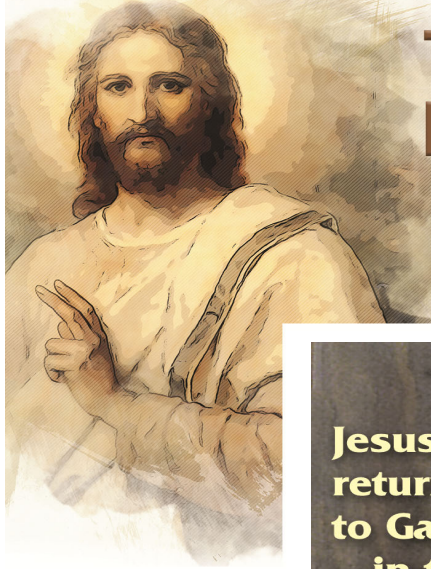


# St. Teresa of Avila Parish

1878 Abbe Road Sheffield Village, Ohio 44054



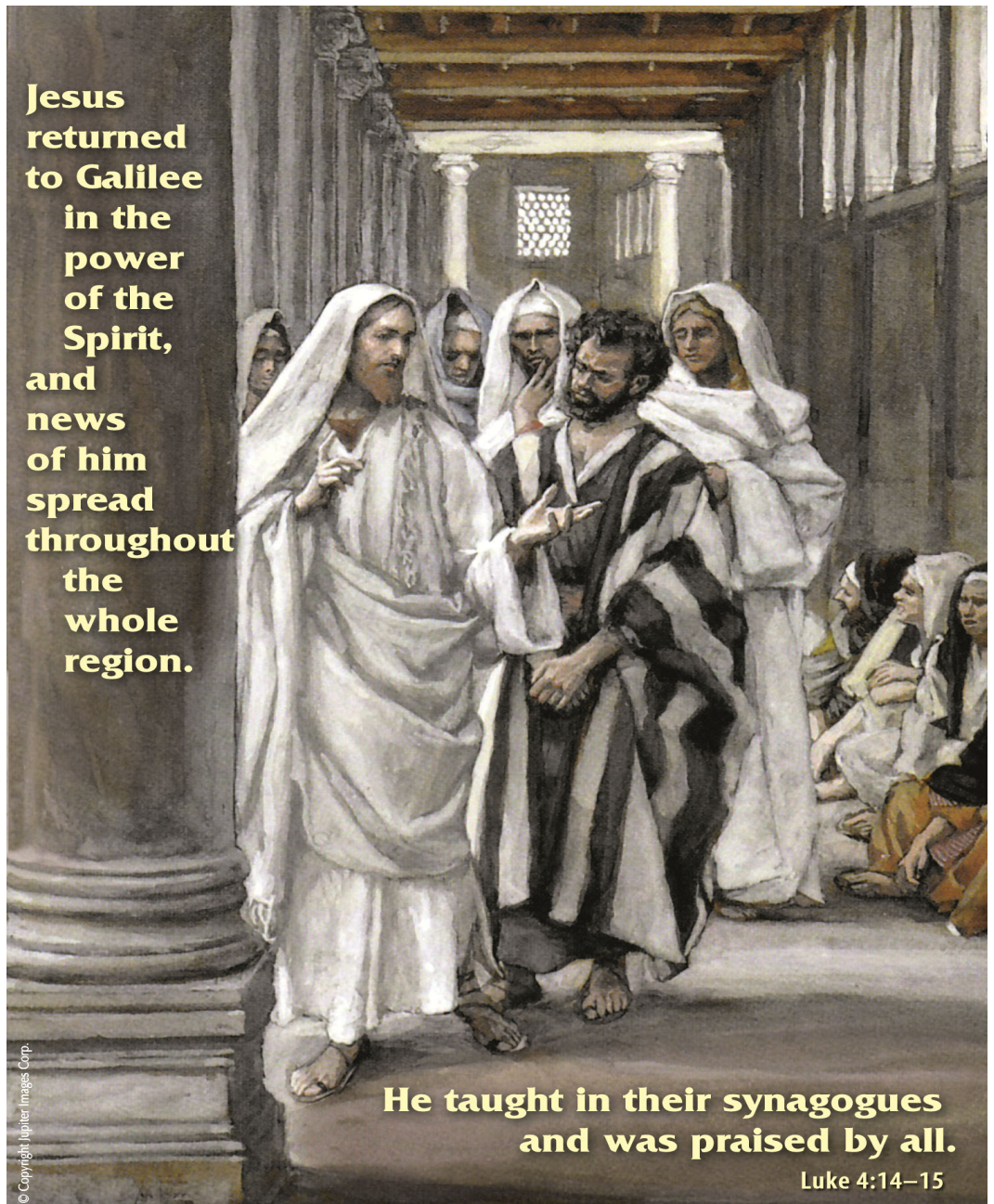
## THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS UPON ME,

because he has anointed me  
to bring glad tidings to the poor.

LUKE 4:18

**THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**JANUARY 23, 2022**

**Jesus  
returned  
to Galilee  
in the  
power  
of the  
Spirit,  
and  
news  
of him  
spread  
throughout  
the  
whole  
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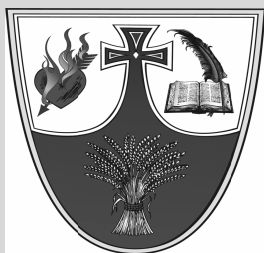
**He taught in their synagogues  
and was praised by all.**

Luke 4:14-15

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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.

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

January 23, 2022

Do not be saddened this day, for rejoicing in the LORD must be your strength! – Nehemiah 8:10

Saturday, January 22 Day of Prayer for Legal Protection of the Unborn

4:30 p.m. +Marty & Dorothy Yonkof by family

Sunday, January 23

8:30 a.m. +George Facsko by Brother Tom

11:00 a.m. +Don Kirchner by Bob & Marilyn Rumph

Monday, January 24 St. Francis de Sales, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

NO MASS

Tuesday, January 25 Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle

NO MASS

Wednesday, January 26 Sts. Timothy & Titus, Bishops

8:30 a.m. +Dorothy Tomshe by Franziska Sirse

Thursday, January 27 St. Angela Merici, Virgin & Religious Founder

NO MASS

Friday, January 28 St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest & Doctor of the Church

8:30 a.m. All souls

Saturday, January 29

4:30 p.m. +Genevieve Rittenhouse by Bill & Paula Stavesky

Sunday, January 30

8:30 a.m. +Joan DiVaccaro by Bruce & Sue

11:00 a.m. +Jean Riccitelli by family



Weekly Goal In Next Bulletin

\$4,000.00

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

YEAR END OFFERTORY STATEMENTS

To receive your 2021 statement contact the church office by email (office@stteresaparish.com or church@stteresaparish.com) or calling the office

Monday – Friday between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. (440-934-4227).

Your statement can be emailed, mailed (USPS) or picked up at the office.

Thank you for your generosity!

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

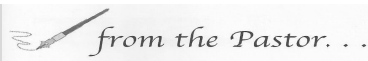
Rectory Office.....(440) 934-4227

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



Long before Madison Avenue invented “best seller” book lists, the Bible, as the “Word of God” was the perennial best seller. Even today it is more widely circulated and more widely read in public as well as private, than any other book.

Certainly, the word of God is heard more than it is heeded. Still when problems arise that make us lonely with doubt or dismay, we often turn back for light instinctively to the Bible – whether to the actual volume or to its verses long since engraved in our memory. If we then open our minds to these familiar works, we often find in them uncanny answers to our own problems.

In the fifth and sixth centuries before Christ, the Jews who had been led off into captivity in Babylon were finally able to return to their home-city Jerusalem. Today’s first reading deals with this exciting homecoming. Once the former exiles had rebuilt the city walls, their leading priest Ezra gathered them all together and slowly read to them the first five books of the Old Testament. This was the Torah, the Law, given the Israelites under Moses to govern the pattern of life of God’s chosen people. The crowd listened to Ezra carefully and began to weep. Do not weep, Ezra urged them, “Rejoicing in the Lord must be your strength.”

Centuries later, St. Francis of Assisi was in a quandary as to what God wanted him to do. On the feast of St. Matthias, he listened carefully to the gospel read at Mass. The passage contained Christ’s instructions to his disciples when he sent them on their first experimental mission. “Provide yourselves with neither gold, nor silver, nor copper in your belts, no traveling bag, no change of shirt, no sandals, no walking stick. The worker is worth his wage.”

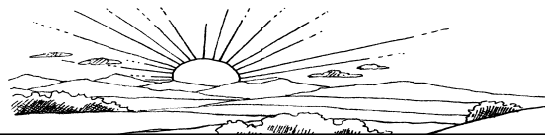
Though these words had not been addressed to Francis personally, he took them as his own. From then on, as his friars set out on their mission of preaching penance, they went forth poor, barefoot and penniless. With God’s help, the Franciscans would try to live the gospel literally. If we, like the Jews back from exile and the pioneers of the Franciscan order, try to make the scriptures a part of ourselves, we will never lack the guidance and joy of their Divine Author along our pilgrim way.

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

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday:	2 Sm 5:1-7, 10; Ps 89:20-22, 25-26; Mk 3:22-30
Tuesday:	Acts 22:3-16 or 9:1-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Mk 16:15-18
Wednesday:	2 Tm 1:1-18 or Ti 1:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 27-30; Mk 4:1-20
Thursday:	2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29; Ps 132:1-5, 11-14; Mk 4:21-25
Friday:	2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17; Ps 51:3-7, 10-11; Mk 4:26-34
Saturday:	2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17; Ps 51:12-17; Mk 4:35-41
Sunday:	Jer 1:4-5, 17-19; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17; 1 Cor 12:31 — 13:13, Lk 4:21-30

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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

Mass	Wed, Jan 26	8:30 a.m.	Church
Eucharistic Adoration	Wed, Jan 26	9:00 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Church
Mass	Fri, Jan 28	8:30 a.m.	Church
Confession	Sat, Jan 29	3:30 – 4:00 p.m.	Church

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

- Eleanor Rieth, Fran Rottman
- Loretta Forthofer, Elvira Quester
- Marianne Rieth, Chris Ughrin
- Jamila 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!

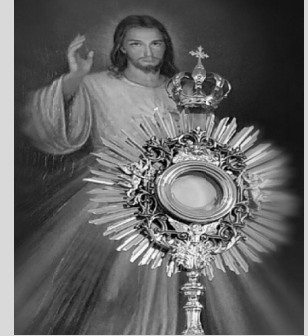
**“Love is never idle, and a failure to grow would be a very bad sign.”** St. Teresa of Avila



**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*

**AM 1260 The Rock Continues the Mass of the Month in 2022 for the Intentions of Our Listeners and Benefactors** Each month we have an opportunity to pray for and with one another at parishes around the diocese. Our February Mass is at **St. Ignatius of Antioch (10205 Lorain Ave., Cleveland, 44111) Saturday, February 5<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 PM** (Eucharistic Adoration and Confession 3:30-4:30PM). Our Masses of the Month for the rest of 2022 can be found at [am1260therock.com](http://am1260therock.com) or call us at 216-227-1260.



**collaborative to  
End Human Trafficking**

January is Human Trafficking Awareness Month, and a perfect opportunity to learn about and share information about human trafficking. By simply doing this, you have taken the first step in keeping ourselves, our children, and our communities safe. To learn more about upcoming events and programs visit [www.callabtoendht.org](http://www.callabtoendht.org)

**The Month of January is Dedicated to the Holy Name of Jesus**

*"In the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those that are in heaven, on earth and under the earth" (Phil 2:10).* Christ's name is chosen in heaven, and the Angel Gabriel announces it when he informs the Blessed Virgin of the incarnation: "Behold thou shalt conceive in thy womb and shalt bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name Jesus". It is a name that has marvelous implications, for it means "savior." The very name bespeaks the magnitude of His mission, His infinite love, a love that will cause Him to offer Himself up for us.

*Eternal Father, who didst give to thine incarnate Son the holy name of Jesus to be the sign of our salvation: Plant in every heart, we beseech thee, the love of him who is the Savior of the world, even our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, God, in glory everlasting. Amen.*

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 - 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: On one occasion the Lord said to me, **My daughter, your confidence and love restrain My justice, and I cannot inflict punishment because you hinder Me from doing so.** Oh, how great is the power of a soul filled with confidence! (*Diary*, 198). **My daughter, for the sake of your sincere and generous love, I grant** [certain souls who displease Me] **many graces although they are not asking Me for them. But I am doing so because of the promise I have made to you** (*Diary*, 383).

*\*The words of Jesus appear in boldface*

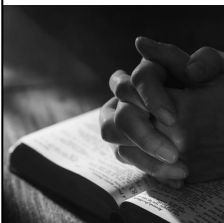
## PARISH NEWS

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  
**February 3<sup>rd</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>.**



### 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.



### THE ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY NEWS

**Mass**  
 Sunday, February 13, 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!



### "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.*

## UNTOLD BLESSING: Three Paths to Holiness

Program begins On **February 9<sup>th</sup> at 7PM at St. Vincent de Paul Church, Elyria**

**God calls each of us to become a saint**, and he's ready to support us along the way by providing abundant blessings. Join us as we seek these blessings by participating in Bishop Robert Barron's DVD-based program: *"Untold Blessing: Three Paths to Holiness."* These paths are "Finding the Center in Christ," "Knowing You Are a Sinner" and "Realizing Your Life is Not About You."

This is an 8 week program. Please meet in the Parish Library (second floor of school building, elevator access available) the first night. **Cost is \$20/ person.** All are welcome, no experience necessary. Bring a bible! All other classes will be held in our Parish Social Hall. Masks are recommended. To find out more information, please contact Jackie Prosak at [jackiesvdp@gmail.com](mailto:jackiesvdp@gmail.com) or visit our website [www.svdpeyria.com](http://www.svdpeyria.com) to register online.

**Please register by February 6<sup>th</sup>.**

*Bishop Robert Barron's*

## UNTOLD BLESSING

### SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE NEWS

**"The Social Concerns Committee would like to thank St. Teresa Parishioners** for a successful Baby Jesus campaign in 2021. We collected \$330.00 in checks, cash, and gift cards, along with enough baby items to fill my Pilot to the brim. Birthright of Lorain County was extremely grateful for all of your support once again. This Christmas season the Social Concerns Committee were also able to help a child have a blessed Christmas at Blessing House and also helped a family in need in Lorain County who didn't have money for gifts and clothing. All of us on the committee continue to be overwhelmed by your continued generosity."

*Paula Parkey, Social Concerns Committee*

### 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 "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](mailto:st.teresa.office@neohio.twcbc.com).

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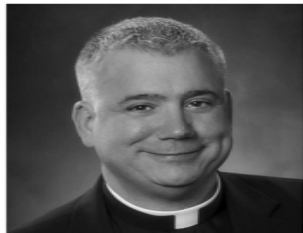


## FOR HIGH SCHOOL BOYS DADS & MENTORS

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](http://www.YCMC.us)



for more info and to register

### PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Almighty ever-living God, direct our actions according to your good pleasure, that in the name of your beloved Son we may abound in good works. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

## Liturgical Ministers Schedule

### Eucharistic Ministers

<b>Sat, Jan 22</b> <b>4:30 a.m.</b> John Katricak (Wehler**) Ann Glime (choir)	<b>Sun, Jan 23</b> <b>8:30 a.m.</b> Bill Bistak **	<b>Sun, Jan 23</b> <b>11:00 a.m.</b> Trish MacDonald
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<b>Sat Jan 29</b> <b>4:30 p.m.</b> Ruth Bistak Tom Pienoski (choir)	<b>Sun, Jan 30</b> <b>8:30 a.m.</b> Greg Smail	<b>Sun, Jan 30</b> <b>11:00 a.m.</b> Carol Kirchner
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### Lectors

<b>Sat Jan 22</b> <b>4:30 a.m.</b> Andy Augustine	<b>Sun, Jan 23</b> <b>8:30 a.m.</b> Frank Lanza	<b>Sun, Jan 23</b> <b>11:00 a.m.</b> Fred Courtright
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### Servers

<b>Sat, Jan 22</b> <b>4:30 a.m.</b> Pienoski	<b>Sat, Jan 29</b> <b>4:30 p.m.</b> Brock **
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## Around the Town

### PRE-CANA DAY – ST. PETER'S NORTH RIDGEVILLE

Pre-Can-a Day at St. Peter's Parish, 35777 Center Ridge Rd., North Ridgeville, Ohio 44039 on **Saturday, February 5, 2022 FROM 9:30 A.M. – 6:00 P.M.** Come to Apostle's Hall, under the Church building, entry door faces out to main parking lot. Cost is \$65 and includes meals & material. To register go to <https://stpetermr.org/pre-cana>.

### 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.

### "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](mailto:rabrams@clecem.org) or 216-930-4866.

### GENTLE WOMAN FELLOWSHIP – an INTER-PARISH GROUP

Meets on First Fridays at Saint Clarence Parish Center, 30106 Lorain Road, North Olmsted, 44070. **FIRST FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2022 includes** 8:30 a.m. Holy Mass in the Chapel or Church, 9:00 a.m. Pray the Holy Rosary, and 9:30 a.m. coffee/snack followed by a DVD presentation in Classroom 8. You must R.S.V.P. to Mary Hoover at 440-458-5063 or to Mary Tschanz at 440-235-6258 if you will be attending the Mass/ gathering. We will tap into The Wild Goose DVD Series on discovering a deeper relationship with the Holy Spirit. This presentation is by the nationally known speaker and author, Fr. Dave Pivonka TOR, who is dedicated to helping others come to know God's deep love for them. Questions? Contact the women at the numbers above. Our group's policy is to cancel our gatherings when North Olmsted City Schools are closed.

### "A Night to Remember Dinner & Dance"

A Special **Valentine's** event will take place on **Saturday, February 19<sup>th</sup>** from 6-10pm. Join the festivities! **Win Prizes! HAVE FUN!** At the Knights of Columbus, The Ragan Hall at 1783 Moore Rd., Avon. Center Cut Pork Loin with Balsamic Glaze & Shrimp Cocktail Dinner. **Full open bar** with Soda/Beer/Wine and Liquor. **50/50 Big Prize Raffle**, Wine Raffle and Side Boards. Tickets are \$50/person. (Advance payment requested). For **Reservations** call Chris Hopyard (918) 636-6808 or Bob Mayer (440) 653-9680. Checks payable to: Fr. Ragan Council #3269. **RSVP by February 11<sup>th</sup>** with your name(s), number attending, phone number, email address and check.



### 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).

### AN INTER-PARISH MEN'S GROUP....

...ill meet **February 4<sup>th</sup>** for a **First Friday luncheon at St. Clarence Church**, 30106 Lorain Road, North Olmsted. Registration begins at 11:15 AM, followed by the luncheon, then an inspirational talk, and concludes with Mass. Cost is \$13. Please call George Perz at (440) 937-6606 by Tuesday, February 1<sup>st</sup> to make a reservation.