

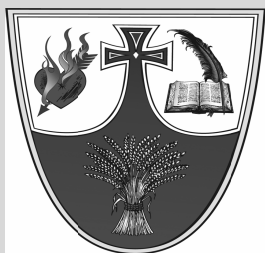
St. Teresa of Avila Parish

1878 Abbe Road Sheffield Village, Ohio 44054

Congratulations On Your First Holy Communion



Saturday, May 1, 2021



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.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 2, 2021

Let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth. — 1 John 3:18

Saturday, May 1 St. Joseph the Worker

4:30 p.m. for the First Communicants

Sunday, May 2

8:30 a.m. +Joanne Marchant by Scarlett Joanne Parker & family

11:00 a.m. +Emily, James, & James McNabb, Jr. by Dan & Theresa Gillotti

Monday, May 3 Sts. Philip and James, Apostles

NO MASS

Tuesday, May 4

NO MASS

Wednesday, May 5

8:30 a.m. +Don Kirchner by Bruce & Sue DiVaccaro

Thursday, May 6 National Day of Prayer - USA

NO MASS

Friday, May 7

8:30 a.m. All Souls

Saturday, May 8

4:30 p.m. +Pat Chozinski by Maria & Pete Mutnansky/George & Anna Drda

Sunday, May 9

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

11:00 a.m. living/deceased Mothers of St. Teresa Parish



Weekly Goal	\$4,000.00
April 25	\$2,402.00
Easter	\$100.00
Home Mission	\$113.00

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

OFFICE OF CATECHETICAL SERVICES COLLECTION

The Diocese of Cleveland special collection for the Office of Catechetical Services will take place **May 8 & 9, 2021**. This collection supports the evangelizing mission of the Church through faith formation for adults, teens and children, family-based faith formation, the ongoing formation of Parish Catechetical Leaders and catechists, and Newman Catholic Campus Ministries which provides opportunities for college students to deepen and share their faith through prayer, worship, community, Bible studies, retreats and service. *Please be generous.*

Masses

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

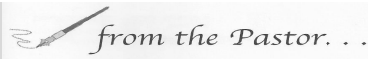
Wed & Fri - 8:30 AM; **Holy Day Vigil, Holy Day and Civic Holidays** - Watch Bulletin

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



Saint Francis of Assisi was a man who was serious about his Catholicism. One of the less emphasized aspects of his life was his dedication to the Eucharist. This fact has been on my mind this week as we celebrate the 1st communion of our 2nd graders this weekend. In his final words to his followers, the most pressing issue on the mind of Saint Francis was not poverty, not chastity, not obedience, but proper reverence for the Eucharist. He was more incensed by dirty altar linens and unclean chalices than mistreatment of the poor or breaches of the peace. In fact, Saint Francis was an innovator in the area of Eucharistic piety, insisting upon the importance of genuflecting at the elevation of the Host at a time when priests were only required to bow. The bottom line is that proper respect for the Eucharist was a cornerstone of his own faith, and he believed it was essential for all Catholics to embrace this as well.

How reverent are we when we come into the Eucharistic presence of our Lord? Do we come before the Eucharist with reverence and awe, as our 2nd graders will when receiving their 1st communion? Do we appreciate the indescribable and undeserved gift that is God, Himself, given to us under the appearance of bread and wine? Do we genuflect when we come into the presence of Christ before entering our Church pew? Do we chew gum or eat candy at Mass before receiving our Eucharistic Lord? Do we honor the 1 hour Eucharistic fast before receiving communion (yes, that's right, that is still an expectation for all Catholics...we should not eat 1 hour before reception of communion to show our hunger for God)? Do we attempt to receive communion in our hands while trying to juggle our children, purses, umbrellas, coats, hats, etc. (Remember the ordinary option for reception of communion is still on the tongue)? All of this shows whether we understand, appreciate, and have reverence for the Eucharist. May we all have the reverential spirit of Saint Francis of Assisi when approaching our Eucharistic Lord.

Rev. Edward J. Smith, Pastor

God Bless our First Holy Communicants!

Leah Brezinski Kelly Larson
Nicholas Palmer



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

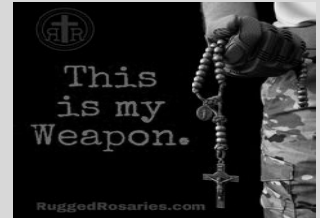
Monday: 1 Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19:2-5; Jn 14:6-14
 Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-13ab, 21; Jn 14:27-31a
 Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-5; Jn 15:1-8
 Thursday: Acts 15:7-21; Ps 96:1-3, 10; Jn 15:9-11
 Friday: Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-10, 12; Jn 15:12-17
 Saturday: Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-3, 5; Jn 15:18-21
 Sunday: Acts 10:25-36, 34-35, 44-48; Ps 98:1-4; 1 Jn 4:7-10 or 1 Jn 4:11-16;
 Jn 15:9-17 or Jn 17:11b-19

UPCOMING EVENTS

PSR	Tues, May 4	6:00 – 7:15 p.m.	PLC Classrooms
Mass	Wed, May 5	8:30 a.m.	Church
Eucharistic Adoration	Wed, May 5	9 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Church
Bible Study	Thurs, May 6	7:00 p.m.	Avila Hall
Mass	Fri, May 7	8:30 a.m.	Church
Confessions	Sat, May 8	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, Denise Scaglione
 Patrick O'Toole, Catherine Monfort
 Karen Davis



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.

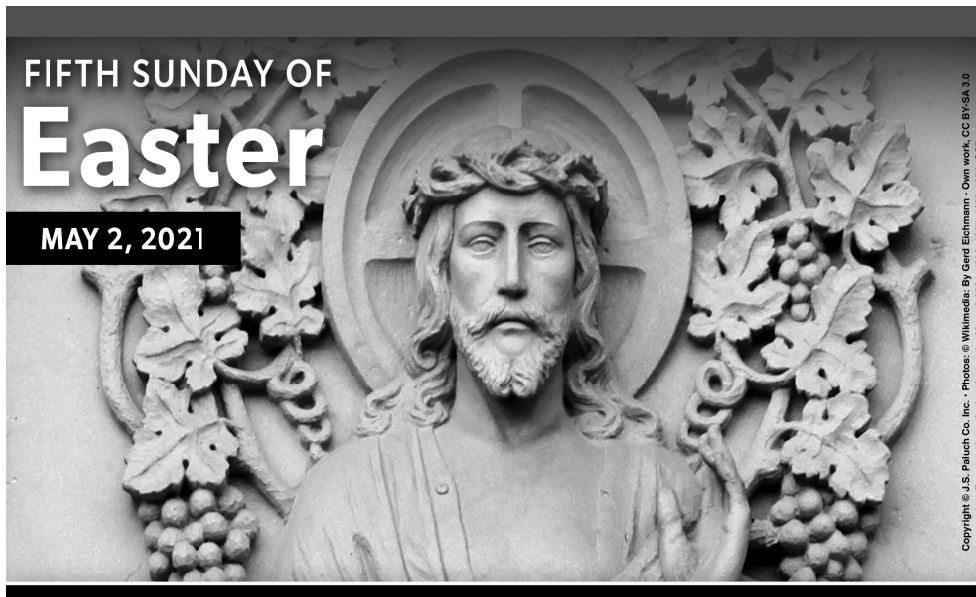
HOSPITAL CALLS

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!

"Love is the genuine fruit of prayer when prayer is rooted in humility." St. Teresa of Avila



I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in them will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing.

John 15:5



PRO-LIFE MEDITATIONS OF THE ROSARY

The Fifth Glorious Mystery – The Coronation Mary is the Queen of the Universe. The Church teaches that she is the greatest creature, second only to God Himself. The Church defends the dignity of women. We pray that people will understand that to be pro-life means to be pro-woman, and that to be pro-woman demands that we be pro-life.

For pro-life novenas visit Priests for Life at PrayerCampaign.org

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.



“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.



PARISH NEWS

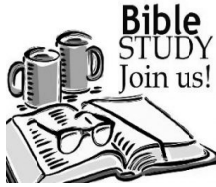
Visit Our Website! www.stteresaparish.com

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 – Everyone welcome!

Thursdays in May: 6th & 20th
at 7:00 p.m. in Avila Hall.

PSR (Parish School of Religion)

Classes continue on Tuesdays from 6:00 – 7:15 p.m.
Last class is Tuesday, May 11.



**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!

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32

R. (26a) I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

MASSES AVAILABLE FOR 2021

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

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 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**

This is a fund set up by the Social Concerns Committee that may provide help with groceries, medicine, and utility bills for those parishioners in need during this difficult time,
“Helping Hands Fund”

**Please contact the parish
office at 934-4227**

**Monday through Friday
between 9a.m. – 3p.m.**

*All information is kept
confidential.*

Shower for Mary May 2021 Collection



It is once again time for the May **Birthright Shower for Mary**

The items below are of particular need at this time:

- * Diapers— size preemie to 6
- * Gerber Gentle formula
- * Cotton baby sleepers size newborn to 12 months
- * Baby outfits size 0-9 months
- * Receiving blankets

Other baby items given at time of the December collection are also welcome, as well as gently used clothing (preemie to size 8), coats, sheets, blankets, etc.

Place your donations in front of the St. Joseph altar in the church.

A Baby Bottle Collection will NOT be done this year.

However, if you would like to donate to Birthright please make the check out to “St. Teresa of Avila Church” with *Birthright* or *Shower for Mary* in memo. Please mark the envelope with “Shower for Mary” and either mail or put the envelope in the collection at Mass.

The collection will be done during the entire month of May.

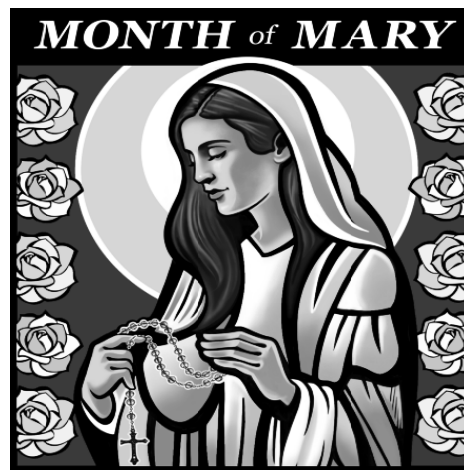
LOOKING FOR A COMPASSIONATE CAREGIVER

Looking for a compassionate caregiver for our elderly mom (parishioner). Care includes companionship, light housekeeping, and meal preparation. Pay is negotiable. Please call for details to 216-316-6659 or 440-242-1747.

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!



Liturgical Ministers Schedule

Eucharistic Ministers

Sat, May 1 4:30 p.m. Ann Glime (Fitzwater)	Sun, May 2 8:30 a.m. Greg Smail	Sun, May 2 11:00 a.m. Fred Courtright
Sat, May 8 4:30 p.m. Debbie Korce	Sun, May 9 8:30 a.m. Christi Smail	Sun, May 9 11:00 a.m. Trish MacDonald

Lectors

Sat, May 1 4:30 p.m. Andrew Augustine	Sun, May 2 8:30 a.m. Tom Pienoski	Sun, May 2 11:00 a.m. Tom Parkey
Sat, May 8 4:30 p.m. Tom Pienoski **	Sun, May 9 8:30 a.m. Frank Lanza	Sun, May 9 11:00 a.m. Lou Varos



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

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 or contact Erin Hathaway at 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**

CALVARY CEMETERY- PRE-PLANNING SEMINAR

The Catholic Cemeteries Association invites you to attend a 1-hour pre-planning seminar on **Saturday, May 15, 2021**, at 1 p.m. Please join us to learn about your Catholic burial options, including options for cremated remains. We kindly ask that you RSVP to this event so we can make arrangements for proper social distancing. Attendees are required to wear a facial covering throughout the seminar. **Calvary Cemetery – 555 N. Ridge Rd., Lorain. RSVP 216/641-7575 ext. 6**

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.

saint snippets

"Let no one have contempt for your youth, but set an example for those who believe, in speech, conduct, love, faith and purity."

-1 Timothy 4:12

St. Nunzio Sulprizio

19th-century Italian who lived a brief life filled with faith and piety, even in the midst of very poor health. He was canonized in 2018.

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May 5

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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.