

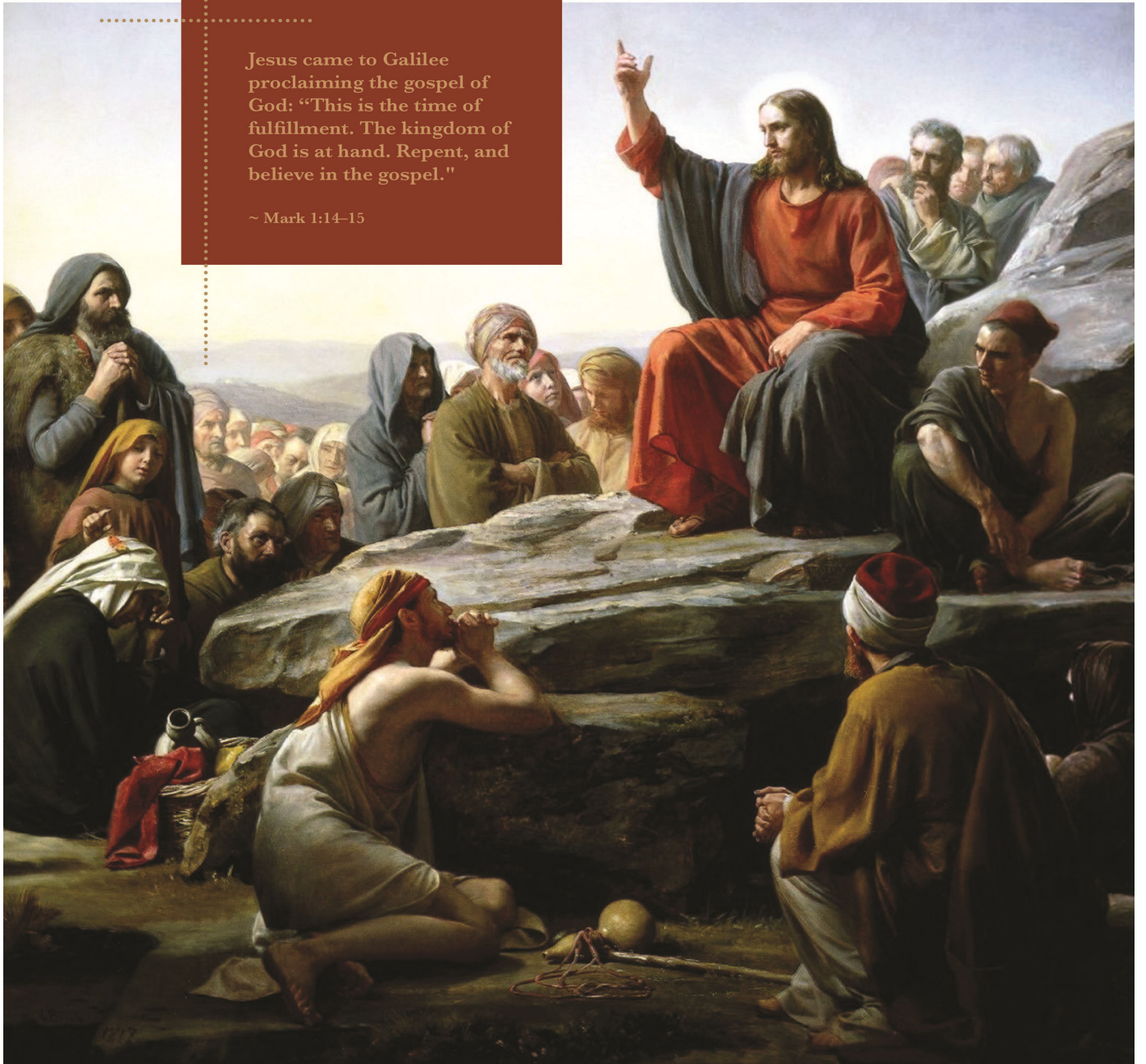
St. Teresa of Avila Parish

1878 Abbe Road Sheffield Village, Ohio 44054

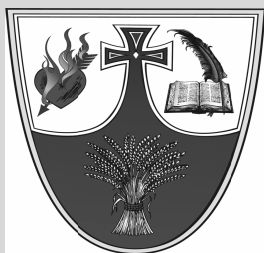
FEBRUARY 21, 2021 | FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

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



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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 First Sunday of Lent

February 14, 2021

Your ways, O LORD, make known to me; teach me your paths. — Psalm 25:4

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

Monday, February 22 The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle

NO MASS

Tuesday, February 23 St. Polycarp, Bishop & Martyr

NO MASS

Wednesday, February 24

8:30 a.m. +Phil Bruder by Sue & Bruce DiVaccaro

Thursday, February 25

NO MASS

Friday, February 26

8:30 a.m. All souls

Saturday, February 27

4:30 p.m. +Marty Broska by family

Sunday, February 28 SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

8:30 a.m. +Dorothy Tomshe by Ron & Sandy Brezinski

11:00 a.m. +Dorothy Kazel by John & Ella Smith



Weekly Goal	\$4,000.00
February 14	\$3,144.00
Children's	\$21.00

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

You can return your envelopes by dropping them in the collection basket at Mass.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES ANNUAL APPEAL 2021

Masses

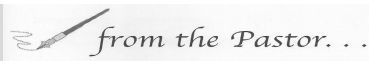
Sunday Vigil - Saturday 4:30 PM and Sunday - 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM Wed & Fri - 8:30 AM; Holy Day Vigil, Holy Day and Civic Holidays - Watch Bulletin

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



“You are my beloved Son” – this is who you are, and now off into the world you go. In St. Mark’s account, the Spirit did not lead Jesus into the wilderness, the Spirit drove Him. He was there forty days. He was tempted by the spiritual world and was threatened by the natural world. No explanation about the nature of the temptations. Short, sweet and to the point. It is easy to fly right by St. Mark’s three sentence narrative of the Baptism and 40 days in the wilderness. But I want to point out some lessons for our own wilderness trek.

First, Jesus did not choose the wilderness. I find this detail reassuring. We don’t choose to enter the wilderness. We don’t volunteer for pain, loss, danger, or terror. But the wilderness happens anyway. Whether it comes to us in the shape of a hospital waiting room, a difficult relationship, an incorrigible child, a sudden death, or a trust badly broken, the wilderness appears at our doorsteps, unbidden and unwelcome. And yes, when faced with these things not of our choosing, we ask “where is God in all this? Does He want me to suffer? What am I supposed to do with all this?” We are out there beyond our safety zone. But sometimes the wilderness of those places, even while dangerous, is places of holiness when we remember who we are and whose we are. The whisper is ever present: “You are my beloved; I have claimed you for my own.”

Second lesson: the struggle is long. Our wilderness journeys sometimes last a very long time – 40 minutes, 40 hours, 40 days, 40 years. It can last a very long time. The passage of time can be maddeningly slow for the doctor to call with the results, to hear whether your child is safe, for the first light of dawn at the end of an endless night. All the while knowing the next day would be another confrontation of mind, spirit, and body. And we are not used to having to wait and be patient. We are people of Amazon Prime delivery – everything solved in two days. The long wilderness struggle saps our energy and leads to easy discouragement or despair. Again, we ask, “why does this suffering continue? Why are our prayers unanswered? Where is God?” Our pain and sorrow can cloud and obscure our memory that we are a beloved child of God.

The third lesson: there were angels in the wilderness. This, too, is a startling and comforting truth — one that we can recognize if we open our eyes and take a good look around. Somehow, somewhere, help comes. Rest comes. Granted, our angels don’t always appear in the forms we might prefer, but they come. They are the hands on our shoulders; the encouragement and support of calls, texts, and notes; the ears that listen; the friend who gives you a break so that you can have a moment of downtime or simply get out of the house. Angels whisper, angels cook, angels walk into our lives. Angels are there in the 40 minutes, 40 hours, 40 days, or 40 years, ever ready to minister to us.

There you have it: (1) Jesus didn’t choose the wilderness, (2) the struggle is long, and (3) there are angels in the wilderness. In Lent or in life, may we walk with courage into the wildernesses we can’t choose or avoid. May our long journeys teach us our true identity. When angels, in all their secret guises, whisper “beloved” into our ears, may we listen and believe – We are beloved of God.

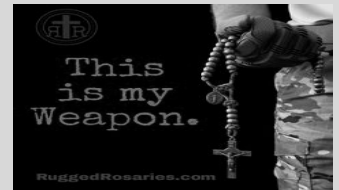
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UPCOMING EVENTS

PSR	Tues, Feb 23	6:00 – 7:15 p.m.	PLC Classrooms
Mass	Wed, Feb 24	8:30 a.m.	Church
Eucharistic Adoration	Wed, Feb 24	9:00 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Church
Mass	Fri, Feb 26	8:30 a.m.	Church
Fish Fry	Fri, Feb 26	4:30 – 7:00 p.m.	Drive thru only
Confessions	Sat, Feb 27	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
- Patrick O’Toole



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 Second Sorrowful Mystery – The Scourging As Christ’s flesh was torn by the instruments of those who scourged Him, so are the bodies of the babies in the womb injured by the abortionists. Let us pray that abortionists may repent of these acts of child-killing. For pro-life novenas visit Priests for Life at PrayerCampaign.org

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19
- Tuesday: Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15
- Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32
- Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12
- Friday: Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26
- Saturday: Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48
- Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ps 116:10, 15-19; Rom 8:31b-34; Mk 9:2-10

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

***Drive in, place your order, pay,
and get your dinner without
leaving your car!***



“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!*

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.*

Confirmation for the St. Anthony and St. Teresa of Avila students will be March 7 at 10:00 a.m.
 at St. Anthony church.

*As a family of faith, let's pray for these students and adults, that they receive the
 Spirit of God in such a way that it transforms their lives.*

There will NOT BE Stations of the Cross in the Church

There are Stations of the Cross booklets on the card table in the rear of the church. Take a
 booklet home so your family can **pray the Stations of the Cross together at home!**
A wonderful tradition to continue, or, to begin this year.

Your family can also find Stations online at the following links:

- <https://www.catholic.org/prayers/station.php>
- <https://relevantradio.com/faith/stations-of-the-cross/>
- <https://usml.edu/digital-stations-of-the-cross-online/>

SOMETHING NEW ON OUR WEBSITE -----

You can now find St. Teresa of Avila's **Registration Form** on our website.
 At the top of the homepage, click on “Parish Groups and Forms”. Then, scroll to the bottom of
 the page and click on the Registration Form.

If you have been intending to join our parish – now it's just a click away.

Print out the form, complete, and drop in the collection basket at Mass!

BUILDING FUND – JANUARY 2021

Donations:	\$2,835.00
Monthly Payment	\$3,272.20
Balance Owed	\$318,748.46

Thank you to all who donated to the Building fund!



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!

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 now on Sundays at 10 a.m. on WUAB Channel 43, the CW43. Viewers are invited 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 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9

R. (cf. 10) Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.

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. Next class is:
Sunday, March 21 from 2 – 4:30 p.m. (contact office by March 15)
Call the church office at 440-934-4227

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

The Diocese of Cleveland's "protecting God's Children" program is a continuing effort to instruct and inform everyone about the protection of children from sexual abuse. To report any past or present suspected inappropriate behavior toward children by priests, deacons, religious, lay ecclesial ministers or personnel associated with the Church, please contact the Diocesan Response Service Office at 216-334-2999 or via email at response_services@dioceseofcleveland.org. You are also asked to immediately inform local authorities about inappropriate behavior.

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.

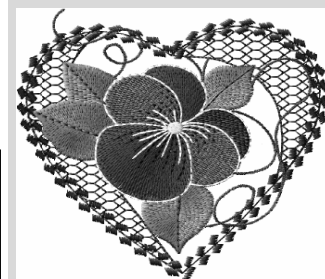
3. All parishioners should be mindful of social distancing when sitting in pews and in the communion line. Families may sit together, but must maintain social distancing between their family and others throughout the celebration of Mass.

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 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
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Sat, Feb 27 4:30 p.m. Ann Glime (Fitzwater)	Sun, Feb 28 8:30 a.m. Christi Smail	Sun, Feb 28 11:00 a.m. Don Kirchner
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Lectors

Sat, Feb 20 4:30 p.m. Phil Gigliotti	Sun, Feb 21 8:30 a.m. Lector Needed	Sun, Feb 21 11:00 a.m. Tom Parkey
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Sat, Feb 27 4:30 p.m. Ruth Bistak	Sun, Feb 28 8:30 a.m. Tom Pienoski	Sun, Feb 28 11:00 a.m. Fred Courtright
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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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FATHER RAGAN COUNCIL STUFFED CABBAGE DINNER

Get your to-go dinners on Wednesday, February 24, 4 to 7 PM. The Dinner consists of Stuffed Cabbage, mashed potatoes, green beans, salad, roll and desert. Cost is \$10 per meal. It is preferred that you reserve meals in advance by February 21, 7 PM, however, impromptu pickups are acceptable based on availability. For advanced orders or questions please contact Jim at [440-865-9668](tel:440-865-9668)/sunbeam.gardens@gmail.com or John at [440-725-7369](tel:440-725-7369)/john.pabin@gmail.com

DIOCESAN SURVEY

The Diocese of Cleveland has contracted with the Catholic Leadership Institute to conduct a survey of Parishioners throughout the Diocese. The survey can be conducted on-line and will take 10-15 minutes to complete. It will ask you to reflect on your own spiritual growth within our Parish Community. All responses will be confidential and the parish will only receive information about the community as a whole. **The survey will be open beginning 02/17/2021 and close on 03/22/2021 at 11:59pm.** If you would like to access the Survey please use the following link: <https://portal.catholicleaders.org/dmi/survey/dp9ygd89y4>