

# St. Teresa of Avila Parish

1878 Abbe Road Sheffield Village, Ohio 44054

SEPTEMBER 26, 2021

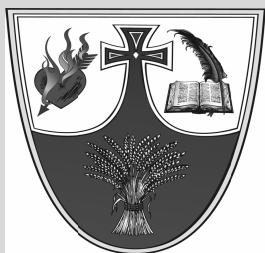
TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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*Behold, the wages you withheld from the workers  
who harvested your fields are crying aloud;  
and the cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts.*

*James 5:4*



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.

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September 26, 2021

The law of the LORD is perfect, refreshing the soul; the decree of the LORD is trustworthy, giving wisdom to the simple. — Psalm 19:8

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

Monday, September 27 St. Vincent de Paul, Priest NO MASS

Tuesday, September 28 St. Wenceslaus, Martyr NO MASS

Wednesday, September 29 Sts. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels 8:30 a.m. +Michael Lennon by dad

Thursday, September 30 St. Jerome, Priest & Doctor of the Church NO MASS

Friday, October 1 St. Therese (of the Child Jesus) Virgin, Doctor of the Church 8:30 a.m. living/deceased of St. Teresa Parish

Saturday, October 2 The Holy Guardian Angels 4:30 p.m. +Rich Hovan by Jim & Chris Perry

Sunday, October 3 8:30 a.m. +Roy L. Schneider by children 11:00 a.m. Fonseca Family by Dan & Theresa



Weekly Offering

<b>Weekly Goal</b>	\$4,000.00
<b>September 19</b>	\$3,401.00
<b>Children's'</b>	\$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!

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

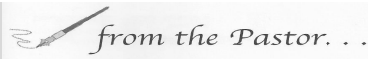
Sunday Vigil - Saturday 4:30 PM and Sunday - 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM Wed & Fri - 8:30 AM; Holy Day Vigil, Holy Day and Civic Holidays - Watch Bulletin

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



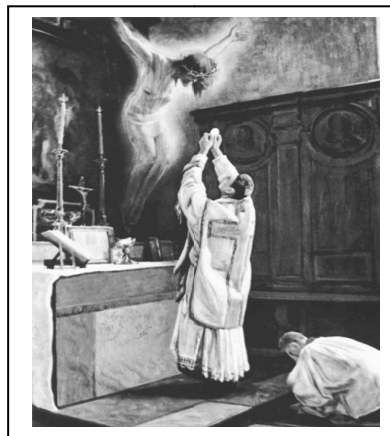
I had someone ask me recently, "At what point during Mass is it considered too late to receive Communion?"

It is true that before the Second Vatican Council some moral theologians made the claim that the dividing line in deciding whether one fulfills their Sunday obligation was arrival before the offertory.

However, after the liturgical reform of Vatican II, a greater emphasis was placed on the overall unity of the Mass. Mass begins with the entrance procession and ends with the final dismissal, and we should be there from beginning to end. Each part of the Mass relates and complements the others in a single act of worship even though some parts, such as the consecration, are essential while others are merely important.

Arriving on time is not just a question of obligation, but of love and respect for Our Lord who has gathered us together to share his gifts, and who has some grace to communicate to us in each part of the Mass. It is also a sign of respect for the community with whom we worship and who deserves our presence and the contribution of our prayers in each moment.

It's also highly encouraged that a person remains until the final dismissal. Most especially, a person should never leave immediately after receiving Holy Communion without returning to your pew for prayer. You would never receive a gift from a friend or loved one, and immediately turn and run out the door. Instead, you would graciously accept the gift and thank them for what they have done for you. Likewise, we should always take time after receiving the Lord to thank Him for the continual graces and blessings He bestows upon us.



My seminary rector would always say, "If you are not five minutes early, you are five minutes late."

Although not always possible because of a variety of reasons, we always try to arrive at Mass in enough time to settle ourselves, so that we can prayerfully prepare ourselves for an experience of the sacred. Additionally, we might even consider remaining for some time after mass, in prayerful thanksgiving for the great gift of the Eucharist, which God has bestowed upon us.

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

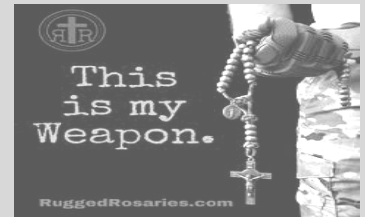


**UPCOMING EVENTS**

Mass	Wed, Sept 29	8:30 a.m.	Church
Eucharistic Adoration	Wed, Sept 29	9 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Church
Mass	Fri, Oct 1	8:30 a.m.	Church
Confessions	Sat, Oct 2	3:30 – 4:00 p.m.	Church
Pantry Donations	Oct 2 & 3	Place food in tubs	Church
Parish Picnic	Sun, Oct 17	Noon – 3:00 p.m.	Parish Life Center

**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**

**ROSARY FOR THE UNBORN**

On **Saturday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>** at 11 a.m. all are warmly invited to pray the Rosary of the Unborn at St. Anthony Church, 1339 E. Erie Ave. Let us pray for an end to legalized abortions. The northwest entrance to the Church will be open at 10:30 am. Questions? Call (440) 288-0416.

**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.**

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- Monday: Zec 8:1-8; Ps 102:16-21, 29, 22-23; Lk 9:46-50
- Tuesday: Zec 8:20-23; Ps 87:1b-7; Lk 9:51-56
- Wednesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a; Ps 138:1-5; Jn 1:47-51
- Thursday: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12; Ps 19:8-11; Lk 10:1-12
- Friday: Bar 1:15-22; Ps 79:1b-5, 8-9; Lk 10:13-16
- Saturday: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29; Ps 69:33-37; Mt 18:1-5, 10
- Sunday: Gn 2:18-24; Ps 128:1-6; Heb 2:9-11; Mk 10:2-16 [2-12]

**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.

**BLANKET SUNDAY COMING SOON**

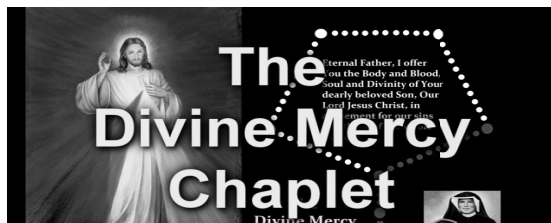
The weekend of **October 9 & 10** marks the 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Blanket Sunday Collection to aid the poor. This collection is sponsored by the Diocesan St. Vincent de Paul Society. Due to sanitary concerns and lack of storage space, **we will gratefully accept your financial donation** and do the shopping for you, making your money go even further with bulk purchases of blankets and other items needed by the homeless and disadvantaged. So please “blanket” someone for the winter – and give yourself a warm feeling! You may also donate online at [www.svdpcle.org](http://www.svdpcle.org). (Contributions can be put in the offertory that weekend.)

**PARISH CLUSTER INFO**

**St. Thomas the Apostle**  
[www.saintthomaschurch.net](http://www.saintthomaschurch.net)  
**St. Anthony**  
[www.stanthonylorain.org](http://www.stanthonylorain.org)

**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)



**JESUS' DIVINE MERCY**

To St. Faustina: **“Do not defend yourself when you are put to shame, though innocent. Let others triumph. Do not stop being good when you notice that your goodness is being abused. I Myself will speak up for you when it is necessary. Be grateful for the smallest of My graces, because your gratitude compels Me to grant you new graces.”**  
(Diary, 1701). \*The words of Jesus appear in boldface

## 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.

### 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

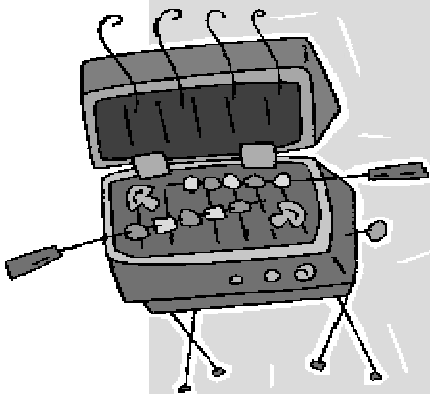
**Join us for a celebration of our Parish Family  
Parishioners are invited to attend!**

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 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
<b>Sat Oct 2</b> <b>4:30 p.m.</b> Joan Gigliotti John Katricak (choir)	<b>Sun, Oct 3</b> <b>8:30 a.m.</b> Kathy Cunningham	<b>Sun, Oct 3</b> <b>11:00 a.m.</b> Trish MacDonald

## Lectors

<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
<b>Sat, Oct 2</b> <b>4:30 p.m.</b> Phil Gigliotti	<b>Sun, Oct 3</b> <b>8:30 a.m.</b> Frank Lanza	<b>Sun, Oct 3</b> <b>11:00 a.m.</b> Lou Varos

## Servers

<b>Sat, Sept 25</b> <b>4:30 p.m.</b> Brock **	<b>Sat, Oct 2</b> <b>4:30 p.m.</b> Pienoski **
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## The Year of St. Joseph ends December 8, 2021

**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

### 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).

### 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).

### 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).

### PRO-LIFE MASS, ROSARY & CANDLELIGHT PROCESSION

Please join us in prayer for an end to abortion and for world peace. This grace-filled evening will take place at St. Vincent de Paul Church, 41295 North Ridge Rd., **Tuesday, October 5th**. Mass will begin at 6:00 p.m., followed by the Rosary and a beautiful candlelight procession to the outdoor shrine of Our Lady of Fatima. Refreshments will be served afterwards. All are welcome to attend!

### 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](http://www.loraincountyrighttolife.org) under Resources and Issues tab.