

# St. Teresa of Avila Parish

1878 Abbe Road Sheffield Village, Ohio 44054

THIRTY-SECOND  
**SUNDAY**  
IN ORDINARY TIME

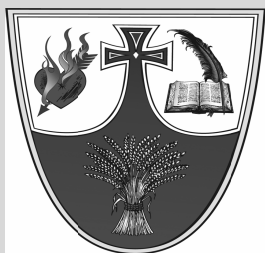
November 7, 2021

*This poor widow put in  
more than all the other  
contributors to the treasury.*

Mark 12:43



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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.

**THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**November 7, 2021**

The LORD keeps faith forever, secures justice for the oppressed, gives food to the hungry. — Psalm 146:7

**Saturday, November 6**

4:30 p.m. +Arnoldo & Luciana Lezzi by family

**Sunday, November 7**

8:30 a.m. +Elia Riegel by Dr. Phil & Joan Gigliotti

11:00 a.m. +Don Kirchner by Simi DiLuciano

**Monday, November 8**

**NO MASS**

**Tuesday, November 9**

**Dedication of the Lateran Basilica**

**NO MASS**

**Wednesday, November 10**

**St. Leo the Great, Pope & Doctor of the Church**

8:30 a.m. +Joseph Chonko by Ed & Jo Niemiec

**Thursday, November 11**

**St. Martin of Tours, Bishop**

**NO MASS**

**Friday, November 12**

**St. Josaphat, Bishop & Martyr**

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

**Saturday, November 13**

**St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin**

4:30 p.m. +Gus Wehler by Jean Wehler

**Sunday, November 14**

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

11:00 a.m. +Joseph Tomshe by Ed & Jo Niemiec



<b>Weekly Goal</b>	\$4,000.00
<b>October 17</b>	\$3,398.00
<b>Children's</b>	\$24.00
<b>October 24</b>	\$3,400.00
<b>Children's</b>	\$24.00

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

**FAROH'S CANDY FOR SALE IN THE CHURCH**

We are now selling Faroh's candy bars.  
 All proceeds benefit the Mother Cabrini Food Pantry in Lorain  
 Each candy bar is \$1.00.

**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


 from the Pastor. . .

Our gospel this week is known as the story of the Widow's Mite. A widow donates two small coins, while wealthy people donate much more. A common explanation of the story is that Jesus praises the poor widow and holds her up as an example to us all because she gave "her whole livelihood." So even though the rich people gave more, it was just for show and only from their chump change. Not the widow, she is "all in" in what she gives to God. The moral of the story is that small sacrifices of the poor mean more to God than the extravagant donations of the rich. And so, I could stop writing at this point, and leave you to think about your weekly offering to the Church or your increased offertory pledge... are you giving chump change, or are you contributing your whole livelihood? I could, but there is much more in this Gospel than meets the eye.

We know we are called to be good stewards of our gifts. However, how many of us will make the contribution to God that is "all in" as does the poor widow? I know that in past years of hearing this Gospel passage, when I was sitting in the pews before I was ordained, and I heard priests take this route in their homilies, I would think, "Geez, I can never live up to that example" and then at some point, "Geez, what kind of God wants that? Maybe those are her last two coins? She is all in, but where is her prophet Elijah who will come to her and promise it will be alright?" In other words, I have not always been inspired to be more generous and have sometimes ended up complaining about what God expects of me – or what the pastor wants.

But now, years later, I have had more time to sit with this simple passage. Here is something for you to think about: If the disciples had been in the Temple on their own, and not in the presence of Jesus, do you think they would have noticed the poor widow putting her small coins into the Temple treasury, while they gawked at the exorbitant offerings of the rich and famous? In the very next verse after our Gospel, the disciples make it clear that they are more interested in the magnificence of the Temple (Mark 13:1). As for me, I don't think they would have noticed the widow at all. But Jesus noticed: "Amen, I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury. For they have all contributed from their surplus wealth, but she, from her poverty, has contributed all she had, her whole livelihood."

Here's another question: How did you hear and understand Jesus' description of the poor widow's offering – is it praise or lament? Let me suggest to you that it is a lament addressed to the disciples and to the Temple system in Jerusalem. A lament that no one notices the poor widow, no one works to lift her burden and lift her up. We are too attentive to the bright, shiny things that surround us. I think Jesus' words are a lament that we do not see with the eyes of God.

At that moment in the Temple, the apostles are not seeing with the eyes of God. And what about this moment here and now? Frankly, it is a little terrifying to consider what it would be like to see with God's eyes – perhaps it is more than a human soul could bear. But what about God seeing with our eyes? Maybe that is part of the mystery of the Incarnation. Jesus sees with our eyes so that we might be able to see with His. He lives our life, feels with our senses, and sees with our eyes that each of us might discover in Christ the true calling of our own humanity.

I think the good news of this passage comes in what it says about the God we worship; the God that Jesus reveals to us most clearly. This God notices the poor widow, sees her plight, and recognizes her affliction. This God will not tolerate such abuse – especially under the guise of religious piety – and so Jesus laments those who would order their world and religion to make her sacrifices necessary, and yet unnoticed. I think God is inviting us to look around and see each other: those we know and those we don't...and those that no one notices. We are invited not just to see them, but to gaze upon them with eyes of Mercy.

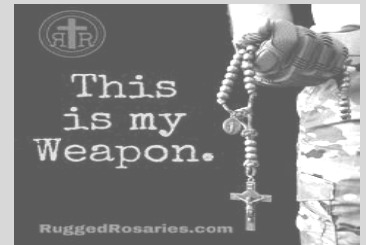
We live in a world of bright shiny things that easily draw our attention. Jesus is reminding us that we also live in a world that needs people to "Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful" (Luke 6:36). For that we need to see with the eyes of Christ.

Here is the last question, the one I will leave you with – and maybe it's the hardest. What do you need to do...what are you willing to do...what will you do to learn to see the world through the eyes of Christ? Jesus makes it clear that we are called to live a life of mercy. We are called to notice.

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

## TOGETHER - LET US PRAY ...

Eleanor Rieth, Fran Rottman  
Loretta Forthofer, Elvira Quester  
Marianne Rieth, Chris Ughrin  
Jarmila Kos, JoAnne Wisnieski  
Kathleen Brezinski, Anna Joseph  
Patricia Welsh, Larry Sheets  
Marty Lima, William Wisnieski  
Vickie Aring, Michael Wisnieski  
Patrick O'Toole, Catherine Monfort  
Gina Ackerman



### 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!

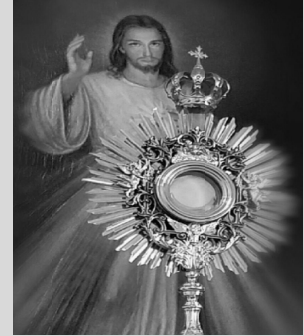
**"In the beginning it is difficult;  
but I know that such freedom,  
self-denial, and detachment  
from ourselves can, with  
God's help, be attained."**  
St. Teresa of Avila



**Remember  
CATHOLIC PROGRAMMING**



**EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**



*"It is up to us...to tell our people where our Risen Savior is. The Blessed Sacrament is Our Risen Savior with all of the power of His love and mercy flowing out to those who come into His presence! This is where we must run, like Peter and John. This is where we must bring everyone. For each Holy Hour will advance the day when the light of His love and mercy will shine out, and then like Him, His people will be resurrected."* From the book Letters to a Brother Priest

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).

**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.

**POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION - NOVEMBER**

We pray that people who suffer from depression or burn-out will find support and a light that opens them up to life.

**"Living Divine Mercy" – New show on EWTN**

Learn how to experience Divine Mercy throughout our own life in this series featuring a weekly message and devotion, along with "miracle stories" from the real lives of Marian Helpers. **Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.**

**PRO-LIFE MEDITATIONS ON THE ROSARY**

The Third Joyful Mystery – The Nativity God Himself was born as a child. The greatness of a person does not depend on size, for the newborn King is very small. Let us pray for an end to prejudice against the tiny babies threatened by abortion.

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

**LORAIN COUNTY RIGHT TO LIFE PRAYER VIGIL**

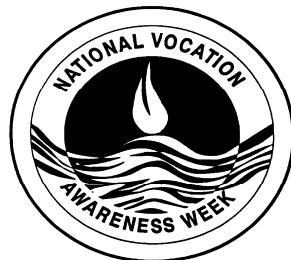
Join us on the first Thursday of each month outside the Planned Parenthood in Lorain from **3-4 p.m.** This is located in the YWCA Women's Center building at 200 W. 9<sup>th</sup> St. The next date is **Thursday, November 18.**

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- Monday: Wis 1:1-7; Ps 139:1b-10; Lk 17:1-6
- Tuesday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22
- Wednesday: Wis 6:1-11; Ps 82:3-4, 6-7; Lk 17:11-19
- Thursday: Wis 7:22b — 8:1; Ps 119:89-91, 130, 135, 175; Lk 17:20-25
- Friday: Wis 13:1-9; Ps 19:2-5ab; Lk 17:26-37
- Saturday: Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9; Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43; Lk 18:1-8
- Sunday: Dn 12:1-3; Ps 16:5, 8-11; Heb 10:11-14, 18; Mk 13:24-32

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

Mass	Wed, Nov 10	8:30 a.m.	Church
Eucharistic Adoration	Wed, Nov 10	9 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Church
Bible Study	Thurs, Nov 11	7:00 p.m.	St. John Room
Mass	Fri, Nov 12	8:30 a.m.	Church
Confessions	Sat, Nov 13	3:30 – 4:00 p.m.	Church

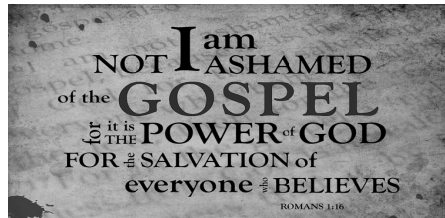


**JESUS' DIVINE MERCY**

To St. Faustina: **"Pure love gives the soul strength at the very moment of dying. When I was dying on the cross, I was not thinking about Myself, but about poor sinners, and I prayed for them to My Father."**(Diary, 324). *\*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.**



**BIBLE STUDY**  
 Everyone is welcome!  
 Thursdays at 7:00 p.m.  
 the St. John Room  
**November 11<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>**



**THE ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY NEWS**  
**Mass**  
 Sunday, November 14, 2021  
 Rosary at 8:00 a.m.  
 Mass at 8:30 a.m.  
**A&R MEETING**  
**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15**  
**@ 1 P.M.**

**ST. TERESA PARISH WILL NO LONGER OFFER A PSR PROGRAM**  
**St. Anthony of Padua Parish PSR:** grades 2nd - 8<sup>th</sup> - **Monday** evenings from 6:15-7:30 pm. Registration forms are available online at [www.stanthonylorain.org/our-parish/psr/](http://www.stanthonylorain.org/our-parish/psr/). Call 440-288-0106 or email [psr@stanthonylorain.com](mailto:psr@stanthonylorain.com).  
**St. Thomas PSR:** grades 1<sup>st</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>. **Sundays** from 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.  
 Call or email David Gray, DRE at 440-714-4007 or [davidmichaelgray@msn.com](mailto:davidmichaelgray@msn.com).

**A CHURCH THAT LISTENS: PASTORAL COLLABORATION AND ENGAGEMENT IN THE DIOCESE OF CLEVELAND**  
 Pope Francis has asked the universal Church to enter into a synodal process to discern, through a journey of listening and accompaniment, how we can be more fully a Church on mission to proclaim the Kingdom. The experience of the Diocese of Cleveland has something to share in this in its own practice of pastoral planning through collaborative engagement with the whole People of God. The Institute of Catholic Studies at John Carroll University is pleased to present a panel discussion of this earlier example of our diocese engaging in such a journey. Sr. Rita Mary Harwood, SND, previously the Secretary for Parish Life of the Diocese of Cleveland, and Mr. Rick Krivanka, previously the Director of the Diocesan Pastoral Planning Office will share their experiences of this collaborative and consultative approach to Church life. This event is free and open to the public. In accordance with university health protocols, all visitors to campus must be masked inside university buildings. This event is sponsored by the Institute of Catholic Studies, The Department of Theology and Religious Studies and The Center for Service and Social Action at John Carroll University. This lecture will be held on **November 17, 2021 at 7:30pm** in the Donahue Auditorium, in the Dolan Center for Science and Technology at John Carroll University. Please contact the Institute of Catholic Studies at 216.397.4558 with any questions.

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.

**SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE NEWS**  
**Spiritual Adoption of the Unborn**  
 Pray 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.**  
*"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 November 6 & 7, 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. **Please - NO non-food donations.**  
**We only accept donations of unused & unopened non-perishable food items.**



**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.catholicstv.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.

**CATHOLIC FAITH RESOURCES AVAILABLE ON CD IN VESTIBULE**

**Want to learn more about your faith? Listen and learn as you drive!**

CD's are available in the vestibule of the church for **FREE**.

Many topics available, such as "Attack on Religious Liberty – The Battle for the Faith in Mexico" by Patrick Madrid, "The New Eve" by Dr. Brant Pitre, "How to Apply Our Faith to Our Families" by Kimberly Hahn, "Count your Blessings" by Dr. Scott Hahn, and "Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist" by Dr. Brant Pitre. *Plus many more.*

**Check them all out and feel free to take what interests you!**



**PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED**

**Maebelle Fill**

Who passed away in October  
 May the souls of all the faithful departed,  
 through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

*Pray for the Dead*

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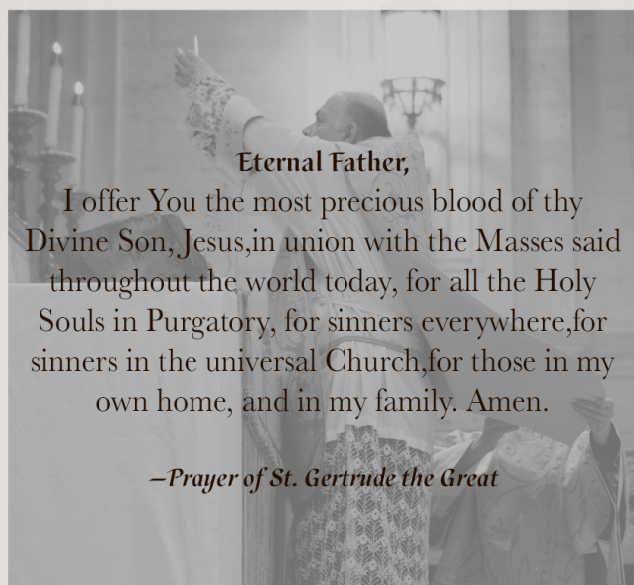
**SECOND HARVEST SCHOOL PANTRY....**

**at Brookside High School.** Sheffield-Sheffield Lake City Schools offer Mobile Food Pantry Distributions at Brookside High School (1662 Harris Rd., Sheffield Village – enter through southern most driveway): **3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month from 4:00 – 5:30 p.m.** The next distribution of food will be **Wednesday, November 17, 2021.** Open to any resident of the State of Ohio who is in need (income eligibility is self-declaration; **no** documentation required at registration). For information visit [outreach@sslcs.org](mailto:outreach@sslcs.org).



**THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER IS DEDICATED TO THE SOULS IN PURGATORY**

The month of November is dedicated to the **Souls in Purgatory**, whose feast is celebrated on November 2. With the exception of the last two days, the entire month of November falls during the liturgical season known as **Ordinary Time**, which is represented by the liturgical color green. This symbol of hope is the color of the sprouting seed and arouses in the faithful the hope of reaping the eternal harvest of heaven, especially the hope of a glorious resurrection. It is used in the offices and Masses of Ordinary Time. The last portion of the liturgical year represents the time of our pilgrimage to heaven during which we hope for reward. The last Sunday, which marks the beginning of Advent, the liturgical color changes to purple, representing a time of penance.



**Eternal Father,**

I offer You the most precious blood of thy Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the Masses said throughout the world today, for all the Holy Souls in Purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal Church, for those in my own home, and in my family. Amen.

*—Prayer of St. Gertrude the Great*

# Liturgical Ministers Schedule

## Eucharistic Ministers

<b>Sat, Nov 6</b> <b>4:30 p.m.</b> Tom Pienoski Ann Glime (choir)	<b>Sun, Nov 7</b> <b>8:30 a.m.</b> Kathy Cunningham	<b>Sun, Nov 7</b> <b>11:00 a.m.</b> Trish MacDonald
<b>Sat Nov 13</b> <b>4:30 p.m.</b> Joan Gigliotti (Wehler**) Ruth Bistak (choir)	<b>Sun, Nov 14</b> <b>8:30 a.m.</b> Greg Smail	<b>Sun, Nov 14</b> <b>11:00 a.m.</b> Carol Kirchner

## Lectors

<b>Sat Nov 6</b> <b>4:30 p.m.</b> Andy Augustine	<b>Sun, Nov 7</b> <b>8:30 a.m.</b> Bruce DiVaccaro	<b>Sun, Nov 7</b> <b>11:00 a.m.</b> Gene Welsh
<b>Sat, Nov 13</b> <b>4:30 p.m.</b> Phil Gigliotti	<b>Sun, Nov 14</b> <b>8:30 a.m.</b> Frank Lanza	<b>Sun, Nov 14</b> <b>11:00 a.m.</b> Fred Courtright

## Servers

<b>Sat, Nov 6</b> <b>4:30 p.m.</b> Brock	<b>Sat, Nov 13</b> <b>4:30 p.m.</b> Fitzwater
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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

### INTERESTED IN KNOWING MORE ABOUT THE CATHOLIC WAY OF LIFE? TRY RCIA

Follow your heart and join us at St. Vincent de Paul Church on the journey of Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. If you have never been baptized, were baptized in another Christian community, or were baptized Catholic and have not received the sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation, this journey is for you. The journey involves learning about the teachings and traditions of the Church. If interested, please call or email Jackie at 440-242-0195 or [jackiesvdp@gamil.com](mailto:jackiesvdp@gamil.com).

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS INVITES YOU TO....

On **November 18 at 7:30 PM** in the Knights of Columbus Council's Ragan Hall at 1783 Moore Rd. in Avon, Terry Smith, author, musician, actor and radio personality will present from memory, world renowned speeches that deliver a central theme of freedom, why we fight for it and what we need to do to keep it. **Great words that apply for all ages and inspire patriotism.** Terry (<http://www.actinbuff.com/>) will feature Churchill's WWII "Never Give In", Vince Lombardi's "Winning" and Col. Joshua Chamberlain's "Battle of Gettysburg" speeches. Please RSVP by November 15<sup>th</sup> to help us prepare. [FatherRagan@gmail.com](mailto:FatherRagan@gmail.com) or (440) 930-0251. **Free to all. Snacks/beverages will be provided.**

### CALVARY CEMETERY– Pre-Planning Seminar

The Catholic Cemeteries Association invites you to attend a 1-hour pre-planning seminar on **Saturday, November 13 at 1 p.m.** Please join us to learn about your Catholic burial options, including options for cremated remains. Attendees will receive a personal reference guide and a savings certificate. We kindly ask that you RSVP to this event at **Calvary Cemetery 555 N. Ridge Rd. Lorain 216/641-7575 ext. 6or email [bdejohn@clecem.org](mailto:bdejohn@clecem.org)**.

### COPING WITH THE HOLIDAYS

Holy Family Hospice wants to help the healing process by offering support and tips on how to cope with the Holidays while grieving the loss of a loved one. Zoom presentations only: **Monday, November 15, 2021 at 2 p.m. and 6 p.m.:** register by November 10; **OR Monday, December 6, 2021 at 2 p.m. and 6 p.m.:** register by December 1. To register contact Erin Hout at 440-545-7032 or go to [ehout@holysfamilyhome.com](mailto:ehout@holysfamilyhome.com). FREE event.

### CCA GRIEF SUPPORT NOVEMBER 21ST "IN-OFFICE" AT 3:00PM AND "VIRTUAL" AT 5:00PM

Catholic Cemeteries Association provides free monthly grief support groups on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of every month. The **November 21<sup>st</sup> topics are "Thanks-Giving Grief" and "Preparing for the Holidays"**. 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 pm Virtual Grief Support group is via Zoom.** Sign up at <http://bit.ly/ccavirtualgriefsupportgroup> to receive login information and to download the handout materials. If you do not have Wi-Fi or email, please contact Rhonda at 216-930-4866. *Your RSVP for both In-Person and Virtual Grief Support is appreciated but not required to attend. For more information or if you have questions, please contact Rhonda at 216-930-4866.*



## **St. Teresa is announcing its new partnership with**

As Pastor of Saint Teresa of Avila Parish I have always taken seriously my responsibility as your Shepherd. Spiritually, as a baptized Catholic and disciple of Jesus Christ, attending Mass is an essential expression of our faith. There is literally nothing that can substitute for our physical presence at Mass. It has pained me to see how many people have stopped attending Mass because of their fear and anxiety over COVID. We must return to a mindset where our souls take precedence over our physical fears. Therefore, in order to address the fears and anxieties of people today, I have taken the significant step of partnering with Bluezone by Middleby so that their cutting edge air purifying technology can be utilized in our Church. To my understanding, we will be one of very few Churches in the United States, and across the world, to install this amazing product. Originally created for the United States Military, and utilizing the same kinds of ultraviolet technology used in the best hospitals, this is a vital step in eliminating airborne contaminants in our Church.

What is Bluezone?

Bluezone by Middleby is cutting edge air purification that finally works. Bluezone uses the precise balance of ultraviolet-enhanced oxidation to chemically destroy airborne contaminants such as odors, mold, bacteria, allergens and viruses.

Does it kill viruses, especially the SARS-CoV-2 (COVID) virus?

The Bluezone Viral Kill models utilize enhanced ultraviolet irradiation that is optimized for destroying viruses in occupied spaces. The Viral Kill unit's ultraviolet radiation coupled with enhanced residence time and flowrate through Bluezone's reaction chamber, results in a 99.9995% kill rate, including the MS2 (SARS-CoV-2 Surrogate) virus. The Viral Kill unit also features a room temperature oxidation catalyst to convert VOCs into CO<sub>2</sub> and H<sub>2</sub>O.

How effective will it be in our Church?

Taking into consideration the size of our Church, as well as the number of Bluezone units we have installed, the air in St. Teresa of Avila Church will be completely purified by the Bluezone units approximately every 8 minutes.

My hope is that all worshipers will feel completely at ease attending Mass at St. Teresa of Avila, and those who have stopped coming to Mass will return. This is an important financial investment in the life of our Parish, and the spiritual lives of all parishioners.

The Reverend Edward J. Smith