

# St. Teresa of Avila Parish

1878 Abbe Road Sheffield Village, Ohio 44054

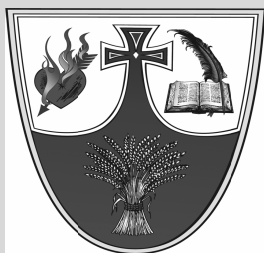
## Seventh SUNDAY in Ordinary Time

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FEBRUARY  
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“To you who hear I say,  
love your enemies,  
do good to those who hate you,  
bless those who curse you,  
pray for those who mistreat you.”

Luke 6:27



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.

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

February 20, 2022

Merciful and gracious is the LORD, slow to anger and abounding in kindness. — Psalm 103:8

Saturday, February 19

4:30 p.m. +Kay Brown by Ray & Cathy

Sunday, February 20

8:30 a.m. +Gloria Urig by Karen Swierz

11:00 a.m. +Helen Sheridan by John & Ella Smith

Monday, February 21

St. Peter Damian, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

NO MASS

Tuesday, February 22

The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle

NO MASS

Wednesday, February 23

St. Polycarp, Bishop & Martyr

8:30 a.m. +Emma Kurjan by Ruth

Thursday, February 24

NO MASS

Friday, February 25

8:30 a.m. +Frances Jere by Ruth

Saturday, February 26

4:30 p.m. +Marty Broska by family

Sunday, February 27

8:30 a.m. +Adam Russell by Tom & Peg King

11:00 a.m. +Louise Cromwell by family



Weekly Goal

\$4,000.00

February 13

\$3,253.00

Children's

\$6.00

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

PRAYER REQUEST BINDER

Prayer requests can be written in the binder located in the back corner of the church by the candles. The binder is on a stand across from the statues of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

The LORD is near to the brokenhearted; Psalm 34:18

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

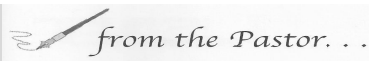
Rectory Office.....(440) 934-4227

Office Hours.....Monday – Friday 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

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Website..... www.stteresaparish.com



In our Gospel today Jesus tells us, "Love your enemies, do good to those that hate you, bless those that curse you, pray for those who mistreat you." This sentiment has been repeated by many advocates of peace throughout history. Gandhi once said, "It is easy enough to be friendly to one's friends. But to befriend the one who regards himself as your enemy is the quintessence of true religion. The other is mere business." And so, with that in mind, I offer you some tips I came across to love our enemies written by Leo Babauta.

1. **Stop, breathe, detach yourself.** When you think about your "enemy", you most likely have feelings of anger or something along those lines. Be aware of the feelings. Take a deep breath (or ten) and take a step back.
2. **Put yourself in their shoes.** Now that you've removed yourself from the situation, and you're looking down on it from above, try going down into the other person's body and head. What is that person like, from inside? Why would they possibly have done what they did?
3. **Seek to understand.** That, of course, is the objective of putting yourself in their shoes. Really try to understand, even if you don't want to.
4. **Seek to accept.** Instead of fighting what has happened, who this person is, and wanting them to be different or to do things differently, accept them for who they are.
5. **Forgive, and let the past go.** Ah, maybe the most difficult step of all, but I'm sure you saw this coming. Can you truly forgive this person for what they've done, in your heart?
6. **Find something to love.** If you can forgive, and release those bad feelings, you are left with neutrality, most likely. You want to replace that with love. And how do you do this? You find something in that person to love.
7. **See them as yourself, or a loved one.** If the above step proves too difficult, it is probably because you don't know that person well enough. Instead, project yourself into them. See them as similar to yourself in some ways. Or think of them as similar in some way to a loved one and use those similarities to find something to love.
8. **Find common ground.** We have things in common with just about everyone if we look hard enough. That might be common interests, shared or common experiences while growing up or working, people you know or love in common, personality traits in common.
9. **Open your heart.** Another very difficult step. We are afraid of being vulnerable, and of getting rejected or hurt. Try it here, with your former enemy. Even if you can just open your heart a little, that's the only way you'll find love for the person.
10. **Reach out to them.** It's one thing to feel love for the person, but quite another to express it in some way. Find some way to share your love, even in the simplest of ways.

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



**UPCOMING EVENTS**

Mass	Wed, Feb 23	8:30 a.m.	Church
Eucharistic Adoration	Wed, Feb 23	9 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Church
Mass	Fri, Feb 25	8:30 a.m.	Church
Confession	Sat, Feb 26	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,  
Darrin Kirchner, Dustin Moorman  
SSgt. Leo Ostrolencki, Ken D.  
*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!

**"This little heaven of our soul is where the Maker of heaven and earth is present."**  
St. Teresa of Avila



**Remember  
CATHOLIC PROGRAMMING**



**EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**



**Wednesdays 9a.m. – 1 p.m.**

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.

**PARISH CLUSTER INFO**

**St. Thomas the Apostle**

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

**St. Anthony**

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

**POPE FRANCIS'  
PRAYER INTENTION -  
FEBRUARY**

We pray for religious sisters and  
consecrated women; thanking  
them for their mission and their  
courage; may they continue to  
find new responses to the  
challenges of our times.

**THE BRINGING AMERICA BACK TO LIFE CONVENTION** is the premier  
Diocesan-wide pro-life event: 2 jam-packed days filled with the nation’s top speakers,  
workshops, and exhibitors. To discover more about this must-see event, to view the  
impressive line-up of speakers, and to register, visit [www.bringingamericabacktolife.org](http://www.bringingamericabacktolife.org) or  
call **440-653-5245**. **Join us March 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> as we Bring America Back to Life!**

*Bringing America  
Back to Life*  
Convention

**Save the Date: March 11th & 12th, 2022**  
**Embassy Suites, Independence, Ohio**

**Some of the speakers include:**  
Bob Frantz, Michael Voris  
Fr. James Altman, Reggie Littlejohn  
Peter Kirsanow, Esq.

**“REBORN”** - an EWTN original docudrama on the power of forgiveness. This  
retelling of the Prodigal Son parable invites people to experience the joy that awaits those  
returning to the Father. **Watch: March 2 at 3:30 p.m.**

**THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY IS  
DEDICATED TO THE HOLY FAMILY**

The special devotion which proposes the Holy Family of  
Jesus, Mary, and Joseph as the model of virtue of all  
Christian households began in the 17th century. In the  
words of His Holiness Pope Leo XIII, "Nothing truly can  
be more salutary or efficacious for Christian families to  
meditate upon than the example of this Holy Family,  
which embraces the perfection and completeness of all  
domestic virtues."



**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Jas 3:13-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mk 9:14-29  
Tuesday: 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19  
Wednesday: Jas 4:13-17; Ps 49:2-3, 6-11; Mk 9:38-40  
Thursday: Jas 5:1-6; Ps 49:14-20; Mk 9:41-50  
Friday: Jas 5:9-12; Ps 103:1-4, 8-9, 11-12; Mk 10:1-12  
Saturday: Jas 5:13-20; Ps 141:1-3, 8; Mk 10:13-16  
Sunday: Sir 27:4-7; Ps 92:2-3, 13-16; 1 Cor 15:54-58; Lk 6:39-45

**JESUS' DIVINE MERCY**

To St. Faustina: "I became absorbed in prayer and said my penance. Then I suddenly saw  
the Lord, who said to me, **“My daughter, know that you give Me greater glory by a single  
act of obedience than by long prayers and mortifications.”** Oh, how good it is to live  
under obedience, to live conscious of the fact that everything I do is pleasing to God!" (*Diary*,  
894). *\*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  
March 10<sup>th</sup> & 17th



### 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, March 13, 2022  
Rosary at 8:00 a.m.  
Mass at 8:30 a.m.

## St. Teresa of Avila FISH FRY - FRIDAYS OF LENT

*Drive Thru Only*

March 4 – April 15, 2022  
4:30p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

### Menu

**Choice of Dinners:** Fried Perch or Shrimp or Combo

**Dinners include:** French Fries OR Cabbage & Noodles, Coleslaw, Roll and Dessert

**Cash, Checks and Credit Cards now accepted**

1878 Colorado Avenue  
(corner of Abbe & Colorado)  
in Sheffield Village  
Parish office: 440-934-4227

**Thank you for your support!**

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.

### SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE NEWS

#### Mother Cabrini Food Pantry

The next food pantry collection will be March 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.**



Feed the Hungry

### 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.

### CHILDREN'S COLORING PAGES

Coloring pages are available for children in the vestibule of the church. Each is packaged in its own bag with crayons - please take them home after Mass and continue to talk about the LORD!



Thank You to the person who donated crayons for the Children!

### PARISHIONERS ARE INVITED TO SHARE THEIR FEEDBACK FOR THE 2021-2023 SYNOD OF BISHOPS

The theme for this Synod is "For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission."

Synodality expresses the nature of the Church as the People of God journeying together and gathering in assembly, summoned by the Lord Jesus in the power of the Holy Spirit to proclaim the Gospel. Pope Francis has invited everyone to participate in a dialogue with one another and with the worldwide Catholic Church. Each individual matters and each of our experiences are valid and in need of being heard. Responses are being accepted until March 31, 2022.

To participate go to: <https://www.dioceseofcleveland.org/synod/individual-participation>.

# Quo Vadis

## Young Adult Group

Every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.  
St. Joseph Parish Hall  
Avon Lake

Join our GroupMe



Open to anyone 18-39  
QuoVadis.AL@gmail.com  
440-752-0736

"Where are you going?"

### YEAR END OFFERTORY STATEMENTS

To receive your 2021 statement contact the church office by email ([office@stteresaparish.com](mailto:office@stteresaparish.com) or [church@stteresaparish.com](mailto: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!**

### PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Grant, we pray, almighty God, that, always pondering spiritual things, we may carry out in both word and deed that which is pleasing to you.

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, Feb 19</b> <b>4:30 a.m.</b> Joan Gigliotti Tom Pienoski** (choir)	<b>Sun, Feb 20</b> <b>8:30 a.m.</b> Kathy Cunningham	<b>Sun, Feb 20</b> <b>11:00 a.m.</b> Jeff Wohlever
<b>Sat Feb 26</b> <b>4:30 p.m.</b> Ann Glime John Katricak (choir)	<b>Sun, Feb 27</b> <b>8:30 a.m.</b> Christi Smail	<b>Sun, Feb 27</b> <b>11:00 a.m.</b> Trish MacDonald

## Lectors

<b>Sat Feb 19</b> <b>4:30 a.m.</b> Phil Gigliotti	<b>Sun, Feb 20</b> <b>8:30 a.m.</b> Christi Smail	<b>Sun, Feb 20</b> <b>11:00 a.m.</b> Lou Varos
<b>Sat, Feb 26</b> <b>4:30 p.m.</b> Andy Augustine	<b>Sun, Feb 27</b> <b>8:30 a.m.</b> Frank Lanza	<b>Sun, Feb 27</b> <b>11:00 a.m.</b> Fred Courtright

## Servers

<b>Sat, Feb 19</b> <b>4:30 a.m.</b> Brock	<b>Sat, Feb 26</b> <b>4:30 p.m.</b> Fitzwater**
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**From March 2 – April 10** you are invited to join with other Christians for 40 Days for Life – 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. You are also invited to stand and peacefully pray anytime between 7 am to 7 pm during the 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside **Preterm** - 12000 Shaker Blvd, Cleveland, 44120 or **Planned Parenthood** - 25350 Rockside Rd, Bedford Hts, 44146, or **Family Planning**—462 Chardon St, Painesville, 44077.

Join us at the Kickoff Rally at Our Lady of Mount Carmel-Wickliffe on Sunday, February 27 at 2pm. Keynote Speaker is Fr. Stephen Imbarrato. Contact John Noall [clevelandpraysforlife@gmail.com](mailto:clevelandpraysforlife@gmail.com) or 216-245-9744 for more information. **WEBSITES:**

- [www.40daysforlife.com/cleveland](http://www.40daysforlife.com/cleveland),
- [www.40daysforlife.com/painesville](http://www.40daysforlife.com/painesville)
- [www.40daysforlife.com/bedfordheights](http://www.40daysforlife.com/bedfordheights)

### MAGNIFICAT OF STARK COUNTY

Our ministry to Catholic women, invites women and men to a special breakfast on the Feast of St. Joseph to hear testimonies of two of our beloved priests – **Rev. Thomas Bishop** and **Rev. Msgr. Jay Clarke**. Please join us on Saturday, March 19, at Walsh University Barrette Center, 2020 East Maple Street, North Canton, Ohio. Cost: \$25. Mail-in or \$26 Online. Go to [www.magnificatstark.weebly.com](http://www.magnificatstark.weebly.com) for reservations. Reservations cannot be accepted after March 5th. Open seating. Doors open at 8:30 a.m. with Breakfast at 9:00 a.m. There will be an optional Mass at 8:00 a.m. in Our Lady of Perpetual Help Chapel at Walsh University. For further information call Rosemary Pfiffner at 330-499-9371

## Around the Town



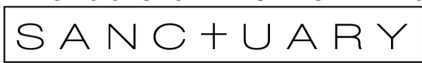
### CORNERSTONE OF HOPE

Join others on their grief journey and **experience Christ's love for you!** Join us at our facility located at 5905 Brecksville Road, Independence, Ohio 44131 on Friday, March 25 – Sunday, March 27, 2022 (this is not an overnight weekend.). Check out our website at [cornerstoneofhope.org](http://cornerstoneofhope.org) for more information, pricing, scholarships and how to register. Or call with questions to 216-524-4673.

### FIRST FRIDAY FORUM OF LORAIN COUNTY

We begin this year on March 4 with Father Damian Ference, vicar for evangelization in the Cleveland Diocese. Father will speak on "The Reason Your Children and Grandchildren Don't Go To Church." The luncheon begins at 11:30 and the speaker at 12:00 at the Lorain County Community College Spitzer Conference Center, 1005 N. Abbe Rd, Elyria. Cost is \$25. Call 440-213-2132 or email [fflorain@gmail.com](mailto:fflorain@gmail.com).

### ST. JUDE CATHOLIC CHURCH PRESENTS – FREE CONCERT



A Family Music Ministry

**Friday, February 25 at 7:30 p.m.**

St. Jude Catholic Church (Carabine Hall), v590 Poplar Street, Elyria, Ohio 44035. For details, call St. Jude's (440) 366-5711 or call (440) 452-7085 and leave a message.

### FIRST FRIDAY LUNCHEON AT ST. CLARENCE CHURCH

An inter-parish men's group will meet March 4<sup>th</sup> 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, March 1<sup>st</sup> to make a reservation.

### GENTLE WOMAN FELLOWSHIP –

**an INTER-PARISH GROUP.** We meet on the First Fridays at Saint Clarence Parish, 30106 Lorain Road, North Olmsted, 44070. The next meeting will be **FRIDAY, MARCH 4, 2022.** Holy Mass begins at 9:00 a.m. followed by the Holy Rosary, refreshments and a DVD Presentation in Classroom 8. You must R.S.V.P. to Mary Hoover at 330-636-1698 or Mary Tschanz at 440-235-6258 if you will be attending. 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, Fr. Dave Pivonka, TOR, who is dedicated to helping others come to know God's love for them or become closer to Him. Questions? Call either of the numbers above. **Our gatherings will be cancelled if the North Olmsted City Schools are closed.**