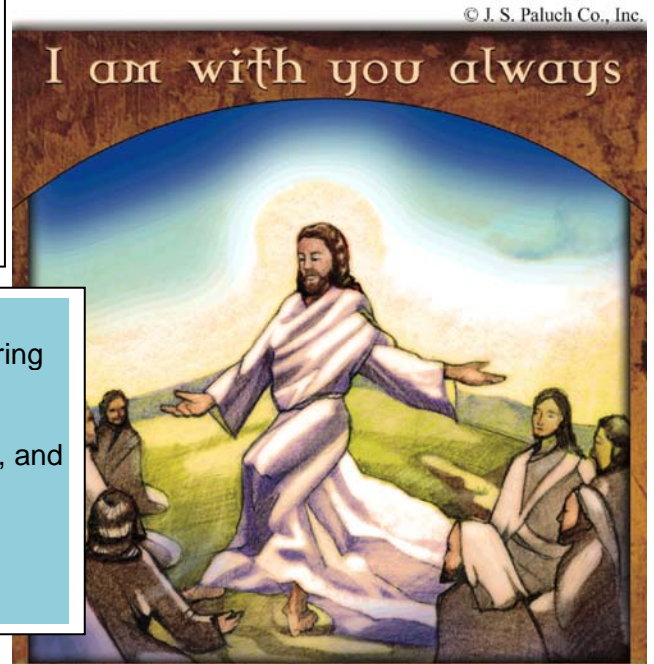
Visit our website at [www.stteresaparish.com](http://www.stteresaparish.com). On the scroll bar at the top of the Homepage go to "Announcements" and click on "From our Pastor, Fr. Edward Smith – Weekly Teachings".

Find our Bible Study at: Dr.Phil/giftofgrace (podbean audio)

#### PRAYER SHAWLS!

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The Altar & Rosary Society and Social Concerns Committee. If you have completed shawls, please keep them at home for now. When we are up and running again they can be delivered to the church office. Call with questions to 440-934-4227. Thank you to everyone who has been making these!



#### Helping Hands for Parishioners

For those parishioners who may need monetary help during this difficult time, the Social Concerns Committee "Helping Hands Fund" may be able to provide assistance for groceries, medicine, and utility bills.

Please contact the parish office at 934-4227 Tuesday through Friday between 9a.m. – 1p.m.

All information is kept confidential.

Sponsored by the Social Concerns and Altar & Rosary Society

#### Spiritual Adoption of the Unborn

If you would like to sign up to pray, send an email to [office@stteresaparish.com](mailto:office@stteresaparish.com)

*"Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I love you very much. I beg you to spare the life of the unborn baby that I have spiritually adopted who is in danger of abortion."*

Prayer of Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen



Venerable Archbishop Fulton Sheen promoted the idea of "Spiritual Adoption of the Unborn" – when an individual prays a short prayer every day for nine months to preserve the life of an unborn child.

**Prayer everyday from March 25 thru Christmas, 2020**

## Mass on TV and Online

Diocese of Cleveland TV Mass

4 p.m. Saturday and 10:30 a.m. Sunday

[www.dioceseofcleveland.org/offices/communications/tv-mass](http://www.dioceseofcleveland.org/offices/communications/tv-mass)

<http://www.catholictv.org/masses/catholictv-mass> OR <https://www.ewtn.com/catholicism/daily-readings>

### Fr. Smith's Letter to Parishioners: Restart of Public Mass

Dear Parishioners,

On Sunday, May 10, I received guidelines from the Diocese for the restarting of public worship. These guidelines must be adapted for each individual Parish, so that they best fit the specifics of each situation. The following information is important for you to know as we return to public Mass at St. Teresa of Avila Parish:

1. Until further notice, all Catholics in the Diocese of Cleveland remain dispensed from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass. The restart of public Masses means you have the option to attend Mass, but it is not a requirement.
2. Before coming to Mass please take your temperature. If your temperature is 100.4 degrees or higher please stay home. If you feel sick, please stay home.
3. All parishioners are encouraged to wear a mask or other face covering when attending Mass.
4. All parishioners should be mindful of social distancing when sitting in pews and in the communion line. Families may sit together, but must maintain social distancing between their family and others throughout the celebration of Mass.
5. The precious blood cannot be offered to the faithful until directed by the Diocese.
6. There will be no offertory procession. A basket will be placed by the doors of the Church. Please drop your offertory envelopes in these baskets.
7. There will be no handshake of peace until further notice.
8. Daily Mass will resume on Wednesday, May 27, 2020.
9. Eucharistic Adoration will go back to its normal day and time (Wednesday from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM).
10. Beginning Tuesday, May 26, the Parish Office will be open for business from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. The Parish Office will, however, remain closed to the public.

**One final note, if you choose to attend Mass on Pentecost weekend (May 30 & 31), please wear some red clothing as a sign we are celebrating the descent of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles, and the "birthday" of the Catholic Church.**

Father Ken, Father Thomas and I are looking forward to seeing you at Church once again, if you choose to attend. Remember, if you are concerned about your health or scared to leave your home, attending Mass is not obligatory. However, if you are able, please do not forget to send in your offertory envelopes. This pandemic has been financially difficult on everyone, including the Parish.

May God bless you all. Come Holy Spirit, come.

In Christ,

The Reverend Edward J. Smith  
Pastor

### 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, May 30  
4:30 p.m.  
John Katricak \*\*

Sun, May 31  
8:30 a.m.  
Bill Bistak \*\*

Sun, May 31  
11:00 a.m.  
Fred Courtright

## Lectors

Sat, May 30  
4:30 p.m.  
Ruth Bistak

Sun, May 31  
8:30 a.m.  
Adam Smail

Sun, May 31  
11:00 a.m.  
Lou Varos



## **A Perfect Act of Contrition – Two Things a Catholic Must Do**

Pray an Act of Contrition

Being sorry out of love for God has often been described as having a desire to be reunited to God because of who he is-- because of God's perfect love for us, and because of sorrow for having offended God by sin. It means wanting to live in unity with God, and to put aside the sins that stand in the way.

There is no set formula for making an act of contrition, but a common one reads as follows: *"My God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart. In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good, I have sinned against You, whom I should love above all things. I firmly intend, with Your help, to do penance, to sin no more, and to avoid whatever leads me to sin."*

A Catholic must make a firm commitment to go to confession when that becomes possible.

# MEMORIAL DAY PRAYER

Heavenly Father,

On this Memorial Day, we pray for those who courageously laid down their lives for the cause of freedom. May the example of their sacrifice inspire in us the selfless love of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

Bless the families of our fallen troops, and fill their homes and their lives with your strength and peace.

Embolden us to answer the call to work for peace and justice, and thus, seek an end to violence and conflict around the globe.

We pray through Christ our Lord.

Amen

