

St. Teresa of Avila Parish

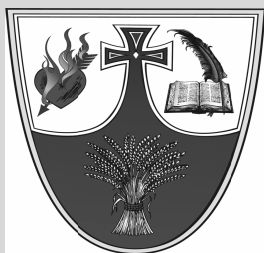
1878 Abbe Road Sheffield Village, Ohio 44054

SEPTEMBER 12, 2021 | TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JESUS ASKED THEM,
“BUT WHO DO YOU SAY THAT I AM?”
PETER SAID TO HIM IN REPLY,

“You are the Christ.”

~ MARK 8:29



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-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 12, 2021

The Lord GOD is my help, therefore I am not disgraced. — Isaiah 50:7

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

**Monday, September 13 St. John Chrysostom, Bishop & Dr. of the Church
NO MASS**

**Tuesday, September 14 Exaltation of the Holy Cross
NO MASS**

Wednesday, September 15 Our Lady of Sorrows

8:30 a.m. +Ethel Bozik by Kathy Ferencz

**Thursday, September 16 Sts. Cornelius, Pope & Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs
NO MASS**

Friday, September 17 St. Robert Bellarmine, Bishop & Dr. of the Church

8:30 a.m. living/deceased members of St. Teresa Church

Saturday, September 18

4:30 p.m. +Dorothy Masek by Jim & Chris Perry

Sunday, September 19

8:30 a.m. All Souls

11:00 a.m. +Dorothy Tomshe by Paul & Loretta Clark



**Weekly Goal
September 5**

**\$4,000.00
\$3,726.00**

*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 COMMUNICATION CAMPAIGN

The weekend of September 26 the special collection will be for the Catholic Communication Campaign. Your donations connect people with Christ and build Catholic communities in the United States and developing countries using the internet, television, radio, and print media. Half of the money collected remains here in the Diocese of Cleveland to fund local communications efforts.

To learn more visit www.usccb.org/cc.

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

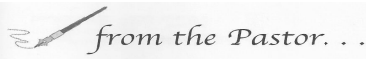
Rectory Office.....(440) 934-4227

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E-mailsdebbie@stteresaparish.com and sue@stteresaparish.com

Website..... www.stteresaparish.com



In today's gospel, Jesus invites the disciples to engage a question: "*Who do you say that I am?*" So...what do you think? Is this an "unsolved question" in your heart? Or is this a question for which you already know the answer? Perhaps, like Peter, we all might respond, "You are the Christ." We might even go on to add "Lord, Redeemer, King, Savior, the Way, the Truth, and the Life." I don't think the question would perplex us. But then again, we might wonder why we were asked in the first place.

When Jesus began the inquiry, he first asked, "*Who do people say that I am?*" The answers offered up include John the Baptist or the Prophet Elijah. Interestingly, Jesus neither affirms nor denies any of their answers. He simply listens to them, allowing the disciples to offer up everything they think they know, based on other people's answers. In a way, isn't this where we all begin? Isn't this the place where all exploration of faith begins, in naming what we've heard, inherited, and been taught? Such answers, however true, cost us little or nothing. But they don't offer us much in return if there is no life within the answer.

That was the easy question, the beginning. The hard question is "*Who do you say that I am?*" It is a way of asking, not if you know the heard/inherited/taught answer, but have you really engaged the question? Is there part of the question that is unsolved in your heart? Is your answer one which is lived out across the breadth and width of your life? Have you lived into the fullness of your own answer?

It is easy to imagine Jesus, standing patiently in their midst through that long silence, waiting to hear what his closest friends will say about him. Do they know him? Have they learned to trust his heart and his words? Do they love him? We know that Peter jumps right into the deep end of the pool as he answers, "*You are the Christ.*" Perfect answer, right?

Peter's answer is not praised. Instead, Jesus begins to paint a bleak picture of the coming persecution, passion, crucifixion, death, and the Resurrection. "*You are the Christ*" is just the start of the answer, as Jesus teaches the Apostles, there is much still unsolved in the question. I don't think Peter agreed in that moment. But there is a long road in front of Peter in which he will slowly live with the question and live into the answer – as he journeys with Jesus, as he denies Jesus, as he is reconciled, and as he goes out on mission to proclaim "The Christ" to all the world.



There are lots of things about our Faith that we heard/inherited/was taught. We know God made us to know Him, to love Him, and to serve Him in this world, and to be happy with Him forever in heaven. Yet there is still more unsolved in our hearts. We are still called to live our answers to the great questions of our Faith.

As for me, who do I say that Jesus is? He is the One, the reason I continue, even when I do not yet know all the answers to the great questions of life. He is the perfect answer I hope to know more fully each day.

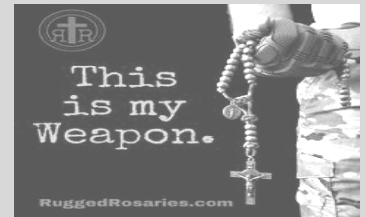
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UPCOMING EVENTS

A&R Rosary & Mass	Sun, Sept 12	8:00 a.m.	Church
Mass	Wed, Sept 15	8:30 a.m.	Church
Eucharistic Adoration	Wed, Sept 15	9 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Church
Mass	Fri, Sept 17	8:30 a.m.	Church
Confessions	Sat, Sept 18	3:30 – 4:00 p.m.	Church

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 – The Promise: We Said I Do Forever

This personal and provocative series explores the sacrament of marriage. Couples talk candidly about their union, and offer practical advice to uphold husbands and wives in their lifelong commitment. **Mondays, 11:30 a.m. 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

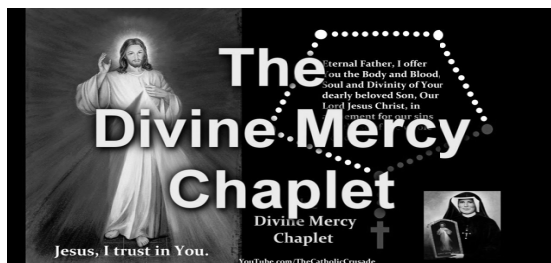
Call the church office if a family member is sick or hospitalized. Their name can be put in the bulletin for prayers. Not all hospitals in the area notify churches that a parishioner has been admitted.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: 1 Tm 2:1-8; Ps 28:2, 7-9; Lk 7:1-10
- Tuesday: Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-38; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17
- Wednesday: 1 Tm 3:14-16; Ps 111:1-6; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
- Thursday: 1 Tm 4:12-16; Ps 111:7-10; Lk 7:36-50
- Friday: 1 Tm 6:2c-12; Ps 49:6-10, 17-20; Lk 8:1-3
- Saturday: 1 Tm 6:13-16; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 8:4-15
- Sunday: Wis 2:12, 17-20; Ps 54:3-8; Jas 3:16 — 4:3; Mk 9:30-37

PARISH CLUSTER INFO

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



JESUS' DIVINE MERCY

To St. Faustina: **“And I will tell you one more thing — take these graces not only for yourself, but also for others; that is, encourage the souls with whom you come in contact to trust in My infinite mercy. Oh, how I love those souls who have complete confidence in Me — I will do everything for them.”** (Diary, 294).

**The words of Jesus appear in boldface*

Thank You



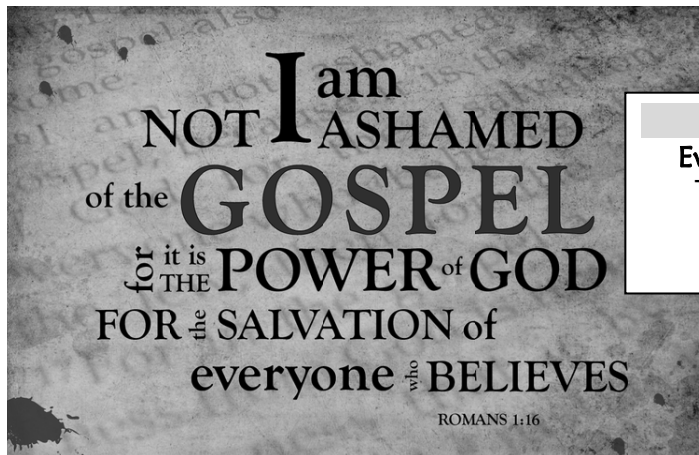
A big “Thank You” to Darlene & Frank Lanza for organizing the Saturday Night Supper this weekend and to **all those** who helped in any way.

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 is welcome!

Thursdays at 7:00 p.m.

the St. John Room

September 2nd & 23rd



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.

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.

ST. MARY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, AVON: PSR PROGRAM IS FULL

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

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.

SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE NEWS

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.

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

Mother Cabrini Food Pantry

The next food pantry collection will be **October 2 & 3, 2021**

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.

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.

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



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 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.

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, 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
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Sat, Sept 18 4:30 p.m. Ruth Bistak Debbie Korce (choir)	Sun, Sept 19 8:30 a.m. Greg Smail	Sun, Sept 19 11:00 a.m. Lou Varos
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Lectors

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
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Sat, Sept 18 4:30 p.m. Larry Durica	Sun, Sept 19 8:30 a.m. Christi Smail	Sun, Sept 19 11:00 a.m. Lou Varos
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Servers

Sat, Sept 11 4:30 p.m. Fitzwater	Sat, Sept 18 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.

CCA GRIEF SUPPORT SEPTEMBER 19TH "IN-OFFICE" AT 3:00PM AND "VIRTUAL" AT 5:00PM:

Catholic Cemeteries Association provides free monthly grief support groups in two formats: In-Office (3pm) at six Cemetery offices and Virtually (5pm) via Zoom. We meet the 3rd Sunday of every month; 4th Sunday if the third Sunday falls on a holiday. Meetings are open discussion, surrounding a monthly topic or whatever is on your heart. The **September 19th** topics are "Different Types of Grief" and "Grieving After a Suicide Death". We offer a comfortable, private, and safe environment where you are free to explore your grief. Come and be in the presence of those who understand. **3:00 pm In-Office Grief Support groups** meet in the main office building at St. Joseph, Avon | 32789 Detroit Road.