

# St. Teresa of Avila Parish

1878 Abbe Road Sheffield Village, Ohio 44054

THIRD SUNDAY OF

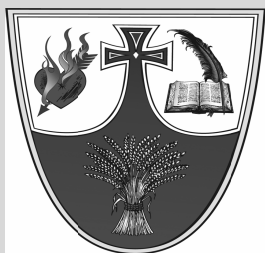
# Lent

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MARCH  
7  
2021

Jesus said, "Destroy this temple  
and in three days I will raise it up."

John 2:19



**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 of Lent**

**March 7, 2021**

I, the LORD, am your God . . . You shall not have other gods besides me. — Exodus 20:2a, 3

**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

**Monday, March 8**

**NO MASS**

**Tuesday, March 9**

**St. Frances of Rome**

**NO MASS**

**Wednesday, March 10**

8:30 a.m. +Richard Garcia by family

**Thursday, March 11**

**NO MASS**

**Friday, March 12**

8:30 a.m. All Souls

**Saturday, March 13**

4:30 p.m. +Carol Popiel Denardo by Class of '75

**Sunday, March 14**

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

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

11:00 a.m. +Thomas Bauhof by family



**Weekly Goal**

\$4,000.00

**February 28**

\$3,056.00

**Children's**

\$6.00

**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>

**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**

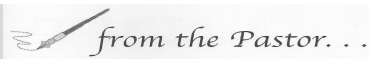
**Rectory Office**.....(440) 934-4227

**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



During this Year of Saint Joseph, the Church has made a plenary indulgence available to all the faithful who satisfy the usual conditions (confession, Eucharist, prayer for the intentions of the Holy Father, a spirit of detachment from sin, and the intention to gain the indulgence for one's self or someone in purgatory), as well as perform one of the prescribed works, as follows:

- Meditate for at least 30 minutes on the Lord's Prayer, or take part in a spiritual retreat of at least one day that includes a meditation on St. Joseph
- Following St. Joseph's example, perform a spiritual or corporal work of mercy
- Recite the Holy Rosary with your family or your fiancé
- Entrust your daily activity to the protection of St. Joseph
- Pray through the intercession of St. Joseph that those seeking work can find dignifying work
- Recite the Litany of St. Joseph for Christians who suffer all forms of persecution
- Recite any prayer or act of piety legitimately approved in honor of St. Joseph, in particular on March 19, May 1, on the 19th of any month, and every Wednesday

This gift of a plenary indulgence extends particularly to the elderly, the sick, the dying, and all those who, for legitimate reasons, are unable to leave their homes, if, detached from all sin and with the intention of fulfilling, as soon as possible, the usual conditions, recite an act of piety in honor of St. Joseph, comfort of the sick and patron of a good death, offering with confidence to God the pains and trials of their life.

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

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4; Lk 4:24-30  
 Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6-7bc, 8-9; Mt. 18:21-35  
 Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19  
 Thursday: Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Lk 11:14-23  
 Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-11ab, 14, 17; Mk 12:28-34  
 Saturday: Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-21ab; Lk 18:9-14  
 Sunday: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Ps 137:1-6; Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21

**CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION**

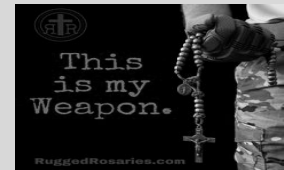
**Next week** our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. Funds from this Collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to vulnerable people here and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the collection and **help Jesus in disguise**. Learn more about the collection at [www.usccb.org/catholic-relief](http://www.usccb.org/catholic-relief).

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

PSR	Tues, Mar 9	6:00 – 7:15 p.m.	PLC Classrooms
Mass	Wed, Mar 10	8:30 a.m.	Church
Eucharistic Adoration	Wed, Mar 10	9:00 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Church
Mass	Fri, Mar 12	8:30 a.m.	Church
Fish Fry	Fri, Mar 12	4:30 – 7:00 p.m.	<b>Drive thru only</b>
Confessions	Sat, Mar 13	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!

**“Since He doesn't force our will, He takes what we give Him; but He doesn't give Himself completely until we give ourselves completely.”**  
 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 Third Sorrowful Mystery – The Crowning with Thorns Jesus suffered the pain of thorns in His head, and did so silently. We pray for the mothers and fathers of aborted children. So many of them suffer deep grief and regret over a choice they can never reverse. So many suffer in silence, because others tell them it's no big deal.

For pro-life novenas visit Priests for Life at [PrayerCampaign.org](http://PrayerCampaign.org)

**ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA “FROZEN” PIEROGI SALE**

We will NOT have cooked Pierogi sales this year. You can however purchase uncooked, frozen pierogi. Call the Parish Office, 440-288-0106, to place an order. Schedule your pick up anytime Monday - Friday between 9 am and 2 pm in the Parish Office. Thank you for your continued support!

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.

**PARISH CLUSTER INFO**

**St. Thomas the Apostle**  
[www.saintthomaschurch.net](http://www.saintthomaschurch.net)  
**St. Anthony**  
[www.stanthonylorain.org](http://www.stanthonylorain.org)



## 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.*



PARISH  
SCHOOL  
OF  
RELIGION

**We thank you, God our heavenly Father, for sending your Holy Spirit to fall on the Confirmandi of St. Anthony and St. Teresa parishes this day.**



### 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.**



FEED THE HUNGRY



**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 19:8, 9, 10, 11**

R. (John 6:68c) Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

**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 John Smith for making the temporary shelters for those taking orders outside during Fish Fry!!

**Set Clocks Ahead**  **....One Hour on Saturday, March 13, 2021**



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**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!**

**POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION - MARCH**  
**Intention for evangelization - Sacrament of reconciliation**  
 "Let us pray that we may experience the sacrament of reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the infinite mercy of God."

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

## Liturgical Ministers Schedule

### Eucharistic Ministers

**Sat, Mar 6**  
**4:30 p.m.**  
Debbie Korce

**Sun, Mar 7**  
**8:30 a.m.**  
Greg Smail (Sue\*\*)

**Sun, Mar 7**  
**11:00 a.m.**  
Lou Varos

**Sat, Mar 13**  
**4:30 p.m.**  
John Katricak \*\*

**Sun, Mar 14**  
**8:30 a.m.**  
Bill Bistak \*\*

**Sun, Mar 14**  
**11:00 a.m.**  
Carol Kirchner

### Lectors

**Sat, Mar 6**  
**4:30 p.m.**  
Tom Pienoski \*\*

**Sun, Mar 7**  
**8:30 a.m.**  
Bruce DiVaccaro

**Sun, Mar 7**  
**11:00 a.m.**  
Tom Parkey

**Sat, Mar 13**  
**4:30 p.m.**  
Ruth Bistak

**Sun, Mar 14**  
**8:30 a.m.**  
Christi Smail

**Sun, Mar 14**  
**11:00 a.m.**  
Lou Varos



### 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

**40 Days for Life - 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. 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!

### **“GAME NIGHT” MARCH MADNESS BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT**

The Knights of Columbus Fr. Ragan Council, No. 3269 will host a basketball game night at their **March 18, 2021** social meeting. The event will be held at Ragan Hall, 1783 Moore Rd., Avon Ohio with doors opening at 6:00 PM. Snacks, light food and beverages will be provided and the social gathering will also include a 50/50 raffle.

**Bring your friends!** This no-cost event provides a good opportunity for interested Catholic men to experience a Knights of Columbus event and meet with active members. **Please RSVP by Saturday, March 13, 2021 (Social distancing and masks are required.)** [Fatherragan@gmail.com](mailto:Fatherragan@gmail.com): subject Game Night.

### **MARCH 2021: CATHOLIC CEMETERIES ASSOCIATION CCA One-Year Anniversary Mass – March 19<sup>th</sup> 10:00am:**

We pray for your peace and consolation and we remember your dearly departed loved ones from the past year in our special One-Year Anniversary Mass. This Mass is celebrated annually on March 19<sup>th</sup>, the feast day of St. Joseph, the patron saint of a happy death. This year’s One-Year Anniversary Mass will be celebrated at 10:00am on March 19, 2020 at Holy Spirit Catholic Church, 4341 E 131st Street, Garfield Heights, OH 44105. For more information contact Rhonda at 216-930-4866 or [rabrams@clecem.org](mailto:rabrams@clecem.org).

### **CCA “IN-OFFICE” GRIEF SUPPORT MARCH 21<sup>ST</sup> 3:00PM:**

This is a Catholic Cemeteries Association free monthly in-office grief support group. The March topics are “Springing Forward/ Easter: Rising Up with Jesus”. We meet the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of every month from 3:00 p.m. at Saint Joseph Cemetery, Avon (NEW office). Please RSVP so we can plan for social distancing. All in attendance must wear facial coverings. RSVP to Rhonda at [rabrams@clecem.org](mailto:rabrams@clecem.org) or 216-930-4866.

### **CCA “Virtual” Grief Support March 21<sup>st</sup> 5:00pm:**

This new support group, hosted via Zoom, will cover the same material as our in-person Sunday Grief Support Groups. The discussion topics are “Springing Forward/ Easter: Rising Up with Jesus”. Registration is free and open to anyone seeking bereavement support. Register for our **virtual meeting** at <http://bit.ly/ccavirtualgriefsupportgroup>.