

St. Teresa of Avila Parish

1878 Abbe Road Sheffield Village, Ohio 44054

March 6, 2022



First Sunday
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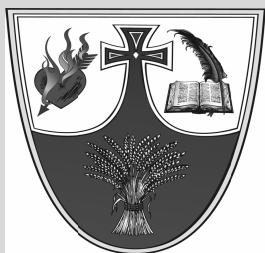
Jesus was led by the Spirit
into the desert for forty days,
to be tempted by the devil.

Luke 4:1-2

Lent

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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.

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

March 6, 2022

The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart. — Romans 10:8

Saturday, March 5

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

Sunday, March 6

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

8:30 a.m. +Tom King, Jr. by Mom & Dad

11:00 a.m. +Rudy & Frances Blaha by Mike & Barb Griffith family

Monday, March 7

Sts. Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs

NO MASS

Tuesday, March 8

St. John of God, Religious

NO MASS

Wednesday, March 9

St. Frances of Rome, Religious

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

Thursday, March 10

NO MASS

Friday, March 11

8:30 a.m. +Roy L. Schneider by children

Saturday, March 12

4:30 p.m. +George Facsko by Leonard & Candace Jungbluth

Sunday, March 13

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

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

11:00 a.m. +Richard Garcia by Diana Lesiecki



Weekly Goal

\$4,000.00

February 27

\$4,195.54

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

NATIONAL BLACK & INDIAN MISSION COLLECTION

This collection takes place this weekend, March 5 & 6, 2022.

Our support of this collection helps build the Church in African American, Native American, and Alaska Native communities from coast to coast.

Thank you for your support!

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

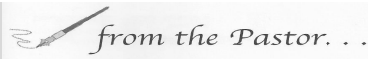
Rectory Office.....(440) 934-4227

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Website..... www.stteresaparish.com



The Gospel opens immediately following Jesus' baptism in the River Jordan, as the Spirit leads him into the desert. This is no Garden of Eden, there is no abundance of fish, fowl, and fruit – there is hunger. And there is Satan. *Sa'tan*, the ancient word for “tempter” – and Satan is doing what Satan does best. He is not here to get Jesus to be disobedient to his heavenly Father, Satan wants Jesus to be something other than what his Father has sent him to be. Satan wants Jesus to trust a new plan, not the one his Father has established to bring new life to the world.

“If you are the Son of God...” Interestingly, an equally good translation is “Since you are the Son of God...” There’s no doubt Satan knows who he is dealing with. “Since you are the Son of God and you are hungry, turn these stones into bread. In fact, turn all these stones into bread, because it is not just you who are hungry, the whole world is hungry. They are hungry for food, hungry for leadership, hungry to follow the One who will lead them to the kingdom. Think about it. As bread, wouldn’t these stones be good for food and pleasing to the eye?” At this point, this conversation should sound oddly familiar to a conversation that took place in the Garden of Eden many years before.

“OK, how about this... let’s go to Jerusalem, to the highest tower on the Temple, where everyone can see you, and since you are the Son of God, let the people know. Throw yourself off. Make it spectacular and when the angels come to catch you, then everyone will know and follow you. Isn’t that what your Father wants? For everyone to follow you? Come on... work with me! I can make you great!” It is the same old tactic, forget who you are – trust your own plans rather than God’s plan. But Jesus remembers who he is. Jesus is the one baptized in the Jordan, who arising from the water hears God say, “*This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.*” (Mt 3:17) This is Jesus who is like us in all things but sin. This is Jesus who shows us how to navigate these temptations – by remembering who we are and whose we are. Because once we don’t remember who we are and whose we are, we’ll do all kinds of things to dispel the insecurity that attends this life and to find that sense of security and acceptance that is essential to being happy. We’ll begin to trust our own plans. We will begin to trust ourselves more than we trust in God.

Here at the beginning of Lent, these readings ask us to remember who we are. So, let me remind you. You are the beloved children of God. You are beloved sisters and brothers to Jesus. You are the ones who at your baptism were claimed for Christ by the sign of the Cross. You are the ones, in your baptism, anointed to be priest, prophets and kings in this world. You are the ones who this past Wednesday, again claimed your inheritance, your family legacy, your baptismal right as you again (this time in ash) wore the sign of the Cross on your forehead. And you remembered to whom you belong. You are the beloved of God.

There are lots of temptations in the world – some bright and shiny as that original piece of fruit offered to Adam and Eve – but the real danger are the subtle messages and whispers that seek to invite you to forget who you are and to whom you belong.

You belong to Christ. You are beloved. Never forget that.

Rev. Edward J. Smith, Pastor



UPCOMING EVENTS

Mass	Wed, Mar 9	8:30 a.m.	Church
Eucharistic Adoration	Wed, Mar 9	9 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Church
Bible Study	Thurs, Mar 10	7:00 p.m.	St. John Room
Mass	Fri, Mar 11	8:30 a.m.	Church
Fish Fry (drive thru)	Fri, Mar 11	4:30 – 7:00 p.m.	Parking Lot
Confession	Sat, Mar 12	3:30 – 4:00 p.m.	Church

TOGETHER - LET US PRAY ...

- Eleanor Rieth, Fran Röttman
- 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,
- 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.



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Pray for Us!

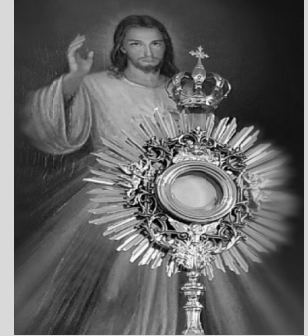
“The scene of His prayer in the garden, especially, was a comfort to me; I strove to be His companion there. If I could, I thought of the sweat and agony He had undergone in that place...I remained with Him as long as my thoughts allowed me to.”
St. Teresa of Avila



**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

St. Anthony
www.stanthonylorain.org

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 or call [440-653-5245](tel:440-653-5245). **Join us March 11th & 12th 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.

Be it known to all here present that Adriane Jungbluth, daughter of Leonard & Candace Jungbluth, of the parish of St. Teresa of Avila, and Raymond Jurcago, son of Raymond & Frances Jurcago, of the parish of St. Colette, intend to be united in holy matrimony. Wherefore, we hereby admonish each and all that, if anyone of you has knowledge of an impediment existing which would prevent their marrying, whether it be an impediment of blood relationship, relationship through marriage, spiritual relationship, or of any other kind, you are bound to make it known to the pastor or the bishop so soon as possible. **This is the second publication of the banns.**

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mt 25:31-46
- Tuesday: Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15
- Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32
- Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12
- Friday: Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26
- Saturday: Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48
- Sunday: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18; Ps 27:1, 7-9, 13-14; Phil 3:17 — 4:1; Lk 9:28b-36



**CHANGE YOUR
CLOCKS
SATURDAY, MARCH 12
One Hour Forward**

JESUS’ DIVINE MERCY

To St. Faustina: **“My daughter, My pleasure and delight, nothing will stop Me from granting you graces. Your misery does not hinder My mercy. My daughter, write that the greater the misery of a soul, the greater its right to My mercy; [urge] all souls to trust in the unfathomable abyss of My mercy, because I want to save them all. On the cross, the fountain of My mercy was opened wide by the lance for all souls — no one have I excluded!”** (Diary, 1182). **The words of Jesus appear in boldface*

**POPE FRANCIS’
PRAYER INTENTION –
MARCH**

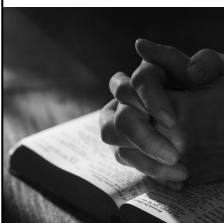
We pray for Christians facing new bioethical challenges; may they continue to defend the dignity of all human life with prayer and action.

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
March 10th & 17th



FELLOWSHIP GROUP

We are made up of folks from various neighboring parishes. We meet to learn about our Catholic faith, to discuss current issues and to pray.

Meets at 10:00 a.m. in St. Teresa's Parish Life Center (1st & 3rd Wednesdays of each month)
Our next meeting is March 16



THE ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY NEWS

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

Thank You!!! To all those who contribute in a special way:
Ron and Susanne Rochester for cleaning the freezers in preparation for fish fry.
To all those who donated duct tape to be used at the fish fry.

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.

Choice of Dinners:

Fried Perch (over 1/2 lb) or Shrimp or Combo - \$20/each
Dinners include: French Fries OR Cabbage & Noodles, Coleslaw, Roll and Cake
New England Clam Chowder (while supplies last) - \$5

Cash, Checks and Credit Cards now accepted

1878 Colorado Avenue
(drive thru entrances off of Abbe and Colorado)

Thank you for your support!

Questions: 440-934-4227. NO CALL AHEAD ORDERS. Orders are taken at the car.

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.



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.

BUILDING FUND – FEBRUARY 2022

Donations:	\$1,455.00
Monthly Payment	\$3,272.20
Balance Owed	\$295,195.36

Thank you to all who donated to the Building fund!

LENTEN INFORMATION



There will NOT be Stations of the Cross in the Church

Families are encouraged to **pray the Stations of the Cross together at home!**

A wonderful tradition to continue, or, to begin this year.

Your family can find Stations online at the following links:

<https://www.catholic.org/prayers/station>

<https://usml.edu/digital-stations-of-the-cross-online/>

<https://www.usccb.org/prayer-worship/prayers-devotions/stations>

DAYS OF FAST AND ABSTINENCE

Ash Wednesday & Good Friday

Fridays of Lent are days of Abstinence

Abstinence binds Catholics 14 years and older; Fasting binds Catholics 18 – 59 years old.

RECONCILIATION OPPORTUNITIES

St. Teresa Parish Confessions: Saturdays, 3:30 – 4:00 p.m.

Extra night of confession: Wednesday, March 16, 6 – 8 p.m.

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

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>.

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

First Sunday of Lent

Grant, almighty God, through the yearly observances of holy Lent, that we may grow in understanding of the riches hidden in Christ and by worthy conduct pursue their effects. 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

Sat, Mar 5 4:30 a.m. Tom Pienoski Ann Glime	Sun, Mar 6 8:30 a.m. Bill Bistak	Sun, Mar 6 11:00 a.m. Fred Courtright
Sat Mar 12 4:30 p.m. Debbie Korce (Wehler**) Ruth Bistak (choir)	Sun, Mar 13 8:30 a.m. Greg Smail	Sun, Mar 13 11:00 a.m. Lou Varos

Lectors

Sat Mar 5 4:30 a.m. Larry Durica	Sun, Mar 6 8:30 a.m. Frank Lanza	Sun, Mar 6 11:00 a.m. Gene Welsh
Sat, Mar 12 4:30 p.m. Ruth Bistak	Sun, Mar 13 8:30 a.m. Bernard Valdez	Sun, Mar 13 11:00 a.m. Tom Parkey


Servers

Sat, Mar 5 4:30 a.m. Brock **	Sat, Mar 12 4:30 p.m. Fitzwater
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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?"

MAGNIFICAT – OUR LADY OF THE LAKE CHAPTER

Join us for **Magnificat Breakfast – April 2, 2022**, 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. at Blue Ribbon Catering in Huron, Ohio. Share breakfast, fellowship, sing, pray and hear our guest speaker, John Bialorucki, tell us how God has influenced his life. For more information contact Diane at 419-602-0627 or email huronmagnificat@aol.com. You must RSVP by March 26 by sending your \$20 check (payable to "Magnificat"), name and address to Hortensia Clevenger, 316 Wexford Dr., Huron, Ohio 44839.

CATHOLIC CEMETERIES ASSOCIATION – GRIEF SUPPORT

Join us on **March 20** either in person at 3:00 p.m. at St. Joseph Cemetery, 32789 Detroit Road, Avon, or virtually at 5:00 p.m. Our topic this month is "*Spring, Easter, and Grief: Times of Sacred Transition*". For all details go to www.clecem.org/Information/Bereavement.aspx. This event is free of charge.

Around the Town

CORNERSTONE OF HOPE – "GRIEVE WITH 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 for more information, pricing, scholarships and how to register. Or call with questions to 216-524-4673.



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.

Contact John Noall clevelandpraysforlife@gmail.com or 216-245-9744 for more information. www.40daysforlife.com/cleveland.

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.

THE COUPLE THAT PRAYS THE ROSARY TOGETHER STAYS TOGETHER!

Praying together may be the single most effective way to preserve your marriage, protect your family, and deepen your walk with God. At the end of a long day cast your cares on Our Lady by praying the Rosary with **Fr. Benedict Groeschel and Simonetta every evening at 9:30PM on AM1260 The Rock!** Or start your day praying the Rosary with **Mother Angelica and the nuns of The Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament every morning at 5:30AM.**

For a complete listing of our program schedule visit AM1260TheRock.com or call 216-227-1260.

LENTEN MISSION – HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH

Join us as we welcome Catholic actor Frank Runyeon as he performs Thursday, March 24 "Luke: Stories on the Road", Friday, March 25 "Sermon on the Mount" and Saturday, March 26 "Hollywood vs. Faith". All performances are at 7:00 p.m. Event is FREE but you must RSVP online at www.holyspiritavonlake.org/mission2022. Holy Spirit Church is located at 410 Lear Road, Avon Lake.