

St. Teresa of Avila Parish

1878 Abbe Road Sheffield Village, Ohio 44054

FEBRUARY

14

2021



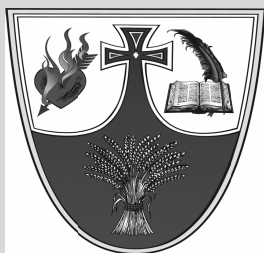
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Sixth Sunday IN ORDINARY TIME

Brothers and sisters,
whether you eat or drink,
or whatever you do,
do everything for the

GLORY OF GOD.

1 Corinthians 10:31



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 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 14, 2021

I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation. - (Psalm 32)

Saturday, February 13

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

Sunday, February 14

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

11:00 a.m. +Derek Jacob by Dan & Theresa Gillotti

Monday, February 15

NO MASS

Tuesday, February 16

NO MASS

Wednesday, February 17 Ash Wednesday

8:30 a.m. +Paul Wearsch by Ruth Bistak

Thursday, February 18

NO MASS

Friday, February 19

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

Saturday, February 20

4:30 p.m. +Kay Brown by Ray & Cathy

Sunday, February 21 FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

8:30 a.m. +Pat Chozinski by Bob & Marilyn Rumph

11:00 a.m. +Gladys Mackert by Chris & Norm Lunato



Weekly Goal

\$4,000.00

February 7

\$3,443.54

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

Two Ways to Give

- By Mail: watch for your Appeal information to arrive in February
Giving envelopes will be available in the rear of the church in February

CATHOLIC CHARITIES ANNUAL APPEAL 2021

Masses

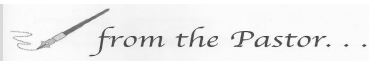
Sunday Vigil - Saturday 4:30 PM and Sunday - 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM
Wed & Fri - 8:30 AM; Holy Day Vigil, Holy Day and Civic Holidays - Watch Bulletin

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-mailsdebbie@stteresaparish.com and sue@stteresaparish.com
Website..... www.stteresaparish.com



While reading our Gospel today, certain words came to mind that are worth reflection:

Compassion: Mark doesn't often relate Jesus' psychological state, but he does here. When Jesus sees the leper approach him in dire need, his first response isn't judgment, but rather pity (or a more accurate translation is compassion). There is no inquiry: "What have you done to cause this to happen?" Or reprimand: "Stop embarrassing yourself on your knees and, what's more, keep your distance." Or demand: "What will you do with your life if I heal you?" No, Jesus just feels compassion. And something is revealed to us about God by Jesus, the Word made flesh, Son of God. God is not primarily judgmental, or directive, or demanding, but compassionate.

Intimate: There is an intimacy to touch that we can take for granted. Ask the elderly, the ill, the depressed, or the isolated just how rare and beautiful human touch is and you may be surprised (or maybe just reminded) that there are few gestures as profound, loving, and healing as human touch. Jesus could have healed with a word, with a gesture, or with a command, but instead he reaches out to touch him. Here, too, is God's character revealed, as we discover a God so eager to be in relationship with us that God takes on our form and flesh, assumes our lot and our life, so that God can reach out to touch us in love.

Mindful: Jesus does more than simply respond to the man's plea; he affirms his deepest hopes that, though a leper, he still has value, dignity, and worth. That he is, finally, a child of God. Here we are again greeted by God's often surprising and always uncontrollable mercy and grace. As Jonah learned the hard way, God is indeed "gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love" (Jonah 4:2). God is often far more willing and eager to bless than we are to be blessed.

Giving: These acts of mercy, while perhaps free, nevertheless cost Jesus. There is, an exchange going on here, as this man, now healed, is also restored to his community, now Jesus can no longer travel freely or even enter the towns anymore. Love always costs something. We don't know why Jesus asked the man to be silent. Maybe it was because he knew this would make it difficult to walk and talk and preach and heal freely. Whatever the reason, and whatever the risk, he nevertheless heals, heedless of the cost. He trades places with this man — losing his freedom that this man may find his — out of love. Love costs. Ask any parent, or grandparent, or friend. Yet that is what we find in God.

Compassionate, intimate, mindful, and giving – such is the nature of God – things that too often are not our natural response to the people we encounter each day. Even after all these years, why aren't we more like Christ? After all these years of practice, why isn't it easier to be those things?

Rev. Edward J. Smith, Pastor

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

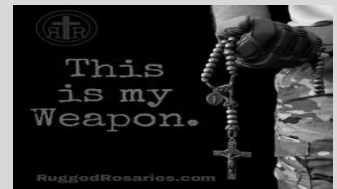
- Monday: Gn 4:1-15, 25; Ps 50:1, 8, 16bc-17, 20-21; Mk 8:11-13
- Tuesday: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Ps 29:1a, 2, 3ac-4, 3b, 9c-10; Mk 8:14-21
- Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
- Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25
- Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15
- Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32
- Sunday: Gn 9:8-15; Ps 25:4-9; 1 Pt 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15

UPCOMING EVENTS

PSR	Tues, Feb 16	6:00 – 7:15 p.m.	PLC Classrooms
Mass with Ashes	Wed, Feb 17	8:30 a.m.	Church
Eucharistic Adoration	Wed, Feb 17	9:00 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Church
Bible Study	Thurs, Feb 18	7:00 p.m.	Avila Hall
Mass	Fri, Feb 19	8:30 a.m.	Church
Fish Fry	Fri, Feb 19	4:30 – 7:00 p.m.	Drive thru only
Confessions	Sat, Feb 20	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
- Vickie Aring, Debbie Brady

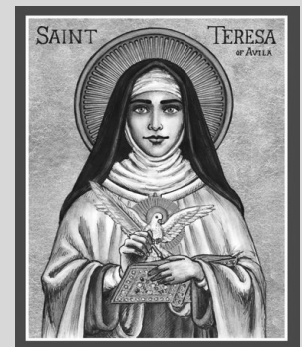


FAMILY AND FRIENDS SERVING OUR COUNTRY:

- 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!

**"Merely to look toward heaven
recollects the soul."**
St. Teresa of Avila



Remember
CATHOLIC PROGRAMMING



Local Programming at AM 1260 The Rock

Lenten Devotions at AM 1260 The Rock - These devotions will air on **Tuesdays and Fridays during Lent**. On Tuesdays at 3:00 PM, we will air the Devotion to the Holy Face of Jesus. On Fridays at 3:00 PM, we will host the Stations of the Cross for Priests. The Chaplet of the Divine Mercy will continue to air on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays at 3:00 PM during Lent. We wish you a fruitful and peaceful Lenten journey and we will keep you in our daily prayers.

PRO-LIFE MEDITATIONS OF THE ROSARY

The First Sorrowful Mystery – The Agony in the Garden Let us pray for mothers and fathers who are in agony because they are tempted to abort a child. May they be given the good news that there are alternatives, and may they make use of the help that is available. For pro-life novenas visit Priests for Life at PrayerCampaign.org

The readings from Leviticus and from the Gospel of Mark today speak of healing and hope.

Leviticus outlines procedures to prevent the spread of leprosy, a skin disease understood to be a great danger to the community. Those with the disease were isolated and ritually impure. Absent some cure from God, they were considered beyond hope. Their lives were like a living death, and likely they saw no future hope in their lives. Jesus' healing of a leper was thus a profound sign of the promised reign of God, which Jesus had earlier announced. *The healing was like raising the leper up from death, and thus a hint of Jesus' resurrection.*



"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.*

**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.

**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.

*Thank you for your generous support of
St. Teresa of Avila Parish –
our family!*

St. Teresa of Avila

FISH FRY - FRIDAYS OF LENT

Drive Thru Only

February 19 – April 2, 2021

4:30p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Menu

Choice of Dinners: Fried Perch or Fried Shrimp

Dinners come with: French Fries, Coleslaw, Roll & Butter and Dessert

\$15 per dinner

Cash or Checks only

1878 Colorado Avenue
(corner of Abbe & Colorado)
in Sheffield Village
Parish office: 440-934-4227

**Thank you for your
support!**

Parish News

VISIT OUR WEBSITE! www.stteresaparish.com

Read the *Bulletin* and find current events in "Announcements" (top of home page) or scroll to the bottom.

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!



THE ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY NEWS
Our next Altar & Rosary Society Mass
Sunday, February 14, 2021 at 8:30 a.m.

Please arrive at 8:00 a.m. to pray the Rosary 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!

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.

ASH WEDNESDAY IS FEBRUARY 17, 2021

Ashes will be distributed at the 8:30 a.m. Mass.
(There will be NO Noon ash distribution)

SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE NEWS

Mother Cabrini Food Pantry

The next food pantry collection will be March 6 & 7, 2021

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.

Thank You from Birthright

"Thank you for your very generous Christmas donations. We are so grateful. Our primary focus here at Birthright is to help pregnant women and their children. Your parish's donations will go directly to families in need right here in Lorain County. Your church has shown us a true example of Christ's light in the world today. May God continue to bless your parish and each of you...."

*Lisa Nelson
Molly Moracz*

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.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM PS 32:1-2, 5, 11

R. (7) I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.

FEBRUARY – DEDICATED TO THE HOLY FAMILY



The home of Nazareth is the school where we begin to understand the life of Jesus—the school of the Gospel. First, then, a lesson of silence. May esteem for silence, that admirable and indispensable condition of mind, revive in us...A lesson on family life. May Nazareth teach us what family life is, its communion of love, its austere and simple beauty, and its sacred and inviolable character...A lesson of work. Nazareth, home of the Carpenter's Son, in you I would choose to understand and proclaim the severe and redeeming law of human work. — Paul VI at Nazareth, January 5, 1964

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF HOLY COMMUNION FORMATION SESSIONS

Sessions are FREE and online for 2021. Upcoming dates include:
Thursday, February 25 from 7 – 9:30 p.m. (contact office by February 19)
Sunday, March 21 from 2 – 4:30 p.m. (contact office by March 15)

Call the church office at 440-934-4227

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): **3rd Wednesday of each month from 4:00 – 5:30 p.m.**
The next distribution of food will be Wednesday, February 17, 2021.

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.

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION - FEBRUARY

“We pray for women who are victims of violence, that they may be protected by society and have their sufferings considered and heeded.”

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.

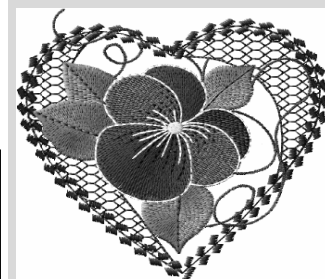
3. **All parishioners should be mindful of social distancing when sitting in pews and in the communion line.** Families may sit together, but must maintain social distancing between their family and others throughout the celebration of Mass.

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, Feb 13

4:30 p.m.

John Katricak **

Sun, Feb 14

8:30 a.m.

Bill Bistak **

Sun, Feb 14

11:00 a.m.

Fred Courtright

Sat, Feb 20

4:30 p.m.

Joan Gigliotti (Wehler)

Sun, Feb 21

8:30 a.m.

Kathy Cunningham

Sun, Feb 21

11:00 a.m.

Trish MacDonald

Lectors

Sat, Feb 13

4:30 p.m.

Andrew Augustine

Sun, Feb 14

8:30 a.m.

Christi Smail

Sun, Feb 14

11:00 a.m.

Lou Varos

Sat, Feb 20

4:30 p.m.

Phil Gigliotti

Sun, Feb 21

8:30 a.m.

Frank Lanza

Sun, Feb 21

11:00 a.m.

Tom Parkey



Pope Francis Declares "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.stteresaparish.com and click on "Announcements" in the scrolling bar at the top of the page.

Around the Town



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.

CATHOLIC CEMETERIES MONTHLY GRIEF SUPPORT

Catholic Cemeteries Association continues with our free monthly in-office grief support groups on **Sunday, February 21st** with limited seating for social distancing. The February topic is "Experiencing God's Loving Embrace". We meet the 3rd Sunday of every month from 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. at Saint Joseph Cemetery, Avon (NEW office). Participants are asked to RSVP so we can plan appropriate social distancing at each location. We require all in attendance to wear protective facial coverings. To RSVP or for questions, please contact Rhonda at rabrams@clecem.org or 216-930-4866.

GRIEF TRANSFORMED WORKSHOP

Cornerstone of Hope – **Thursday, MARCH 25, 2021 from 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.** Testimonies make a great impact on those who feel alone in their grief. It is incredible how empowering one's story of hope can be towards another person. Cornerstone of Hope recognizes this great impact and is offering an opportunity for clients to share their expression of hope in an artistic way.

If you have benefitted from any of our services, join us for our upcoming workshop. Come and create collages, write stories, paint and draw as ways to express your journey. Your artwork will be used to reach out to others in need of help and to demonstrate the kinds of activities we use while providing services. **FREE Event for Adults & Children (Ages 5+)** **Register by Sunday, March 21** at <https://cornerstoneofhope.org/cleveland/grief-transformed-workshop/>

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.