

St. Teresa of Avila Parish

1878 Abbe Road Sheffield Village, Ohio 44054

FIRST SUNDAY OF

Lent

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert,
and he remained in the desert for forty days, tempted by Satan.
He was among wild beasts, and the angels ministered to him.

Mark 1:12-13

FEBRUARY
18 2018

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.
Fax.....(440) 934-4500
E-mailst.teresa.church@neohio.twcbc.com
Website..... www.stteresaparish.com

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
Lou Varos, Finance Council Chairperson

ST. TERESA OF AVILA CHURCH is handicap accessible.

**FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT,
FEBRUARY 18, 2018**

Your ways, O LORD, make known to me; teach me your paths.
-- Psalm 25:4

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Weekly Goal \$4,000.00
February 11 \$3,151.00
Children's \$4.00

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

**COLLECTION FOR CENTRAL
AND EASTERN EUROPE**

Next week, our parish will take up this Collection which supports those living in countries formerly under communist rule. *Thanks for your generosity.*

**KEEP THESE PARISHIONERS
IN YOUR PRAYERS**

Luz Villanueva, Eleanor Rieth
Pat Chozinski, Marty Lima, Peg King
Gladys Mackert, Maebelle Fill
Gladys Wisnieski, Kathleen Brezinski
Donna Satorius, Patricia Welsh
Greg Brezinski, Shirley Karasevic
Shirley Schloss, William Friskey
Bernie Mack, Jennifer Brezinski
Chris Geiger

ANointing 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.

If the Shof./Shof. Lake schools are closed due to bad weather on a Tuesday, PSR will be cancelled.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Classes take place on Sundays.
Begins with 8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Teresa Parish with class following in the Parish Life Center.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR 2018

Intentions for Masses for 2018 can be scheduled by calling the church office at 440-934-4227.

MONTHLY SPIRITUAL MAXIM

**"God has given me great courage;
and the greater these trials were
the greater was the courage."**

St. Teresa of Avila

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**Saturday, February 17**

4:30 p.m. +William Brock, Sr. by Bill & Nancey

Sunday, February 18**FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

8:30 a.m. +Jack Lamb by Magnificat High School

11:00 a.m. deceased of the Niemiec/Wroblewski families

Monday, February 19

NO MASS

Tuesday, February 20

NO MASS

Wednesday, February 21

St. Peter Damian

8:30 a.m. All Souls

7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

Thursday, February 22

The Chair of St. Peter, Apostle

NO MASS

Friday, February 23

St. Polycarp

8:30 a.m. living & deceased of St. Teresa & St. Anthony Parishes

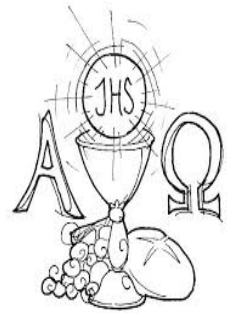
Saturday, February 24

4:30 p.m. +Farrell Kleem by John & Mary Ellen Smith

Sunday, February 25**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**

8:30 a.m. +Fred Ackerman by Mike & Barb Griffith & family

11:00 a.m. +Kenneth O'Neill by daughter

**LENTEN OPPORTUNITIES TO LEARN, PRAY AND LIVE!**

Stations of the Cross will take place on Wednesdays during Lent at 7 p.m. (except Good Friday).

Word Among Us booklets are available to each Parishioner in the rear of the church.

Bringing America Back to Life 9th Annual Pro-Life Convention to be held **March 9 & 10, 2018** at the Embassy Suites, Independence, Ohio. Spend one day or both and hear national and local speakers witness to the sanctity of life, including Bishop Daniel Thomas of Toledo and Bishop Roger Gries. See the bulletin insert for details.

Eucharistic Adoration every Wednesday from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Reconciliation Every Saturday at 3:30 and **Wednesday, February 28 from 6-7 p.m.**

ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY NEWS

Our next Altar & Rosary Society Mass will be **Sunday, March 11, 2018 at 8:30 a.m.** The Rosary will be said at 8:00 a.m. prior to Mass.

FISH FRY CONTINUES THROUGHOUT LENT - WE APPRECIATE YOUR DONATIONS!

As in the past, we count on the generosity of St. Teresa's Parishioners for donations of pop (Pepsi or Coke and Sprite or 7-Up, regular and diet) and baked goods for our Fish Fry. Donations can be dropped off at the Parish Life Center on Thursdays and Fridays between 9 a.m. & 3 p.m. **If you would like to volunteer, call the church office at 934-4227.**

PLEASE WELCOME OUR NEW PARISHIONER

John Murray - Welcome to the family of St. Teresa of Avila Parish!

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS FOR 2018

Available upon request only. We can email your statement! Call 440-934-4227 or email the office at st.teresa.office@neohio.twcbc.com.

ELYRIA CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL - LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS

February 25, St. Mary Church, Elyria at 8:15 a.m.; **March 1**, St. Peter School, North Ridgeville at 7 p.m. For more times and locations visit elyriacatholic.com or call 440-365-1821.

prayer & fasting

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: 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19

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 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ps 116:10, 15-19; Rom 8:31b-34; Mk 9:2-10

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

Our gospel today (Mark 1:12-15) says that Jesus was "tempted" – what does that mean?

The word "temptation" in this sense means an attraction to act contrary to right reason and the commandments of God. So, when one is "tempted," it means either that the Evil One is trying to seduce you to disobey God and his laws, or that you are confronted with an "occasion of sin" (e.g., an immoral website, movie or TV show placed in your path by others). "The world, ourselves, or the devil" can be the source of trial or temptation. By itself temptation is not a sin. It becomes "sin" for us only when we permit it to overcome us, and act on it.

Whenever you draw apart into your "private desert" – a place to seek God in prayer and fasting – you may well be the object of temptation, just like Jesus was. But the very act of seeking God in prayer and fasting also shows the way that Jesus won his victory over the devil and temptation – by prayer and fasting! It may weaken us physically, so that we can better understand the suffering of the poor. But it will also strengthen us spiritually, which is the objective, so that we will have our heart and our will disciplined to listen to God's word for us. It also moves us away from selfishness as we perceive more readily the needs of our neighbors.

In the "Our Father" we pray that God "lead us not into temptation." God does not tempt us but allows other to do so. Any temptation can be overcome by asking for God's help to strengthen us. He will indeed help us, and always gives us sufficient grace to overcome temptation.

The Reverend Edward J. Smith

CATHOLIC PROGRAMMING

AM 1260 The Rock During this year's Lenten season, tune into AM 1260 The Rock! Cleveland's Catholic radio station offers a variety of reflections and catechesis to draw your household closer to the most Sacred Heart of Jesus during this time of His sorrowful passion. Visit www.am1260therock.com to listen live or tune in at AM 1260 The Rock on your car radio during your daily commute!

RESPECT LIFE

"We cannot call any society healthy when it does not leave real room for family life. We cannot think that a society has a future when it fails to pass laws capable of protecting families and ensuring their basic needs, especially those of families just starting out." Pope Francis

LENTEN SOUP SUPPER - ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA

St. Anthony's Marian Guild invites all parishioners to a "Soup Supper" on **March 19, 2018 at 6 p.m.** The evening will begin with a Prayer Service in the church lead by Deacon Paul Heiser, followed by the Soup Supper in the social hall. Deacon Paul will deliver a message after dinner. Please RSVP to Denise at 714-4761.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

From February 14 – March 25, you're invited to join other Christians for 40 Days for Life – 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. You're 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. Please help spread the word about this important community outreach. Contact John Noall at clevelandpraysforlife@gmail.com or 216-245-9744 for more information. Visit: www.40daysforlife.com/cleveland.

CHILDREN'S BULLETINS AVAILABLE IN THE VESTIBULE

Families with small children are welcomed to take a bag of crayons and a coloring bulletin to their seat for Mass. The bulletins contain puzzles, stories and pictures regarding the Gospel for the current Sunday. Take your child's "art work" home, read the stories together and continue to share throughout the week. (take the bulletin, leave the crayons)



POPE FRANCIS'S SPECIAL INTENTION FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2018

Let us pray that those who have material, political, or spiritual power may resist any lure of corruption.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Confirmation Class	Sun, Feb 18	8:30 a.m.	Church/PLC
Shroud of Turin Presentation	Sun, Feb 18	6:00 - 8:00 p.m.	Avila Hall
PSR	Tues, Feb 20	6:00 p.m.	PLC Classrooms
Eucharistic Adoration	Wed, Feb 21	9:00 a.m. - Noon	Church
Fish Fry	Fri, Feb 23	4:30 - 7:00 p.m.	Avila Hall

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

Thank You to Bill and Nancey Brock for organizing our annual Catholic Charities appeal.

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

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.



TELEVISED SUNDAY MASS

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

HOLY SPIRIT, BRING TO US A DESIRE FOR EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

"A Holy Hour in front of the Blessed Sacrament is worth more than a thousand years of human glory."
St. Padre Pio

HOPE AND HEALING BEYOND HEROIN

Catholic Charities and the Diocesan Social Action Office (DSA) are partnering with *Greater Than Heroin*, 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 **February 22, 2018 from 6 - 8 p.m.** at Mercy Health & Recreation, 47160 Hollstein Dr., Amherst. For information call Kathy at 440-823-6177. Visit: www.lorainadas.org.

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA NEWS

St. Anthony School Endowment Fundraiser will take place **Saturday, March 3, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. at Chez Francois**, 555 Main St., Vermilion, OH 44089.

Your donation of \$75 gives you a delicious 3 course French dinner and the chance to win raffle prizes. The event is open to only 100 guests so reservations must be made soon. To secure your reservation contact Diana Lesiecki at St. Anthony at 288-1752 ext 223 or email lesieckid@stanthonylorain.com.

Pierogi Time! Pierogi will be sold on all Fridays during Lent from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Pre-order by calling Patty at 934-4482. Baked goods available as well.

Pierogi: frozen \$7/dz and cooked \$8/dz. Cabbage & Noodles, Mac & Cheese, and Pierogi dinners also available.

COMPASSION - THE EPIC MUSICAL

Come and experience this musical on the Gospel of John through the eyes of St. Peter. Join us at **St. Joseph Church, Amherst, on February 23 & 24 at 7:30 p.m.** as part of St. Joseph and Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Lenten Mission. Visit <http://www.compassionthemusical.com>.

FIRST FRIDAY OPPORTUNITIES IN OUR AREA - MARCH 2, 2018

Gentle Woman Fellowship Held at St. Clarence Parish Center, North Olmsted. Begins at 9:30 a.m. and includes Rosary, Mass, refreshment & speaker: Fr. Robert Cole. Call 330-636-1698.

First Friday Forum of Lorain County Spitzer Conference Center at LCCC at 11:30 a.m. Speaker will be Ms. Maureen Dee, Treatment Services of Catholic Charities. RSVP by February 29 to 244-0643. \$18 per person. Includes lunch.

Thank Goodness It's First Friday Men's group meets at St. Clarence Church, N. Olmsted. \$10 per person. Speaker will be Rev. Fr. Charles Ryba. Make reservation by Feb., 27 to George at 937-6606. Includes lunch.

NIGHT AT THE RACES - ST. FRANCES PARISH, LORAIN

You are invited to enjoy the evening on **Saturday, March 3, 2018** in the parish hall, Rt. 57 & Homewood Drive. Doors open at 6 p.m., post time is 7:15 p.m. \$20 per person for 10 races, buffet, beer, beverages and door prizes. Call for tickets to 277-7266.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

"Hopeful Hearts" is for grieving seniors 60 and over. It meets the 4th Tuesday of each month from 1 - 2:30 p.m. in the Holy Spirit Parish Family Center, 410 Lear Road, Avon Lake, Ohio. The next meeting is **February 28**.

ADDICTION AWARENESS WORKSHOP

The Samaritan Ministry of St. Malachi Parish is offering a FREE one-day Addiction Awareness Workshop in St. Malachi Center (behind the school), West 25th & Detroit, on **Saturday, March 3, 2018** from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Snacks and beverages provided. Donations welcome. Topics include the opiate epidemic; addiction/alcoholism as a brain disease; effects of drinking/using on others; treatment options. For a brochure/to register visit us at www.stmalachi.org/samaritan-ministry-2018 or contact Judy Stowe at 440-250-9959 or judydystowe@gmail.com or St. Malachi Rectory at 216-861-5343.

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.

Pregnant and in need? Help is available at OptionLine.org or call 1-800-712-HELP.

Homeless and pregnant? Call Good Counsel Homes, 1-800-723-8331 or visit www.goodcounselhomes.org.

Liturgical Ministers Schedule

Eucharistic Ministers

Sat, February 17
4:30 p.m.

Debbie Korce
Mike Palmer
John Katricak **
Frances Geiger

Sun, February 18
8:30 a.m.

Greg Smail
Marty Yonkof
Bill Bistak ** (Sue)
Carol Yonkof

Sun, February 18
11:00 a.m.

Carol Kirchner
Norman Novak
Susan Novak
Trish MacDonald

Sat, February 24
4:30 p.m.

Ann Glime
Tom Pienoski
Joan Gigliotti
EM Needed

Sun, February 25
8:30 a.m.

Christi Smail
Kathy Cunningham
Rick Basista
Barb Eifel **

Sun, February 25
11:00 a.m.

Dan Gillotti
Theresa Gillotti
Elmer Klingshirn
Debbie Brady

Lectors

Sat, February 17
4:30 p.m.

Jean Ackerman

Sun, February 18
8:30 a.m.

Greg Petro

Sun, February 18
11:00 a.m.

Fred Courtright

Sat, February 24
4:30 p.m.

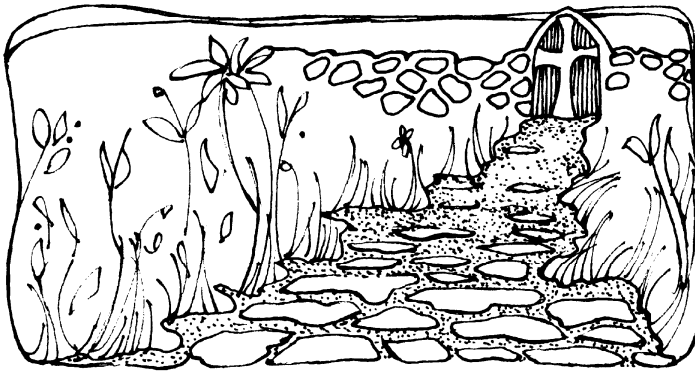
Phil Gigliotti

Sun, February 25
8:30 a.m.

Larry Durica

Sun, February 25
11:00 a.m.

Tom Parkey



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Altar Servers

Sat, February 17
4:30 p.m.

Dan Huczko

Sun, February 18
8:30 a.m.

Cara Smail

Sun, February 18
11:00 a.m.

Victoria Korce

Sat, February 24
4:30 p.m.

Ray Fitzwater

Sun, February 25
8:30 a.m.

Mikey Griffith
Dave Griffith

Sun, February 25
11:00 a.m.

Beth Parkey