

St. Teresa of Avila Parish

1878 Abbe Road Sheffield Village, Ohio 44054

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



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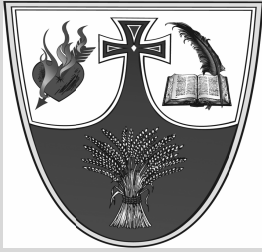
THEN WILL THE EYES OF
THE BLIND BE OPENED

the ears of the deaf be cleared;
then will the lame leap like a stag,
then the tongue of the mute will sing.

Isaiah 35:5-6

SEPTEMBER

5
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-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 5, 2021

Did not God choose those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs to the kingdom? — James 2:5

Saturday, September 4

4:30 p.m. +Joe Brown by Ray & Cathy

Sunday, September 5

8:30 a.m. +Robert Dolacki by Sue Urig

11:00 a.m. +Thomas Burke by John & Ella Smith

Monday, September 6

NO MASS

Tuesday, September 7

NO MASS

Wednesday, September 8 The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:30 a.m. +Amy White by Joe & Debbie

Thursday, September 9 St. Peter Claver, Priest

NO MASS

Friday, September 10

8:30 a.m. +Vincent Monteleone by Bruce & Sue

Saturday, September 11

4:30 p.m. +Margaret Gall by Mike Gall

Sunday, September 12

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

11:00 a.m. +Manuel & Barbara Fonseca by Dan & Theresa Gillotti



Weekly Goal	\$4,000.00
August 29	\$2,922.54
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!



The Church Office will be closed on Monday, September 6. God Bless America!

Masses

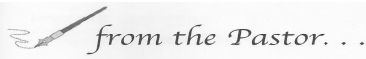
Sunday Vigil - Saturday 4:30 PM and Sunday - 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM Wed & Fri - 8:30 AM; Holy Day Vigil, Holy Day and Civic Holidays - Watch Bulletin

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



I once read that blindness cuts you off from things, but deafness is far worse, it cuts you off from people. And none of us are immune. We all have our periods of deafness. We all have times when the Lord should come to us and say “*ephphatha*” – be opened. Of course, that begs the question, how did we get that way, how did we become deaf?

When did we stop listening? When did it become unimportant to listen? When did it become too hard to listen? When did we become too tired, too hurt? When did we give up? Stop caring? Stop trying? When did we become deaf to family, loved ones, friends, and even God?

Is now the moment when we need Jesus to again touch us and whisper *ephphatha*? Again? Yes, again. Did you know that every baptism includes something called the *Ephphatha Rite*, when the priest signs the ears and mouth of the child and says:

“The Lord made the deaf to hear and the mute to speak. May he touch your ears to receive his Word and your mouth to proclaim this faith to the praise and glory of God.”

By our very baptism, we are gifted and graced – sent on mission – to be people who hear, who are in relationship – all for the greater glory of God. Maybe each time we dip our fingers into the holy water font, we should ask the Lord to come touch us, to whisper *ephphatha* into our souls that we might hear the other. And in hearing to find holiness, healing, and hope. In hearing, to be made whole so that we can restore those relationships that have been tested or broken. We can ask the Lord to whisper *ephphatha* into our souls when we speak of politics, election, scandal in the Church, and each conversation in which deafness infects us all.

What is it in your life that needs healing, that your deeper hearing may be restored, and you may be made whole, and restore the fuller relationships with family, friends, and God?

The need for healing, for *ephphatha* never really stops. **Pope Benedict XVI** said, “...we all know that closure of man, his isolation, does not solely depend on the sense organs. There is an inner closing, which covers the deepest core of the person, what the Bible calls the “heart”. That is what Jesus came to “open” to liberate, to enable us to fully live our relationship with God and with others. [This is why this one] word, “*Ephphatha* – Be opened,” sums up Christ’s entire mission.”



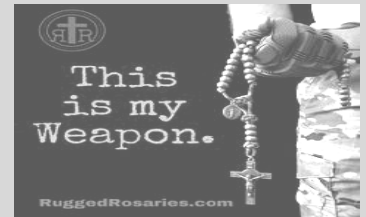
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UPCOMING EVENTS

Mass	Wed, Sept 8	8:30 a.m.	Church
Eucharistic Adoration	Wed, Sept 8	9 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Church
Mass	Fri, Sept 10	8:30 a.m.	Church
Confessions	Sat, Sept 11	3:30 – 4:00 p.m.	Church
Spaghetti Dinner	Sat, Sept 11	5:30 – 7:00 p.m.	Avila Hall
A&R Rosary/Mass	Sun, Sept 12	8:00 a.m.	Church
A&R Meeting	Mon, Sept 13	1:00 p.m.	St. John Room

TOGETHER - LET US PRAY ...

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

“Consider that it is well worthwhile for you to have understood this truth: that the Lord is within us, and that there we must be with Him.”
St. Teresa of Avila



Remember
CATHOLIC PROGRAMMING



EWTN – ChurchPOP (churchpop.com) – Are You A Young Adult Searching for Answers.....

....answers about how you are called to live out your Catholic faith? EWTN delivers faith-filled content wherever and whenever you want. Catholic content brought to you by dynamic speakers such as Christ Stefanick, Doug Barry and Justin Fatica. Thought-provoking programs about people practicing their faith, interactive sites, ChurchPOP (churchpop.com), promoting a Christian culture in a way that is fun, informative and inspirational. **Go to ewtn.com or call 1-800-447-3986 for information.**

PRAYER, EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION AND MASS FOR THE UNBORN SEPTEMBER 18 DAY LIFE SAVING TIME !!

You are invited to join members of every parish in the diocese on **Saturday, September 18** to help stop the scourge of abortion in our neighborhoods. This event, DAY LIFE SAVINGS TIME, will be held from **9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.** Beginning at 9 a.m. we will march and pray peacefully with fellow Catholics from the diocese around the Preterm abortion clinic in Shaker Heights, the largest abortion facility in Ohio, in terms of unborn lives terminated by abortion. We will be led in a Eucharistic Procession by Father Max Cole, and will process 7 times around the abortion clinic, as we pray and sing, witnessing to the sanctity of life. This will be reminiscent of Joshua marching around the walls of Jericho (Joshua 6:1-27) seven times. We will be joining our prayers with all the angels and saints, petitioning God to answer our prayers!! Following, the procession, Fr. Max will celebrate Mass at Our Lady of Peace Church across the street from Preterm. Please join us in this very important day of prayer!! See DayLifeSavingTime.com for more information.

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.

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.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Col 1:24 — 2:3; Ps 62:6-7, 9; Lk 6:6-11
- Tuesday: Col 2:6-15; Ps 145:1b-2, 8-11; Lk 6:12-19
- Wednesday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13:6 Mt 1:1-23
- Thursday: Col 3:12-17; Ps 150:1b-6; Lk 6:27-38
- Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14; Ps 16:1b-2a, 5, 7-8, 11; Lk 6:39-42
- Saturday: 1 Tm 1:15-17; Ps 113:1b-7; Lk 6:43-49
- Sunday: Is 50:5-9a; Ps 116:1-6, 8-9; Jas 2:14-18 Mk 8:27-35

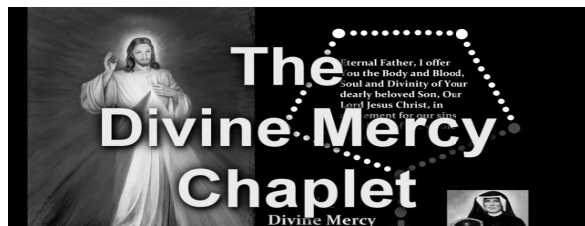
PARISH CLUSTER INFO

St. Thomas the Apostle

www.saintthomaschurch.net

St. Anthony

www.stanthonylorain.org



JESUS' DIVINE MERCY

To St. Faustina: **“Here the misery of the soul meets the God of mercy. Tell souls that from this fount of mercy, souls draw graces solely with the vessel of trust. If their trust is great, there is no limit to My generosity. The torrents of grace inundate humble souls. The proud remain always in poverty and misery, because My grace turns away from them to humble souls.”** (Diary, 1602). *The words of Jesus appear in boldface

Thank You



A big “Thank You” to Darlene & Frank Lanza for organizing the Saturday Night Supper this weekend and to **all those** who helped in any way.

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 September: 2nd & 23rd
 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 PSR: open for all children in grades 2nd - 8th. Classes take place on **Monday** evenings from 6:15-7:30 pm. **The first class is Monday, September 13th.** Registration forms are available online at www.stanthonylorain.org/our-parish/psr/.

Call with questions to the Parish Office, 440-288-0106, or email psr@stanthonylorain.com.

St. Thomas PSR: open to children entering grades 1st – 7th. **Sundays** from 11 a.m. – 12 p.m. **Registration AND the first class is Sunday, September 12.** Please bring registration form (in rear of St. Teresa Church) and payment: \$25/student.

Call with questions to David Gray, DRE at 440-714-4007 or email to davidmichaelgray@msn.com.



THE ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY NEWS

Mass

Sunday, September 12, 2021

Rosary at 8:00 a.m.

Mass at 8:30 a.m.

Meeting

Monday, September 13
 at 1:00 p.m.

FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS

The Mother Cabrini Food Pantry in Lorain needs our donations. Donations can be brought to the vestibule of the church the **weekend of September 4 & 5.**

Suggested food donations: boxed stuffing, spaghetti, taco kits, boxed mashed potatoes, pancake syrup, peanut butter/jelly, Ramen noodle soup, canned soup, canned vegetables, canned fruit, tuna fish, coffee, hominy beans, Hispanic foods, bottled water, and cooking oil.

We only accept donations of unused & unopened non-perishable food items.

Please - NO non-food donations.

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.

REMEMBER 9/11

Stories of that terrible day necessarily drift to tales of heroism, courage, dignity, faith, solidarity, hope, community. The church learned long ago through hard experience that "the blood of the martyrs is the seed of the church." Perhaps the victims of 9/11 have gifts to bring that we are only just discovering as believers in a just and loving God. They are teaching us still, and today is a day for lighting candles at the table and being silent for a moment before the abundance of God's gifts. Today reminds us that we are capable of acts of indescribable beauty even in the face of great evil.—James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.



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.

PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED

Amy White who passed away on August 22, 2021
May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the Mercy of God, rest in peace.

THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER IS DEDICATED TO OUR LADY OF SORROWS



Memorial is celebrated on September 15

Devotion to the Seven Sorrows of the Virgin Mary dates from the twelfth century, when it made its appearance in monastic circles under the influence of St. Anselm and St. Bernard. The Cistercians and then the Servites undertook to propagate it. It became widespread in the fourteenth and especially the fifteenth centuries, particularly in the Rhineland and Flanders, where Confraternities of the Sorrowful Mother sprang up. It was in this context that the first liturgical formularies in her honor were composed. A provincial council of Mainz in 1423 made use of these in establishing a "Feast of the Sorrows of Mary" in reparation for Hussite profanations of her images.

And thy own soul a sword shall pierce, that, out of many hearts thoughts may be revealed.

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, Sept 4 4:30 p.m. Joan Gigliotti Ann Glime (choir)	Sun, Sept 5 8:30 a.m. Bill Bistak **	Sun, Sept 5 11:00 a.m. Trish MacDonald
Sat, Sept 11 4:30 p.m. Ruth Bistak Tom Pienoski (choir)	Sun, Sept 12 8:30 a.m. Kathy Cunningham	Sun, Sept 12 11:00 a.m. Carol Kirchner

Lectors

Sat, Sept 4 4:30 p.m. Phil Gigliotti	Sun, Sept 5 8:30 a.m. Frank Lanza	Sun, Sept 5 11:00 a.m. Lou Varos
Sat, Sept 11 4:30 p.m. Ruth Bistak	Sun, Sept 12 8:30 a.m. Bruce DiVaccaro	Sun, Sept 12 11:00 a.m. Fred Courtright

Servers

Sat, Sept 4 4:30 p.m. Pienoski **	Sat, Sept 11 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

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: REVERSE RAFFLE & DINNER

Saturday, September 25, 2021 - Proceeds to Knights of Columbus Student Scholarship Fund. \$2,000 Big Board Grand Prize! Doors open at 6 p.m.; Prime Rib Dinner at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$65 each or \$480 for a table of 8. Dinner includes Dessert, Beer/Wine, and 1 Big Board Ticket. **Advance reservations by September 18.** Call John at 440-725-7369, john.pabin@gmail.com or Kevin at 216-214-7186, kevinjmchenry@aol.com. Takes place at the Ragan Hall, 1783 Moore Road, Avon, Ohio 44011

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/

A LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR

Our Lady of Angels Prayer Group invites you to a LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR.

Are you free? Our lives are filled with many choices to make every day - difficult choices. Come and see how God's Spirit guides us. We tap into the power and freedom that is offered to us. There is so much more for your life! Eight CONSECUTIVE Tuesday evenings, September 14th through November 2nd, 2021 from 7:30-9:00pm. We meet in the Primary School Building, 3644 Rocky River Dr., Cleveland, OH 44111, (signs will be up!). For information and reservations, [phone Verna 216-251-3560](tel:216-251-3560) or [Tom 216-252-5724](tel:216-252-5724). There is NO CHARGE for this seminar.

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.

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

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.