

# St. Teresa of Avila Parish

1878 Abbe Road Sheffield Village, Ohio 44054

## Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 8, 2020



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*The kingdom of heaven will be like  
ten virgins who took their lamps  
and went out to meet the bridegroom.*

— Matthew 25:1



Established 1845

ST. TERESA OF AVILA CHURCH is handicap accessible.

STAFF

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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-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

November 8, 2020

Stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour.— Matthew 25:13

Saturday, November 7

4:30 p.m. +Marty Broska by family

Sunday, November 8 THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:30 a.m. living/deceased members of the Altar & Rosary Society

11:00 a.m. +Jean Ackerman by Social Concerns

Monday, November 9 Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

NO MASS

Tuesday, November 10 St. Leo the Great, Pope & Doctor of the Church

NO MASS

Wednesday, November 11 St. Martin of Tours, Bishop

8:30 a.m. Fr. Christian Moore, OFM (good health) by Kathy Russ

Thursday, November 12 St. Josaphat, Bishop & Martyr

NO MASS

Friday, November 13 St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin

8:30 a.m. living/deceased parishioners of St. Anthony & St. Teresa Parishes

Saturday, November 14

4:30 p.m. +Gus Wehler by family

Sunday, November 15 THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:30 a.m. +Donald Buganski by David & MaryAnne Kastl

11:00 a.m. +Gladys Mackert by Denny & Marianne Rieth



Weekly Offering

Weekly Goal Collection in Next bulletin

\$4,000.00

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

We thank our parishioners for their continued, generous support of the Parish!

Wednesday, November 11

Pray for our Veterans!



Masses

Sunday Vigil - Saturday 4:30 PM and 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.

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**Rev. Edward J. Smith, Pastor****Part 4: A Return to Normalcy: Parents as Primary Educators****By Dr. Ryan Hanning**

A clear example of this type of thinking was a summer food program in Phoenix. It is noble, good, and just that schools who are already ensuring the nutritional health of children during the school year continue to do so during the summer. But a Phoenix school district continued food service for all students during the summer and made it free so as not to make students who needed the service sign up for it. The net result was the local elementary school fed affluent families and threw away what they could not send home with staff. This type of waste whether it be food, books, devices, or services, is rampant, and it does not help our children, and it further directs resources away from those who need it most. Let's face it, it is okay to make prudent decisions that may negatively affect our children for the purpose of some greater good, it is not okay to pretend we are making these decisions on their behalf.

Despite the failings of our current system, these false idols are vehemently defended. And we struggle to imagine what the alternative might look like. It is indeed hard to imagine. Parents often feel that they cannot and should not attempt to compete with what is provided by the "expert" in the classroom failing to recognize that well-ordered classrooms simply mimic what families naturally provide on their own; a structure for cooperation, communication, and learning. To be clear, all forms of organized schooling (public, charter, private, and homeschool) have distinctive benefits, but these benefits need not come at the expense of usurping the parents' role as primary educator. It was one of our central findings that schools which take seriously their partnership with parents, and honor parents as the primary educator of their children performed better overall. Good teachers know this, and they succeed precisely because of their willingness to serve as paternal (or more often than not) maternal partners, not surrogates, but real partners —representing what the parent wants most for their children, which is not just to pass the class, but to also become more of who they are called to be. Many successful schools interact with parents in ways that inspire and empower them to serve as primary educators with greater skill and confidence. Many of these schools coincidentally don't succumb to the extremes of the four challenges outlined above. They approach the enterprise of education and the families they serve with less hubris and more humility.

Ultimately the data supports the axiom: children learn from their parents. Parents want what is best for their children, even those who don't always know how to give their children what they need. After all, this truth is ancient. It is even biblical —Jesus asked the crowd, "Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for bread, will give a stone? Or if the child asks for a fish, will give a snake?" (Matt 7:9-10) Good parents want what is best, and seek to provide the fundamental goods of food, water, shelter, and education for their children. In today's world, most parents will not allow anyone, be it government, neighbors, or in-laws, to tell them how to provide the goods of food, water, and shelter for their children. Only in severe situations does the common good demand intervention. Much of the education of our children, however, is determined not by parents, nor by teachers, nor even the common good, but by other less fundamental factors made by more remote and separate decision makers. These decision makers are not nameless men in black suits in smoke-filled rooms, hatching nefarious plots. But the well-intentioned guidance of 'experts' has slowly eroded parents' God-given and natural role in the rearing and educating of their own children. A return to normalcy is needed, the data demands it, and our children and families deserve it. Perhaps this is why 40% of public school parents said that they lost confidence in the education system and were considering homeschooling for fall of 2020.

**What is the solution?**

The family is the locus of our development. Our first steps, our first words, our first lessons are learned in the home. How we relate to others, build virtue, eat food, worship, play, forgive, and love are all learned for good or for naught in the home. Parents play a central, enduring, and irreplaceable role as the primary educators of their children. The way parents fulfill this role is a matter of prudence, but it is never passive, nor can it be abdicated to another. Our schooling system must radically rethink how it partners with and assists parents in this role, for the benefit of the child, the family, and the community. This crisis will have been wasted if it does not cause us to want more for our children, our families, and our nation.

As everyone seeks to fix the problems caused and exposed by the pandemic, governments, philanthropists, policymakers, and districts should be seeking to increase efforts to meaningfully support parents as primary educators. This will require some radical changes, and challenge existing norms of the pragmatic paradigm that undergirds most modern education. Furthermore, parents should forcefully reclaim their rightful role. For some, this will mean more involvement in their public school to ensure that what their children are learning is consistent with the needs of the family and community. For others, it will mean partnering with their private school teachers and administrators to re-think how the school can engage, empower, and support the home as the locus of education. For others, it will mean taking more seriously home education, whether that be education delivered remotely to the home by others, or more traditional forms of homeschooling where the parent serves as the principal teacher. Regardless of how we decide to best school our children, this return to normalcy will mean reclaiming our children as our own, prayerfully discerning what they need, and once again becoming their first teachers.



**Remember  
CATHOLIC PROGRAMMING**



**PRO-LIFE MEDITATIONS OF THE ROSARY**

The First Glorious Mystery – The Resurrection Christ is Risen! By his Resurrection, He has destroyed the power of death, and therefore the power of abortion. The outcome of the battle for Life has already been decided. Life is victorious! Let us pray that all pro-lifers will spread this victory to every segment of our society.

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



*Jesus wants to know, "Are you afraid of anything? Have you any tormenting, unreasonable fears? Trust yourself to me. I am here. I will not leave you."*

*St. Alphonsus Liguori  
Adoration takes place on  
Wednesdays from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.*

**VISIT OUR WEBSITE!**

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

**Responsorial Psalm PS 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8**

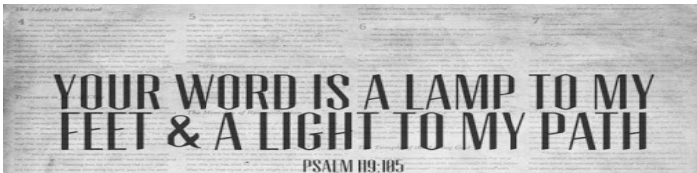
**R. (2b) My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.**

O God, you are my God whom I seek;  
for you my flesh pines and my soul thirsts  
like the earth, parched, lifeless and without water. **(R)**

Thus have I gazed toward you in the sanctuary  
to see your power and your glory,  
For your kindness is a greater good than life;  
my lips shall glorify you. **(R)**

Thus will I bless you while I live;  
lifting up my hands, I will call upon your name.  
As with the riches of a banquet shall my soul be satisfied,  
and with exultant lips my mouth shall praise you. **(R)**

I will remember you upon my couch,  
and through the night-watches I will meditate on you:  
You are my help, and in the shadow of your wings I shout for joy. **(R)**



**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- Monday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22
- Tuesday: Ti 2:1-8, 11-14; Ps 37:3-4, 18, 23, 27, 29; Lk 17:7-10
- Wednesday: Ti 3:1-7; Ps 23:1b-6; Lk 17:11-19
- Thursday: Phlm 7-20; Ps 146:7-10; Lk 17:20-25
- Friday: 2 Jn 4-9; Ps 119:1-2, 10-11, 17-18; Lk 17:26-37
- Saturday: 3 Jn 5-8; Ps 112:1-6; Lk 18:1-8
- Sunday: Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; Ps 128:1-5; 1 Thes 5:1-6; Mt 25:14-30

**POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION - NOVEMBER**

**Artificial Intelligence**

"We pray that the progress of robotics and artificial intelligence may always serve humankind."

**LET US PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS**

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

**LET US PRAY FOR THOSE 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, Michael Garba, Darrin Kirchner, SSgt. Leo Ostrolencki, Ken, Dustin Moorman  
*To add names call 934-4227.*



### Parish News

Please continue to read the *Bulletin* on our website at [www.stteresaparish.com](http://www.stteresaparish.com) and "Announcements" at the top of the home page.

#### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Friday 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. *The office will remain closed to the public.*



**BIBLE STUDY** has resumed! Please join us!  
Thursdays in November: 5<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. in Avila Hall.  
We will use the main hall in order to maintain social distancing.  
*All are welcome!*

#### PSR (Parish School of Religion)

Classes continue on Tuesdays from 6:00 – 7:15 p.m.  
Registration information and forms can be found on our website at [www.stteresaparish.com](http://www.stteresaparish.com). If you have questions, please call the church office at 440-934-4227. PSR is for students in 1<sup>st</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grades.



#### THE ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY NEWS

Our next Altar & Rosary Society Mass will be **Sunday, November 8, 2020 at 8:30 a.m.** The Rosary will be said at 8:00 a.m. prior to Mass.

The Altar and Rosary Society has a limited number of prayer shawls available. If you wish to have one or if you would like one for someone you know, please call the rectory at 1 440 934 4227.



#### 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 Monday through Friday between 9a.m. – 3p.m.** *All information is kept confidential.*

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

PSR	Tues, Nov 10	6:00 – 7:15 p.m.	PLC Classrooms
Mass	Wed, Nov 11	8:30 a.m.	Church
Eucharistic Adoration	Wed, Nov 11	9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Church
Mass	Fri, Nov 13	8:30 a.m.	Church
Confessions	Sat, Nov 14	3:30 – 4:00 p.m.	Church



Coloring

#### SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE NEWS

##### Mother Cabrini Food Pantry

The next food pantry collection will be November 7 & 8, 2020.

**Suggested food donations:** boxed stuffing, spaghetti, taco kits, boxed mashed potatoes, pancake syrup, peanut butter/jelly, Ramen noodle soup, canned soup, canned vegetables, canned fruit, tuna fish, coffee, hominy beans, Hispanic foods, bottled water, and cooking oil.



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, Online and Radio

**Watch the Mass at:** Diocese of Cleveland TV Mass - 4 p.m. Saturday and 10:30 a.m. Sunday at [www.dioceseofcleveland.org/offices/communications/mass](http://www.dioceseofcleveland.org/offices/communications/mass)

OR at: <http://www.catholicstv.org> OR <https://www.ewtn.com/tv>, \*ch8 at 5:00 a.m., WUAB ch43 at 8 a.m., WMFD ch68 at 9:30 a.m. and [www.HeartoftheNation.org](http://www.HeartoftheNation.org).

**Listen to Mass** on AM 1260 The Rock at 4 p.m. Saturday and 8:00 a.m. Sunday.

\*Channel 8 is now airing the Mass at 5 a.m. instead of 6 a.m. as of October 25, 2020.

## Travel with Fr. Edward Smith

### Italy wide & Switzerland

April 15-27, 2021

Tour for 13 days through Sorrento, Capri, Amalfi Coast, Pompeii, Rome, Assisi, Tuscany, Florence, Venice, Milan, Lake Como & Switzerland. **Cost: \$4,699.00** and includes airfare, 4 or 5 star hotels, transportation on luxury buses, tips, tour guide fees, and more.

**Complete details can be found on our website at [www.stteresaparish.com](http://www.stteresaparish.com) and our facebook page.**

*Proximo Travel – Pilgrimages for Catholics and people of all faiths.*

## Guidelines for Attending Public Mass

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.

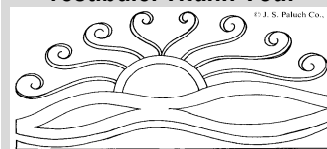
3. **All parishioners should be mindful of social distancing when sitting in pews and in the communion line.** Families may sit together, but must maintain social distancing between their family and others throughout the celebration of Mass.

4. **The precious blood cannot be offered to the faithful until directed by the Diocese.**

5. There will be no offertory procession. **Please drop your offertory envelopes in the baskets placed by the doors of the Church.**

6. **There will be no handshake of peace until further notice.**

If you wear a disposable mask during Mass, please do not leave it in the pew. Take it with you or throw it out in the garbage can in the vestibule. **Thank You!**



## SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL ANNUAL BLANKET COLLECTION

If you haven't had a chance to contribute to this year's annual Blanket Sunday appeal, please consider doing so. Donations can be made securely online at <https://www.svdpcle.org/donate-today/blanket-sunday/>. Checks may also be mailed to: **St. Vincent de Paul Society Blanket Sunday**, 1404 East 9<sup>th</sup> Street-3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Cleveland, OH 44114. Thank you for helping us "**blanket**" others in warmth and compassion!

## SECOND HARVEST SCHOOL PANTRY at Brookside High School

Sheffield-Sheffield Lake City Schools offer Mobile Food Pantry Distributions at Brookside High School (1662 Harris Rd., Sheffield Village – enter through southern most driveway):

**3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month from 4:00 – 5:30 p.m.**

**The next distribution of food will be Wednesday, November 18, 2020**

Open to any resident of the State of Ohio who is in need (income eligibility is self-declaration; **no** documentation required at registration). For information visit [outreach@sslcs.org](mailto:outreach@sslcs.org).



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# Liturgical Ministers Schedule

## Eucharistic Ministers

<b>Sat, Nov 7</b> <b>4:30 p.m.</b> Ruth Bistak	<b>Sun, Nov 8</b> <b>8:30 a.m.</b> Kathy Cunningham	<b>Sun, Nov 8</b> <b>11:00 a.m.</b> Trish MacDonald
<b>Sat, Nov 14</b> <b>4:30 p.m.</b> Debbie Korce (Wehler**)	<b>Sun, Nov 15</b> <b>8:30 a.m.</b> Greg Smail	<b>Sun, Nov 15</b> <b>11:00 a.m.</b> Norman Novak

## Lectors

<b>Sat, Nov 7</b> <b>4:30 p.m.</b> Tom Pienoski **	<b>Sun, Nov 8</b> <b>8:30 a.m.</b> Bruce DiVaccaro	<b>Sun, Nov 8</b> <b>11:00 a.m.</b> Lou Varos
<b>Sat, Nov 14</b> <b>4:30 p.m.</b> Andrew Augustine	<b>Sun, Nov 15</b> <b>8:30 a.m.</b> Adam Smail	<b>Sun, Nov 15</b> <b>11:00 a.m.</b> Tom Parkey

### Prayers for after Mass

*Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou amongst women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen. [Said three times]*

*Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy, our life, our sweetness, and our hope. To thee to we cry, poor banished children of Eve. To thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn then, most gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us, and after this exile, show unto us the blessed Fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.*

**Pray for us, O holy Mother of God. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.**

### Let us pray,

*O God, our refuge and our strength, look down with mercy upon the people who cry to Thee; and by the intercession of the glorious and immaculate Virgin Mary, Mother of God, of Saint Joseph her spouse, of the blessed Apostles Peter and Paul, and of all the saints, in Thy mercy and goodness hear our prayers for the conversion of sinners, and for the liberty and exaltation of the Holy Mother the Church. Through the same Christ Our Lord. Amen.*

**Saint Michael the Archangel**, defend us in battle; be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

**Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, Have mercy on us.**  
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## Around the Town

### “HOW DO WE PRACTICE FAITH, HOPE AND LOVE IN A SECULAR WORLD?” FREE EVENT

On **November 19 at 7:30 PM** in The Ragan Hall of the Knights of Columbus at 1783 Moore Rd. in Avon, **Father Ronald J. Wearsch**, Pastor at St. Joseph’s Parish in Avon Lake, will present a lecture answering the question “How do we practice Faith, Hope and Love in a secular world?” which will help us as Christians to stand up for our faith as we live these virtues. **Please RSVP by November 16th** (we prepare for social distancing); face coverings required. [FatherRagan@gmail.com](mailto:FatherRagan@gmail.com) or (440) 930-0251.

### CATHOLIC CEMETERIES ASSOCIATION MONTHLY SUNDAY GRIEF SUPPORT NOVEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup>:

Our next free monthly grief support group is **November 15<sup>th</sup>** from 3 – 4 p.m. with limited seating for social distancing. Our topic is **“Thanks-giving Grief/Preparing for the Holidays”**. We meet the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of every month at St. Joseph Cemetery, Avon (NEW office). It is required that participants wear protective facial coverings. To RSVP contact **Rhonda** at 216-930-4866.

### “A CLOSER WALK WITH THEE” – NEW MONTHLY GRIEF SUPPORT E-NEWSLETTER

Subscribe to Catholic Cemeteries Association’s new monthly grief support **e-newsletter**, “A Closer Walk with Thee” - emailed the first Tuesday of each month. To subscribe visit the Bereavement page on our website <https://www.clecem.org/Information/Bereavemen> and click the brown signup box on the right side or contact **Rhonda** at 216-930-4866.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SPONSORING BLOOD DRIVE**  
**Free American Flag for first 30 donors for Veterans Day.** The Avon & Lorain KofC Councils will be conducting **“An Act of Patriotism”** during these difficult times by sponsoring a **“Blood for Life”** blood drive at The Ragan Hall (1783 Moore Rd., Avon) on **Nov. 11, 2020** from 2:00 - 7:00 PM. Walk-ins welcome OR reserve a time online at [Vitalant.org/OhioDonorPortal](http://Vitalant.org/OhioDonorPortal), use sponsor code “avonknights”. Face mask/social distancing required.



*“...allow the Gospel of Christ to touch and transform our own hearts and the decisions we make. May we strive to imitate Christ and follow in his footsteps, caring for the most vulnerable among us. Through the intercession of Our Lady of Guadalupe, may our Lord grant us the grace to live courageously and faithfully his Gospel of life.”* Archbishop Joseph F. Naumann of Kansas City in Kansas, chairman of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops’ Committee on Pro-Life Activities