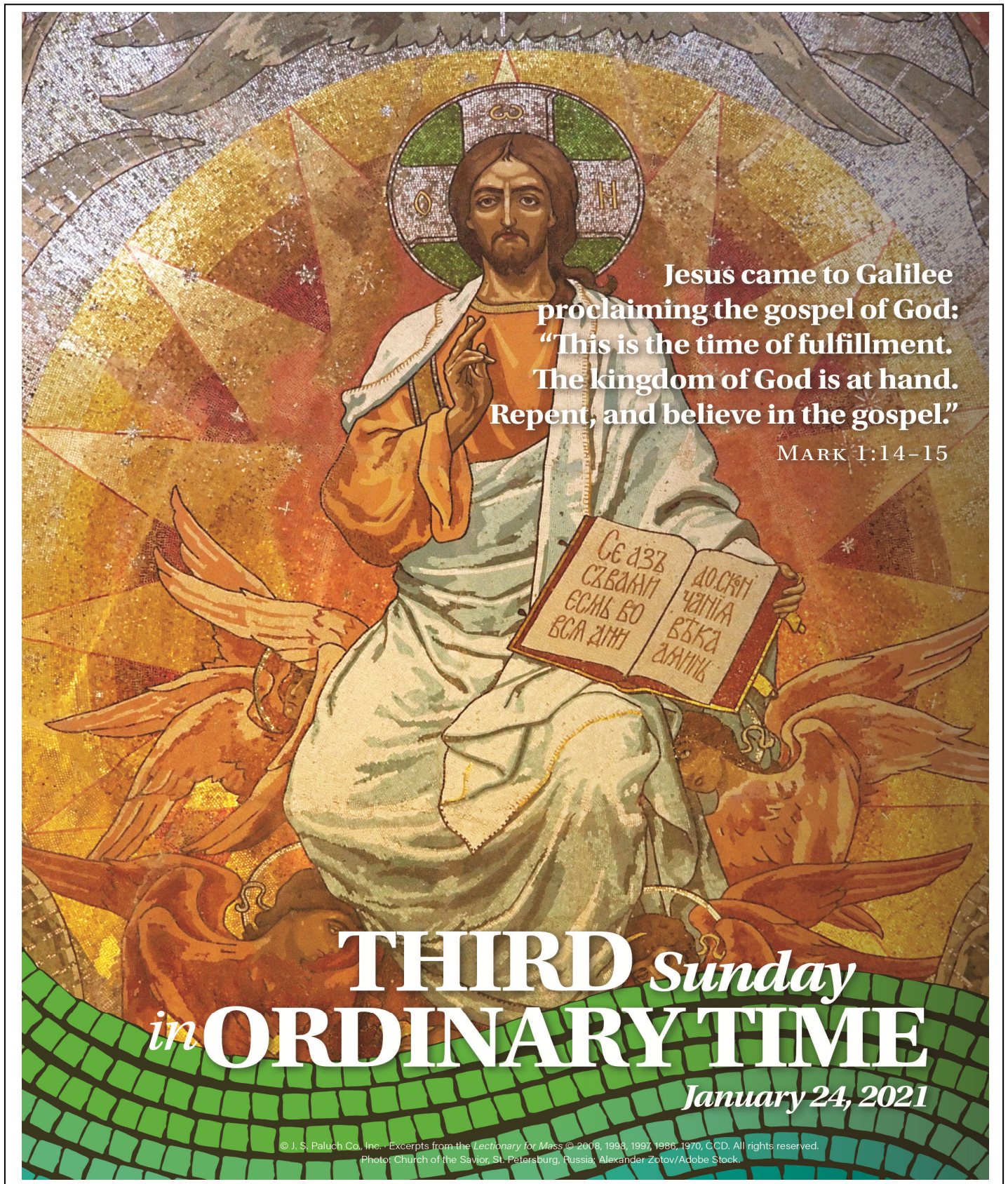


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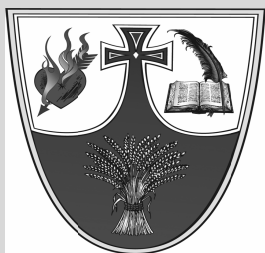
Jesus came to Galilee
proclaiming the gospel of God:
“This is the time of fulfillment.
The kingdom of God is at hand.
Repent, and believe in the gospel.”

MARK 1:14-15

THIRD *Sunday*
in **ORDINARY TIME**

January 24, 2021

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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.

The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 24, 2021

The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel. — Mark 1:15

Saturday, January 23 St. Marianne Cope, Virgin

4:30 p.m. +Jean Ackerman by Marcie Downie

Sunday, January 24

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

11:00 a.m. +Ruth Thompson by Ed & Jo Niemiec

Monday, January 25 Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle

NO MASS

Tuesday, January 26 Sts. Timothy & Titus, Bishops

NO MASS

Wednesday, January 27 St. Angela Merici, Virgin & Religious Founder

8:30 a.m. All Souls

Thursday, January 28 St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest & Doctor of the Church

NO MASS

Friday, January 29

8:30 a.m. All Souls

Saturday, January 30

4:30 p.m. +Pat Chozinski by 4:30 Choir

Sunday, January 31

8:30 a.m. +Dorothy Tomshe by Tom & Peg King

11:00 a.m. +Shelleen Adkins by Dan & Theresa Gillotti



Weekly Goal

\$4,000.00

January 17

\$2,942.00

Children's

\$6.00

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

COLLECTION: The Church in Latin America

This weekend we take up this collection. Your generosity makes it possible for our brothers and sisters in Latin America and the Caribbean to share in the life of the Church and grow closer to Christ. Please be generous.

To learn more, visit www.usccb.org/latin-america.

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

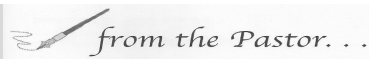
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Our readings this week focus on two “fish” stories, which call us to “repent.” Repent isn’t a word we like to hear because it means we have to change, but here it is meant for us to change for the better. The first reading is a part of the story of Jonah, a fish story well worth reading in its entirety. We hear today of Jonah going to preach to the Ninevites and how his preaching is successful. The Ninevites change from their brutal and violent ways, and thus God relents of his threatened punishment upon them. All of this is a grave disappointment to Jonah. Remember Jonah didn’t want to preach to the Ninevites. Jonah knew they were a violent people and he didn’t want them to repent, he wanted God to wipe them out. Jonah was a self-righteous person, kind of like us at times. Jonah reminds us that when we preach to others, we always have to preach to ourselves first. If we are preaching repentance to others, we have to repent in our own lives as well. It is the hardest part of preaching the Word. If you read the whole story of Jonah, you see how God is not only transforming the Ninevites through Jonah, but he is also transforming the self-righteousness of Jonah.

In the Gospel from Mark, John the Baptist is arrested. This seems to be the launching point for Jesus’ public ministry. And notice carefully the first words Jesus speaks, “Repent and believe in the Gospel.” Just as Jonah called the Ninevites to repentance, so Jesus begins his ministry by calling people to repentance. What is the repentance, or change of heart, that Jesus is calling us to? Jesus invites us to believe in the Good News of the Kingdom of God. The kingdom Jesus proclaims is a kingdom that called the disciples to leave everything and follow him. They were to leave their families, their jobs, and their possessions. This kind of repentance or change of heart is in total opposition to the ways that earthly kingdoms work. The challenge of the Word today is whether we are willing to repent, give up everything, and embrace a kingdom of justice, love and peace?

Rev. Edward J. Smith, Pastor

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Mk 16:15-18
 Tuesday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Ps 96:1-3, 7-8a, 10; Mk 3:31-35
 Wednesday: Heb 10:11-18; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 4:1-20
 Thursday: Heb 10:19-25; Ps 24:1-6; Mk 4:21-25
 Friday: Heb 10:32-39; Ps 37:3-6, 23-24, 39-40; Mk 4:26-34
 Saturday: Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; Lk 1:69-75; Mk 4:35-41
 Sunday: Dt 18:15-20; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; 1 Cor 7:32-35; Mk1:21-28

END OF YEAR OFFERTORY STATEMENTS

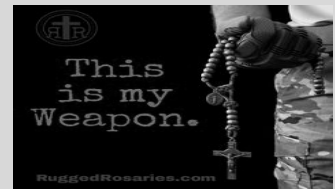
Statements are sent *by request only*. To request yours, call the office at 440-934-4227 or email either office@stteresaparish.com or church@stteresaparish.com.
 If you would like your statement emailed, please leave your email address.
 Thank you for your generous support of St. Teresa of Avila Parish – our family!

UPCOMING EVENTS

PSR	Tues, Jan 26	6:00 – 7:15 p.m.	PLC Classrooms
Mass	Wed, Jan 27	8:30 a.m.	Church
Eucharistic Adoration	Wed, Jan 27	9:00 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Church
Mass	Fri, Jan 29	8:30 a.m.	Church
Confessions	Sat, Jan 30	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
 Vickie Aring, Debbie Brady



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!

“Of all that He blesses you, a humble spirit is the best.”
 St. Teresa of Avila



**Remember
CATHOLIC PROGRAMMING**



“Beloved and Blessed” With Kimberly Hahn Kimberly Hahn, wife, mother, grandmother, author, and speaker offers experience, hope and strength for women in all walks of life. **Her new program, “Beloved and Blessed” airs on Sundays at 9:00 pm on AM 1260 The Rock and her focus is trust in God.** Couldn’t we all use a little hope and trust in God during these tumultuous times! Please tune in to AM1260 The Rock, download our app or listen online at www.am1260therock.com for Kimberly’s program.

AM 1260 The Rock Mass of the Month for Intentions of Our Listeners and Benefactors AM 1260 The Rock is having a monthly Mass said at different churches around Northeast Ohio for YOU- our listeners and benefactors. All are welcome to attend. The January Mass is at St. Ignatius of Antioch on Monday, January 25th at 5:30 PM. Our February Mass is at St. Charles Borromeo on Monday, February 22nd at 7:00 PM. Visit am1260therock.com for future Masses as they are scheduled.



“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.*

PRO-LIFE MEDITATIONS OF THE ROSARY

The Third Joyful Mystery – The Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ God Himself was born as a child. The greatness of a person does not depend on size, for the newborn King is very small.

Let us pray for an end to prejudice against the tiny babies threatened by abortion.
For pro-life novenas visit **Priests for Life** at PrayerCampaign.org

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.



DRIVE THRU ONLY FISH FRIES - FRIDAYS OF LENT.

We need bakers (frosted cakes) & workers –
We are low on workers.

Call the office to be put on the volunteer list and you will be contacted.
(Workers will need to keep six feet apart and masks must be worn.)
Please drop frosted cakes in the breezeway by the church office on Thursday so they can be cut first thing Friday morning.
The office number is 440-934-4227.
Thank you for your support!

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

**Mail donations to the office:
1878 Abbe Road
Sheffield Village, OH 44054
Thank You!!**

Responsorial Psalm Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9

R. (4a) Teach me your ways, O Lord.

Your ways, O LORD, make known to me;
teach me your paths,
Guide me in your truth and teach me,
for you are God my savior. **(R)**

Remember that your compassion, O LORD,
and your love are from of old.
In your kindness remember me,
because of your goodness, O LORD. **(R)**

Good and upright is the LORD;
thus he shows sinners the way.
He guides the humble to justice
and teaches the humble his way. **(R)**



**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
St. Anthony
www.stanthonylorain.org/our-parish/

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 February: 4th & 18th 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.
 If you have questions, please call the office at 440-934-4227 or email us at debbie@stteresaparish.com or sue@stteresaparish.com.

If the Sheffield/Sheffield Lake Schools are closed on a Tuesday due to bad weather, PSR will be cancelled for the night as well.



Sacred Heart of Jesus – have mercy on us!

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 and our facebook page.

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



SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE NEWS

Mother Cabrini Food Pantry

The next food pantry collection will be February 6 & 7, 20

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.

We only accept donations of unused & unopened non-perishable food items.

Please - no Non-Food donations.



THE ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY NEWS

Our next Altar & Rosary Society Mass

Sunday, February 14, 2021 at 8:30 a.m.

The Rosary will be said at 8:00 a.m. prior to Mass.
Please come and pray!

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 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.

The Month of January is Dedicated to the Holy Name of Jesus

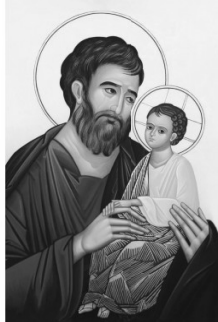
"In the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those that are in heaven, on earth and under the earth" (Phil 2:10). Christ's name is chosen in heaven, and the Angel Gabriel announces it when he informs the Blessed Virgin of the incarnation: "Behold thou shalt conceive in thy womb and shalt bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name Jesus". It is a name that has marvelous implications, for it means "savior." The very name bespeaks the magnitude of His mission, His infinite love, a love that will cause Him to offer Himself up for us.

Prayer to the Holy Name of Jesus

O good Jesu, according to Thy great mercy, have mercy on me. O most merciful Jesu, by that Precious Blood which Thou didst will to shed for sinners, I beseech Thee to wash away all my iniquities and to look graciously upon me, a poor and unworthy sinner, as I call upon Thy holy Name. Therefore, O Jesus, do Thou save me for Thy holy Name's sake. Amen

POPE FRANCIS PROCLAIMS "YEAR OF ST JOSEPH"

Pope Francis announced a special year dedicated to St. Joseph starting from 8 December 2020 until 8 December 2021, on the occasion of the 150th anniversary of the proclamation of St. Joseph as the Patron of the Universal Church, as well as the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of Our Lady. To read more about this, go to <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2020-12/pope-francis-proclaims-year-of-st-joseph.html>.



The Apostolic Penitentiary also issued a decree **granting special indulgences** for the duration of the special year to celebrate the anniversary and "to perpetuate the entrustment of the whole Church to the powerful patronage of the Custodian of Jesus." During this period, the faithful will have the opportunity to commit themselves "with prayer and good works, to obtain, with the help of St. Joseph, head of the heavenly Family of Nazareth, comfort and relief from the serious human and social tribulations that besiege the contemporary world today."

To learn more about the indulgences go to <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/vatican-city/news/2020-12/apostolic-penitentiary-plenary-indulgence-year-st-joseph.html>.

To reach the above links, visit our website at www.stteresaparis.com and click on "Announcements" in the scrolling bar at the top of the page.

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.**

Please do not leave disposable masks in the pew. Thank You!



Liturgical Ministers Schedule

Eucharistic Ministers

Sat, Jan 23 4:30 p.m. John Katricak **	Sun, Jan 24 8:30 a.m. Christi Smail	Sun, Jan 24 11:00 a.m. Lou Varos
Sat, Jan 30 4:30 p.m. Ruth Bistak (**Fitz)	Sun, Jan 31 8:30 a.m. Greg Smail	Sun, Jan 31 11:00 a.m. Carol Kirchner

Lectors

Sat, Jan 23 4:30 p.m. Ruth Bistak	Sun, Jan 24 8:30 a.m. Tom Pienoski	Sun, Jan 24 11:00 a.m. Fred Courtright
Sat, Jan 30 4:30 p.m. Phil Gigliotti	Sun, Jan 31 8:30 a.m. Bruce DiVaccaro	Sun, Jan 31 11:00 a.m. 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.
Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, Have mercy on us.
Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, Have mercy on us.**

Around the Town

THE CATHOLIC CREDIT UNION INC.

(located at St. Joseph Parish in Avon Lake) is looking for volunteers for its Supervisory Committee. It requires approximately one to three hours per month—every second Tuesday of the month at 3:30 in the afternoon. A background in finance or accounting would be appreciated but not necessary! If you are interested, please call Laury at 44-225-1892.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BAKED CHICKEN DINNER TO GO

On **Wednesday, January 27, 4 to 7 PM**, the Knights of Columbus Father Ragan Council will be preparing Baked Chicken Dinners for takeout. The dinner will include a half chicken (baked), baked potato, a vegetable, salad, rolls and dessert. 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 January 24, 7 PM, however, impromptu pickups are acceptable. For advanced orders or questions please contact Jim at 440-865-9668 or at sunbeam.gardens@gmail.com or John at 440-725-7369 or at john.pabin@gmail.com.



From February 17 – March 28, you are invited to join with other Christians for 40 Days for Life – 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. You are also invited to stand and peacefully pray anytime between 7 am to 7 pm during the 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside Preterm - 12000 Shaker Blvd, Cleveland, 44120 or Planned Parenthood - 25350 Rockside Rd, Bedford Hts, 44146, or Family Planning—462 Chardon St, Painesville, 44077. Join us at the Kickoff Rally at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church gymnasium on Sunday, February 14 at 2PM. For more information contact John Noall at clevelandpraysforlife@gmail.com or 216-245-9744. **WEBSITES:** www.40daysforlife.com/cleveland, www.40daysforlife.com/painesville, www.40daysforlife.com/bedfordheights.

ROSARY FOR THE UNBORN

On the first **Saturday of February, the 6th** at 11 am, all are warmly invited to pray the Rosary of the Unborn for an end to legalized abortions at St. Anthony Church, 1339 E. Erie Ave. The northwest entrance to the Church will be open at 10:30 am. (Every first Saturday of the month, this prayer service will continue until the Covid 19 Virus leaves and we will be able to return to our previous schedule of 12 rosaries from 10 am until 4 pm.) Questions? Call (440) 288-0416.

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.

Homeless & pregnant? Call Good Counsel Homes – 800-723-8331, or visit www.goodcounselhomes.org.

Hurting from an abortion? Visit www.AbortionForgiveness.com.