

St. Teresa of Avila Parish

1878 Abbe Road Sheffield Village, Ohio 44054

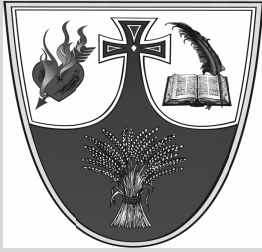
AS FOR ME AND MY HOUSEHOLD,
WE WILL SERVE THE LORD.

JOSHUA 24:15



TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 22, 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.

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 22, 2021

Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. John 6:69

Saturday, August 21 St. Pius X, Pope
4:30 p.m. +Sue Coughlin by Jim & Chris Perry

Sunday, August 22
8:30 a.m. deceased of the Edward Burkart family by Arlene Griffith
11:00 a.m. +Alfred Godshall by Dan & Theresa Gillotti

Monday, August 23 St. Rose of Lima
NO MASS

Tuesday, August 24 St. Bartholomew, Apostle
NO MASS

Wednesday, August 25 St. Louis
8:30 a.m. +Thomas Waggoner by family

Thursday, August 26
NO MASS

Friday, August 27 St. Monica
8:30 a.m. +Don Kirchner by Lillian & Joe Klapcic

Saturday, August 28 St. Augustine, Bishop
4:30 p.m. +Kathryn Perry by Jim & Chris Perry

Sunday, August 29
8:30 a.m. +Gladys Mackert by the Andorka family
11:00 a.m. +Thomas Anthony Straka by Maria Montgomery & Norma Frederick



Table with 2 columns: Offering Type and Amount. Weekly Goal \$4,000.00, August 15 \$3,677.00, Children's \$5.00.

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

COLLECTION FOR CATHOLIC EDUCATION

This collection will take place the weekend of August 21 & 22, 2021

Let us pray for our Catholic schools: for the administrators, teachers, support staff and students. May all teaching and learning be under the guidance of the Holy Spirit of God. Amen.

Masses

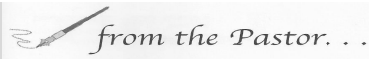
Sunday Vigil - Saturday 4:30 PM and Sunday - 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM
Wed & Fri - 8:30 AM; Holy Day Vigil, Holy Day and Civic Holidays - Watch Bulletin

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-mailsdebbie@stteresaparish.com and sue@stteresaparish.com
Website..... www.stteresaparish.com



In our lives, we all arrive at the same point as the disciples in our Gospel: *“This saying is hard; who can accept it?”*

It is a tough gospel to think about faithful disciples who walked away from Christ, because of his teaching on the Eucharist. Yet, at the same time, the gospel is also one of belief, of courage, and of faith. After many disciples drew back and no longer followed him, *“Jesus said to the twelve, “Do you also want to leave?” Simon Peter answered him, “Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God.”*

What makes Peter and the others find the belief, the courage and faith to stay? What makes them different from all those who gave up on Jesus and went away? Peter and the others were also plagued by doubt and fear, they suffered at times from an overabundance of pride and a lack of courage, and they, too, eventually deserted Jesus, and at the very time he needed them the most. So, if they aren't smarter, or more faithful, or more courageous, or, in short, any better than the rest of Jesus' disciples – then or now – then what is it that sets them apart?

What enabled Peter to keep going? I wonder if it is as simple as Peter knew where to look. He looked to Jesus. And I would suggest this is perhaps the capstone message of this gospel for our times. What we do as individuals will depend upon where we focus. If our deepest focus strays from Jesus and the Eucharist, the foundation is weakened. The importance of the Eucharist in our lives is that it is the one place for us, in our darkness moments, to look and know for sure that we will find Christ there for us.

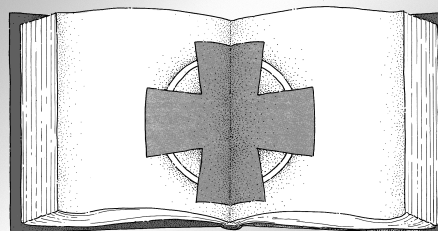
In the more clear, brighter times, we can find God at work in the world, in nature, in our families, in the gift of each day. And yet, each of us knows there are times when nature rebels, families are not safe havens from the storms, when all the things we usually count on come up empty and we no longer know where to turn. We reach a tipping point. Will we walk away or hang in? What kind of disciple will we be on that day?

Indeed, we are disciples. Do we also want to leave? Yes, sometimes. And sometimes we will. But where will you go? If nothing else seems clear, or sure, or safe, know this: look to the Eucharist.

Look to the precious Body and Blood of Christ.
Become what you see.
Be the Body of Christ for the world.

Rev. Edward J. Smith, Pastor

YOU HAVE THE WORDS OF ETERNAL LIFE

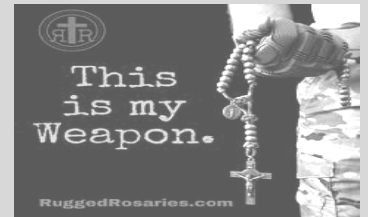


UPCOMING EVENTS

Mass	Wed, Aug 25	8:30 a.m.	Church
Eucharistic Adoration	Wed, Aug 25	9 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Church
Mass	Fri, Aug 27	8:30 a.m.	Church
Confessions	Sat, Aug 28	3:30 – 4:00 p.m.	Church

TOGETHER - LET US PRAY ...

- Luz Villanueva, Eleanor Rieth
- Loretta Forthofer, Elvira Quester
- Marianne Rieth, Chris Ughrin
- Amy White, Jarmila Kos, Tom Parkey
- Kathleen Brezinski, Anna Joseph
- Patricia Welsh, Maebelle Fill
- Marty Lima, William Wisnieski
- Vickie Aring, Michael Wisnieski
- Patrick O'Toole, Catherine Monfort
- JoAnne Wisnieski, Tom Wisnieski



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!

“There's no queen like humility for making the King surrender. Humility drew the King from heaven to the womb of the Virgin.”
St. Teresa of Avila



**Remember
CATHOLIC PROGRAMMING**



AM 1260 The ROCK – Novena to St. Monica

August 19 – August 27 - Tune into AM1260 The Rock at 3 p.m. to take part in this novena. AM1260 The Rock is offering this novena in response from listeners for their many prayer requests for family and friends who have left the Catholic Faith. St. Monica is the Patron Saint of conversions and is the mother of St. Augustine of Hippo for whom she prayed for conversion for almost 20 years. There will be a **Mass for the close of the Novena on Friday, August 27th at 7 p.m.** at Church of St. Monica, 13623 Rockside Road, Garfield Heights, Ohio. The Most Rev. Roger Gries will be celebrant. If you cannot listen live, go to their website at <https://am1260therock.com/event/st-monica-novena/> to see the novena prayers and intentions for each day.

**EUCHARISTIC
ADORATION**

Come pray from **9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Wednesdays.**

“..seek first the kingdom of God”
(Matthew 6:33).

Call the church office if you are interested (440-934-4227).

**Adoration takes place on
Wednesdays from
9 a.m. – 1 p.m.**

PRO-LIFE MEDITATIONS ON THE ROSARY

The Fifth Glorious Mystery – The Finding of Jesus in the Temple The boy Jesus was filled with wisdom, because He is God. Let us pray that all people may see the wisdom of His teachings about the dignity of life, and may understand that this teaching is not an opinion, but the truth.

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Mt 23:13-22
- Tuesday: Rv 21:9b-14; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18; Jn 1:45-51
- Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13; Ps 139:7-12ab; Mt 23:27-32
- Thursday: 1 Thes 3:7-13; Ps 90:3-5a, 12-14, 17; Mt 24:42-51
- Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8; Ps 97:1, 2b, 5-6, 10-12; Mt 25:1-13
- Saturday: 1 Thes 4:9-11; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Mt 25:14-30
- Sunday: Dt 4:1-2, 6-8; Ps 15:2-5; Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27; Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

**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.

VOLUNTEER HELP NEEDED AT MOTHER CABRINI FOOD PANTRY

The Mother Cabrini Food Pantry operates on the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Saturdays of each month. They have experienced an increase in those in need of food and a decrease in volunteers. Volunteers are needed each of the weekends of operation from 8 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. or on Fridays to unload the truck from 3 – 5 p.m.

To get the “Volunteer Form” visit <https://saintfrancesxcabrini.org/ministry-group/community/>.

Thank you to everyone who donates monthly. The next collection at St. Teresa Parish will be September 4 & 5, 2021.

PARISH CLUSTER INFO

St. Thomas the Apostle
www.saintthomaschurch.net
St. Anthony
www.stanthonylorain.org

JESUS’ DIVINE MERCY

“My daughter, do not pay so much attention to the vessel of grace as to the grace itself which I give you, because you are not always pleased with the vessel, and then the graces, too, become deficient. I want to guard you from that, and I want you never to pay attention to the vessel in which I send you My grace. Let all the attention of your soul be concentrated on responding to My grace as faithfully as possible.” (Diary, 1599).

**The words of Jesus appear in boldface type*

**DO YOU HAVE A
WORN OR TATTERED
AMERICAN FLAG?**

The Catholic Cemeteries Association is now accepting American flags in need of retirement.

Flags will be accepted year-round at

St. Joseph Cemetery,
32789 Detroit Rd.,
Avon, OH 44011,

Mon – Fri 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

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.



BIBLE STUDY – Everyone welcome!
 Thursdays in August: 5th & 19th
 at 7:00 p.m. in the St. John Room

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION (PSR)

St. Teresa Parish will no longer offer a PSR program.

St. Anthony of Padua Parish will be offering in-person PSR and is open for all children in grades 2nd - 8th. Classes take place on **MONDAY** evenings from 6:15-7:30 pm. **The first class will be Monday, September 13th.** Registration forms are available online at www.stanthonylorain.org/our-parish/psr/. If you have any questions or would like forms mailed to you, please call the Parish Office, 440-288-0106, or email psr@stanthonylorain.com. (Safety protocols will be in place to keep all safe from the COVID virus.)



THE ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY NEWS

Our next Altar & Rosary Society Mass
Sunday, September 12, 2021
at 8:30 a.m.

Please arrive at 8:00 a.m. to pray the Rosary prior to Mass.
Please come and pray!

Be it known to all here present that Elizabeth Pienoski, daughter of Tom & Teri Pienoski, of the parish of St. Teresa of Avila, and Jordon Rodriguez, son of Jose & Becky Rodriguez, of the parish of St. Teresa of Avila, intend to be united in holy matrimony. Wherefore, we hereby admonish each and all that, if anyone of you has knowledge of an impediment existing which would prevent their marrying, whether it be an impediment of blood relationship, relationship through marriage, spiritual relationship, or of any other kind, you are bound to make it known to the pastor or the bishop so soon as possible. **This is the third publication of the bans.**

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!

SATURDAY NIGHT SUPPER!!

St. Teresa of Avila Parish
 1878 Abbe Road, Sheffield Village



Spaghetti Dinner
September 11, 2021 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.
Dine in or Take Out Available (No drive-thru)

Tickets on sale:

After Mass the weekends of
 August 28/29 & September 4/5

Available also in the church
 office Mon-Fri 9a.m. – 3p.m.
 Cash or Check only

\$10 per dinner

**Spaghetti and Meatballs
 Salad, Roll, Dessert and Beverage**

Call the church office with questions at
 440-934-4227



"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.

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.catholictv.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.

NEWMAN CAMPUS MINISTRY – THE CATHOLIC CONNECTION FOR YOUR COLLEGE STUDENT!

The Newman Foundation of Northern Ohio, as part of the Diocese of Cleveland, supports Newman Campus Ministry on the college campuses within our Diocese. Newman Campus Ministry is an outreach on our college campuses throughout the United States and offers support, fellowship and guidance to our college students.

Many college students wander from the family of the Catholic Church when at college. Help your student know - their faith can continue wherever they are.

For more information use this sign up link at <https://signupnc.newmanministry.com>, or visit your student’s college website to locate information on the Newman Campus Ministry there.

ST. ANDREW ABBEY ANNUAL BENEFIT

The Benedictine Monks of St. Andrew Abbey, who have served our diocese for 99 years, will have their annual benefit on **Saturday, October 2, 2021** at the **Church of the Assumption located at 9183 Broadview Rd., Broadview Heights, Ohio**. This year’s benefit will honor the legacy of the late Abbot Clement Zeleznik, OSB. It will begin with Mass at 4:00 p.m. followed by a gala dinner and program in the Assumption Family Center.

For ticket and advertising information, please contact

Mrs. Ashley Arko at 216-421-2080 ext. 280, arko@cbhs.edu, or visit standrewabbey.org.

THE MONTH OF AUGUST IS DEDICATED TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY



“My soul magnifies the Lord
 And my spirit rejoices in God my Savior;
 Because He has regarded the lowliness of His handmaid;
 For behold, henceforth all generations shall call me blessed;
 Because He who is mighty has done great things for me,
 and holy is His name;
 And His mercy is from generation to generation
 on those who fear Him.
 He has shown might with His arm,
 He has scattered the proud in the conceit of their heart.
 He has put down the mighty from their thrones,
 and has exalted the lowly.
 He has filled the hungry with good things,
 and the rich He has sent away empty.
 He has given help to Israel, his servant, mindful of His mercy
 Even as he spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his
 posterity forever.” Luke 1:46-55

Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy, our life, our sweetness, and our hope!

PLEASE HELP US KEEP “UP TO DATE”

If you’ve recently had a child, and the baptism took place at another parish, please let us know so we can update our records.

If you are a young adult, supporting yourself, living on your own or with your parents, you should be independently registered in our parish.

If your son/daughter got married, at another parish but was baptized at St. Teresa, please let us know so we can make the notation in our records.

If you have changed your address, email or phone number, please let us know so we can update our records.

Contact us by calling 440-934-4227 or email at st.teresa.office@neohio.twc.bc.com.

SUMMERTIME WORSHIP

Please dress appropriately for Mass.

If you are away, please don’t forget to send your offering envelope to the church office.

When traveling, find a church to attend Mass. Go to www.Masstimes.org.

Liturgical Ministers Schedule

Eucharistic Ministers

Sat, Aug 21 4:30 p.m. Ruth Bistak Ann Glime (choir)	Sun, Aug 22 8:30 a.m. Greg Smail	Sun, Aug 22 11:00 a.m. Fred Courtright
Sat, Aug 28 4:30 p.m. Debbie Korce John Katricak ** (choir)	Sun, Aug 29 8:30 a.m. Bill Bistak **	Sun, Aug 29 11:00 a.m. Lou Varos

Lectors

Sat, Aug 21 4:30 p.m. Larry Durica	Sun, Aug 22 8:30 a.m. Christi Smail	Sun, Aug 22 11:00 a.m. Lou Varos
Sat, Aug 28 4:30 p.m. Tom Pienoski	Sun, Aug 29 8:30 a.m. Gene Welsh	Sun, Aug 29 11:00 a.m. Fred Courtright

Servers

Sat, Aug 21 4:30 p.m. Brock **	Sat, Aug 28 4:30 p.m. Fitzwater
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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

FIRST FRIDAY FORUM OF LORAIN COUNTY

September 3, 2021 ▪ 11:30am -1:00pm Our speaker will be Sr. Melannie Svoboda, SND "Hanging onto Hope in Our Beautiful but Imperfect World". LCCC Spitzer Conference Center in Elyria, Ohio Luncheon Buffet: 11:30 am ▪ Speaker: 12:00 – 1:00 pm \$20.00 per reservation. **Reservation Deadline: 6:00 pm, Monday, August 30, 2021!** You can pay at the door or mail your \$20 check to: First Friday Forum of Lorain County, 320 Middle Avenue, Elyria, OH 44035 or call the reservation line at 440-244-0643 or e-mail fflorain@gmail.com

MOTORCOACH TOUR OF THE FINGER LAKES, NEW YORK September 20-22, 2021.

Trip hosted by St. Peter Church, Lorain and all travel plans thru White Star Tours. Three days and two nights of wining and dining in the Finger Lakes. Cost is \$459/person (double occupancy) or \$608/person (single occupancy). Full payment must be made by August 1. For more information and reservations contact Sister Cordell Kopec, St. Peter Church, 440-282-9103, ext 112.

(Travel info posted on St. Teresa bulletin board in back of church)

UPCOMING ENCOURAGE RETREAT

Do you have a loved one who experiences same-sex attractions or identifies as LGBTQ+? Could you use some encouragement and inspiration in loving them well, while continuing to uphold the truths of our faith? Consider attending the **EnCourage Midwest Fall Retreat** right here in NE Ohio on **October 29-31**. Details at couragerc.org/event/encourage-retreat/

CLEVELAND CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

"Divine Mercy: The More a Soul Trusts, the More it Will Receive" All women are invited to the Third Annual Cleveland Catholic Women's Conference on **Saturday, October 9, 2021** at the Hilton Garden Inn and Conference Center in Mayfield, Ohio. Speakers include Sarah Swafford, Mother Jeanette of the Mercedarian Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament in Cleveland, Maggie Craig, and musicians Kira and Jeff Andrea. The day will also include Mass with Bishop Malesic, and opportunities for prayer, confession, Eucharistic Adoration, and forming friendships with other women of faith. Visit www.cleatholicwomen.org.

LORAIN COUNTY RIGHT TO LIFE: SAVE THE DATES

We ask you to prayerfully consider volunteering your time this. We are now scheduling volunteers.

- **Lorain County Fair**, August 23-29
 - **Elyria Apple Festival**, September 17-19
- Call 440-322-0076 or visit www.loraincountyrighttolife.org.

ST EDWARD HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE/ADMISSION TESTS

Open Houses for 8th Grade Boys
Sunday, Oct 3 from 11 – 1 p.m. and **Mondays**, Oct 18, 25 & Nov 8 from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Pre-registration required at sehs.net/openhouse

Admission Tests for 8th Grade Boys

Saturdays Oct 9, 23 & Nov 6 at 9 a.m. and **Wednesday**, Nov 3 at 5:30 p.m.

Pre-registration required at sehs.net/admissiontest

Office of Admissions: 216-521-2204 or admission@sehs.net