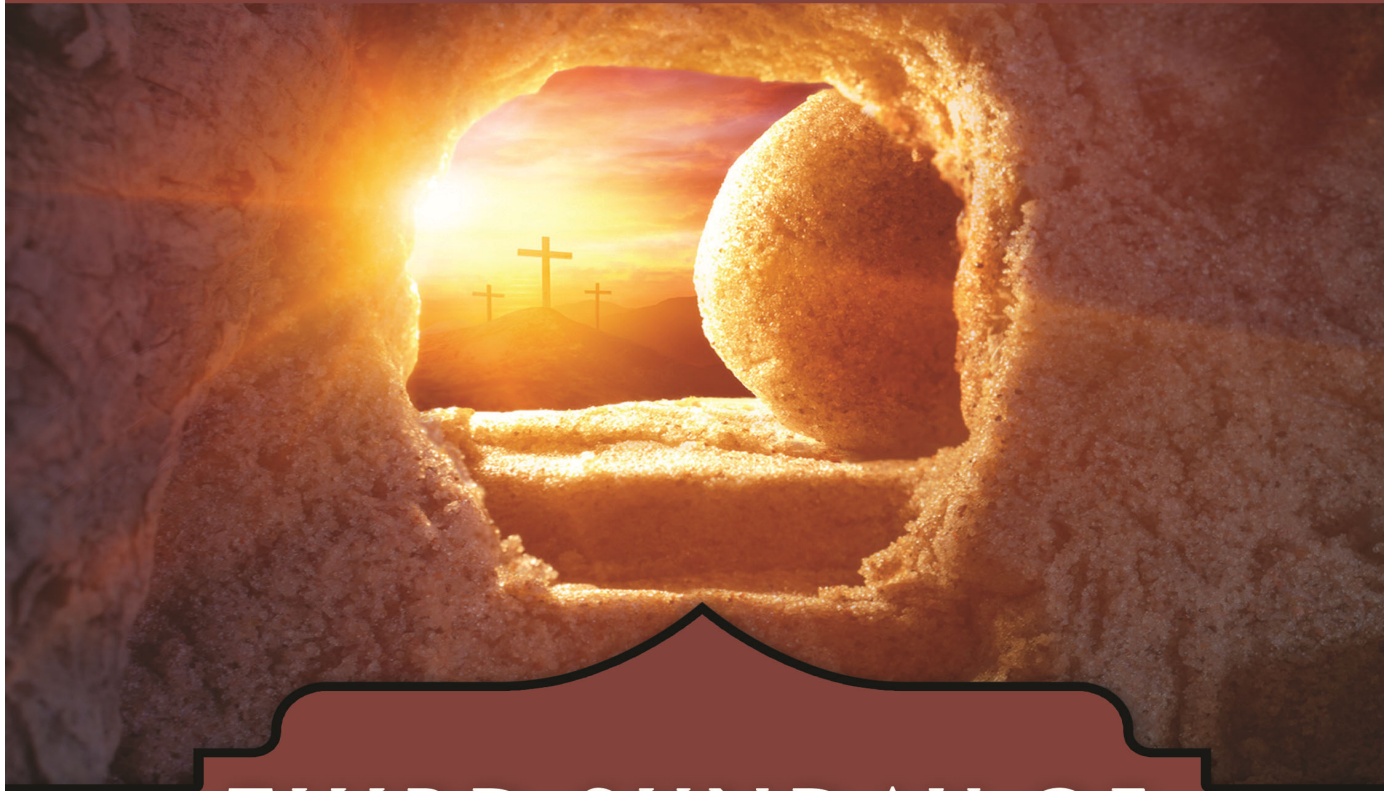


# St. Teresa of Avila Parish

1878 Abbe Road Sheffield Village, Ohio 44054



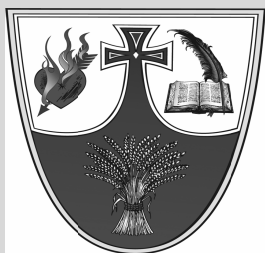
THIRD SUNDAY OF

*Easter*

APRIL 18, 2021

Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer  
and rise from the dead on the third day  
and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins,  
would be preached in his name to all the nations.

Luke 24:46-47



**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.

**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**April 18, 2021**

You alone, O LORD, bring security to my dwelling. — Psalm 4:9

**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

**Monday, April 19**

**NO MASS**

**Tuesday, April 20**

**NO MASS**

**Wednesday, April 21**

**St. Anselm, Bishop & Doctor of the Church**

8:30 a.m. All Souls

**Thursday, April 22**

**NO MASS**

**Friday, April 23**

**St. George, Martyr**

8:30 a.m. +Mike Graziano by family

**Saturday, April 24**

**St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest & Martyr**

4:30 p.m. Mike Gall

**Sunday, April 25**

8:30 a.m. +Jean Ackerman by Fred & Peg Long

11:00 a.m. +Don Kirchner by John & Ella Smith



<b>Weekly Goal</b>	\$4,000.00
<b>April 11</b>	\$2,808.00
<b>Children's</b>	\$5.00
<b>Easter</b>	\$1,530.00

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

**CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL**

Next week we will take up the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Today, over 40% of dioceses in the United States and its territories are unable to fund the essential pastoral work their communities need. Your support of this appeal helps them meet these faith formation and sacramental needs. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal.

More information can be found at [www.usccb.org/home-missions](http://www.usccb.org/home-missions).

**Masses**

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

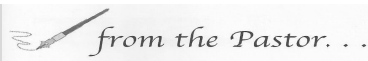
**Wed & Fri** - 8:30 AM; **Holy Day Vigil, Holy Day and Civic Holidays** - Watch Bulletin

**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



“Seeing and believing” is the question at the core of many of the readings and gospels during the Easter season. How much do we need to see in order to believe? Last week the Apostle Thomas declared he would not believe until he saw and touched the risen Lord. In this week’s gospel, Jesus says, *“And why do questions arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me and see, because a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you can see I have.”* And as he said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. They were still incredulous for joy and were amazed.”

It is the human demand that we see something before we believe something...unless, of course, it has to do with technology. Why do so many people find technology so believable and God so unbelievable? Maybe it is because technology is useful to us, it’s impersonal and so we are not required to emotionally invest in it, and we think we can control it. God can’t be controlled, asks of us a deeply personal relationship in which we are invested, can makes demands of us, and those demands are often not useful or convenient. Besides, how could God possibly know me, really know me? How could Christ possibly love me, have died for me and my sins? How could God pick me out of a crowd of a million or a billion people – and love me? You know what? I’ll believe it when I see it. And there’s the rub. It’s our need to see, to know, to experience something very personal in the One who is both Lord and Savior.

For millennia we have continued to tell the story of Easter, so that in the telling of the story, you might begin to know Jesus. Did you know that not one single Resurrection story involved a stranger? Not once did the Risen Christ appear to someone who did not know him, someone who would not recognize in him something very personal...the sound of his voice (Mary Magdalene), the wounds in his hands (Thomas), the compassion in his eyes (John), the experience of forgiveness (Peter). It is all there in the stories of Jesus, right there in the Bible for us to read.

Maybe that should be your next book to read. Spoiler alert: the good guys win, the world is saved, and the hero of the story can pick you out of a crowd of billions and billions – and love you, forgive you, and want to be with you for all eternity. You should get to know the hero of this story. It is as the Apostle John wrote: *“Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that through this belief you may have life in his name.”*

Read the greatest story ever told. Come to know the One who really knows you, and really loves you. God promises that in the knowing you will come to believe, and through belief you will have eternal life.

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

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

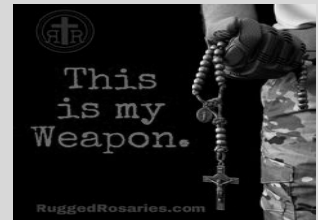
Monday: Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30; Jn 6:22-29  
 Tuesday: Acts 7:51 — 8:1a; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 7b, 8a, 17, 21ab; Jn 6:30-35  
 Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-7a; Jn 6:35-40  
 Thursday: Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:44-51  
 Friday: Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59  
 Saturday: Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-17; Jn 6:60-69  
 Sunday: Acts 4:8-12; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29; 1 Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

PSR	Tues, Apr 20	6:00 – 7:15 p.m.	PLC Classrooms
Mass	Wed, Apr 21	8:30 a.m.	Church
Eucharistic Adoration	Wed, Apr 21	9 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Church
Bible Study	Thurs, Apr 22	7:00 p.m.	Avila Hall
Mass	Fri, Apr 23	8:30 a.m.	Church
Confessions	Sat, Apr 24	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

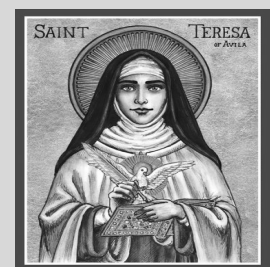


**FAMILY AND FRIENDS SERVING OUR COUNTRY:**

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!

**“Faith and the love of pleasing God make possible what to natural reason is not possible.”** St. Teresa of Avila



**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 23<sup>rd</sup>**. 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 21<sup>st</sup> through Friday April 23<sup>rd</sup> for all the fun and festivities. You don't have to wait for the Pledge Drive to support Catholic radio. Visit [www.am1260therock.com](http://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 Third Glorious Mystery – The Descent of the Holy Spirit The Holy Spirit is the Advocate: He pleads our cause, for we cannot save ourselves. We pray that He will make us advocates for the babies, who cannot speak or write or vote or protest or even pray.

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



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**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](http://www.stanthonylorain.org), email Chriss or Jenny at [pogorelcj@stanthonylorain.com](mailto:pogorelcj@stanthonylorain.com) or call/text 440-320-6167.



*"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)

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



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## 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 – Everyone welcome!

Thursdays in April: 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>  
 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, May 9, 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.

## Thank You so much!

### Thanks to everyone who worked and supported our Lenten fish dinners!

It was a great success considering the circumstances of the pandemic. We averaged 517 meals per week for the drive thru with minimal workers and followed the COVID-19 guidelines. Our workers were very flexible when it was necessary to change work schedules and I very much appreciate that. Our hearts go out to Carol Kirchner for her loss of her husband, Don, who cleaned and breaded perch for many years. **Thanks to everyone who supported us!**  
*Carol Younkof*

### 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@stteresaparish.com](mailto: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



**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.catholicstv.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**

**4:2, 4, 7-8, 9**

**R. (7a) Lord, let your face shine on us.**

**BUILDING FUND – MARCH 2021**

Donations:	\$1,285.00
Monthly Payment	\$3,272.20
Balance Owed	\$315,218.51

**Thank you to all who donated to the Building fund!**

**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): **3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month from 4:00 – 5:30 p.m.**

**The next distribution of food will be Wednesday, April 21, 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](mailto:outreach@sslcs.org).

**DOUBLE YOUR DONATION TO FEED HUNGRY FAMILIES:**

**SVDP “Race For Hunger Relief” Matching Gift Campaign**

This past year during the pandemic, **St. Vincent de Paul Society** hunger centers served **9,260 NEW people** who found themselves in need of emergency food for the very first time (this is in addition to the other 120,000 people that SVDP normally serves). Please help by donating to this matching gift campaign today. Not only will your contribution be **doubled**, but **every dollar of your gift will feed up to four people**. Donate at [svdpcle.org](http://svdpcle.org) or send a check to: SVDP Race for Hunger Relief, 1404 E. 9<sup>th</sup> Street-3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Cleveland, OH 44114.

**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.

**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!**



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## Liturgical Ministers Schedule

### Eucharistic Ministers

<b>Sat, Apr 17</b> <b>4:30 p.m.</b> John Katricak **	<b>Sun, Apr 18</b> <b>8:30 a.m.</b> Bill Bistak **	<b>Sun, Apr 18</b> <b>11:00 a.m.</b> Trish MacDonald
<b>Sat, Apr 24</b> <b>4:30 p.m.</b> Joan Gigliotti (Wehler*)	<b>Sun, Apr 25</b> <b>8:30 a.m.</b> Kathy Cunningham	<b>Sun, Apr 25</b> <b>11:00 a.m.</b> Lou Varos

### Lectors

<b>Sat, Apr 17</b> <b>4:30 p.m.</b> Andrew Augustine	<b>Sun, Apr 18</b> <b>8:30 a.m.</b> Christi Smail	<b>Sun, Apr 18</b> <b>11:00 a.m.</b> Tom Parkey
<b>Sat, Apr 24</b> <b>4:30 p.m.</b> Phil Gigliotti	<b>Sun, Apr 25</b> <b>8:30 a.m.</b> Bruce DiVaccaro	<b>Sun, Apr 25</b> <b>11:00 a.m.</b> Fred Courtright



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

### **ZELIE'S HOME INAUGURAL BIRDIES FOR BABIES GOLF SCRAMBLE**

You are invited to golf for a cause at Zelig's Home Inaugural Birdies for Babies Golf Scramble on Sunday, June 13th at Shale Creek Golf Club in Medina, Ohio. All proceeds support our home in Garfield Heights serving pregnant and parenting women and their children. You can be a part of changing lives two at a time! \$150 per golfer / \$600 per foursome. Fees include 18 Holes, Cart, Lunch, All-American Cookout Dinner, Beverages and Raffle opportunities. For more information, visit our website at [www.zelieshome.org/events/birdiesforbabies](http://www.zelieshome.org/events/birdiesforbabies) or contact Erin Hathaway at [executivedirector@zelieshome.org](mailto:executivedirector@zelieshome.org).

**HOUSE OF LORETO IS HIRING** nurses for all three shifts, full time, or part time, RNs or LPNs. Want to work for a ministry that values your talent and ability? Grow your career with the best support, resources, and team. **Call today 330-453-8137 or email [loreto1955@neohio.twcbc.com](mailto:loreto1955@neohio.twcbc.com)**

### **CCA GRIEF SUPPORT APRIL 18<sup>TH</sup> "IN-OFFICE" AT 3:00PM (RSVP REQUIRED) AND "VIRTUAL" AT 5:00PM**

Catholic Cemeteries Association's monthly grief support group is free. On April 18<sup>th</sup> choose either format: In-Office(3pm) and Virtually(5pm). The April topics are "Mother's Day Grief" and "Renewed Hope in the Midst of Grief". **Our Grief Support Groups meet the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of every month.** In-Office 3-4pm at **Saint Joseph Cemetery, Avon (office) – 32789 Detroit Rd, Avon, OH.** An RSVP is required to attend and all in attendance must wear protective facial coverings. To RSVP or for questions, please contact Rhonda at [rabrams@clecem.org](mailto:rabrams@clecem.org) or 216-930-4866. Virtual 5-6pm via Zoom. Sign-up for at <http://bit.ly/ccavirtualgriefsupportgroup> to receive login information and the handout materials or contact Rhonda at [rabrams@clecem.org](mailto:rabrams@clecem.org) or at 216-930-4866.