

St. Teresa of Avila Parish

1878 Abbe Road Sheffield Village, Ohio 44054

FOURTH SUNDAY OF

Lent

God so loved the world
that he gave his only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him
might not perish but might have eternal life.

John 3:16

MARCH
11
2018

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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.

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT,
MARCH 11, 2018**

God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. -- John 3:17

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Weekly Goal \$4,000.00
March 4 \$3,177.00

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

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

This collection will be taken the weekend of March 10 & 11, 2018.

**KEEP THESE PARISHIONERS
IN YOUR PRAYERS**

Luz Villanueva, Eleanor Rieth
Pat Chozinski, Marty Lima, Peg King
Gladys Mackert, Maebelle Fill
Gladys Wisniewski, Kathleen Brezinski
Patricia Welsh, Bernie Mack
Greg Brezinski, Shirley Karasevic
Cathy Veverka, Charlotte Joherle
Chris Geiger, Jim Schilens, Jr.

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.

MONTHLY SPIRITUAL MAXIM

My ransom cost You a great deal.
St. Teresa of Avila

**ST. TERESA'S BIBLE STUDY -
EVERYONE IS WELCOME!**

Our next meeting will be **Thursday, March 15, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.** Join us in the St. John Room in the Parish Life Center. *"Indeed, the word of God is living and effective..."* Hebrews 4:12

**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.



You are invited to join other Christians for 40 Days for Life – 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. Visit:
www.40daysforlife.com/cleveland.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**Saturday, March 10**

4:30 p.m. +Robert Dolacki by family

Sunday, March 11**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

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

11:00 a.m. +Sidney Heidrick by grandparents

Monday, March 12

NO MASS

Tuesday, March 13

NO MASS

Wednesday, March 14

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

7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

Thursday, March 15

NO MASS

Friday, March 16

8:30 a.m. +Edward A. Kos by Jarmila Kos & family

Saturday, March 17**St. Patrick**

4:30 p.m. +Chester Zombeck by Donna Scalzitti

Sunday, March 18**FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

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

11:00 a.m. +Joseph Tomshe by Ed & Jo Niemiec

**COMMUNAL Penance SERVICE - SUNDAY, MARCH 18, 2018**

Our Communal Lenten Penance Service will take place **Sunday, March 18, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. at St. Anthony of Padua Church.** Several priests will be available to hear confessions.

"If you excuse yourself in confession, you shut up sin within your soul, and shut out pardon." --St. Augustine

FR. SMITH'S UPDATE ON OUR ROOF REPAIRS

I just wanted to give all of you an update on the situation regarding the roofs of our Parish buildings. I had previously spoken to you about leaks we were encountering in the Rectory roof, Parish Life Center roof, and Church roof. At this time, due to the generosity of so many of you, I can report that we have addressed the issues in the Rectory and Parish Life Center. The Church will require more extensive repairs, which will not take place until winter is over. I am currently working with the wonderful people at North Coast Design Build, which is owned by your fellow parishioner, Mr. Mike Cloud. The roof project is tentatively scheduled to begin in May. We are still accepting donations for the Church roof. I want to thank all of you, who have already donated, for your generosity and dedication to your Parish. As I enter into my 18th year of Priesthood, I can tell you that not every congregation is as giving and caring as all of you. After a little over 8 years of being your Pastor, I still pray for all of you daily, and thank God for the wonderful people that call St. Teresa of Avila their spiritual home.

Fr. Edward Smith, Pastor

TRADITIONAL SEDER MEAL - ALL ARE INVITED!

Through this meal, we will be taught the importance of Jesus' words and deeds at His last supper, which are the foundation of the Catholic Mass. Join us in **St. Teresa of Avila's Parish Life Center on Wednesday, March 28 from 7 - 9 p.m.** Our Hosts will be Fr. Ed Smith and Dr. Phil Gigliotti. No Charge for the evening; a Free Will Offering will be taken. *RSVP a must by March 20, 2018 to 440-934-4227. Seating is limited.*

FISH FRY UPDATE

We are in desperate need of bakery! Please consider donating a baked item or 2 - we have been running low. **We need help with clean up at 7:15 p.m.**

All donations can be dropped off at the PLC Thurs/Fri between 9 a.m. & 3 p.m. and after hours in the enclosed porch by the church office. **Thank You!**

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: Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51:3-4, 12-15; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33

Alternate readings (Year A): Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-8; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]



A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

Next week, as you enter the Church, something will immediately catch your eye. One of the old and venerable traditions of the Church will take place— The Veiling of the Statues.

The custom of veiling the statues and all holy images during the last two weeks of Lent hails from the former liturgical calendar in which the Passion was read on the Fifth Sunday of Lent (hence called "Passion Sunday") as well as on Palm Sunday, Tuesday and Wednesday of Holy Week, and Good Friday. For this reason the period following the Fifth Sunday of Lent was called Passiontide.

As author Monsignor Peter Elliott remarks, "The custom of veiling crosses and images ... has much to commend it in terms of religious psychology, because it helps us to concentrate on the great essentials of Christ's work of Redemption."

Often in my priesthood I have been asked why this practice exists. It can be disconcerting for some people when the beautiful statues are no longer visible. The reason we do this is simple: to remove distraction, so that we can focus on what is truly important. Throughout Lent, Catholics are continuously encouraged to simplify their lives and focus on their relationship with God. Liturgically, this is symbolically accomplished through the veiling of the sacred images. The beautiful and colorful images in the Church are covered, so that our eyes are not distracted from focusing on the holy altar. It is on the altar that we enter into the mysteries of our salvation. 2000 years ago, Christ sacrificed his body on the cross for our salvation. Since then, his Body and Blood are made truly present at Mass on the holy altar.

My prayer is that when you get over the initial surprise of the veiled statues, you begin to focus intently on the altar and all it represents. The sacrifice that takes place upon it is God's supreme act of love for humanity. Your salvation has not come through the beautiful and colorful statues in the Church. Your salvation has been made possible through the Body and Blood of the one made visible on the altar, under the appearance of bread and wine.

The Reverend Edward J. Smith, Pastor

CATHOLIC PROGRAMMING

EWTN Network brings you great Holy Week and Easter programming on TV, Radio and Internet! Join EWTN Global Catholic Network in remembering Christ's love for us through His Passion, Death and Resurrection. During Holy Week and Easter, EWTN brings you special programming and Live Easter Masses from Rome and the Basilica of the National Shrine in Washington DC, and much more. Find your local TV or Radio station by going to ewtn.com/channelfinder/ or ewtn.com/radio/.

RESPECT LIFE

"America you are beautiful...and blessed.... The ultimate test of your greatness is the way you treat every human being, but especially the weakest and most defenseless. If you want equal justice for all and true freedom and lasting peace, then America, defend life." -St. Pope John Paul II

BAPTISM WELCOME

We welcome Everly Jean Ackerman in the Sacrament of Baptism. May the Light of Christ, given in Baptism, shine on this little one forever.

WELCOME TO OUR NEWLY REGISTERED PARISHIONERS

Allen & Linda Brewer - Welcome to the family of St. Teresa of Avila Parish!

CHRISTIAN MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

This fellowship of men takes place the 3rd Saturday of each month, alternating between St. Julie and St. Peter Parishes in North Ridgeville. The next breakfast will be **Saturday, March 17 from 8:30 - 9:45 a.m.** Breakfast includes comradery, a presentation, and table discussion. Please RSVP to Tom Fumich at 327-1226 or sjsbreakfast@gmail.com. St. Teresa men interested in attending can meet in St. Teresa's parking lot at 7:45 a.m. to carpool. Call with questions to Bill Bistak at 934-0154 or acura_previa@yahoo.com.

POPE FRANCIS'S SPECIAL INTENTION FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH

"That the church may appreciate the urgency of formation in spiritual discernment, both on the personal and communitarian levels."

UPCOMING EVENTS

Confirmation	Sun, March 11	11:00 a.m.	St. Thomas Church
PSR	Tues, March 13	6:00 p.m.	PLC Classrooms
Eucharistic Adoration	Wed, March 14	9:00 a.m. - Noon	Church
Bible Study	Thurs, March 15	7:00 p.m.	St. John Room
Fish Fry	Fri, March 16	4:30 - 7:00 p.m.	Avila Hall
Penance Service	Sun, March 18	2:00 p.m.	St. Anthony Church

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

Thank You to Bill Bistak for leading the formation of the Confraternity from St. Teresa and St. Anthony, with the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Please pray for these students making Confirmation today at St. Thomas.



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, Jacob Peyton, 1st Sgt. Derek Lisowski, Michael Garba, SSgt. Leo Ostrolencki

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

"Of all devotions, that of adoring Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the greatest after the Sacraments, the one dearest to God and the one most helpful to us."

St. Alphonsus Liguori



Around the Town

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

The next meeting will be **March 22, 2018 from 6 - 8 p.m.** at Amherst Beaver Creek: Visitor Center, 913 N. Lake St., Amherst. For information call Kathy at 440-823-6177. Visit: www.lorainadas.org.

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA NEWS

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.

Lenten Soup Supper 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.

FREE TAX ASSISTANCE

AARP Foundation Tax-Aide offers free tax preparation help to anyone and if you're 50 and older, and can't afford a tax preparation service, we were made especially for you. There are many sites open in Lorain County **by appointment only**. To find a location near you call 1-888-227-7669.

ST. JOSEPH PARISH - SPEAKERS DURING MARCH

St. Joseph Parish, Avon Lake, will host two speakers. At **7 p.m. on Wednesday, March 14**, Tom Mrosko will share with us his experience with immigrants. On **March 21 at 7 p.m.**, Isam Zaiem will speak on the topic, *Understanding Islam and Muslims*. Please join us for these important conversations in the social hall, St. Joseph Parish, 32929 Lake Rd., Avon Lake, and its phone number is 440-933-3152. For further information, contact Fr. Dan Fickes.

ST. MARK'S GOSPEL LIVE

Experience the entire Gospel of St. Mark in 2 amazing hours of awesome storytelling by priest and actor, Rev. Joseph Morris. **Takes place at St. Jude Church on March 15 at 7 p.m.**

CATHOLIC CEMETERIES MONTHLY GRIEF SUPPORT

Takes place **Sunday, March 18** at St. Joseph Cemetery in Avon at 3:00 p.m.

ST. AGNES ALTAR & ROSARY CHICKEN PAPRIKAS DINNER

Takes place **Palm Sunday, March 25 from 11 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.** Adult dinners are \$12, children 6-12 are \$5, *under 5 eat free. 611 Lake Ave., Elyria.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - PALM SUNDAY FILM: JESUS OF NAZARETH

Join us **Sunday, March 25 from 4:30 - 6:15 p.m.** for the final 2 segments of the television mini-series "Jesus of Nazareth". Doors open at 4 p.m. We are located at 1783 Moore Rd., Avon.

FIRST FRIDAY FORUM OF LORAIN COUNTY

Join us **Friday, April 6, 2018 from 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.** at the Spitzer Conference Center, Elyria. Lunch buffet followed by speaker; \$18 each with RSVP by April 2, 2018 to 440-244-0643 or fflorain@gmail.com. Speaker will be Jason Lewis, M.A. - "Even Better After 50: Spirituality and Faith Formation of Older Adults".

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.

Hurting from an abortion? Visit www.AbortionForgiveness.com.

Liturgical Ministers Schedule

Eucharistic Ministers

Sat, March 10
4:30 p.m.

Ann Glieme
Joan Gigliotti
Debbie Korce
EM Needed

Sun, March 11
8:30 a.m.

Rick Basista
Barb Eifel **
Kathy Cunningham
Christi Smail

Sun, March 11
11:00 a.m.

Theresa Gillotti
Marci Matsamas
Elmer Klingshirn
Dan Gillotti

Sat, March 17
4:30 p.m.

Debbie Korce
Frances Geiger
John Katricak
Mike Palmer

Sun, March 18
8:30 a.m.

Marty Yonkof
Carol Yonkof
Sue DiVaccaro **
Greg Smail

Sun, March 18
11:00 a.m.

Norman Novak
Susan Novak
Carol Kirchner
Fred Courtright

Lectors

Sat, March 10
4:30 p.m.

Phil Gigliotti

Sun, March 11
8:30 a.m.

Larry Durica

Sun, March 11
11:00 a.m.

Fred Courtright

Sat, March 17
4:30 p.m.

Jean Ackerman

Sun, March 18
8:30 a.m.

Bruce DiVaccaro

Sun, March 18
11:00 a.m.

Gene Welsh



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Altar Servers

Sat, March 10
4:30 p.m.

Bill Brock **

Sun, March 11
8:30 a.m.

Cara Smail

Sun, March 11
11:00 a.m.

Victoria Korce

Sat, March 17
4:30 p.m.

Tom Pienoski

Sun, March 18
8:30 a.m.

Adam Smail

Sun, March 18
11:00 a.m.

Server Needed