

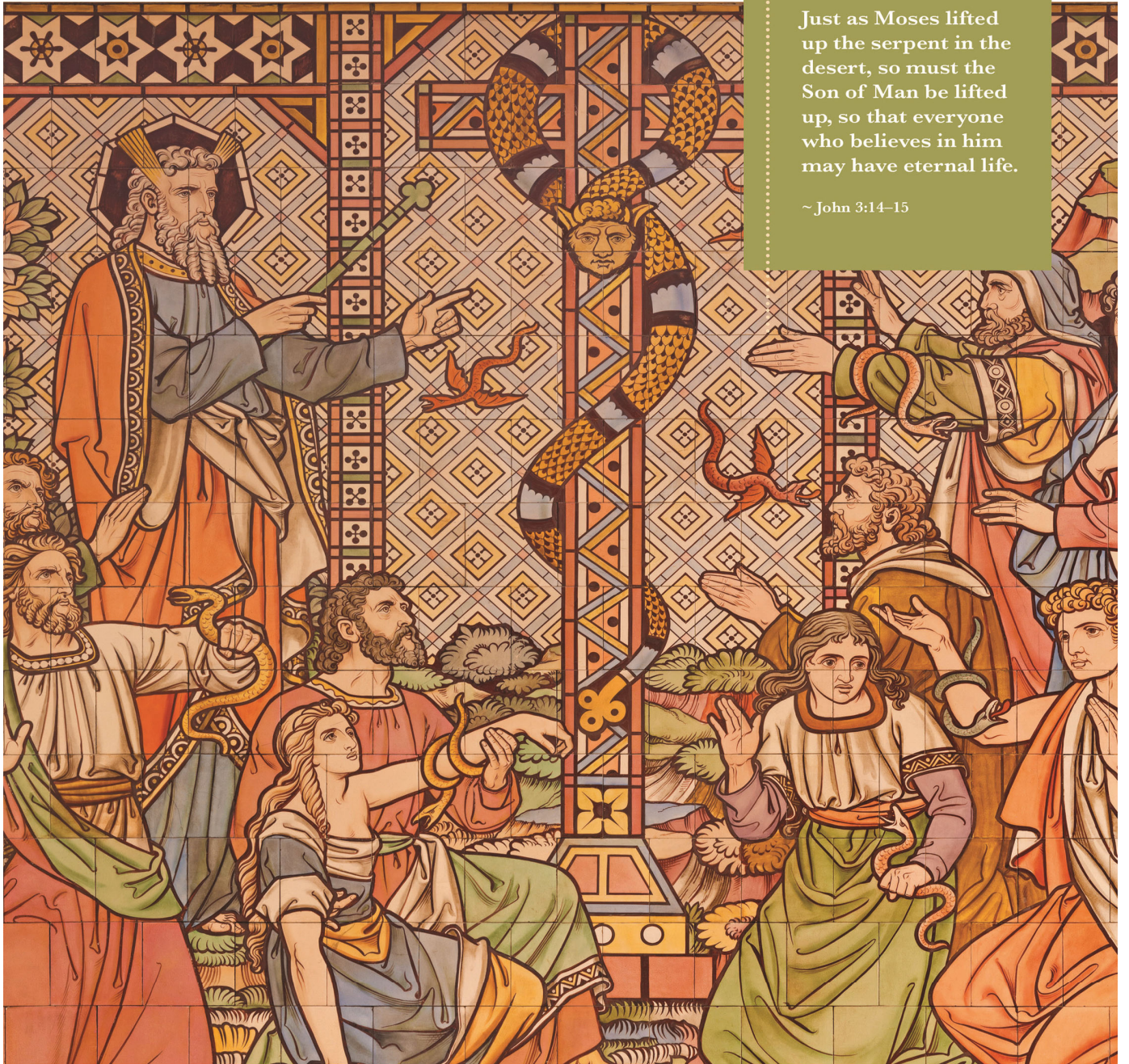
St. Teresa of Avila Parish

1878 Abbe Road Sheffield Village, Ohio 44054

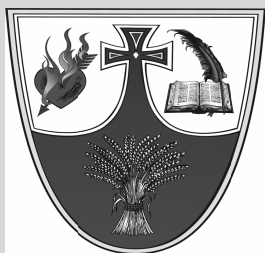
MARCH 14, 2021 | FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life.

~ John 3:14-15



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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 Fourth Sunday of Lent
March 14, 2021**

God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. — John 3:17

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

Monday, March 15

NO MASS

Tuesday, March 16

NO MASS

Wednesday, March 17

8:30 a.m. +Carol Harkleroad by friends

Thursday, March 18 St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop & Dr. of the Church

NO MASS

Friday, March 19

ST. JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BL. VIRGIN MARY

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

Saturday, March 20

4:30 p.m. +Greg Brezinski by family

Sunday, March 21 FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

8:30 a.m. +Jean Ackerman by Herb & Thulma DeChant

11:00 a.m. +Bernadette Mack by family



Weekly Goal	\$4,000.00
March 7	\$3,287.00
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

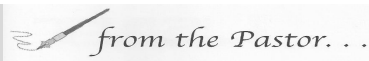
Wed & Fri - 8:30 AM; **Holy Day Vigil, Holy Day and Civic Holidays** - Watch Bulletin

Confessions

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Sat. 3:30 - 4:00 PM or by appointment.

CONTACT US

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Website..... www.stteresaparish.com



Have you ever had the experience of hearing or reading something that you know you have read or heard many times before but didn't really understand the meaning? Then, all of a sudden, the "light comes on" and you understand in a way that you didn't before. We have some of that in the readings for today. Do not just read or hear the words but listen with your heart to the deeper meaning of the following passages. It might take a little more time to absorb the full meaning, but it is worth the effort.

In the First Reading, from the First Book of Samuel (16:1-13), Samuel, a special servant of the God of Israel, is sent on a mission of great importance, to anoint a new king to replace Saul. He looks at the many sons of Jesse to whom God sends him and thinks, to himself, that each would be a fitting replacement; but God has different plans and rejects them all except the last, the youngest. Now Samuel sees what God had in mind, a young man with the confidence and character needed to fill a large role in God's Plan of Salvation.

The Responsorial Psalm, (23:1-6), is the famous "The Lord is My Shepherd" prayer. Even though you might have heard this many times, pause and listen to the words. God is truly a divine shepherd who wishes to take care of each of us as thoroughly as a shepherd takes care of his sheep. Sheep do not have good eyesight and require careful watching for many reasons. God is willing to watch over us, if we let Him and follow His lead.

In the Second Reading, from St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians (5:8-14), Paul uses the symbols of "light" and "darkness" to indicate awareness and ignorance, or even worse, a refusal to listen. If written in today's language, Paul's letter would probably say, "If you are truly Christ's disciple then live according to His teachings. Don't ignore the life and teachings of Jesus Christ; they are our keys to heaven."

The Gospel Reading is from the Gospel of John (9:1-41). Here we have an extensive teaching by Jesus referring to Himself as the Light of the World. We have a blind man who represents all of Judaism from antiquity to the present, who longs to see the Messiah, but is unable because he is looking in the wrong direction, or he is looking for something or someone to fulfill a preconceived need. In this story, the Pharisees, who knew better but who refused to listen, were both deaf and blind to what Jesus was saying and doing. Their minds were not open and their faith was so locked in the earthly teachings of Moses that they failed to see God standing before them in the person of Jesus Christ. The old proverb applies here: "There is no one as blind as he who refuses to see!" During this Lenten Season ask God to help you open your mind and heart to what He is asking of you and what He wants to do through you. Something to think about during your prayer time this week!

Rev. Edward J. Smith, Pastor

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

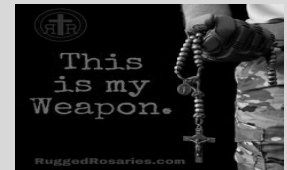
Monday: Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13b; Jn 4:43-54
 Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16
 Wednesday: Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30
 Thursday: Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47
 Friday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rm 4:13:16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a
 Saturday: Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53
 Sunday: Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51:3-4, 12-15; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33

UPCOMING EVENTS

PSR	Tues, Mar 16	6:00 – 7:15 p.m.	PLC Classrooms
Mass	Wed, Mar 17	8:30 a.m.	Church
Eucharistic Adoration	Wed, Mar 17	9:00 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Church
Bible Study	Thurs, Mar 18	7:00 p.m.	Avila Hall
Mass	Fri, Mar 19	8:30 a.m.	Church
Fish Fry	Fri, Mar 19	4:30 – 7:00 p.m.	Drive thru only
Confessions	Sat, Mar 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
 Patrick O'Toole, Catherine Monfort



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.

BUILDING FUND – FEBRUARY 2021

Donations:	\$3,360.00
Monthly Payment	\$3,272.20
Balance Owed	\$316,987.66

Thank you to all who donated to the Building fund!

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

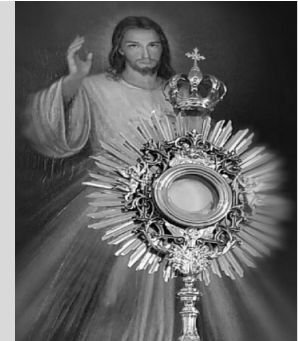
Dinners come with: French Fries, Coleslaw, Roll & Butter and Dessert

\$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

St. Anthony
www.stanthonylorain.org

**There will not be Stations
of the Cross in Church this
year.**

Your family can 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/>

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 March: 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.



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!

COME



God Bless Our Parishioners Confirmed Last Week

- Ashleigh Joyce
- Joseph DeLuca
- Allyson Urban
- Maggie Andorka
- Julie Andorka

Prayer cards are available in the rear of the church.



Sponsored by the Social Concerns and Altar & Rosary Society

Spiritual Adoption of the Unborn

Venerable Archbishop Fulton Sheen promoted the idea of "Spiritual Adoption of the Unborn" – when an individual prays a short prayer every day for nine months to preserve the life of an unborn child.

If you have signed up previously, you do not have to contact us. If you have not participated in the past, send an email to office@stteresaparish.com and you will be added to our email list.

This devotion begins **March 25 (Feast of the Annunciation)** and ends at **Christmas**.
Say this prayer everyday:

“Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I love you very much. I beg you to spare the life of the unborn baby that I have spiritually adopted who is in danger of abortion.”

Prayer of Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen



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 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.catholicstv.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

137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6

R. (6ab) Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!

ST. EDWARD HIGH SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

Ryan Dunn

Way to go Ryan! Keep up the good work!

MASSES AVAILABLE FOR 2021

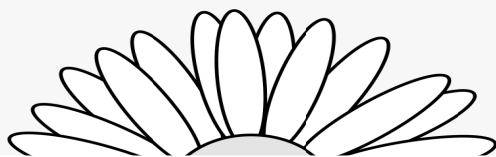
If you would like to schedule a Mass for someone, please call the church office at 440-934-4227.

EASTER FLOWER MEMORIAL ENVELOPES

Please turn your envelopes into the office by March 29. Thank You!

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION

This 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.



THANK YOU -

To all Parishioners who donated to the Lorain County Right to Life's "Bring America Back to Life" campaign in January. We received a beautiful "Thank You" card from John Ciarrone, President of LCRTL.



Please remove Christmas decorations from the cemetery by March 28. Thank You!

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

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."

Liturgical Ministers Schedule

Eucharistic Ministers

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
Sat, Mar 20 4:30 p.m. Joan Gigliotti	Sun, Mar 21 8:30 a.m. Kathy Cunningham	Sun, Mar 21 11:00 a.m. Don Kirchner

Lectors

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
Sat, Mar 20 4:30 p.m. Phil Gigliotti (Wehler*)	Sun, Mar 21 8:30 a.m. Bruce DiVaccaro	Sun, Mar 21 11:00 a.m. Tom Parkey

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

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.

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 or 216-245-9744.

WEBSITES:

www.40daysforlife.com/cleveland, www.40daysforlife.com/painesville,
www.40daysforlife.com/bedfordheights.

CCA "IN-OFFICE" GRIEF SUPPORT MARCH 21ST 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 3rd 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 or 216-930-4866.

CCA "Virtual" Grief Support March 21st 5:00pm:

This new support group, hosted via Zoom, will cover the same material as our in-person Sunday Grief Support Groups. Registration is free and open to anyone seeking bereavement support. Register for our virtual meeting at <http://bit.ly/ccavirtualgriefsupportgroup>.

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, March 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.

DO MORE! BE MORE! LEND A HELPING HAND & JOIN US

Knights of Columbus Council 3269 Avon-Avon Lake-Sheffield Village. As Catholic men, we are called to do more. Since 1882 the Knights of Columbus have helped men answer that call. Your membership connects you with opportunities to make an impact in your community, gives you access to resources to help grow deeper in faith, stay informed about the issues Catholics care about, and meet others. You will also have exclusive access to insurance and financial planning products to help you protect your family. Members have the opportunity to develop lifelong friendships and attend social gatherings and enjoyable events with brother knights and their families. For more information about the Knights of Columbus in Ohio visit: **Become a member online at: kofc.org/joinus. Local email: Fatherragan@gmail.com (Subject: membership).**

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.