

# St. Teresa of Avila Parish

1878 Abbe Road Sheffield Village, Ohio 44054

## Third SUNDAY of *Advent*

December 13, 2020

Rejoice always.  
Pray without ceasing.  
In all circumstances  
give thanks,  
for this is the will  
of God for you  
in Christ Jesus.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

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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.

Third Sunday of Advent

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I rejoice heartily in the LORD. – Isaiah 61:10

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

Monday, December 14 St. John of the Cross, Priest & Doctor of the Church

NO MASS

Tuesday, December 15

NO MASS

Wednesday, December 16

8:30 a.m. All Souls

Thursday, December 17

NO MASS

Friday, December 18

8:30 a.m. +Pat Chozinski by Chris & Frances Geiger

Saturday, December 19

4:30 p.m. +Clara Schilens & +grandson Adam by Bill DeChant

Sunday, December 20 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:30 a.m. +Louise Pliszka-Nichols by Sylvia & Sharon Lesner

11:00 a.m. +Jean Ackerman by her children



<b>Weekly Goal</b>	\$4,000.00
<b>December 6</b>	\$3,157.00
<b>Children's</b>	\$5.00

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



LECTOR NEEDED ON SUNDAYS AT 8:30 A.M.

If you are interested please call the church office at 440-934-4227.



Masses

Sunday Vigil - Saturday 4:30 PM and Sunday - 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM

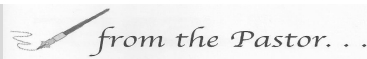
Wed & Fri - 8:30 AM; Holy Day Vigil, Holy Day and Civic Holidays - Watch Bulletin

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



In 1925, the New York World magazine celebrated the birthday of Abraham Lincoln with a cartoon that has become something of a classic.

Two Kentucky farmers are pictured talking over a picket fence. One asks, "Anything new happen lately?"

The other responds, "Nothing much. A new baby was born over at Tom Lincoln's place, but nothing much ever happens around here."

I am sure there were folks who said the same thing in Bethlehem on the night when Jesus was born. I can picture them standing on the corner, just outside the inn. "Anything new happen around here?" "Nope, just a baby born down in the stable. Nothing much ever happens around here."

Every day newborn boys and girls grace this planet, and yet most go without notice. How etched in our memories the event of their birth will be, will completely depend upon the quality of the life that they lead. Had Abraham Lincoln refused to work for a better and more just world, then none of us would remember him. The same challenge exists for all of us today. At the end of our days, the quality of the life that we live will greatly affect how we are remembered. Advent, therefore, is a perfect time for us to reflect on how we have impacted our brothers and sisters. Are we a positive or negative force in the lives that we touch? Will we be a cause for rejoicing, or will we be the cause of yet another person saying, "Nothing much ever happens around here."

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

*God's Word*

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc-9; Mt 21:23-27
- Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19, 23; Mt 21:28-32
- Wednesday: Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21c-25; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Lk 7:18b-23
- Thursday: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17
- Friday: Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25
- Saturday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25
- Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38

**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, December 16, 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).

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

PSR	Tues, Dec 15	6:00 – 7:15 p.m.	PLC Classrooms
Mass	Wed, Dec 16	8:30 a.m.	Church
Eucharistic Adoration	Wed, Dec 16	9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Church
Bible Study	Thurs, Dec 17	7:00 p.m.	Avila Hall
Mass	Fri, Dec 18	8:30 a.m.	Church
Confessions	Sat, Dec 19	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

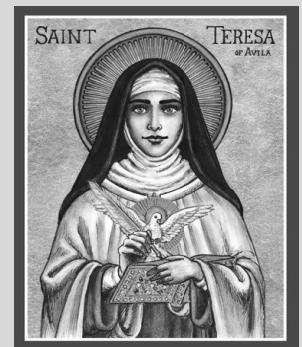


**FAMILY AND FRIENDS SERVING OUR COUNTRY:**

- Charles Godles, Christopher Barnhart, Jason Bender, Thomas Daley, Major 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 LK 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54**

**(R). (Is 61:10b) My soul rejoices in my God.**

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord;  
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,  
for he has looked upon his lowly servant.

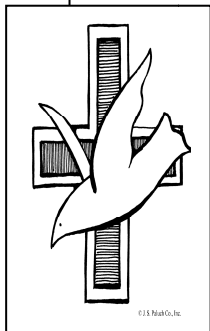
From this day all generations will call me blessed: **(R)**

The Almighty has done great things for me,  
and holy is his Name.

He has mercy on those who fear him  
in every generation. **(R)**

He has filled the hungry with good things,  
and the rich he has sent away empty.

He has come to the help of his servant Israel  
for he has remembered his promise of mercy, **(R)**



**CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE**



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

Christmas Day  
8:30 a.m.

**SPIRITUAL ADOPTION  
OF THE UNBORN**

We are almost there! "Our babies" will have been saved throughout this year through our prayers to the Holy Family and our trust in the power and goodness of God our Father!

At Christmas we end this year's Spiritual Adoption and welcome **new life** in the babies that will be born and **new life** in the hearts of us all through the **Birth of Jesus Christ our Savior!**

**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  
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.*

The Church office will be closed on December 24-25 and December 31-January 1.



**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.



**There will be No PSR Classes on Tuesdays, December 22 & 29, 2020.**  
**Have a blessed Christmas!**

Classes resume on Tuesday, January 5, 2021.

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

We will be cleaning and decorating the church for Christmas.

## SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE NEWS

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!

**Donations can be made by mail or on-line ONLY. Pick up a sheet at the rear of the church with information for how to complete your donation.**

Donations need to be in 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

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.

The Altar & Rosary Society would be happy to pray the **Rosary at the funeral home** for the deceased of our Parish. The Family is invited to call the Parish Office at 440-934-4227 and ask for this gift of the heart!



## 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.**

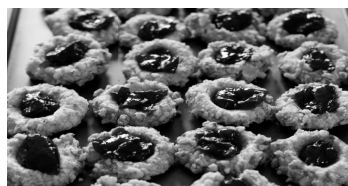
*All information is kept confidential.*

## 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.catholictv.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.

## ST. TERESA OF AVILA PARISH - CHRISTMAS COOKIE SALE



Get into the spirit of Christmas by purchasing a box of freshly baked Christmas Cookies for just \$15.00!

The box will include a variety of cookies including Peanut Butter Blossoms, Snow Balls, Thumbprints, Nut Horns and a 3 inch piece of Nut Roll.

Pre-Orders Only – Call 440-934-4227  
Cut Off for Orders is Noon on 12/16/20



Order Pickup - December 21 & 22 from 10 AM to 2 PM in the main entrance of St. Teresa Parish Hall

**WARNING: Nuts are used in all recipes!**

## 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!**



# Liturgical Ministers Schedule

## Eucharistic Ministers

<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
<b>Sat, Dec 19</b> <b>4:30 p.m.</b> Joan Gigliotti (Fitz**)	<b>Sun, Dec 20</b> <b>8:30 a.m.</b> Bill Bistak	<b>Sun, Dec 20</b> <b>11:00 a.m.</b> Susan Novak
<b>Thurs, Dec 24</b> <b>4:30 p.m.</b> John Katricak**	<b>Fri, Dec 25</b> <b>8:30 a.m.</b> Ann Glime	

## Lectors

<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
<b>Sat, Dec 19</b> <b>4:30 p.m.</b> Phil Gigliotti	<b>Sun, Dec 20</b> <b>8:30 a.m.</b> Bruce DiVaccaro	<b>Sun, Dec 20</b> <b>11:00 a.m.</b> Lou Varos
<b>Thurs, Dec 24</b> <b>4:30 p.m.</b> Ruth Bistak	<b>Fri, Dec 25</b> <b>8:30 a.m.</b> Bruce DiVaccaro	

### 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.

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 the piercing cold. In that hour vouchsafe, I beseech Thee, O my God, to hear my prayer and grant my desires through the merits of Our Savior Jesus Christ, and of His blessed Mother. Amen



CHRISTMAS NOVENA

## Around the Town

### 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.

### The FEST Internship

**Calling all college students looking for a paid summer internship!** The FEST ([www.theFEST.us](http://www.theFEST.us)) is looking for summer interns to make this year's event the best FEST yet! We are looking for students with interests in theology, business marketing & communications, event planning, or logistics management to join the team that puts together our annual Diocesan Family Festival. Interns will be a part of a fast-paced team and will play a critical role in the marketing, planning and coordination of annual event for thousands of people. Interns will provide support and have responsibilities including public speaking, marketing, mailings, digital and social media, press releases, logistics, event planning, and more. Interns must have strong people skills, work ethic, critical thinking, organizational skills, and reliable transportation. For more information or to apply, please send your resume to [Caitlin@theFEST.us](mailto:Caitlin@theFEST.us) by January 10<sup>th</sup>.

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