

St. Teresa of Avila Parish

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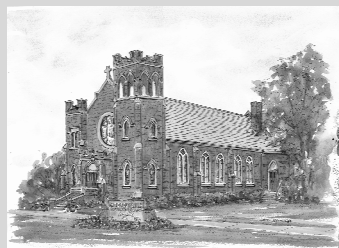
First SUNDAY of *Advent*

November 29, 2020

Oh, that you would
rend the heavens
and come down,
with the mountains
quaking before you,
while you wrought
awesome deeds we
could not hope for,
such as they had not
heard of from of old.

Isaiah 63:19b; 64:2-3

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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.

First Sunday of Advent

November 29, 2020

Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come. — Mark 13:33

4Saturday, November 28

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

Sunday, November 29 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:30 a.m. +Jean Ackerman by Bruce & Sue DiVaccaro

11:00 a.m. +Ellen Theresa Price by Dick & Terri Boyson

Monday, November 30 St. Andrew, Apostle

NO MASS

Tuesday, December 1

NO MASS

Wednesday, December 2

8:30 a.m. All Souls

Thursday, December 3 St. Francis Xavier, Priest

NO MASS

Friday, December 4 St. John Damascene, Priest & Doctor of the Church

8:30 a.m. Sheila Strauser by Kathy Russ

Saturday, December 5

4:30 p.m. +Ellen Price by friend

Sunday, December 6 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:30 a.m. +Louise Pliszka-Nichols by Denny & Marianne Rieth

11:00 a.m. Brandy Rene Castro by Elmer & Sandy Klingshirn



Weekly Goal 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!

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

Our elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have dedicated themselves to service and acts of mercy. Today they pray for an aching world. Some of their religious communities do not have enough retirement savings. Help them out next weekend, December 5 & 6. Please be generous!

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.

CONTACT US

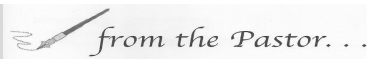
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Today we begin the season of Advent, which marks the start of a new liturgical year for the Church. The readings for Sunday Mass are arranged on a three-year cycle. Each year features a different Gospel—Matthew, Mark, or Luke. Readings from the Gospel of John are interspersed throughout all three years. With this year’s first Sunday of Advent, we begin Cycle B of the Lectionary, which focuses our attention on the Gospel of Mark. This week and next week, our readings from Mark’s Gospel present two important Advent themes: The Lord’s return at the end of time and John the Baptist’s preparation for Jesus.

Today’s Gospel is taken from the end of Mark’s Gospel, the chapter that immediately precedes Mark’s account of Jesus’ Passion. Having been questioned repeatedly by the scribes and the Pharisees, Jesus is now questioned by his disciples—Peter, James, John, and Andrew—who want details about his prediction of the destruction of the Temple. Jesus answers with many warnings about the difficulties that the disciples will face.

Today’s passage comes at the conclusion of Jesus’ warnings to his disciples. Jesus emphasizes the need for watchfulness. The Son of Man will come without warning; only the Father knows the exact hour. The disciples must not be caught unprepared when this time comes.

Scholars believe that Mark’s Gospel was written around the time of the destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans in 70 AD. Mark’s audience consisted of Christians who were living in difficult social and political times, times of conflict. They were likely beginning to face persecution as followers of Jesus. In this difficult time, it helped to recall that Jesus had foretold of such difficulties. Early Christian communities took courage from Jesus’ warning to remain alert and watchful, and they found in his words a way to persevere through suffering.

Today’s Gospel reminds us that Advent is about more than our preparation for the Church’s celebration of Christ’s birth at Christmas. Advent is also about preparing ourselves for Christ’s return in glory at the end of time. Like the disciples and the faithful in Mark’s community, we must also stay alert and watchful. Our faithfulness to God, through the good times as well as the difficult times, shows us to be ready for the coming of the Son of Man.

Rev. Edward J. Smith, Pastor



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

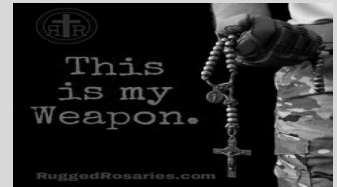
Monday: Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22
 Tuesday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24
 Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37
 Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27
 Friday: Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31
 Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6; Mt 9:35 — 10:1, 5a, 6-8
 Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 85:9-14; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8

UPCOMING EVENTS

PSR	Tues, Dec 1	6:00 – 7:15 p.m.	PLC Classrooms
Mass	Wed, Dec 2	8:30 a.m.	Church
Eucharistic Adoration	Wed, Dec 2	9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Church
Mass	Fri, Dec 4	8:30 a.m.	Church
Confessions	Sat, Dec 5	3:30 – 4:00 p.m.	Church

TOGETHER - LET US PRAY ...

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, Vickie Aring

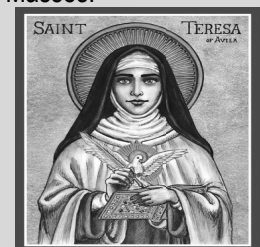


FAMILY AND FRIENDS SERVING OUR COUNTRY:

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, Michael Garba, Darrin Kirchner
 SSgt. Leo Ostrolencki, Ken D. 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!

“Behold it is a beautiful exchange to give our love for His. Consider that He can do all things, and we can’t do anything here below but what He enables us to do.”
 St. Teresa of Avila



**Remember
CATHOLIC PROGRAMMING**



NEWS FROM AM 1260 THE ROCK

New Program from EWTN! Do you believe in miracles? Join us Saturdays at 7 PM for **“The Miracle Hunter”** as host Michael O’Neill delves into the world of miracles and takes listeners on a hunt that explores the greatest mysteries and marvels of the Catholic Church.

Prayer Intentions We at AM 1260 The Rock pray daily for the intentions of our listeners. Please call us at 216-227-1260 or email prayers@am1260therock.com with your prayer requests. The nuns at Christ the Bridegroom are our prayer partners and pray for and with you.



“In the silence of the heart God speaks. If you face God in prayer and silence, God will speak to you. Souls of prayer are souls of great silence.”

*St. Teresa of Calcutta
Adoration takes place on
Wednesdays from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.*

**THERE WILL BE
NO ADORATION ON
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2020.**

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.

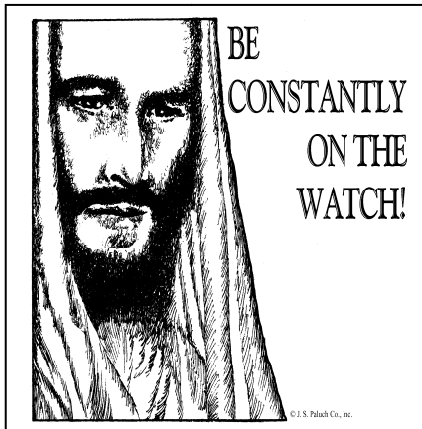
Responsorial Psalm PS 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19

R. (4) Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

O shepherd of Israel, hearken,
from your throne upon the cherubim, shine forth.
Rouse your power,
and come to save us. **(R).**

Once again, O LORD of hosts,
look down from heaven, and see;
take care of this vine,
and protect what your right hand has planted
the son of man whom you yourself made strong. **(R).**

May your help be with the man of your right hand,
with the son of man whom you yourself made strong.
Then we will no more withdraw from you;
give us new life, and we will call upon your name. **(R).**



PRO-LIFE MEDITATIONS OF THE ROSARY

The Fourth Glorious Mystery – The Assumption

The Blessed Virgin Mary was taken body and soul into heaven because she is the Mother of God. Mother and child are united. The Assumption reminds us that they belong together. We pray that society will see that it cannot love women while killing their children, and cannot save children without helping their mothers. We pray that people will be touched by the pro-life question, “Why can’t we love them both?”

For pro-life novenas visit Priests for Life at PrayerCampaign.org

**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

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.

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION - NOVEMBER

Artificial Intelligence

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

Parish News

Please continue to read the *Bulletin* on our website at 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 December: 10th & 17th 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. If you have questions, please call the church office at 440-934-4227. PSR is for students in 1st – 8th grades.



Reconciliation for the PSR students will be on Tuesday, December 1.
 This will be the First Reconciliation for our 2nd Graders!
Let us pray for our students as they prepare for this Sacrament.

There will be NO EUCHARISTIC ADORATION on Wednesday, December 23.

We will be cleaning and decorating the church for Christmas.

SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE NEWS

Mother Cabrini Food Pantry

The next food pantry collection will be December 5 & 6, 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.



GIFTS FOR BABY JESUS

The Social Concerns Committee will be collecting Gifts for Baby Jesus during Advent, from **November 28th through December 19th.**

Birthright of Lorain County has the greatest need for:

Diapers (size newborn through 6), Gerber formulas, baby bath items (no powder), Receiving blankets, Crib sheets, Cotton and fleece sleepers size 0-6 months, T-shirts/Onsies 0-9 months, Outfits all size, Underwear and socks for toddlers and older children, New or gently-used clothing, cash and gift cards

We thank everyone for their generosity and prayers!



THE ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY NEWS

Our next Altar & Rosary Society Mass will be **Sunday, December 13, 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.

Mass on TV, Online and Radio

The weekly television Mass produced by the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland is moving. Starting on Nov. 22, the Sunday television Mass will be seen at 10 a.m. on WUAB Channel 43, the CW43. This change provides viewers with an opportunity to take part in the weekly celebration of the Mass at a more convenient time, and, is an over-the-air station that is accessible even to those without cable TV. Also watch the Mass at www.dioceseofcleveland.org/offices/communications/mass OR at: <http://www.catholictv.org> OR <https://www.ewtn.com/tv>, and www.HeartoftheNation.org.

Listen to Mass on AM 1260 The Rock at 4 p.m. Saturday and 10:30 a.m. Sunday.

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!



CHRISTMAS NOVENA

NOV. 30 DEC. 24

HAIL AND BLESSED BE THE HOUR AND MOMENT IN WHICH THE SON OF GOD WAS BORN OF THE MOST PURE VIRGIN MARY, AT MIDNIGHT, IN BETHLEHEM, IN PIERCING COLD, IN THAT HOUR, VOUCHSAFE, O MY GOD! TO HEAR MY PRAYER AND GRANT MY DESIRES, THROUGH THE MERITS OF OUR SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST, AND OF HIS BLESSED MOTHER. AMEN.

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15 Times Each Day from November 30th thru December 24th

The Saint Andrew Christmas Novena is often called simply the "Christmas Novena" or the "Christmas Anticipation Prayer," because it is prayed 15 times every day from the Feast of Saint Andrew the Apostle (November 30) until Christmas.

It is an ideal Advent devotion; the First Sunday of Advent is the Sunday closest to the Feast of Saint Andrew.

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.stteresaparis.com and our facebook page.

Proximo Travel - Pilgrimages for Catholics and people of all faiths.



Liturgical Ministers Schedule

Eucharistic Ministers

Sat, Nov 28 4:30 p.m. Ann Glime (Fitz)	Sun, Nov 29 8:30 a.m. Bill Bistak **	Sun, Nov 29 11:00 a.m. Don Kirchner
Sat, Dec 5 4:30 p.m. Ruth Bistak (Wehler**)	Sun, Dec 6 8:30 a.m. Greg Smail	Sun, Dec 6 11:00 a.m. Carol Kirchner

Lectors

Sat, Nov 28 4:30 p.m. Ruth Bistak	Sun, Nov 29 8:30 a.m. Adam Smail	Sun, Nov 29 11:00 a.m. Lou Varos
Sat, Dec 5 4:30 p.m. Andrew Augustine	Sun, Dec 6 8:30 a.m. Bruce DiVaccaro	Sun, Dec 6 11:00 a.m. Fred Courtright

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 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

"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/Bereavement> and click the brown signup box on the right side or contact **Rhonda** at 216-930-4866.

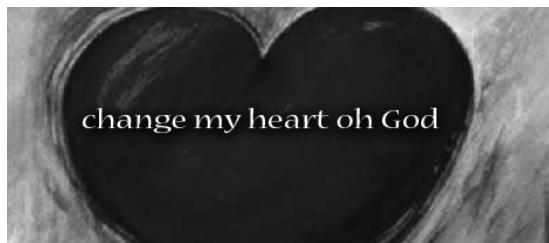
ROSARY FOR THE UNBORN AT ST. ANTHONY CHURCH

All are welcome to pray the Rosary of the Unborn on **Saturday, December 5, 2020 at 11 am**. Only the northwest entrance to St. Anthony of Padua Church, 1339 E. Erie in Lorain will be open. The first Saturday of each month we gather to pray for an end to legalized abortion. Questions? Call (440) 288-0416.

DO MORE! BE MORE!
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As Catholic men, we are called to do more. Since 1882 the **Knights of Columbus** have helped men answer that call. Your membership connects you with opportunities to make an impact in your community, gives you access to resources to help grow deeper in faith, stay informed about the issues Catholics care about, and meet others. You will also have exclusive access to insurance and financial planning products to help you protect your family. Members have the opportunity to develop lifelong friendships and attend social gatherings and enjoyable events with brother knights and their families.

For more information about the Knights of Columbus in Ohio or to join online visit: kofc.org/joinus.



"...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

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.