

St. Teresa of Avila Parish

1878 Abbe Road Sheffield Village, Ohio 44054



SECOND SUNDAY OF

Easter

(OR OF DIVINE MERCY)

APRIL 11, 2021

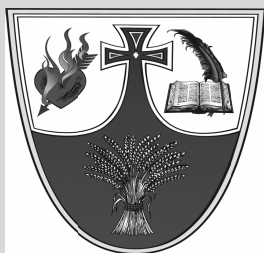
Jesus came and stood in their
midst and said to them,
"Peace be with you."

John 20:19



JESUS I TRUST IN YOU

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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

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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.

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (OR OF DIVINE MERCY)

April 11, 2021

Who indeed is the victor over the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? — 1 John 5:5

Saturday, April 10

4:30 p.m. +Gladys Mackert by Ray & Cathy Fitzwater

Sunday, April 11

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

11:00 a.m. +Mary, John & John, Jr. Botleho by Dan & Theresa Gillotti

Monday, April 12

NO MASS

Tuesday, April 13

St. Martin I, Pope and Martyr

NO MASS

Wednesday, April 14

8:30 a.m. +Arlene Fournier by John & Ella Smith

Thursday, April 15

NO MASS

Friday, April 16

8:30 a.m. the living/deceased of St. Teresa Parish

Saturday, April 17

4:30 p.m. Mike Gall

Sunday, April 18

8:30 a.m. +Carol Harkleroad by Ed & Jo Niemiec

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



Weekly Goal	\$4,000.00
March 28	\$3,494.54
Children's	\$5.00
Easter	\$2,773.00
Misc. Sundays	\$795.00
Children's	\$14.00

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



Masses

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

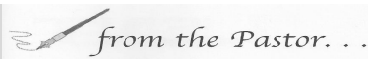
Wed & Fri - 8:30 AM; **Holy Day Vigil, Holy Day and Civic Holidays** - Watch Bulletin

Confessions

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

CONTACT US

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I think that on our best days, we who profess to be Catholic are storytellers. Today I have three stories for you. Two of which we know the ending; the third is a work in progress.

The first story is from Shakespeare's tragedy *King Lear*. It is a complex story, as complex as life, but there is one thread I find particularly memorable. King Lear wants to retire and so devises a practical plan to divide his kingdom among his daughters. His plan is to apportion their inheritance based on their expressed love for him. The oldest daughters, who are as practical as their father, say whatever they have to in order to gain the largest share. The youngest, Cordelia, simply says that she loves her father and nothing more. Lear doesn't consider how the actions of Cordelia's life have written large her love. Lacking the profusion of spoken love, Lear disinherits her believing his retirement years will be better spent with the enthusiastic love of the other two daughters. It is the calculus of a small minded person whose concern is only for himself. Of course, life does not work out as Lear planned. Eventually his two daughters, now holding power and resources, reduce their father to a mad old man wandering around the bogs of England. That is when he encounters Cordelia. Lear is a realist, he expects to receive from her what he knows he deserves. However, contrary to expectation or reason, she does not scold or shame him, but forgives him. She opens up for him the wide world of grace, mercy, and forgiveness. What Cordelia does for Lear, Jesus does for the whole world. But Lear does not pass through the gate into a new world. He descends into the darkness of his own small, disintegrating world. It is a Shakespearean tragedy.

My second story comes from today's gospel and our encounter with "Doubting Thomas." The scene opens with Jesus appearing among the disciples although Thomas is not with them. Interestingly no one among them says "Welcome back" or "We knew it," or even "What took you so long?" No one anticipates Jesus' return. Did they doubt or disbelieve? Scripture does not say. Upon his return Thomas does not believe, openly declaring he will not believe unless he places his finger in the wounds of Jesus. And so we label him "Doubting Thomas." But I wonder why Thomas wasn't there the first time? Is his disbelief consistent with what we know about Thomas? This is the same Thomas who otherwise is depicted in the Gospel according to John as authentic, straight-forward, sincere, and even courageous. There is something terribly pragmatic about Thomas and he is no retiring wall flower. In the Gospels, you know what he is thinking. And in this case you know what he disbelieves. When the other disciples were cowering in fear in the Upper Room, Thomas was not there among them. We don't know where he was, but I'm guessing that the ever practical Thomas was getting on with his life, figuring out what was coming next and getting on with it. Thomas is, first and foremost, a realist. His world is shrinking to the practical matter of taking care of himself. One week later, everything changes. What changes for Thomas is the world, his reality, or at least his perception of this life. "*Peace be with you.*" Then he said to Thomas, "*Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe.*" Jesus uses Thomas' own mocking words, not to humiliate or scold him, but simply to confront him with the possibility that his reality was too small, his vision of what is possible too limited. When Jesus calls him to faith, to trust, Thomas is being invited into a much wider, larger world of newness, new life, and new possibilities. And Thomas passes through the open gate of mercy, reconciliation and forgiveness. Thomas now knows what is possible for God. It is no Shakespearean tragedy, but a Gospel story of redemption and healing.

The third story is still in progress. It is the story of our lives. It is not a story about our doubts, but a cautionary tale about the world we perceive. Are we small-world Catholics who are governed by limitations and tempted to justify that with a layer of "pragmatic realism" – *we'll always have the homeless*. Is the vision of our world defined by failure instead of possibility, governed by scarcity instead of abundance, ruled by remembered offenses rather than by forgiveness, reconciliation, and mercy? Are there relationships we are about to give up on, disappointments we can't seem to get over, the wrongs we have done – or have been done to us. These are the markers of a small and shrinking world. Easter and the Resurrection is Christ holding open for us the gateway to a bigger world. A world where relationships can be restored, disappointments dissolved into new Hope, the old wrongs forgiven, and all things can be raised to new life.

How will your story end? Tragedy or Redemption? Darkness or eternal light? Limits or the possibility of all things? It is your story to write, to choose the madness of Lear or to proclaim with Thomas, "*My Lord and My God.*"

Rev. Edward J. Smith, Pastor

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 4:23-31; Ps 2:1-3, 4-9; Jn 3:1-8
 Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Jn 3:7b-15
 Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-9; Jn 3:16-21
 Thursday: Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20; Jn 3:31-36
 Friday: Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15
 Saturday: Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; Jn 6:16-21
 Sunday: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; Ps 4:2, 4, 7-9; 1 Jn 2:1-5a; Lk 24:35-48



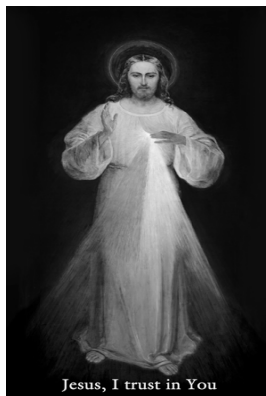
**Remember
CATHOLIC PROGRAMMING**



The Spring Spirit Drive at AM 1260 The Rock! It's that time again! The Spring Spirit Drive is coming to listener-supported AM 1260 The Rock: **Wednesday, April 21st-Friday, April 23rd**. Debbie Georgianni from EWTN's "Take 2 with Jerry and Debbie" will lead us for three days of inspiring conversation, special guests, and your invitation to support this vital apostolate! In this great Year of St. Joseph, we are entrusting this pledge drive to his intercession! From our premiums to the items in our drawing, St. Joseph will be prominent throughout the week. We look forward to St. Joseph's assistance as we interact with our wonderful listeners and donors over the course of the Spirit Drive! Tune in Wednesday April 21st through Friday April 23rd for all the fun and festivities. You don't have to wait for the Pledge Drive to support Catholic radio. Visit www.am1260therock.com and click on the orange "Donate Now" tab in the upper right corner or call us at 216-227-1260. May God bless you for your generosity!!

PRO-LIFE MEDITATIONS OF THE ROSARY

The Second Glorious Mystery – The Ascension By ascending to the Father's throne, Christ takes our human nature, given to us in the womb, to the heights of heaven. He shows us that human beings are made to be raised to heaven, not thrown in the garbage. Let us pray that the world may learn this truth and reject abortion. For pro-life novenas visit Priests for Life at PrayerCampaign.org



Jesus, I trust in You

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>.

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

**Approach the Fount of Life
from the Diary of St. Faustina**

Meditation:
I desire that the first Sunday after Easter be the Feast of Mercy (*Diary*, 299).

Ask of my faithful servant [Father Sopocko] **that, on this day, he tell the whole world of My great mercy; that whoever approaches the Fount of Life on this day will be granted complete remission of sins and punishment. Mankind will not have peace until it turns with trust to My mercy** (*Diary*, 300).

My Prayer Response:
"Mankind so needs to understand and accept Divine Mercy" (John Paul II, posthumous Divine Mercy Sunday message, April 3, 2005). Lord Jesus, help us to believe in the promise You made about Mercy Sunday and turn to Your mercy with trust.

The words of Jesus appear in boldface



"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

St. Anthony's perpetual Adoration Chapel is behind the church.



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PARISH NEWS

Visit Our Website! 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 – Everyone welcome!

Thursdays in April: 15th and 22nd
at 7:00 p.m. in Avila Hall.

PSR (Parish School of Religion)

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

First Holy Communion takes place Saturday, May 1, 2021



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.

ST. ANTHONY SCHOOL (4) PERSON GOLF SCRAMBLE

Thunderbird Hills – South Course

(1316 Mudbrook Rd., Huron, Ohio 44839)

Saturday, May 22, 2021

Tee times begin at 8:00 a.m. (you will be contacted week of 5/9)

Entry fee is \$340 per team and includes 18 Holes of Golf, Cart, Breakfast, Snack at the Turn, Post Round Lunch, Skill Shots, and Skins

All forms and money must be received by May 7. Make checks payable to St. Anthony and mail to St. Anthony School Golf Outing, 1339 E. Erie Avenue, Lorain, Ohio 44052

Questions? Visit www.stanthonylorain.org, email Chriss or Jenny at pogorelcj@stanthonylorain.com or call/text 440-320-6167.

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 the **weekend of May 1 & 2** and placed in the tub in the vestibule. *Thank you for your generosity now and in the past!*

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 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 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

118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24

R. (1) Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

Let the house of Israel say,
"His mercy endures forever."

Let the house of Aaron say,
"His mercy endures forever."

Let those who fear the LORD say,
"His mercy endures forever." (R)

I was hard pressed and was falling,
but the LORD helped me.
My strength and my courage is the LORD,
and he has been my savior.
The joyful shout of victory
in the tents of the just: (R)

The stone which the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone.
By the LORD has this been done;
it is wonderful in our eyes.
This is the day the LORD has made;
let us be glad and rejoice in it. (R)

PRINCE
of PEACE
Light of
the World
King of
KINGS
Holy One
JESUS CHRIST
Wonderful
Counselor
Emmanuel
The Way the
Truth & Life
Alpha &
Omega
Lamb of God
Mosaic
Bread of Life
Savior
JEHOVAH
Strong One
Lord of
LORDS

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.

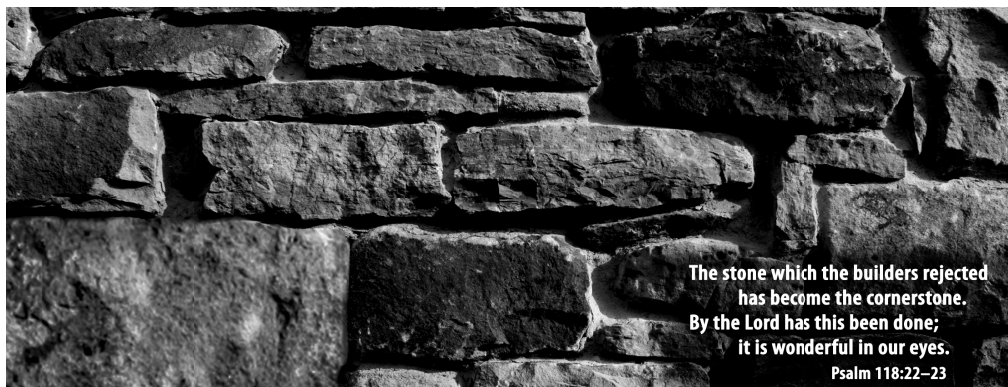
3. **All parishioners should be mindful of social distancing when sitting in pews and in the communion line.** Families may sit together, but must maintain social distancing between their family and others throughout the celebration of Mass.

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!**



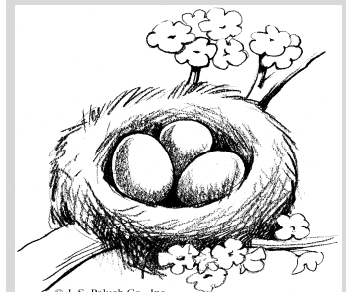
MASSES AVAILABLE FOR 2021

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

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION - APRIL

Universal Intention – Fundamental Rights

We pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes and even in democracies in crisis.



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Liturgical Ministers Schedule

Eucharistic Ministers

Sat, Apr 10
4:30 p.m.
Ann Glime

Sun, Apr 11
8:30 a.m.
Greg Smail

Sun, Apr 11
11:00 a.m.
Fred Courtright

Sat, Apr 17
4:30 p.m.
John Katricak **

Sun, Apr 18
8:30 a.m.
Bill Bistak **

Sun, Apr 18
11:00 a.m.
Trish MacDonald

Lectors

Sat, Apr 10
4:30 p.m.
Tom Pienoski

Sun, Apr 11
8:30 a.m.
Frank Lanza

Sun, Apr 11
11:00 a.m.
Lou Varos

Sat, Apr 17
4:30 p.m.
Andrew Augustine

Sun, Apr 18
8:30 a.m.
Christi Smail

Sun, Apr 18
11:00 a.m.
Tom Parkey



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.

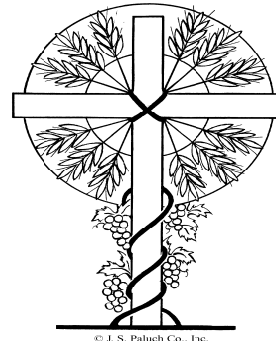
Around the Town

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).**

ROSARY FOR THE UNBORN WILL 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 Saturday, May 1.** *Thank you.*



"A TASTE OF ITALY DINNERS" TAKEOUT DINNERS

On **Wednesday, April 14th, 4-6:30 PM**, **Father Ragan Council** will be preparing. Each dinner will include lasagna, side of pasta, meatballs, rolls and butter, salad and dessert. The meals can be picked up at Ragan Hall, 1783 Moore Road (next to BJ's). Cost is \$10 per meal, cash or check payable to "Father Ragan Charitable Foundation." There will be a drive through pickup and the meals will be delivered to your car. It is preferred that you reserve the meals in advance by April 12, 5 PM, however, impromptu pickups are acceptable based on availability. For advanced orders or questions please contact: Jim at 440-865-9668/ sunbeam.gardens@gmail.com or John at 440-725-7369 / john.pabin@gmail.com

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.