

St. Teresa of Avila Parish

1878 Abbe Road Sheffield Village, Ohio 44054

March 27, 2022



Fourth Sunday
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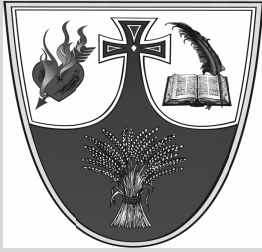
Whoever is in Christ
is a new creation:
the old things have passed away;
behold, new things have come.

2 Corinthians 5:17

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.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

March 27, 2022

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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

Monday, March 28

NO MASS

Tuesday, March 29

NO MASS

Wednesday, March 30

8:30 a.m. living/deceased of St. Teresa Parish

Thursday, March 31

NO MASS

Friday, April 1(First Friday)

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

Saturday, April 2(First Saturday) St. Francis of Paola, Hermit

4:30 p.m. +Patrick Walsh by Marci Matsamas

Sunday, April 3 FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

8:30 a.m. +Butch Klingshirn by Bruce & Sue

11:00 a.m. +Maria Valdez by Valdez & Pham families



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Weekly Offering

Table with 2 columns: Category and Amount. Weekly Goal \$4,000.00, March 20 \$3,396.00, Children's \$3.00

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-mailsdebbie@stteresaparish.com and sue@stteresaparish.com
Website..... www.stteresaparish.com

from the Pastor...

TESTING THE BOUNDARIES

Some of the first words a two-year-old might say are “Do by self!” It is almost a rite of passage for teenagers to test their parents as much as they can. Every parent who ever lay awake in bed at night waiting to hear the sound of the child pulling the car into the garage or opening the door knows at least as much about praying vigils as any nun in a convent. This is a deep and earnest prayer, and the parents can barely breathe until their child comes home. Usually when we think of the story of the Prodigal Son, we think of the feeling of guilt the son had as he realized how much he had messed things up, or we feel the injustice that the older brother felt, because he wasn't the rebel child leaving the home.

What we don't often remember in the story of the Prodigal Son is that God is there welcoming, urging us on. A few years ago there was a funeral for a young man who died of a drug overdose within days of coming out of a treatment center. Many of his young friends came but expected fire and brimstone, and to be told what a bad child that boy was. Instead, the priest preached about God loving this child so much that perhaps the only way God could protect him was to bring him home. That gentle image of God welcoming him with open arms soothed the broken hearts and unspoken questions that were on many minds. Not every situation is that drastic, but God is calling us home this Lent no matter what mistakes we've made, or how many times we have made them.

Today's Readings: Jos 5:9a, 10-12, Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

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YOUR BROTHER WAS LOST
BUT NOW HE IS FOUND



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

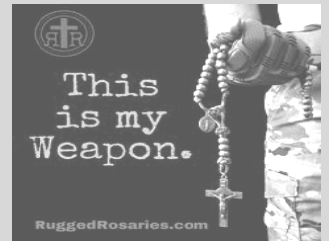
Monday: Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13b; Jn 4:43-54
 Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16
 Wednesday: Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30
 Thursday: Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47
 Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
 Saturday: Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53
 Sunday: Is 43:16-21; Ps 126:1-6; Phil 3:8-14; Jn 8:1-11

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mass	Wed, Mar 30	8:30 a.m.	Church
Eucharistic Adoration	Wed, Mar 30	9 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Church
Mass	Fri, Apr 1	8:30 a.m.	Church
Fish Fry	Fri, Apr 1	4:30 – 7:00 p.m.	Avila Hall
Confession	Sat, Apr 2	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, Jim Schilens, Sr.



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



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 Scourging That the victims of violence, torture and slavery will be delivered from their suffering, find healing and know that God is close to them.

For pro-life novenas visit Priests for Life at 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 16th: Theopaschitism

March 23rd: Marcionism

April 6th: Donatism

April 13th: Pelagianism



ACADEMIC HONORS

Ana MacDonald – 1st Honors last semester at Elyria Catholic High School
Congratulations on your achievements!!

JESUS' DIVINE MERCY

To St. Faustina: When I was somewhat overcome by the fear that I was to be outside the community for so long a time alone, Jesus said to me, "**You will not be alone, because I am with you always and everywhere. Near to My Heart, fear nothing. I Myself am the cause of your departure. Know that My eyes follow every move of your heart with great attention. I am bringing you into seclusion so that I Myself may form your heart according to My future plans.**" (*Diary*, 797). **The words of Jesus appear in boldface*

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

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
 April 7th & 21st



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)
 Join us **March 30 and April 6**



THE ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY NEWS

Mass
 Sunday, April 10, 2022
 Rosary at 8:00 a.m.

The next A&R Meeting will be Monday, April 25 at 1:00 p.m. in the St. John Room

St. Teresa of Avila FISH FRY - FRIDAYS OF LENT

Drive Thru AND *Dine In*
 Thru April 15, 2022
 4:30p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Choice of Dinners:

Fried Perch (over 1/2 lb) or Shrimp(10 pieces) or Combo(2 perch/6 shrimp) - **\$20/each**
 Pizza(2 pieces) or Macaroni & Cheese Dinner - **\$10/each**

New England Clam Chowder - \$5 Potato & Cheese Pierogi – 6 for \$5

Dinners include: French Fries **OR** Cabbage & Noodles, Coleslaw, Roll and Cake
 All Dine In dinners include Coffee, Tea, Lemonade **or** Iced Tea

Cash, Checks and Credit Cards now accepted

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

Thank you for your support!

Questions: 440-934-4227.

NO CALL AHEAD ORDERS

SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE NEWS

Mother Cabrini Food Pantry

The next food pantry collection will be April 2 & 3, 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.**



Feed the Hungry

Spiritual Adoption of the Unborn

If you have not participated in the past, send an email to 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

REDEEMER IN THE WOMB

Lord Jesus Christ, we thank you that when Mary, your Mother, said "Yes" at the Annunciation, You took our human nature upon Yourself. You shared our life and death, our childhood and adulthood. You also shared our time in the womb. While still God, while worshiped and adored by the angels, while Almighty and filling every part of the universe, You dwelt for nine months in the womb of Mary. You were our Redeemer in the womb, our God who was a preborn child.

Lord Jesus, we ask You to bless and protect the children who today are in their mothers' womb. Save them from the danger of abortion.

Give their mothers the strength, like Mary, to say "Yes" to you. Give them grace to sacrifice themselves, in body and soul, for their children.

Help all people to recognize in the preborn child a brother, a sister, saved by You, our Redeemer in the womb, who live and reign forever and ever. **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 OR at: <http://www.catholicstv.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.

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>.



There will NOT be Stations of the Cross in the Church

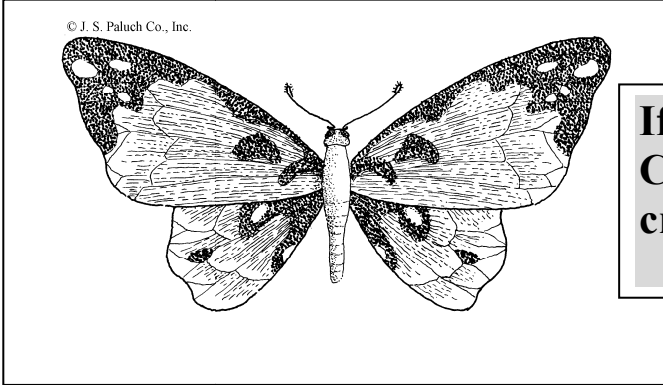
Families are encouraged to **pray the Stations of the Cross together at home.**
Find Stations online at
www.dioceseofcleveland.org/events
St. Anthony Church will have Stations: Fridays of Lent at 7 p.m. & Good Friday at Noon

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.



If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation.
 2 Corinthians 5:17

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Fourth Sunday of Lent
 O God, who through your Word reconcile the human race to yourself in a wonderful way, grant, we pray, that with prompt devotion and eager faith the Christian people may hasten toward the solemn celebrations to come. 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.

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

Liturgical Ministers Schedule

Eucharistic Ministers

Sat, Mar 26 4:30 a.m. Ann Glime Tom Pienoski **	Sun, Mar 27 8:30 a.m. Christi Smail	Sun, Mar 27 11:00 a.m. Trish MacDonald
Sat Apr 2 4:30 p.m. Joan Gigliotti Ann Glime	Sun, Apr 3 8:30 a.m. Bill Bistak	Sun, Apr 3 11:00 a.m. Fred Courtright

Lectors

Sat Mar 26 4:30 a.m. Andy Augustine	Sun, Mar 27 8:30 a.m. Christi Smail	Sun, Mar 27 11:00 a.m. Fred Courtright
Sat, Apr 2 4:30 p.m. Phil Gigliotti	Sun, Apr 3 8:30 a.m. Bernard Valdez	Sun, Apr 3 11:00 a.m. Gene Welsh

Servers

Sat, Mar 26 4:30 a.m. Brock	Sat, Apr 2 4:30 p.m. Brock**
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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?"

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.

THE SHROUD OF TURIN PRESENTATION
St. Vincent de Paul Church on **Thursday, March 31 at 6:30 p.m.**
Presented by David Onysko

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. 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.

Around the Town

THE FIRST FRIDAY FORUM OF LORAIN COUNTY
Join us April 1, 2022 with our guest speaker Bob Tayek, Cleveland Guardians (former Indians) announcer who also worked as diocesan staff. Lunch begins at 11:30 and speaker at 12:00 at the Spitzer Conference Center of Lorain County Community College, 1005 N. Abbe Rd. Elyria. Call for reservations by 6:00 Monday, March 28 at 440-213-2132 or email fflorain@gmail.com. Cost is \$25.

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.

CCA GRIEF SUPPORT APRIL 24TH "IN-OFFICE" AT 3:00PM AND "VIRTUAL" AT 5:00PM:
Catholic Cemeteries Association provides free monthly grief support groups: Please note that **Easter falls on the 3rd Sunday so our Grief Support Groups this month will meet on the 4th Sunday, April 24th**; our topic is "Mother's Day and Grief". **3:00 pm In-Office Grief Support groups** meet in the main office building at St. Joseph, Avon | 32789 Detroit Road. **5:00 pm Virtual Grief Support group meets for an hour via Zoom.** Sign-up at <https://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.

DIOCESE OF CLEVELAND CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE
Saturday, April 2, 2022. Registration at 8 a.m. Mass at 4 p.m. with Bishop Edward C. Malesic celebrating. Adjourn at 5 p.m. Music/Reconciliation/Mass/Continental Breakfast and Lunch. Speakers include Fr. Nathan Cromley & Kevin Reilly. Groups of 8 or more \$30/person; single \$35; after March 28 or at the door \$40. Register on line at www.cmfneo.com or call 877-208-5585.

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.

Homeless & pregnant? Call Good Counsel Homes – 800-723-8331, or visit www.goodcounselhomes.org.
Hurting from an abortion? Visit www.AbortionForgiveness.com.