

# St. Teresa of Avila Parish

1878 Abbe Road Sheffield Village, Ohio 44054

FIFTH SUNDAY OF

# Lent

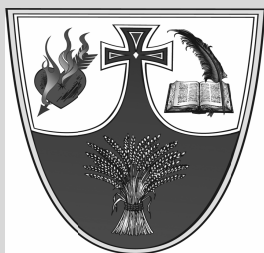
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MARCH  
21  
2021

I will place my law within them  
and write it upon their hearts;  
I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

Jeremiah 31:33



**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 Fifth Sunday of Lent  
March 21, 2021**

I will place my law within them and write it upon their hearts; I will be their God, and they shall be my people. — Jeremiah 31:33

**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

**Monday, March 22**

**NO MASS**

**Tuesday, March 23**

**St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop**

**NO MASS**

**Wednesday, March 24**

8:30 a.m. +Al & Mildred Conrad by Evelyn & Sharon

**Thursday, March 25**

**THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD**

**NO MASS**

**Friday, March 26**

8:30 a.m. living/deceased members of the Wehler family

**Saturday, March 27**

4:30 p.m. Kordich family

**Sunday, March 28 PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD**

8:30 a.m. +Pat Chozinski by Maria & Pete Mutnansky/George & Anna Drda

11:00 a.m. +Marge Jungbluth by Craig & Evelyn



<b>Weekly Goal</b>	\$4,000.00
<b>March 14</b>	\$2,819.54
<b>Children's</b>	\$6.00

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

**EASTER VIGIL CANCELLED AT ST. TERESA CHURCH**

Fr. Smith has had to cancel the Easter Vigil service at our Parish as no musicians are available. Due to the character of this liturgy, and how anticlimactic it would be without music, it will not be held here. Fr. Smith does encourage Parishioners to go to the Easter Vigil at St. Anthony Parish where he will be presiding. That service will be at 8:00 p.m.

**Masses**

**Sunday Vigil** - Saturday 4:30 PM and **Sunday** - 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM

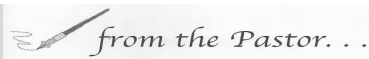
**Wed & Fri** - 8:30 AM; **Holy Day Vigil, Holy Day and Civic Holidays** - Watch Bulletin

**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



As we come to the end of our Lenten journey we begin to hear to the echoes of Holy Week and the Passion of the Christ: **“The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit.”** It is hard to hear those words and not think of the coming passion, death and resurrection of Jesus. The One who came that we might have life and have it to the fullest. The One who even now, just like on the cross, has arms wide open to welcome and embrace us. The One whose heart is filled with love for us. The One who is love itself. The One whom the prophets foretold. The One who would seal the covenant so broken in the past. **“The days are coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant I made with their [ancestors]...for they broke my covenant, ...I will place my [covenant] within them and write it upon their hearts; I will be their God, and they shall be my people.”** (Jeremiah 31)

As we come to the end of our Lenten journey – Palm Sunday a week away and Holy Week right behind – **the question that begs for us to answer is, “what is written in our hearts?”** It is a question that is worthy of a lot more thought than we might first believe. It is a question with many facets. Do I believe I am part of the people of God? Do I love as Jesus did? Do I love as I ought? In fact, what evidence does my life give that this covenant of love is indeed written on my heart? Love of God and our neighbor are the two great commandments. They are at the heart of our Covenant with God.

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



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**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

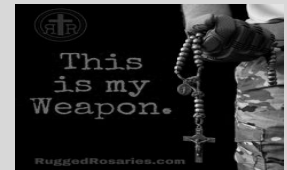
Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 [41c-62]; Ps 23:1-6; Jn 8:1-11  
 Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-21; Jn 8:21-30  
 Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52-56; Jn 8:31-42  
 Thursday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38  
 Friday: Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42  
 Saturday: Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-13; Jn 11:45-56  
 Sunday: Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16 (procession); Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:1 — 15:47 [15:1-39]

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

PSR	Tues, Mar 23	6:00 – 7:15 p.m.	PLC Classrooms
Mass	Wed, Mar 24	8:30 a.m.	Church
Eucharistic Adoration	Wed, Mar 24	9:00 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Church
Bible Study	Thurs, Mar 25	6:30 p.m.	Avila Hall
Mass	Fri, Mar 26	8:30 a.m.	Church
Fish Fry	Fri, Mar 26	4:30 – 7:00 p.m.	<b>Drive thru only</b>
Confessions	Sat, Mar 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, 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**



**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**

**Divine Mercy is Sunday, April 11, 2021**

It is always the Sunday after Easter. Visit the link below to learn more about the GREAT GIFTS OF MERCY being offered to us all! <https://www.thedivinemercy.org/message>.

Prepare for Divine Mercy Sunday (April 11) by **praying the Divine Mercy Novena of Chaplets beginning on Good Friday, April 2, 2021 (ends on April 10)**. Go to <https://www.thedivinemercy.org/message/devotions/novena> for how to pray this Novena.

**DIVINE MERCY SERVICES IN OUR AREA ON APRIL 11**

St. Vincent de Paul Church at 3:00 p.m.

Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary at 3:00 p.m.  
With the Chaplet, Prayers and Benediction

**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>

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**

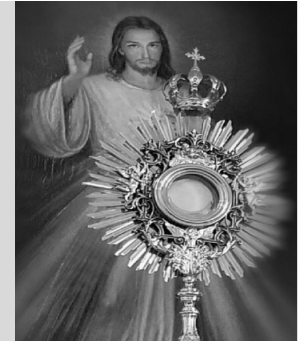
**Dinners come with:** French Fries, Coleslaw, Roll & Butter and Dessert

**\$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)

**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.sttereseparish.com](http://www.sttereseparish.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**  
Join us!

**BIBLE STUDY** has been moved to  
**Thursday, March 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in Avila Hall.**  
We will be watching the movie "*The Passion of the Christ*".  
**All are welcome!**

**PSR (Parish School of Religion)**

Classes continue on Tuesdays from 6:00 – 7:15 p.m.

***There will be no classes on April 6 – have a Blessed Easter!***



PARISH  
SCHOOL  
OF  
RELIGION



**THE ALTAR & ROSARY  
SOCIETY NEWS**

**Our next Altar & Rosary  
Society Mass**

**Sunday, April 11, 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.*



**Holy Thursday (April 1)**

Mass of the Lord's Supper - 7:00 p.m.

**Good Friday (April 2)**

The Passion of the Lord - Noon  
(No Stations of the Cross)

**Holy Saturday (April 3)**

*(There will be no Blessing of Food or Easter Vigil  
at St. Teresa Church)*

**St. Anthony of Padua Church**

Blessing of Food – 11:30 a.m.

Easter Vigil – 8:00 p.m.



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@sttereseparish.com](mailto:office@sttereseparish.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

**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 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8**

R. (7) With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.



**MASSES AVAILABLE FOR 2021**

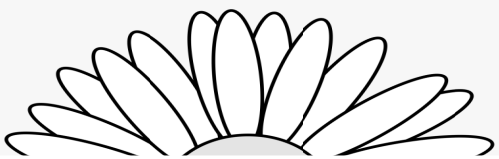
If you would like to schedule a Mass for someone, please call the church office at 440-934-4227.

**EASTER FLOWER MEMORIAL ENVELOPES**

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

**FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS**

Non-perishable food donations (**we do not accept non-food items**) for the Mother Cabrini Food Pantry in Lorain can be brought to the church Easter weekend and placed in the tub in the vestibule. *Thank you for your generosity now and in the past!*



THANK YOU -  
**To all our fish fry helpers! Thank you for going out of your way and being flexible as needed with a schedule that has changed as we've gone along!**



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!*

**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

<b>Sat, Mar 20</b> <b>4:30 p.m.</b> Joan Gigliotti	<b>Sun, Mar 21</b> <b>8:30 a.m.</b> Kathy Cunningham	<b>Sun, Mar 21</b> <b>11:00 a.m.</b> <b>EM Needed</b>
<b>Sat, Mar 27</b> <b>4:30 p.m.</b> Ann Glime	<b>Sun, Mar 28</b> <b>8:30 a.m.</b> Christi Smail	<b>Sun, Mar 28</b> <b>11:00 a.m.</b> Trish MacDonald

### Lectors

<b>Sat, Mar 20</b> <b>4:30 p.m.</b> Phil Gigliotti (Wehler*)	<b>Sun, Mar 21</b> <b>8:30 a.m.</b> Bruce DiVaccaro	<b>Sun, Mar 21</b> <b>11:00 a.m.</b> Tom Parkey
<b>Sat, Mar 27</b> <b>4:30 p.m.</b> A. Augustine (Fitz*)	<b>Sun, Mar 28</b> <b>8:30 a.m.</b> Tom Pienoski	<b>Sun, Mar 28</b> <b>11:00 a.m.</b> Fred Courtright

### EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF HOLY COMMUNION FORMATION SESSIONS

Sessions are FREE and online for 2021. Next class is:  
Thursday, May 20, 2021 from 7 – 9:30 p.m.  
Call the church office at 440-934-4227 by May 14.

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](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).

### **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 [rabraams@clecem.org](mailto:rabraams@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. Registration is free and open to anyone seeking bereavement support. Register for our **virtual meeting** at <http://bit.ly/ccavirtualgriefsupportgroup>.

### **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](http://kofc.org/joinus). Local email: [Fatherragan@gmail.com](mailto:Fatherragan@gmail.com) (Subject: membership).**

### **ROSARY FOR THE UNBORN RESUME IN MAY**

St. Anthony of Padua Church, 1339 E. Erie Ave. in Lorain will not be praying "The Rosary of the Unborn" on the first Saturday of April because of another traditional service: "The Blessing of Food" the day before Easter. **The prayer service for the end to legalized abortions will resume the first Saturday of May.** Thank you.

### **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](http://www.loraincountyrighttolife.org) under Resources and Issues tab.

**Homeless & pregnant?** Call Good Counsel Homes – 800-723-8331, or visit [www.goodcounselhomes.org](http://www.goodcounselhomes.org).

**Hurting from an abortion?** Visit [www.AbortionForgiveness.com](http://www.AbortionForgiveness.com).