

St. Teresa of Avila Parish

1878 Abbe Road Sheffield Village, Ohio 44054

January 9, 2022

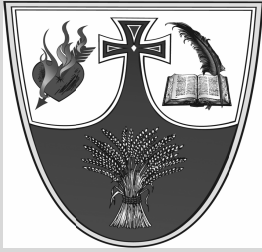


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The Baptism OF THE LORD

[John said,] "I am baptizing you with water,
but one mightier than I is coming.
I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals."

Luke 3:16



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.

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

January 9, 2022

He saved us through the bath of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. — Titus 3:5

Saturday, January 8

4:30 p.m. +Gloria Urig by Karen Swierz

Sunday, January 9 BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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

11:00 a.m. +Bonnie Roth by Bill

Monday, January 10

NO MASS

Tuesday, January 11

NO MASS

Wednesday, January 12

8:30 a.m. +Francisco Williams by family

Thursday, January 13 St. Hilary, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

NO MASS

Friday, January 14

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

Saturday, January 15

4:30 p.m. +Al & Bertha Schneider by the Roy Schneider family

Sunday, January 16

8:30 a.m. All Souls

11:00 a.m. +Fred Ackerman by Mike & Barb Griffith & family



Table with 2 columns: Offering Type and Amount. Includes Weekly Goal, December 19, Children's, Christmas, December 26, and Children's.

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

COLLECTION FOR THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY

Next weekend, January 15 & 16, 2022, will be the collection for the Catholic University. The Catholic University of America is a national research university with 5,700 undergraduate and graduate students in more than 250 academic programs on a residential campus in the heart of Washington, D.C.

Masses

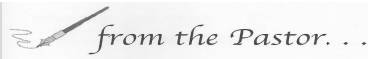
Sunday Vigil - Saturday 4:30 PM and Sunday - 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM
Wed & Fri - 8:30 AM; Holy Day Vigil, Holy Day and Civic Holidays - Watch Bulletin

Confessions

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

CONTACT US

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Fax.....(440) 934-4500 E-mailsdebbie@stteresaparish.com and sue@stteresaparish.com
Website..... www.stteresaparish.com



ON THE CUSP OF A NEW CREATION

It was on the Fourth Sunday of Advent this past December that we first heard of the two cousins, John and Jesus, meeting. Then it was in the womb of their mothers, Elizabeth and Mary. Now the cousins meet again on the shore of the Jordan River. John is already well known—so much so that people had begun to wonder if he was the long-awaited Messiah. Jesus, on the other hand, is about to begin his ministry. One could say that Jesus entered the waters of the Jordan as a private person and came out of them as a public one. The voice from heaven left no doubt about that. As we come to the end of the Christmas season our readings echo Isaiah and Titus (see Advent and Christmas Day readings) and together with today's Psalm 104 they point us to Pentecost. We are on the cusp of a new creation.

John the Baptist was what we might call today a “social influencer.” People paid attention to what he had to say. And what he said affected the choices people made. Yet today's Gospel reminds us of John the Baptist's ultimate goal: “One mightier than I is coming.” The Baptizer walks the fine line between drawing attention to himself with his fiery preaching and then re-directing that attention to Jesus, the “beloved Son.” John the Baptist could be considered the “patron saint” of those who minister as lectors, extraordinary ministers of the eucharist, cantors, greeters, acolytes, and musicians. Isn't John's teaching a good goal for a liturgical (or any!) minister? Rooted in the graces of their own baptism, ministers must be skilled and confident enough to draw people's attention (or, at least, not turn them off!) and then gradually re-focus that attention on Jesus. It is a dynamic and awesome responsibility.

Today's Readings: Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30; Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

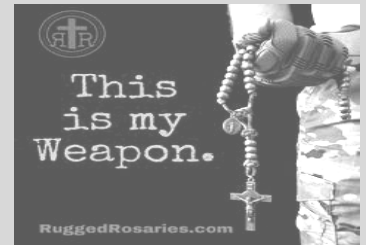
Monday: 1 Sm 1:1-8; Ps 116:12-19; Mk 1:14-20
 Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Mk 1:21-28
 Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Ps 40:2, 5, 7-10; Mk 1:29-39
 Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11; Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25; Mk 1:40-45
 Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Ps 89:16-19; Mk 2:1-12
 Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a; Ps 21:2-7; Mk 2:13-17
 Sunday: Is 62:1-5; Ps 96:1-3, 7-10; 1 Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-11

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mass	Wed, Jan 12	8:30 a.m.	Church
Eucharistic Adoration	Wed, Jan 12	9:00 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Church
Mass	Fri, Jan 14	8:30 a.m.	Church
Confession	Sat, Jan 15	3:30 – 4:00 p.m.	Church

TOGETHER - LET US PRAY ...

Eleanor Rieth, Fran Röttman
 Loretta Forthofer, Elvira Quester
 Marianne Rieth, Chris Ughrin
 Jarmila Kos, JoAnne Wisnieski
 Kathleen Brezinski, Anna Joseph
 Patricia Welsh, Gina Ackerman
 Marty Lima, William Wisnieski
 Vickie Aring, Michael Wisnieski
 Patrick O'Toole, Judy Williamson
 Lloyd Canterbury



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!

“Love is never idle, and a failure to grow would be a very bad sign.” 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

EWTN "Venerable Jerome Lejeune: To the Least of These My Brothers and Sisters" January 21 at 4:30 p.m. A documentary on the French pediatrician and geneticist known for opposing prenatal diagnosis and abortion. Colleagues, family and religious leaders recall this Servant of God, declared Venerable by Pope Francis.

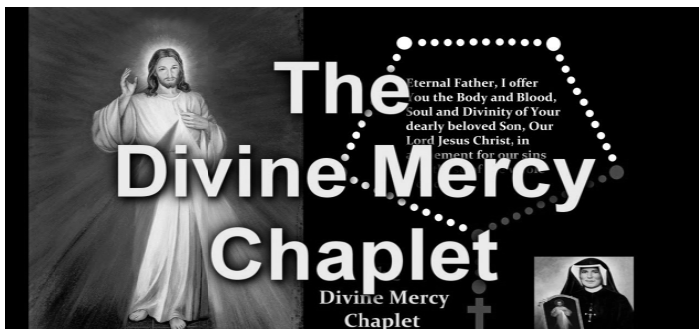
AM1260 The Rock will broadcast "Mass for Life." January 21, 2022
Happy New Year from the Rock! Please join AM 1260 The Rock as we broadcast the annual "Mass for Life." Most Reverend Edward C. Malesic, Bishop of Cleveland, will celebrate Mass from the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist on Friday, January 21st at 10:00 AM. Listen via radio, through our website (am1260therock.com), or on our mobile app. Please pray for The Culture of Life to permeate our country and world as we begin this new year! *God Bless You!*

PRO-LIFE MEDITATIONS ON THE ROSARY
The Second Glorious Mystery – The Ascension For all who struggle with addictions, that through Christ's triumph and ascent into glory, they may triumph over their temptations, and gain strength and peace.
 For pro-life novenas visit **Priests for Life at PrayerCampaign.org**

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).

YEAR END OFFERTORY STATEMENTS
 If you would like your statement of donations for 2021, please contact the church office. Contact us by email (office@stteresaparish.com or church@stteresaparish.com) and we can email your statement to you.
 Call the office Monday – Friday between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. (440-934-4227) to have the statement mailed or to pick up your statement.
Thank you to everyone for your generosity!

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 - JANUARY
 We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.

JESUS' DIVINE MERCY
 To St. Faustina: **"My daughter, I reward you for the purity of your intention which you had at the time when you acted. My Heart rejoiced that you had My love under consideration at the time you acted, and that in so distinct a way; and even now you still derive benefit from this; that is, from the humiliation. Yes, My child, I want you to always have such great purity of intention in the very least things you undertake."** (Diary, 1566). **The words of Jesus appear in boldface*

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
January 6 & 20



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION at St. Teresa Parish

Call the Parish Office if you have a child in Second grade. Classes will begin in March of 2022.

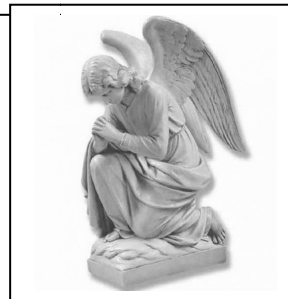


PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED

James Breznai,

James was a long time parishioner, who passed away on January 2.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.



THE ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY NEWS

Mass

Sunday, January 9, 2022
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!

SPIRITUAL ADOPTION OF THE UNBORN

We are there! "Our babies" were saved throughout this year through our prayers to the Holy Family and our trust in the power and goodness of God our Father!

At Christmas we end this year's Spiritual Adoption and welcome *new life* in the babies that were born and *new life* in the hearts of us all through the **Birth of Jesus Christ our Savior!**

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

The Baptism of the Lord

Almighty ever-living God, who, when Christ had been baptized in the River Jordan

and as the Holy Spirit descended upon him, solemnly declared him your beloved Son, grant that your children by adoption, reborn of water and the Holy Spirit, may always be well pleasing to you.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.



"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

Thank you for your donations to Birthright of Lorain County

So much generosity was shown during the "Gifts for Baby Jesus" collection! We thank you and will update you on what was donated after all items are delivered.

Mother Cabrini Food Pantry

The next food pantry collection will be February 5 & 6, 2022

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 OR at: <http://www.catholictv.org> OR <https://www.ewtn.com/tv>, and www.HeartoftheNation.org.

Listen to Mass on AM 1260 The Rock at 4 p.m. Saturday and 10:30 a.m. Sunday.

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 "The Holy Eucharist" by Fr. Bill Casey, C.P.M., "Light of the World" by Pope Benedict XVI, 5-Time Major League All-Star on "Winning the Game for Christ" by Mike Sweeney. Plus many more.

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

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.twcbc.com.



FOR HIGH SCHOOL BOYS DADS & MENTORS

are encouraged to join us for talks and resources tailored to those that are raising young men.

YOUNG CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE

Keynote Speaker: Father Larry Richards



- also...
- Bishop Malesic
- Father Jacob Bearer
- Father Ryan Mann
- Father Mike McCandless
- Luke Brown, LPCC
- Tommy Dome
- Erin Hogan
- Jim Hogan
- Paul Koopman
- Dean Robinson
- Drew Villinsky
- The Culture Project



TEEN SESSIONS

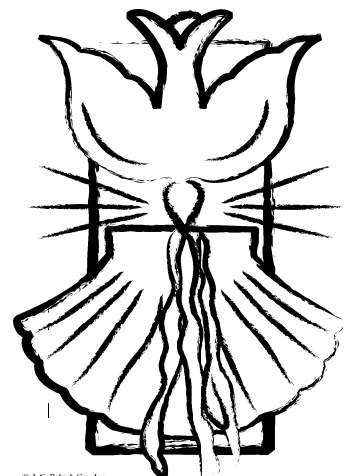
TOPICS INCLUDE:
sports, science, dating, managing stress, spiritual growth, culture and integrity

SACRAMENTS

Mass, confession opportunity

YCMC is an initiative to encourage and strengthen men in their Catholic life and how to live it in today's culture. With cooperation of religious, this event is wholly produced by a group of committed lay Catholics who recognize the vast challenges of Christian manhood.

Saturday, January 29th 2022 @ Walsh Jesuit High School
www.YCMC.us for more info and to register



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Liturgical Ministers Schedule

Eucharistic Ministers

Sat, Jan 8 4:30 a.m. Joan Gigliotti John Katricak ** (choir)	Sun, Jan 9 8:30 a.m. Greg Smail	Sun, Jan 9 11:00 a.m. Carol Kirchner
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Sat Jan 15 4:30 p.m. Ruth Bistak Tom Pienoski (choir)	Sun, Jan 16 8:30 a.m. Kathy Cunningham	Sun, Jan 16 11:00 a.m. Jeff Wohlever
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Lectors

Sat Jan 8 4:30 a.m. Phil Gigliotti	Sun, Jan 9 8:30 a.m. Frank Lanza	Sun, Jan 9 11:00 a.m. Tom Parkey
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Sat, Jan 15 4:30 p.m. Tom Pienoski **	Sun, Jan 16 8:30 a.m. Christi Smail	Sun, Jan 16 11:00 a.m. Lou Varos
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Servers

Sat, Jan 8 4:30 a.m. Brock	Sat, Jan 15 4:30 p.m. Fitzwater
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CCA GRIEF SUPPORT JANUARY 16TH "IN-OFFICE" AT 3:00PM AND "VIRTUAL" AT 5:00PM:

Catholic Cemeteries Association provides free monthly grief support groups either in-Office (3pm) or Virtually (5pm) via Zoom. The **January 16th** topic is "Facing the New Year with Hope and Love". **3:00 pm In-Office Grief Support groups** meet in the main office building at St. Joseph, Avon | 32789 Detroit Road. *Catholic Cemeteries Association follows the guidelines set by the CDC, the State of Ohio, and the Diocese of Cleveland regarding COVID-19 protocols.*

5:00 pm Virtual Grief Support group meets for an hour 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 is appreciated but not required to attend. For more information or if you have questions, please contact Rhonda at 216-930-4866.*

"A Closer Walk With Thee" – CCA Monthly Grief Support E-Newsletter:

Our monthly grief support e-newsletter provides much of the same helpful grief support information that is presented at the monthly meetings but can be enjoyed from the comfort of your home and from any device where you can access your email. This e-newsletter is emailed the first Tuesday of each month to any family/individual who has expressed an interest in our bereavement programs. To subscribe to this valued grief support resource, go to the signup form at <https://bit.ly/ccabereavementbulletin> or contact Rhonda at rabrams@clecem.org or 216-930-4866.

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.

MATTHEW 25:36 "FOR...I WAS SICK AND YOU VISITED ME."

The Eucharistic Ministry team of University Hospital in Elyria is looking for volunteers. Consider helping 60-90 minutes, once-a-week or every-other-week, and bring Holy Communion and prayerful support to Catholic patients. You can choose to help either on a weekday or weekend morning. Volunteers must be commissioned as a Eucharistic Minister, be fully vaccinated against Covid-19 (although we do not visit any Covid patient rooms) and also have proof of this year's flu shot. Hospital orientation and training provided. Interested in learning more? Contact Mary Anne Cunningham at (440) 759-7459 or maryanne116@msn.com.

"HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND YOU"

Human Trafficking is in the movies and in the news, but it also happens right here in our local communities. It is among the top three international crimes along with drug and weapons trafficking. What can you do to stop it, and to help those who have been affected by it? January has Presidential recognition as National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month. Learn what it is, how to identify it, and how to address it in an introductory presentation on **January 20th at 7:30 PM sponsored by Knights of Columbus Council #3269 in Fr. Ragan Hall at 1783 Moore Rd. Avon, OH 44011.** Speaker Joan Clark is the Chair of West Shore Allies Against Human Trafficking based at Rocky River Unitarian Universalist Church, a speaker for the Collaborative to End Human Trafficking, and a Board Member of the Renee Jones Empowerment Center in Cleveland. *Please RSVP by January 14th with your name(s), the number attending, your phone number and email address to either (440) 930-0251, fatherragan@gmail.com or mail to Human Trafficking Meeting at the above address. The seminar is free and all are welcome. Snacks and beverages will be provided.*

CATHOLIC RENEWAL MINISTRIES - CHARISMATIC MASS

Join us on **Friday, January 28th, at 7:00 p.m.**, at St. Peter Parish, 35777 Center Ridge Rd., NorthRidgeville44039. Fr. Bob Franco will be the celebrant. Praise and worship will begin at 7:00 and the liturgy will start at 7:30. Healing prayer teams will be available after mass for individual prayer, and there will also be a social after mass. For more information, please contact Fr. Franco at 440-327-2201 or CRM at 440-944-9445. Come and bring a friend! This will be a time to truly encounter the Lord.

PRO-LIFE DOCTORS LIST

A list of local Pro-life doctors, who do not practice abortion nor support its use, is available. Call 440-322-0076 or visit www.loraincountyrighttolife.org under Resources and Issues tab.