

# St. Teresa of Avila Parish

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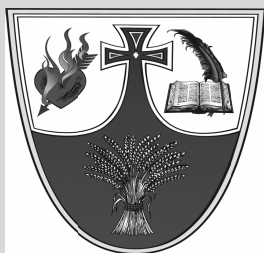
## Third Sunday of LENT

"Remove the sandals  
from your feet,  
for the place where you  
stand is holy ground."

Exodus 3:5



March 20, 2022



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 OF LENT

March 20, 2022

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

Saturday, March 19 ST. JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY 4:30 p.m. +Chester & Catherine Luczkowski by children

Sunday, March 20 THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT 8:30 a.m. +Greg Brezinski by family 11:00 a.m. +Don Kirchner by John & Ella Smith

Monday, March 21 NO MASS

Tuesday, March 22 NO MASS

Wednesday, March 23 St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop 8:30 a.m. +Mark Bednar by Jean Wehler

Thursday, March 24 St. Oscar Romero, Bishop & Martyr NO MASS

Friday, March 25 THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD 8:30 a.m. +David Lesiecki by Diana Lesiecki

Saturday, March 26 4:30 p.m. +Martin & Dorothy Yonkof by family

Sunday, March 27 FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT 8:30 a.m. Kordich family 11:00 a.m. +Stephen Szunyog by family



<b>Weekly Goal</b>	\$4,000.00
<b>March 13</b>	\$3,813.00
<b>Children's</b>	\$2.00

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

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.



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 . . .

Lent gives us a time to step back to see where are we going in our relationship with God and if we are in need of some correction to our course. The one thing we are all guilty of at one time or another is complacency—the belief that we are “doing okay.” Our God wants more from us than what we might think is “good enough.”

The First Reading is from the Book of Exodus (3:1-8a, 13-15). This is one of the most profound stories in the Old Testament. It is Moses' first encounter with God where God reveals Himself to Moses and calls him to a special mission. At the same time, God explains that He has heard the cries of the Israelites now in slavery and He intends to free them through Moses' leadership. Moses was not in good standing at this time with either the Egyptians or his own people, the Israelites, and so he asks for a sign to give as proof. God gives him His name, "Yahweh—I AM who AM," or as we might say today, "I AM all that Is!" In that time and culture, giving one's name to a stranger or anyone outside of your immediate circle of acquaintances was the same as giving the stranger some authority to represent you. And yet we know that after all of this, their release from slavery and feeding them and caring for them in the desert, the Israelites still rebelled against God and sinned because they became complacent. But God had His limits.

The Second Reading is taken from St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians (10:1-6, 10-12). In this passage, Paul gives us the reasons why God was not pleased with the Israelites in the first reading and he goes on to say, "These things have been written down as a warning to us" and further, "...whoever thinks he is standing secure should take care not to fall."

The Gospel Reading is from the Gospel of St. Luke (13:1-9). The people of Jesus' time often thought, wrongly, that misfortunes of any kind, such as accidents or ill health, were signs of sinfulness in the unfortunate person or persons. Jesus points out that this was not the case. Those who are not careful about their relationship with God are in greater danger. He gives an example of a fig tree that is in full foliage with all the appearance of being healthy, but it does not bear fruit. The owner orders it to be cut down for not fulfilling its intended purpose. However, the gardener asks for more time to work with it hoping that it will respond.

Lent is like that “more time” for us to respond to God's call to fulfill our intended purpose. So the question to ponder over is: Are you taking time to be with God in prayer during this Lenten Season, or are you just “doing okay” as is? That's just something to think about during your prayer time this week.

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



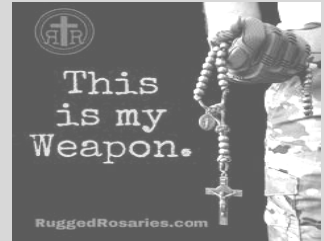
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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

Mass	Wed, Mar 23	8:30 a.m.	Church
Eucharistic Adoration	Wed, Mar 23	9 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Church
“Heresy” Class	Wed, Mar 23	7:00 p.m.	Parish Life Center
Mass	Fri, Mar 25	8:30 a.m.	Church
Fish Fry (drive thru)	Fri, Mar 25	4:30 – 7:00 p.m.	Parking Lot
Confession	Sat, Mar 26	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
- CWO2 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!

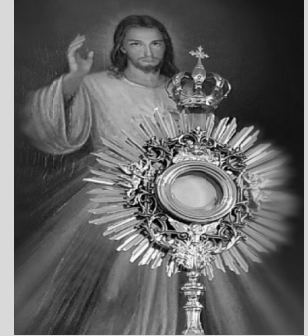
*“The scene of His prayer in the garden, especially, was a comfort to me; I strove to be His companion there. If I could, I thought of the sweat and agony He had undergone in that place...I remained with Him as long as my thoughts allowed me to.”*  
St. Teresa of Avila



**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](http://www.saintthomaschurch.net)  
**St. Anthony**  
[www.stanthonylorain.org](http://www.stanthonylorain.org)

**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.

**EWTN “The Divine Plan”** A president and a pope join forces to defeat the Soviet Union’s evil empire in this compelling documentary about the alliance between former President Ronald Reagan and Pope St. John Paul II. Watch this **April 4-6 at 5:30 p.m.**

**PRO-LIFE MEDITATIONS ON THE ROSARY**

The Agony in the Garden For all who are suffering from abandonment or neglect, that compassionate individuals will come forward to offer them comfort and aid.  
 For pro-life novenas visit **Priests for Life** at [PrayerCampaign.org](http://PrayerCampaign.org)

**Adult Education Class - Orthodoxy & Heresy:  
Why It Matters What We Believe – Part 2**

As Catholics, we know that our faith is built on theological doctrines. Although these doctrines define every aspect of our faith, most Catholics are completely ignorant of what they are and why they matter. We recite theological statements such as the Creed at Mass every Sunday, and yet we have no idea what those words mean or why they are crucially important.

In this class Father Edward Smith will delve into some of the most important teachings of the Church, while addressing those who have challenged those teachings throughout history. We will discuss why it is important to understand what we believe as Catholics, and how easy it can be to embrace false beliefs or heresies, if we don’t know the truths of our faith.

**Where: Saint Teresa of Avila Parish Life Center** (masks are optional)  
**When: 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM**  
**March 16<sup>th</sup>: Theopaschitism**  
**March 23<sup>rd</sup>: Marcionism**  
**April 6<sup>th</sup>: Donatism**  
**April 13<sup>th</sup>: Pelagianism**



**JESUS’ DIVINE MERCY**

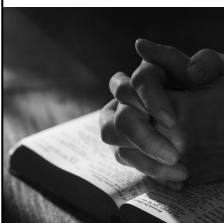
To St. Faustina: **“O human souls, where are you going to hide on the day of God’s anger: Take refuge now in the fount of God’s mercy. O what a great multitude of souls I see! They worshiped The Divine Mercy and will be singing the hymn of praise for all eternity.”** (Diary, 848). *\*The words of Jesus 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  
 April 7<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>



### 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 (1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays of each month)  
 Our next meeting is April 6



### THE ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY NEWS

**Mass**  
 Sunday, April 10, 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.

### 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.



### SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE NEWS

#### Spiritual Adoption of the Unborn

If you have signed up previously, you do not have to contact us. If you have not participated in the past, send an email to [office@stteresaparish.com](mailto:office@stteresaparish.com) and you will be added to our email list.

This devotion begins **March 25 (Feast of the Annunciation)** and ends at Christmas.

Say this prayer everyday:

**"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



### Friday, March 25 The Angelus

The Angel of the Lord declared to Mary: And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.  
*Hail Mary...*

Behold the handmaid of the Lord: Be it done unto me according to Thy word.  
*Hail Mary...*

And the Word was made Flesh: And dwelt among us.  
*Hail Mary...*

Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God, that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

#### Let us pray:

Pour forth, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy grace into our hearts; that we, to whom the incarnation of Christ, Thy Son, was made known by the message of an angel, may by His Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of His Resurrection, through the same Christ Our Lord.  
 Amen.

**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!



**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>.

**LENTEN INFORMATION**



**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.*

**There will NOT be Stations of the Cross in the Church**

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

**Find Stations online at**  
[www.dioceseofcleveland.org/events](http://www.dioceseofcleveland.org/events)  
**St. Anthony Church will have Stations:** Fridays of Lent at 7 p.m. & Good Friday at Noon

**RECONCILIATION OPPORTUNITIES**

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

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4; Lk 4:24-30  
Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc, 8-9; Mt 18:21-35  
Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19  
Thursday: Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Lk 11:14-23  
Friday: Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38  
Saturday: Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-21ab; Lk 18:9-14  
Sunday: Jos 5:9a, 10-12; Ps 34:2-7; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32  
Alternate readings (Year A): 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-6; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41

**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

**PRAYER OF THE WEEK**

**Third Sunday of Lent**

O God, author of every mercy and of all goodness, who in fasting, prayer and almsgiving have shown us a remedy for sin, look graciously on this confession of our lowliness, that we, who are bowed down by our conscience, may always be lifted up by your mercy. 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.

# Liturgical Ministers Schedule

## Eucharistic Ministers

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

## Lectors

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

## Servers

<b>Sat, Mar 19</b> <b>4:30 a.m.</b> Pienoski	<b>Sat, Mar 26</b> <b>4:30 p.m.</b> Brock
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## Around the Town

**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. 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](mailto: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.**

### 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](http://www.holyspiritavonlake.org/mission2022). Holy Spirit Church is located at 410 Lear Road, Avon Lake.

### BREAKFAST WITH THE EASTER BUNNY

St. Anthony of Padua will host this event on **April 9** in the Social Hall. Breakfast will be served from 9 – 11 a.m. with the Easter egg hunt at 11 a.m. Tickets in advance are \$5/ea. by April 1 to St. Anthony's School office. Tickets at the door are \$6/ea. Breakfast includes pancakes, sausage, beverage and dessert. Join us for all this plus raffles, door prizes, crafts and bunny photos!

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

Join us at Saint Clarence Parish Center, 30106 Lorain Road, North Olmsted, 44070 on the **FIRST FRIDAY, APRIL 1, 2022 at 8:30 a.m.** starting with Holy Mass in the Chapel or Church. This will be followed by the Holy Rosary, refreshments, and a DVD from the "Wild Goose" series: "The Holy Spirit and Our Lady"; "The Gifts of the Holy Spirit" and "The Holy Spirit and the Eucharist" in Classroom 8. You must R.S.V.P. to Mary Hoover at 330-636-1698 or Mary Tschanz at 440-235-6258.

### ST. JOSEPH CEMETERY – PRE-PLANNING SEMINAR

The Catholic Cemeteries Association invites you to attend a 1-hour pre-planning seminar on Wednesday, April 6, 2022, at 5:30 p.m. Come learn about your Catholic burial options, including options for cremated remains. Attendees will receive a personal reference guide and special Savings Certificate. Please know the CCA follows the current CDC guidance regarding COVID-19 protocols.

We kindly ask that you RSVP to this event at St. Joseph Cemetery 32789 Detroit Rd., Avon-216/641-7575 ext. 8 or email Bob DeJohn in the Preplanning Department at [bdejohn@clecem.org](mailto:bdejohn@clecem.org).

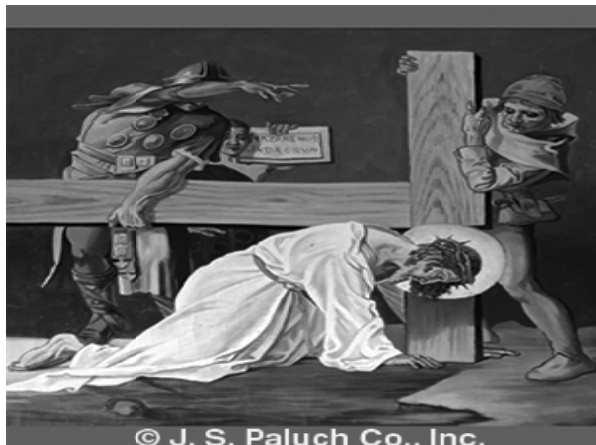
# Quo Vadis

## Young Adult Group

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

Join our Group Me  Open to anyone 18-39  
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440-752-0736

"Where are you going?"



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