

# St. Teresa of Avila Parish

1878 Abbe Road Sheffield Village, Ohio 44054

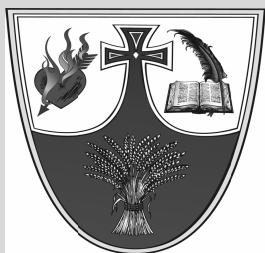
FEBRUARY 28, 2021 | SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus was transfigured  
before them, and his  
clothes became  
dazzling white.

~ Mark 9:2-3



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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 Second Sunday of Lent
February 28, 2021
If God is for us, who can be against us? — Romans 8:31b

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

Monday, March 1

NO MASS

Tuesday, March 2

NO MASS

Wednesday, March 3 St. Katharine Drexel, Virgin

8:30 a.m. +David Lesiecki by family

Thursday, March 4 St. Casimir

NO MASS

Friday, March 5 World Day of Prayer

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

Saturday, March 6

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

Sunday, March 7 THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

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

11:00 a.m. +Manuela & Eva Fonseca by Dan & Theresa Gillotti



Weekly Offering

Weekly Goal

\$4,000.00

February 21

\$1,737.00

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

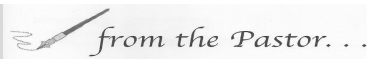
Rectory Office.....(440) 934-4227

Office Hours.....Monday – Friday 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

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Remember some years ago when a certain brokerage firm had an advertising slogan that said, "When 'So & So' speaks, everyone listens." That slogan could be used for the theme of the Readings for today; however, we would change it to, "When God speaks, everyone should listen."

In the Old Testament, God spoke numerous times to and through various people such as Abraham, Moses and the Prophets. In the New Testament God speaks about and through His Son, Jesus Christ. He did this in dreams to Mary and Joseph, through the angels at Bethlehem. But do we listen? Do we really listen to the Gospels and other scripture readings in a manner that helps us absorb their meaning?

The First Reading is from the Book of Genesis (22:1-18). Here, God speaks to Abraham and gives him a command to test his loyalty. Abraham obeys even though it will cost him his beloved son, Isaac. Of course, we know that God stopped Abraham in time to save Isaac. It was only a test but a major one. As a result, Abraham became the Father of the Jewish people through his son Isaac. Thus, Abraham listened and obeyed and "It was credited to him as righteousness." (Galatians 3:6)

The Responsorial Psalm is (116:10-19). In the full-length version of this Psalm, it is a prayer of a grateful disciple who was ill and has now been healed. He recognizes that God heard his prayer and has answered. How can we expect God to listen to our prayers if we do not take the time to listen to Him?

The Second Reading is from Paul's Letter to the Romans (8:31-34). The opening sentence should give everyone courage and strength, particularly when faced with some great struggle in life: "If God is for us, who can be against us?" But then, how do we know that God is "for us"? When we make time to pray, attend Mass or other liturgies, read about God, Jesus, Mary or the Saints, we will know that He is for us when we hear that "wee small voice" whispering to our heart. (1 Kg 19:12)

The Gospel Reading is taken from the Gospel of Mark (9:2-10). Everyone is familiar with the story of the Transfiguration of Christ, when Jesus shows Peter, James and John who He really is, the Son of God in Glory. The purpose of this apparition was to show the apostles who they were really following and what they had to look forward to at the end of life's journey. But without looking it up, can you recall what the message was, directly from God the Father to Moses, Elijah, the apostles and to us? It was the voice of God the Father saying, "This is my beloved Son, listen to Him!"

Although Mary, the Mother of Jesus, has little to say in the entire Bible, one of her statements was, "Do whatever He tells you." (John2:5) Therefore, if we put these quotations together, we get, "Listen to Him and do whatever He tells you." Something to think about during your prayer time this week!

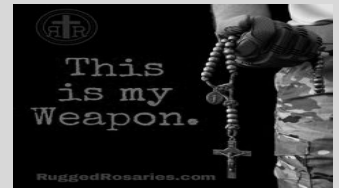
**Rev. Edward J. Smith, Pastor**

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

PSR	Tues, Mar 2	6:00 – 7:15 p.m.	PLC Classrooms
Mass	Wed, Mar 3	8:30 a.m.	Church
Eucharistic Adoration	Wed, Mar 3	9:00 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Church
Bible Study	Thurs, Mar 4	7:00 p.m.	Avila Hall
Mass	Fri, Mar 5	8:30 a.m.	Church
Fish Fry	Fri, Mar 5	4:30 – 7:00 p.m.	<b>Drive thru only</b>
Confessions	Sat, Mar 6	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.

**CORNERSTONE PREGNANCY SERVICES**

**Save the Date** - You are invited to join us around the table for Intercessory Prayer, which will be taking place **Wednesday, March 3rd, at 8:30 am**. Prayer will be at our center located at 364 Griswold Rd. Elyria, OH 44035.

To learn more about *Cornerstone Pregnancy Services* visit [cornerstonepregnancy.org](http://cornerstonepregnancy.org).

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- Monday: Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38
- Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 23:1-12
- Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14-16; Mt 20:17-28
- Thursday: Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31
- Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
- Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
- Sunday: Ex 20:1-17 [1-3, 7-8, 12-17]; Ps 19:8-11; 1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25

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](mailto:office@stteresaparish.com) or  
[church@stteresaparish.com](mailto: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](http://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 March: 4<sup>th</sup> & 18<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.

If you have questions, please call the office at 440-934-4227 or email us at [debbie@stteresaparish.com](mailto:debbie@stteresaparish.com) or [sue@stteresaparish.com](mailto: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.*



### THE ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY NEWS

**Our next Altar & Rosary Society Mass**

**Sunday, March 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!



### 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.*

### 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/>; or <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!**

### 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.**

**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](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.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19**

**R. (116:9) I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.**

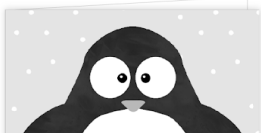
**FEBRUARY – DEDICATED TO THE HOLY FAMILY**



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



THANK YOU –  
to Zach Brezinski for moving  
the snow piles in our parking  
lot in preparation for  
Fish Fry!!

**ACADEMIC HONORS**

**Ana MacDonald**  
First Honors in the  
first semester of the 2020-2021  
school year at  
Elyria Catholic High School.

Very proud of you!

**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!**

**REPENT  
AND  
BELIEVE  
THE  
GOSPEL**  
MARK 1:15

# Liturgical Ministers Schedule

## Eucharistic Ministers

<b>Sat, Feb 27</b> <b>4:30 p.m.</b> Ann Glime (Fitzwater)	<b>Sun, Feb 28</b> <b>8:30 a.m.</b> Christi Smail	<b>Sun, Feb 28</b> <b>11:00 a.m.</b> Don Kirchner
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<b>Sat, Mar 6</b> <b>4:30 p.m.</b> Debbie Korce	<b>Sun, Mar 7</b> <b>8:30 a.m.</b> Greg Smail (Sue**)	<b>Sun, Mar 7</b> <b>11:00 a.m.</b> Lou Varos
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## Lectors

<b>Sat, Feb 27</b> <b>4:30 p.m.</b> Ruth Bistak	<b>Sun, Feb 28</b> <b>8:30 a.m.</b> Tom Pienoski	<b>Sun, Feb 28</b> <b>11:00 a.m.</b> Fred Courtright
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<b>Sat, Mar 6</b> <b>4:30 p.m.</b> Tom Pienoski **	<b>Sun, Mar 7</b> <b>8:30 a.m.</b> Bruce DiVaccaro	<b>Sun, Mar 7</b> <b>11:00 a.m.</b> Tom Parkey
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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](http://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](mailto:clevelandpraysforlife@gmail.com) or 216-245-9744. **WEBSITES:** [www.40daysforlife.com/cleveland](http://www.40daysforlife.com/cleveland), [www.40daysforlife.com/painesville](http://www.40daysforlife.com/painesville), [www.40daysforlife.com/bedfordheights](http://www.40daysforlife.com/bedfordheights).

## 2021 BRINGING AMERICA BACK TO LIFE CONVENTION - March 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>

The Bringing America Back to Life Convention is the premier Diocesan-wide pro-life event: 2 jam-packed days filled with the nation's top speakers, workshops, and exhibitors. To discover more about this must-see event, to view the impressive line-up of speakers, and to register, visit [www.bringingamericabacktolife.org](http://www.bringingamericabacktolife.org) or call (440) 281-1502. Join us as we Bring America Back to Life!

## JESUIT RETREAT CENTER LENTEN RETREATS

**Men's Lenten Retreat** - Friday, **March 12**, 5:30pm - Sunday, March 14, 11:00am. Join Fr. Greg Hyde, SJ, retreat director and facilitator, for two days of prayer, reflection and presentations.  
**Women's Lenten Retreat** - Friday, **March 19**, 5:30pm - Sunday, March 21, 11:00am. Join Sr. Mary Ann Flannery, SC, retreat director and facilitator, for two days of prayer, reflection and presentations.

Explore the themes and movements of this great season of Lent as we move towards Holy Week and the Easter Triduum. Retreat begins with dinner on Friday evening and concludes with Liturgy on Sunday morning. Cost: \$180 (pre-register below)

**After a challenging year, come to the peace of the Jesuit Retreat Center to reflect on God's grace and activity in your life. Jesuit Retreat Center, 5629 State Rd, Parma, OH 44134. <https://www.jesuitretreatcenter.org>**

## 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 online 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>