

# St. Teresa of Avila Parish

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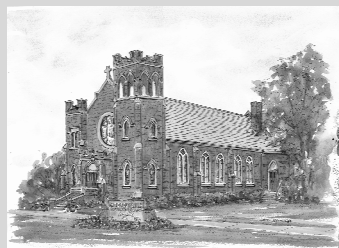
## Second SUNDAY of *Advent*

December 6, 2020

John the Baptist  
appeared in the  
desert proclaiming  
a baptism of  
repentance for the  
forgiveness of sins.

Mark 1:4

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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.

**Second Sunday of Advent  
December 6, 2020**

Every valley shall be filled in, every mountain and hill shall be made low.  
— Isaiah 40:4

**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

**Monday, December 7 St. Ambrose, Bishop**

7:00 p.m. living/deceased of St. Teresa Parish

**Tuesday, December 8 THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

8:30 a.m. +Martha Niemiec by Ed & Jo Niemiec

**Wednesday, December 9 St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin**

8:30 a.m. +Betty Stocz by John & Ella Smith

**Thursday, December 10**

**NO MASS**

**Friday, December 11 St. Damasus I, Pope**

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

**Saturday, December 12 Our Lady of Guadalupe**

4:30 p.m. +Dorothy Tomshe by Phil & Joan Gigliotti

**Sunday, December 13 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

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

11:00 a.m. +Earl Griffith by Mike, Barb & family



<b>Weekly Goal</b>	\$4,000.00
<b>November 22</b>	\$2,483.00
<b>Children's</b>	\$4.00
<b>November 29</b>	\$2,378.54
<b>Children's</b>	\$4.00

*Please keep St. Teresa Parish in mind when making out your will.*  
We thank our parishioners for their continued, generous support of the Parish!

**FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY is December 8**

Mass times are:

Monday, December 7 at 7:00 p.m. & Tuesday, December 8 at 8:30 a.m.

**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**

**Rectory Office**.....(440) 934-4227      **Office Hours**.....Monday – Friday 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.  
**Fax**.....(440) 934-4500      **E-mails** .....debbie@stteresaparish.com and sue@stteresaparish.com  
**Website**..... www.stteresaparish.com

*from the Pastor. . .*

Recently I was reading the text of a homily given by Cardinal Raniero Cantalamessa who is the preacher to the Pope and the Pontifical Household. The homily he gave was meant as a reflection for Advent and its topic is one that I think we should all consider for our preparation for Christmas. The substance of his talk was a reminder that unless we take seriously our own personal morality we will not be able to offer ourselves completely to our neighbor.

Christmas is a time that many people look to do works of charity for their brothers and sisters. Such actions truly capture what it means to be a Disciple of Christ. Yet, as good as charitable actions are, we cannot lose sight of our own personal growth in relationship to God. It is out of this relationship that all our relationships are blessed and strengthened. Therefore, in order to offer ourselves completely in service to one another we must be spiritually healthy. Of course, this sentiment is nothing new. Saint Teresa of Calcutta often spoke of this as she reflected on her own ministry. She knew better than most people that if she was to be at her best in serving the poorest of the poor, then she must not neglect her own spiritual life.

As Disciples of Christ, we must look to our own personal spiritual growth, while at the same time offering fitting service to our neighbors. So, make sure you take time for yourselves in this Advent season: read the bible, meditate on scripture, say the rosary, offer a novena or adore the Eucharist. These are but a few ways that we may grow in holiness. Find something that works for you in your own life. But one way or another, always remember that we must be at our spiritual best, if we are to be the best examples of Christ for our brothers and sisters.

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

*God's Word*

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- Monday: Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Lk 5:17-26
- Tuesday: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
- Wednesday: Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30
- Thursday: Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9, 10-13ab; Mt 11:11-15
- Friday: Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4; Mt 11:16-19
- Saturday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38
- Sunday: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; Lk 1:46-50, 53-54; 1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

**RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS**

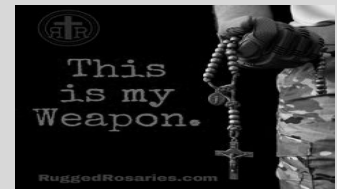
Our elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have dedicated themselves to service and acts of mercy. Today they pray for an aching world. Some of their religious communities do not have enough retirement savings. Help them out this weekend, December 5 & 6. **Please be generous!**

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

PSR	Tues, Dec 8	6:00 – 7:15 p.m.	PLC Classrooms
Mass	Wed, Dec 9	8:30 a.m.	Church
Eucharistic Adoration	Wed, Dec 9	9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Church
Bible Study	Thurs, Dec 10	7:00 p.m.	Avila Hall
Mass	Fri, Dec 11	8:30 a.m.	Church
Confessions	Sat, Dec 12	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, Barb Eifel
- Kathleen Brezinski, Anna Joseph
- Patricia Welsh, Maebelle Fill
- Marty Lima, William Wisnieski
- Phillip Bruder, Vickie Aring

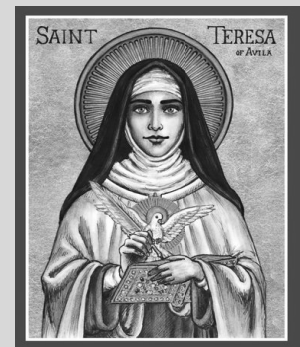


**FAMILY AND FRIENDS SERVING OUR COUNTRY:**

- 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!

**“The devil suggests that you indulge yourselves.”**  
St. Teresa of Avila



**Remember  
CATHOLIC PROGRAMMING**



**Christmas Programming at AM1260 The Rock** As we are now in the Season of Advent and awaiting the Birth of Christ, AM 1260 The Rock will be broadcasting special Christmas Eve and Christmas Day programming to enrich your Christmas celebration. Please visit our website at: [www.am1260therock.com](http://www.am1260therock.com) for updates and have a blessed and peaceful Advent.

**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](mailto: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.**

**Responsorial Psalm PS 85:9-10-11-12, 13-14**

R. (8) **Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.**



I will hear what God proclaims;  
the LORD—for he proclaims peace to his people.  
Near indeed is his salvation to those who fear him,  
glory dwelling in our land. (R)

Kindness and truth shall meet;  
justice and peace shall kiss.  
Truth shall spring out of the earth,  
and justice shall look down from heaven. (R)

The LORD himself will give his benefits;  
our land shall yield its increase.  
Justice shall walk before him,  
and prepare the way of his steps. (R)

**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.

**Christmas Mass Schedule**



Christmas Eve  
4:30 p.m.  
(NO 10:00 p.m. Mass)

Christmas Day  
8:30 a.m.

**PRO-LIFE MEDITATIONS  
OF THE ROSARY**

The Fifth Glorious Mystery – The Coronation

Mary is the Queen of the Universe. The Church teaches that she is the greatest creature, second only to God Himself. The Church defends the dignity of women. We pray that people will understand that to be pro-life means to be pro-woman, and that to be pro-woman demands that we be pro-life.

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

**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  
FOR THE 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/)

**POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION - DECEMBER**

**Prayer intention for evangelization – For a life of prayer**

“We pray that our personal relationship with Jesus Christ be nourished by the Word of God and a life of prayer.”

## 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**  
Join us!

**BIBLE STUDY** has resumed! Please join us!  
**Thursdays in December: 10<sup>th</sup> & 17<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.



Reconciliation for the PSR students will be on Tuesday, December 8.

This will be the First Reconciliation for our 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

This weekend, we will be asking people to sign up for the annual **Lorain County Right To Life Ad and Billboard Campaign**. These ads will appear in the local newspapers in print and online on or about January 22, 2021, the 48th anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court's decisions legalizing abortion-on-demand for all 9 months of pregnancy. A \$5 minimum donation is requested to cover the cost of the Campaign. Sponsor names will be acknowledged on the Right to Life website. Please add your name and donation to those in our County who support the gift of life!

**Pick up an information sheet from the rear of the church and donate in the way that works for you: online or turn your money and name in via the collection basket by the end of December.**

### GIFTS FOR BABY JESUS

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

**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](http://www.dioceseofcleveland.org/offices/communications/mass) OR at: <http://www.catholicstv.org> OR <https://www.ewtn.com/tv>, and [www.HeartoftheNation.org](http://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.

JOYFILLEDFAMILY.COM

**15 Times Each Day from November 30<sup>th</sup> thru December 24<sup>th</sup>**

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](http://www.stteresaparis.com) and our facebook page.**

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



# Liturgical Ministers Schedule

## Eucharistic Ministers

<b>Sat, Dec 5</b> <b>4:30 p.m.</b> Ruth Bistak (Wehler**)	<b>Sun, Dec 6</b> <b>8:30 a.m.</b> Greg Smail	<b>Sun, Dec 6</b> <b>11:00 a.m.</b> Carol Kirchner
<b>Sat, Dec 12</b> <b>4:30 p.m.</b> Ann Glime	<b>Sun, Dec 13</b> <b>8:30 a.m.</b> Christi Smail	<b>Sun, Dec 13</b> <b>11:00 a.m.</b> Norman Novak

## Lectors

<b>Sat, Dec 5</b> <b>4:30 p.m.</b> Andrew Augustine	<b>Sun, Dec 6</b> <b>8:30 a.m.</b> Bruce DiVaccaro	<b>Sun, Dec 6</b> <b>11:00 a.m.</b> Fred Courtright
<b>Sat, Dec 12</b> <b>4:30 p.m.</b> Tom Pienoski **	<b>Sun, Dec 13</b> <b>8:30 a.m.</b> Adam Smail	<b>Sun, Dec 13</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 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

### Knights of Columbus Spaghetti Dinner To Go:

On Wednesday, December 9, 4 to 7 PM, the Knights of Columbus Father Ragan Council will be preparing Spaghetti Dinners for takeout. The dinner will include a generous portion of spaghetti and meatballs with red sauce, garlic bread, salad and desert. The meals can be picked up at Ragan Hall, 1783 Moore Road (next to B.J.'s). Cost is \$10 per meal, cash or check to Father Ragan Charitable Foundation. There will be a drive through pickup and the meals will be delivered to your car. It is preferred that you reserve meals in advance by December 8, 7 PM, however, impromptu pickups are acceptable. For advanced orders or questions please contact Jim at [440-865-9668/sunbeam.gardens@gmail.com](mailto:440-865-9668/sunbeam.gardens@gmail.com) or John at [440-725-7369/john.pabin@gmail.com](mailto:440-725-7369/john.pabin@gmail.com)

### DO MORE! BE MORE! LEND A HELPING HAND & JOIN US

Knights of Columbus  
Council 3269 Avon-Avon Lake-Sheffield Lake

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](http://kofc.org/joinus).

### CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS WITH CORNERSTONE OF HOPE

This Christmas Season fill your home with the joy and peace that we all are eager to receive this year. Join us on **Sunday, December 20, 2020 at 7PM** for our *Grieve With Hope Virtual Christmas Concert* that will premiere on Facebook and YouTube. Artists from across the nation will share their talent and unite us in the beauty of Christmas music.

### CATHOLIC CEMETERIES SUNDAY GRIEF SUPPORT

Catholic Cemeteries Association continues with our free monthly in-office grief support groups on **December 20<sup>th</sup>** with limited seating for social distancing. The December topic is "The Gift of God's Presence: You Never Walk Alone" t. December participants are asked to bring a picture or item that brings fond memories of their departed loved one. We meet the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of every month from 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. at the following location: Saint Joseph Cemetery, Avon (NEW office). Participants are requested to RSVP so we can plan appropriate social distancing at each location. It is required that participants wear protective facial coverings. To RSVP or for questions, please contact **Rhonda** at 216-930-4866.

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