

St. Teresa of Avila Parish

1878 Abbe Road Sheffield Village, Ohio 44054

January 7, 2018

The Epiphany of the Lord



PARISH INFORMATION

BAPTISMS: Baptisms are celebrated after the Noon mass on Sundays. A pre-baptism class is required for the first child. For class information call the rectory. Arrangements should be made shortly before or after the birth of the child.

COMMUNION CALLS: are made on Sundays by Eucharistic Ministers to the homebound. Please call the Rectory to schedule.

MATRIMONY: Couples need to make arrangements at least six months prior to the wedding date. No date may be reserved until discussed with a 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.

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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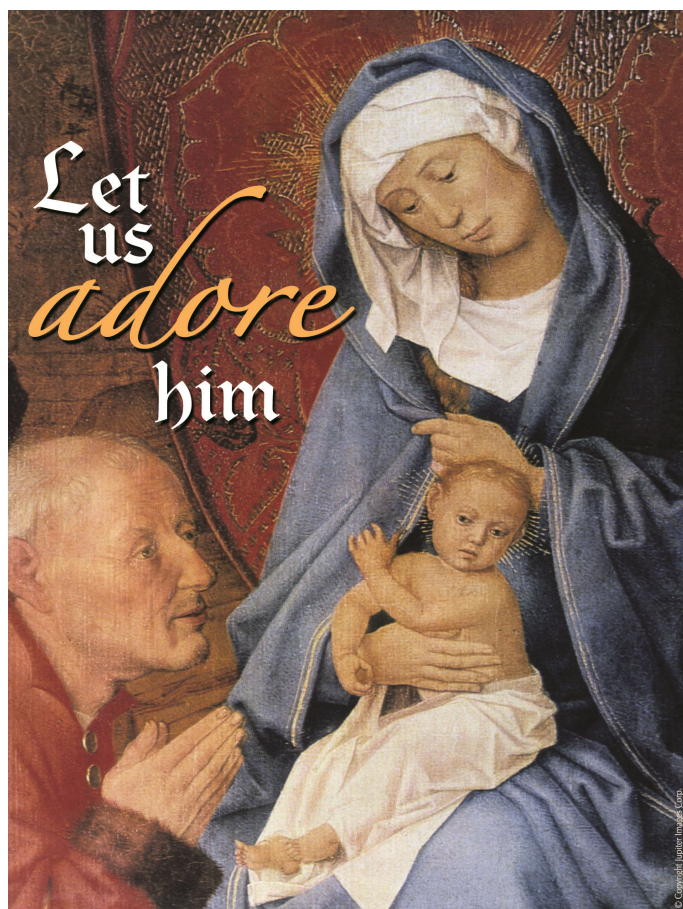
MASSES

Sunday Vigil.....Saturday 4:30 PM
Sunday:.....8:30 AM and 11:00 AM
Holy Day Vigil:.....Watch Bulletin
Holy Day:.....Watch Bulletin
Civic Holidays:.....Watch Bulletin
Wednesday & Friday:.....8:30 AM

STAFF

Reverend Edward J. Smith, *Pastor*
Fr. Thomas Sanders, OSB, *Weekend Associate*
Debbie Wehler, Sue DiVaccaro, *Secretaries*
Michael Joris, *Parish Council Chairperson*
Lou Varos, *Finance Council Chairperson*

ST. TERESA OF AVILA CHURCH is handicap accessible.



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD JANUARY 7, 2018

All kings shall pay him homage,
all nations shall serve him.
-- Psalm 72:11

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Weekly Goal	\$4,000.00
December 24	\$2,422.00
Children's	\$2.00
Christmas	\$7,546.00
Children's	\$6.00
December 31	\$3,638.00
Children's	\$7.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$457.50

*Please keep St. Teresa Parish in mind
when making out your will.*

KEEP THESE PARISHIONERS IN YOUR PRAYERS

Luz Villanueva, Eleanor Rieth
Pat Chozinski, Marty Lima, Mike Gall
Gladys Mackert, Maebelle Fill
Gladys Wisnieski, Kathleen Brezinski
Donna Satorius, Patricia Welsh
Greg Brezinski, Don Kirchner
Shirley Karasevic, Peg King

MONTHLY SPIRITUAL MAXIM

*I understood the great blessing
there is, in not paying attention to
what doesn't bring us closer to
God.*

St. Teresa of Avila

ANOIDING OF THE SICK

For those advanced in age, sick, or
undergoing surgery. Administered
upon request. Contact the Rectory.

PSR (Parish School of Religion)

Classes take place on Tuesdays from
6 - 7:15 p.m. for grades 1-8. Call with
questions to 934-4227.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES

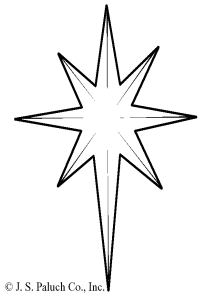
Classes begin January 7, 2018, at
8:30 a.m. for Mass at St. Teresa of
Avila Parish with class following in the
Parish Life Center.

HOLY SPIRIT, BRING TO US A DESIRE FOR EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

*"Do you want the Lord to give you
many graces? Visit Him often. Do you
want Him to give you few graces?
Visit Him rarely. Do you want the devil
to attack you? Visit Jesus rarely in the
Blessed Sacrament. Do you want him
to flee from you? Visit Jesus often!"*
St. John Bosco

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, January 6 **St. Andre Bessette**
4:30 p.m. +John P. & Emily Fabanich by Alice & Badge
Sunday, January 7 **The Epiphany of the Lord**
8:30 a.m. +Stan Pliszka by Denny & Marianne Rieth
11:00 a.m. Sr. Mary Francelia, SND (100th Birthday) by Sandy & Elmer
Monday, January 8 **The Baptism of the Lord**
NO MASS
Tuesday, January 9
NO MASS
Wednesday, January 10
8:30 a.m. +Evelyn Schneider
Thursday, January 11
NO MASS
Friday, January 12
8:30 a.m. living & deceased members of St. Teresa and St. Anthony Parishes
Saturday, January 13 **St. Hilary**
4:30 p.m. +Jack Lamb by Bob & Marilyn Rumph
Sunday, January 14
8:30 a.m. living & deceased members of the Altar & Rosary Society
11:00 a.m. +Jack Schueller by Don & Carol Kirchner



ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY NEWS

Our next Altar & Rosary Society Mass will be **Sunday, January 14, 2018 at 8:30 a.m.** The Rosary will be said at 8:00 a.m. prior to Mass.

"Painting with Friends" - Sponsored by St. Teresa's Altar & Rosary Society, come and bring a friend for painting on canvas, on **Sunday, January 21, 2018 at 2 p.m.** Our painting instructor will be Clela Neale, known throughout the area as a talented artist and teacher. Call the church office to reserve your seat - 440-934-4227; \$5 at the door. Refreshments will be served. Welcome to all artists, non-artists and all "want-to-be" artists! Come and paint the sunshine into your day!

Women's Retreat Day - "Finding Ways To Serve God" - St. Teresa's Altar & Rosary Society invites all women to a day of learning and prayer on **Saturday, January 27, 2018**. Doors open at 9:30 a.m. for coffee and pastry. Sr. Mary Berigan, SND, from The Blessing House in Lorain, will be our speaker. Sr. Mary will share her insights regarding "serving God as our lives change". Lunch will be served at Noon, followed by a prayer service. Call the church office at 440-934-4227 to reserve your seat. \$5 at the door. A Free Will offering will be taken to benefit The Blessing House in Lorain.

MOTHER CABRINI FOOD PANTRY, LORAIN

Our next collection of non perishable food will be **January 6 & 7**. Place your non-perishable donations in the tub in the vestibule of the church. Help is always needed on the **2nd, 3rd and 4th Saturdays** of each month from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Many thanks to all those who support this ministry financially and with their time!

THANK YOU PARISHIONERS OF ST. TERESA OF AVILA PARISH!

"The Baby Jesus collection this year far surpassed any collection to date. The gifts around the tree in church filled my dining room and then a wonderful parishioner did a diaper drive at his work collecting 3 pick-up trucks with diapers. Needless to say, we ended up using a U-Haul to deliver the gifts this year and Birthright was thrilled. I would like to add a few more thanks -- to the wonderful parishioner who set up the diaper drive, all the Palmer's for helping bring the gifts to my house after mass, Bill Eifel for helping us deliver everything to Birthright, Dave who helped load the U-Haul with diapers, and of course your generous hearts who are always willing to give with abundance."

Paula Parkey, Social Concerns Committee

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11 or Acts 10:34-38 or 1 Jn 5:1-9; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Mk 1:7-11
Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20 or 1 Sm 1:1-8 and 1 Sm 1:9-20; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Mk 1:21-28 or Mk 1:14-20 and Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Ps 40:2, 5, 7-10; Mk 1:29-39
Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11; Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25; Mk 1:40-45
Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Ps 89:16-19; Mk 2:1-12
Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a; Ps 21:2-7; Mk 2:13-17
Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10; Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

How mysterious are these Magi, who suddenly appear from the East to worship the Christ child and then as suddenly disappear!

The title "magi from the East" indicates that they were members of a priestly caste from Persia (now Iran), scholars interested in astronomy – not just astrology in the later sense. The star that appeared to them was, they were convinced, a sign of great importance. But it was surely not scientific curiosity alone that prompted them to undertake their long journey. As Christ sent angels to summon the shepherds, he also sent the star to invite these worthy savants to pay Him a visit. It must have taken them months to prepare for the trip, and many more to reach the Holy Land – a trek of 1,000-1,500 miles.

Today's gospel tells us all we really know about their arrival, their search, their discovery and worship of Jesus, and their departure by another route as advised in a dream to escape Herod.

But who were they and what became of them?

We call them the Wise Men or the Kings, and the number three has become traditional, though not mentioned in the Bible. Were they indeed kings? Only in the eighth century were they referred to as such. What were their names? Various names were assigned to them from the seventh century on, but eventually the three that stuck were Gaspar, Melchior and Balthasar. Since the fifteenth century, it has been customary for artists to represent one as a black.

And what happened to them when they arrived back home? Legend says that they were baptized – decades later, of course – by St. Thomas the Apostle; and that they worked diligently to spread faith in Christ. What were claimed to be the relics of these saintly men were brought to Constantinople in the fourth century by the Empress St. Helena. Later they were transferred to Milan, and in 1164 to Cologne, Germany. There they are still enshrined in the great Cologne cathedral.

Despite the haziness of their biographies, one thing is for sure: the Magi were the first gentiles to do honor to the Messiah. In doing so, they set for us later gentile Christians an example of unselfish and wholehearted devotion to the Infant Savior.

The Reverend Edward J. Smith

RESPECT LIFE

"Precisely by contemplating the precious blood of Christ, the sign of his self-giving love (cf. Jn 13:1), the believer learns to recognize and appreciate the almost divine dignity of every human being and can exclaim with ever renewed and grateful wonder: 'How precious must man be in the eyes of the Creator, if he 'gained so great a Redeemer' (Exultet of the Easter Vigil), and if God 'gave his only Son' in order that man 'should not perish but have eternal life' (cf. Jn 3:16)!" Pope St. John Paul II - **EVANGELIUM VITAE, March 1995**, to the Bishops, Priests and Deacons, Men and Women religious, Lay Faithful, and all People of Good Will on the Value and Inviolability of Human Life.

Visit www.clevelandrighttolife.org

EWTN PROGRAMMING

As hundreds gather in Washington, DC on January 19, 2018 to defend life, EWTN News will be onsite with stories from marchers and up to date developments beginning at 9:00 a.m.. The opening **Prayer Vigil on Thursday, January 18 at 5:30 p.m.** from the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception will be shown. Also, watch the closing Mass and Prayer Vigil on **Friday, January 19 at 7:30 a.m.** For more information, go to ewtn.com.

CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC MASS WITH FR. BOB FRANCO

Catholic Renewal Ministries will host this Mass on **Friday, January 19, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.** at St. Peter Parish in North Ridgeville, 35777 Center Ridge Rd. Praise and worship begins at 7 p.m. with Mass at 7:30 p.m. Healing teams will be available for prayer after the Mass. Call with questions to 440-327-2201.

RETRouvaille WEEKEND – JANUARY 19-21, 2018 - A LIFELINE FOR TROUBLED MARRIAGES

Has your marriage become unloving or uncaring – your relationship cold, distant – thinking about a separation or divorce? Are you already separated/divorced but both of you want to try again? Then the Retrouvaille program may help. RETROUVAILLE (rediscovery), which is supported by the Catholic diocese of Cleveland, but open to couples of all faiths, consists of a weekend experience for couples and six follow up sessions. A registration fee of \$150 is required to confirm your reservation. For more information concerning the program, or to register, please call Marce or Liz Gliha at 440.357.6580 or 1.800.470.2230, or go online to www.helpourmarriage.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Confirmation Class	Sun, Jan 7	8:30 a.m.	Church/PLC
PSR Resumes	Tues, Jan 9	6:00 p.m.	PLC Classrooms
Eucharistic Adoration	Wed, Jan 10	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Church

LET US GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD OUR GOD FOR THOSE AMONG US:

Thank You to the Altar & Rosary Society, their husbands, and David Aring, for decorating the church so beautifully for Christmas. A great deal of hard work goes into making the church "glow" for our celebration of Jesus' birth.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS SERVING OUR COUNTRY

Charles Godles, Christopher Barnhart, Jason Bender, Thomas Daley, Capt. 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
To add names call 934-4227.

PARISH CLUSTER CORNER

St. Thomas the Apostle

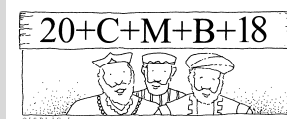
www.saintthomaschurch.net

St. Anthony

www.stanthonylorain.org/our-parish/

HOSPITAL CALLS

Every hospital has an appointed Catholic Chaplain. Please request his services for a patient. Notify the parish office so that the sick will be remembered in our prayers and Masses.



TELEVISED SUNDAY MASS

Sunday Mass is aired on Channel 8 on Sundays at 6:00 a.m.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

St. Teresa's: Wednesday from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

St. Anthony's perpetual Adoration Chapel is behind the church.

HOPE AND HEALING BEYOND HEROIN

Catholic Charities and the Diocesan Social Action Office (DSA) are partnering with *Greater Than Heroin*, to launch a 3-month campaign to elevate awareness and offer resources in response to the opioid crisis. Brochures are available in the vestibule of the church.

Around the Town

SOLACE OF LORAIN COUNTY - ADVOCACY FOR FAMILIES COPING WITH SUBSTANCE ABUSE

The next meeting will be **January 11, 2018 from 6 - 8 p.m.** at LCCC - CARE Center (BU 113D), 1005 N. Abbe Rd., Elyria. For information call Kathy at 440-823-6177.

HELP US PROTECT LIFE BY VOLUNTEERING

Cleveland Right to Life needs volunteers. Our volunteers will tell you that their gift of time and talents are repaid ten-fold in the joy they get from assisting the families and clients who visit us. Call 216-661-3000.

POLKA MASS AT ST. FRANCES CABRINI CHURCH, LORAIN

The Altar & Rosary Society invites you to a Polka Mass on **Sunday, January 14, 2018 at 11 a.m.** Following Mass will be a stuffed pork chop dinner with a polka party. Tickets are \$15 each; children under 3 eat free. Purchase tickets by calling 440-277-7266.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY: EXODUS AT ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CHURCH

Join us beginning **Wednesday, January 17, 2018 from 7 - 8:30 p.m.** Cost is \$25. Register by January 12 by calling Deacon Edgar at 440-213-5956.

MARCH FOR LIFE EVENT AT WALSH UNIVERSITY

Walsh University will host a March for Life Event on **January 17, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. in the David Center.** Kick off the March for Life with this Free event featuring local speakers, who will speak on life issues. After the talks, there will be a blessing send-off for all those going to the March for Life. Walsh University is located at 2020 East Maple St. North Canton; 44720 All are invited. Refreshments will be served – For more reservations or information, please call Molly at 330-490-7581, or email mromano@walsh.edu

NATIONAL MEMORIAL FOR THE PRE-BORN

If you are attending the **March for Life in Washington, D.C. on January 19, 2018**, don't forget about the Catholic Mass taking place at 7:30 a.m. at the DAR Constitution Hall. Interdenominational Services from 8:30 - 10:30 a.m. Free admission. Homilist will be Fr. Frank Pavone, National Director, Priests for Life. Special guest at the rally will be The Benham Brothers. Visit www.NationalPrayerService.com.

2018 CLEVELAND MARCH FOR LIFE

Cleveland Right to Life, along with Northeast Ohio Value Voters, Cleveland Prays, and Lake County Right to Life, is sponsoring the 2018 Cleveland March for Life. The March will take place on **Saturday, January 13th at Noon.** The march will begin at Benedictine High School and proceed to Preterm and back. The indoor program will be 12:45-3pm in the Benedictine High School Auditorium and feature keynote speaker Catherine Davis, co-founder of National Black ProLife Coalition and founder of The Restoration Project. Join area clergy and politicians as we march and pray for life. Dress warmly and bring the entire family. Signs will be provided or you can bring your own. Over 60 million lives lost since 1973! Enough is enough! Join us as we March for Life!

K OF C RIGHT- TO-LIFE BUS TRIP TO WASH. DC JANUARY 18 & 19, 2018

The K of C, Avon, Ohio, is sponsoring a bus trip to Washington DC for the Annual right-to-Life Rally and March in support for an end to abortion. Two buses will depart Ragan Hall, located at 1783 Moore Road, Avon at 8 PM on Thursday, Jan. 18. We arrive at the Basilica of Immaculate Conception in Washington DC at 6 AM Jan 19 where a Mass will be celebrated. The busses depart DC by 4 PM on January 19 and return to Avon by midnight. Cost is \$85 per adult and \$26 per high school or college student. For more information and reservations please contact John at 440-725-7369 or Greg at 440-865-5883 by phone or email john.pabin@gmail.com

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.

Liturgical Ministers Schedule

Eucharistic Ministers

Sat, January 6
4:30 p.m.

Debbie Korce
Mike Palmer
John Katricak **
Frances Geiger

Sun, January 7
8:30 a.m.

Aaron Davis
Rick Basista
Christi Smail
Bill Bistak
(Sue DiVaccaro **)

Sun, January 7
11:00 a.m.

Carol Kirchner
Norman Novak
Susan Novak
Trish MacDonald

Sat, January 13
4:30 p.m.

Ann Glime
Tom Pienoski
Joan Gigliotti
EM Needed

Sun, January 14
8:30 a.m.

Barb Eifel **
Marty Yonkof
Carol Yonkof
Greg Smail

Sun, January 14
11:00 a.m.

Theresa Gillotti
Dan Gillotti
Marci Matsamas
Debbie Brady

Lectors

Sat, January 6
4:30 p.m.

Jean Ackerman

Sun, January 7
8:30 a.m.

Karen Davis

Sun, January 7
11:00 a.m.

Dan Gillotti

Sat, January 13
4:30 p.m.

Andrew Augustine

Sun, January 14
8:30 a.m.

Larry Durica

Sun, January 14
11:00 a.m.

Fred Courtright



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Altar Servers

Sat, January 6
4:30 p.m.

Dan Huczko

Sun, January 7
8:30 a.m.

Server Needed

Sun, January 7
11:00 a.m.

Mike Griffith
Dave Griffith

Sat, January 13
4:30 p.m.

Bill Brock **

Sun, January 14
8:30 a.m.

Aaron Davis

Sun, January 14
11:00 a.m.

Victoria Korce