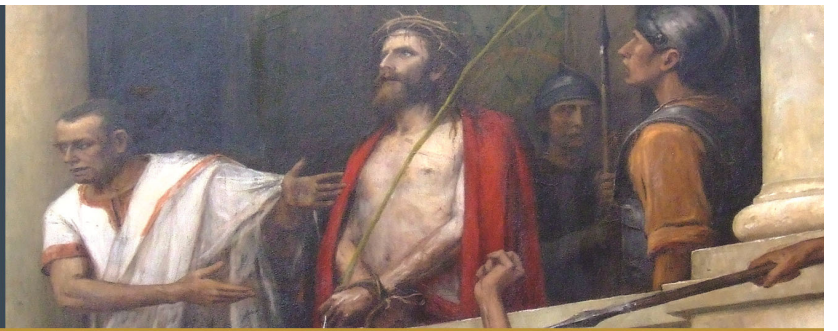


# St. Teresa of Avila Parish

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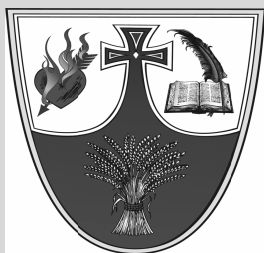
SEPTEMBER 19, 2021

TWENTY-FIFTH  
SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME



**Whoever  
receives  
one child  
in my name,  
receives me**

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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-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 19, 2021

The fruit of righteousness is sown in peace for those who cultivate peace. — James 3:18

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

Monday, September 20 St. Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest & Martyr NO MASS

Tuesday, September 21 St. Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist NO MASS

Wednesday, September 22

8:30 a.m. +Fr. James Becherer by Jeff & Karen Warren & family

Thursday, September 23 St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest NO MASS

Friday, September 24

8:30 a.m. +Gus Wehler by family

Saturday, September 25

4:30 p.m. +Carmen Williams by Williams family

Sunday, September 26

8:30 a.m. Gene & Pat Welsh (63rd Wedding Anniversary)

11:00 a.m. +Don Kirchner by Ed & Jo Niemiec



<b>Weekly Goal</b>	\$4,000.00
<b>September 12</b>	\$2,795.00
<b>Children's'</b>	\$15.00

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

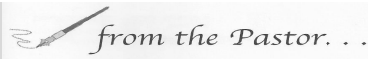
Wed & Fri - 8:30 AM; Holy Day Vigil, Holy Day and Civic Holidays - Watch Bulletin

Confessions

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Sat. 3:30 - 4:00 PM or by appointment.

CONTACT US

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



Obituary

Our church was saddened to learn this week of the death of one of our most valued members, Someone Else.

Someone's passing creates a vacancy that will be difficult to fill. Else has been with us for many years and for every one of those years, Someone did far more than a normal person's share of the work. Whenever there was a job to do, a class to teach, or a meeting to attend, one name was on everyone's list, "Let Someone Else do it." Whenever leadership was mentioned, this wonderful person was looked to for inspiration as well as results; "Someone Else can work with that group."

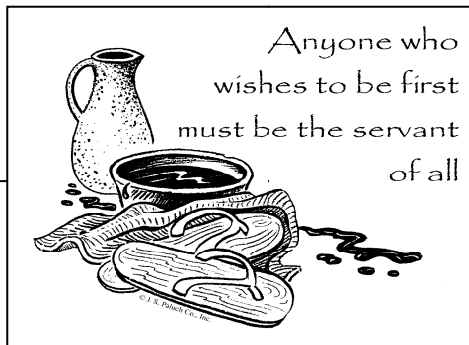
It was common knowledge that Someone Else was among the most generous givers in our church. Whenever there was a financial need, everyone just assumed Someone Else would make up the difference.

Someone Else was a wonderful person; sometimes appearing superhuman. Were the truth known, everybody expected too much of Someone Else. Now Someone Else is gone! We wonder what we are going to do.

Someone Else left a wonderful example to follow, but who is going to follow it? Who is going to do the things Someone Else did?

When you are asked to help this year, remember...we can't depend on Someone Else anymore.

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



**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

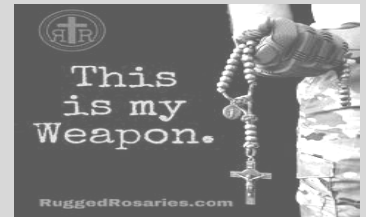
Monday: Ezr 1:1-6; Ps 126:1b-6; Lk 8:16-18  
 Tuesday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-5; Mt 9:9-13  
 Wednesday: Ezr 9:5-9; Tb:13:2, 3-4abefghn, 7-8; Lk 9:1-6  
 Thursday: Hg 1:1-8; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Lk 9:7-9  
 Friday: Hg 2:1-9; Ps 43:1-4; Lk 9:18-22  
 Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a; Jer 31:10-12ab, 13; Lk 9:43b-45  
 Sunday: Nm 11:25-29; Ps 19:8, 10, 12-14; Jas 5:1-6; Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

Mass	Wed, Sept 22	8:30 a.m.	Church
Eucharistic Adoration	Wed, Sept 22	9 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Church
Bible Study	Thurs, Sept 23	7:00 p.m.	Avila Hall
Mass	Fri, Sept 24	8:30 a.m.	Church
Confessions	Sat, Sept 25	3:30 – 4:00 p.m.	Church

**TOGETHER - LET US PRAY ...**

Luz Villanueva, Eleanor Rieth  
 Loretta Forthofer, Elvira Quester  
 Marianne Rieth, Chris Ughrin  
 Jarmila 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,  
 1st Sgt. Derek Lisowski, 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**



**AM 1260 The Rock** Do you have questions about what the Catholic Church teaches? A lot of people do. As students go back to school perhaps now is the perfect time to tune in and listen to Catholic Answers Live as they explain and defend the Catholic faith by answering your questions about what the church **actually teaches**. Tune in to **AM 1260 The Rock** Sunday through Friday from 6 to 8 PM or listen live at [am1260therock.com](http://am1260therock.com). Have a question? Call in at [1-888-31-TRUTH](tel:1-888-31-TRUTH)

**PRO-LIFE MEDITATIONS ON THE ROSARY**

The Second Joyful Mystery – The Visitation John the Baptist leapt for joy in his mother’s womb. We pray that people may realize that abortion is not about children who “might” come into the world, but is about children who are already in the world, living and growing in the womb, and are scheduled to be killed.

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

**EUCCHARISTIC 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.**

**WELCOME TO OUR NEWLY REGISTERED PARISHIONERS!**



**Sean & Renee Drumm  
and Family**

**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.

**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](mailto:arko@cbhs.edu), or visit [standrewabbey.org](http://standrewabbey.org).

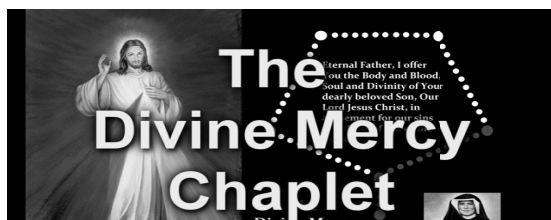
**PARISH CLUSTER INFO**

**St. Thomas the Apostle**

[www.saintthomaschurch.net](http://www.saintthomaschurch.net)

**St. Anthony**

[www.stanthonylorain.org](http://www.stanthonylorain.org)



**JESUS’ DIVINE MERCY**

Once the Lord said to me, “**Act like a beggar who does not back away when he gets more alms [than he asked for], but offers thanks the more fervently. You too, should not back away and say that you are not worthy of receiving greater graces when I give them to you. I know you are unworthy, but rejoice all the more and take as many treasures from My Heart as you can carry, for then you will please Me more.**” (*Diary, 294*). \*The words of Jesus appear in boldface

**FIRST FRIDAY FORUM OF LORAIN COUNTY**

**October 1, 2021 - 11:30am - 1:00pm** with Ms. Meg McIntyre: “*Domestic Violence Awareness in Lorain County*”. LCCC Spitzer Conference Center in Elyria, Ohio. \$20.00 per reservation. Reservation Deadline: 6:00 pm, **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 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](mailto:fflorain@gmail.com)

## 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.

### Just a few words about the Parish Increased Offertory Campaign

Since the announcement of the Parish Increased Offertory Campaign this last weekend, I have had several Parishioners speak with me and ask me questions. I just wanted to take a moment and answer the major questions I received:

1. Why are we doing this now? Isn't this out of touch with the situation in our country today in terms of the finances, jobs, and the economy?

I completely understand and appreciate the situation in our country regarding finances, jobs, and the economy. Please keep in mind, this increased offertory program isn't my idea. Over the last two years, the Diocese of Cleveland has required Pastors to participate in the Heart of the Shepherd Campaign (to rebuild the Seminary) and Increased Offertory Campaigns. Some have already done the campaigns, while others are just beginning. I opted not to do a full campaign similar to the "Rooted in Faith" campaign of a few years ago, because I did not believe that a major fundraising campaign that would require meetings with parishioners, in the middle of a pandemic, was the wisest course of action. On behalf of the Parish, I opted to pay our required portion of the Heart of the Shepherd out of our Parish savings account. Now, however, I must conduct the Increased Offertory Campaign.

2. Does the Parish need the money?

Absolutely! I don't say that simply because we could all use more money, but rather because over the last year our collections have taken a dramatic downturn due to a lack of attendance at Church, as well as a major drop-off in parishioner donations. Across the Diocese it appears that most parishes are down somewhere between 20% and 30% on average. We are certainly no different.

NOTE: The weekly budget number in the bulletin can be confusing for some people. Just because we might meet the required budget number one week, doesn't mean that we are on target for the month or year. As the collection numbers vary each week, so does whether we achieve our weekly budget. Also, keep in mind, we are still trying to financially recover from last year when we were down tens of thousands of dollars.

3. What kind of increase are you envisioning?

I am fully aware that everyone's financial situation is different. The interesting thing about parishes is that usually huge increases per family are simply not required. If every active parishioner family simply increased their offering by as little as \$5.00 per week, it would make a tremendous difference. Some people can obviously afford more, while others might only be able to increase by \$1.00. The reality is even a little given per family can change things dramatically in a Parish.

4. Will we have to hear about money from the pulpit every week?

No. I don't deny that there are times that speaking about finances in Church has its legitimate moments, I don't believe any of us come to Church to hear about it weekly. I simply ask that when you receive information in the mail, that you honestly reflect upon it and your own financial situation. Remember, as I said already, even a relatively small increase can make a huge difference.



### THE ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY NEWS

#### Mass

Sunday, October 10, 2021

Rosary at 8:00 a.m.

Mass at 8:30 a.m.

#### Meeting

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.

## 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.catholictv.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.

# St. Teresa of Avila Parish Picnic

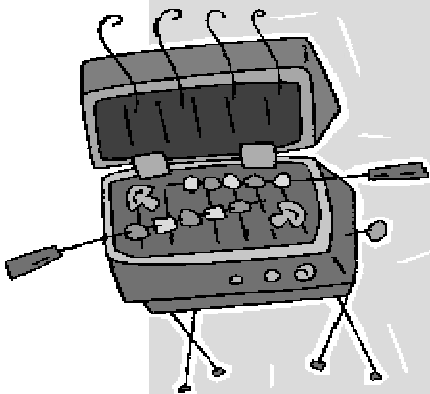
**Join us for a celebration of our Parish Family  
Parishioners are invited to attend!**

Sunday, October 17, 2021  
Noon to 3:00 PM  
St. Teresa Parish Life Center

The Parish Will Provide  
Baked Chicken

**Attendees are asked to bring either  
a salad or side dish or dessert**

**\*\*\* Please RSVP (440-934-4227) by 10/6/21,  
so we know how much chicken\*\*\***



# Liturgical Ministers Schedule

## Eucharistic Ministers

<b>Sat, Sept 18</b> <b>4:30 p.m.</b> Ruth Bistak Debbie Korce (choir)	<b>Sun, Sept 19</b> <b>8:30 a.m.</b> Greg Smail	<b>Sun, Sept 19</b> <b>11:00 a.m.</b> Lou Varos
<b>Sat, Sept 25</b> <b>4:30 p.m.</b> Debbie Korce Ann Glime (choir)	<b>Sun, Sept 26</b> <b>8:30 a.m.</b> Bill Bistak **	<b>Sun, Sept 26</b> <b>11:00 a.m.</b> Fred Courtright

## Lectors

<b>Sat, Sept 18</b> <b>4:30 p.m.</b> Larry Durica	<b>Sun, Sept 19</b> <b>8:30 a.m.</b> Christi Smail	<b>Sun, Sept 19</b> <b>11:00 a.m.</b> Lou Varos
<b>Sat, Sept 25</b> <b>4:30 p.m.</b> Tom Pienoski	<b>Sun, Sept 26</b> <b>8:30 a.m.</b> Gene Welsh	<b>Sun, Sept 26</b> <b>11:00 a.m.</b> Tom Parkey

## Servers

<b>Sat, Sept 18</b> <b>4:30 p.m.</b> Fitzwater **	<b>Sat, Sept 25</b> <b>4:30 p.m.</b> Brock **
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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](mailto:john.pabin@gmail.com) or Kevin at 216-214-7186, [kevinjmchenry@aol.com](mailto: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/](http://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](http://www.cleatholicwomen.org).

### **CCA GRIEF SUPPORT SEPTEMBER 19<sup>TH</sup> "IN-OFFICE" AT 3:00PM AND "VIRTUAL" AT 5:00PM:**

Catholic Cemeteries Association's next meeting is **September 19<sup>th</sup>**; 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. **5:00 p.m. via zoom**. Sign up at <http://bit.ly/ccavirtualgriefsupportgroup> to receive login information and to download the handout materials. You can join virtually from any Wi-Fi enabled area via computer, laptop, smartphone, or even without Wi-Fi (via audio only) from your analog phone. If you do not have Wi-Fi or email, please contact Rhonda at 216-930-4866.

### **ST. JOSEPH CEMETERY – Pre-Planning Seminar**

The Catholic Cemeteries Association invites you to attend a 1-hour pre-planning seminar on **Saturday, October 2, 2021, at 1 p.m.** Come learn about your Catholic burial options, including options for cremated remains. Attendees will receive a personal reference guide and special Savings Certificate. Please know the CCA follows the current CDC guidance regarding COVID-19 protocols.

We kindly ask that you RSVP to this event at St. Joseph Cemetery 32789 Detroit Rd., Avon-216/641-7575 ext. 8 or email Bob DeJohn in the Preplanning Department at [bdejohn@clecem.org](mailto:bdejohn@clecem.org).