

St. Teresa of Avila Parish

1878 Abbe Road Sheffield Village, Ohio 44054

SECOND SUNDAY OF

Easter

(OR OF DIVINE MERCY)

APRIL 8, 2018



Jesus said to Thomas,
“Have you come to believe because you have seen me?
Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.”

John 20:29

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
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Fax.....(440) 934-4500
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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.

SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY APRIL 8, 2018

Who indeed is the victor over the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?
-- 1 John 5:5

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Weekly Goal	\$4,000.00
March 25	\$2,766.00
Easter	\$7,936.54
Holy Land	\$350.00

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, Peg King
Gladys Mackert, Maebelle Fill
Gladys Wisniewski, Kathleen Brezinski
Patricia Welsh, Bernie Mack
Greg Brezinski, Shirley Karasevic
Cathy Veverka, Charlotte Joherle
Chris Geiger, Don Kirchner
Maria Montgomery

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.



First Holy Communion takes place on **April 21 at the 4:30 p.m. Mass**. Let us pray for these children, that they always accept Jesus into their lives with childlike innocence.

MONTHLY SPIRITUAL MAXIM

The Lord said to me: "Why are you afraid? Do you not know that I am all-powerful? I will fulfill what I have promised."

St. Teresa of Avila

WELCOME TO OUR NEWLY REGISTERED PARISHIONERS!

Michael & Brenda Polachek - welcome to the St. Teresa of Avila Parish Family!



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, April 7

4:30 p.m. +Gus & Rita Ferenc by family

Sunday, April 8

8:30 a.m. living & deceased members of the Altar & Rosary Society
11:00 a.m. +Arnette Sadowski by Don & Carol Kirchner

Monday, April 9

NO MASS

Tuesday, April 10

NO MASS

Wednesday, April 11

8:30 a.m. +Bob Ferencz by Kathy

Thursday April 12

NO MASS

Friday, April 13

8:30 a.m. All Souls

Saturday, April 14

4:30 p.m. +Kenneth O'Neil by daughter

Sunday, April 15

8:30 a.m. +William Pfau by Barb & Bill Eifel
11:00 a.m. +Charles & Beatrice Mack by family

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

St. Stanislaus

St. Martin I

ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY NEWS

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

Our next Meeting **Monday, April 9, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.** in the St. John Room of the Parish Life Center. All women of the Parish are invited - you need not be a member! **Election of Officers will take place.**

GET ON THE BUS - To Presque Isle Casino! The Altar & Rosary Society is once again sponsoring this one day trip on **Sunday, June 3, 2018**. Cost is \$35 per person and includes \$35 of Free Play, 2 snacks and a Basket Raffle and 50/50 Raffle on the bus. **You must reserve your seat by May 1, 2018.** For more information or to reserve your seat call 440-934-4227.

WHAT IS SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY?

Jesus told St. Faustina that this Feast of Mercy would be a very special day when **"All the divine floodgates through which graces flow are opened"**. (Diary 699)
Our Lord made a great promise to all those souls who would go to Confession (within 20 days before or after the feast) and then receive Him in Holy Communion on the Feast of Mercy, on the **Sunday after Easter**, which is now called Divine Mercy Sunday throughout the Catholic Church. **The Chaplet of Divine Mercy will be prayed at the following local churches on Sunday, April 8:**

*Nativity of the BVM, Lorain, at 3:00 p.m. and *St. Vincent de Paul, Elyria, at 3:00 p.m.

CHRISTIAN MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

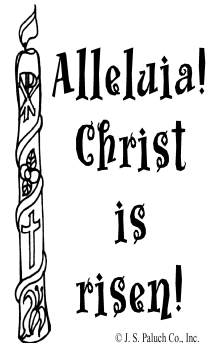
This fellowship of men takes place the 3rd Saturday of each month, alternating between St. Julie and St. Peter Parishes in North Ridgeville. The next breakfast will be **Saturday, April 21 from 8:30 - 9:45 a.m.** Breakfast includes comradery, a presentation, and table discussion. Please RSVP to Tom Fumich at 327-1226 or sjspbreakfast@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 APRIL

"That economists may have the courage to reject any economy of exclusion and know how to open new paths."

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Is 7:10-14; 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38
Tuesday:	Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Jn 3:7b-15
Wednesday:	Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-9; Jn 3:16-21
Thursday:	Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20; Jn 3:31-36
Friday:	Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15
Saturday:	Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; Jn 6:16-21
Sunday:	Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; Ps 4:2, 4, 7-9; 1 Jn 2:1-5a; Lk 24:35-48



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A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR**Everything was held in common**

The earliest Christians, says the Acts of the Apostles, were "of one heart and one mind." They shared their possessions with each other, so that none would be in need. Some even sold their belongings and set up a fund to provide for all.

This great spirit of Easter charity did not last very long, but in later years those who founded religious orders revived common ownership as a part of their religious rules. Thus, when St. Benedict wrote a rule for his monks in the sixth century, he ordered, "Let all things be common to all."

Human beings are naturally possessive. One story tells us that not all of Abbot Benedict's monks lived up to the ideal of personal poverty. A story says that once a monk of his monastery gave a spiritual talk at a nearby convent of nuns. To express their thanks, the nuns gave him a few handkerchiefs. Although the rule said that no monk should use anything he had not received through the Abbot, this monk decided he would keep the little gift as his own without mentioning it to his superior. He simply tucked the handkerchiefs in his habit.

However, he did not get away with it. When he returned to the monastery, Benedict scolded him: "How is it that evil has found its way into your heart?" The monk was puzzled, for he had already forgotten the handkerchiefs. But the misdeed had been revealed to Benedict. "Was I not present, he said, when you accepted those handkerchiefs?" The wayward monk at once knelt before the saint, begged his forgiveness, and handed over the compromising gift.

It is very easy for us to lose ourselves in the possessions of this world. Much like the monk in the story, we can become oblivious to the lure of possessions. Christ emptied himself...literally giving up everything, even his life...for our sake. As baptized Disciples of Christ, we are called to walk in his footsteps. Charity to the poor and comfort to the neglected must be a cornerstone of our spiritual lives. By emptying ourselves of earthly attachments, we will more easily focus on the things of Heaven.

...The community of believers was of one heart and one mind... everything was held in common. (Acts 4:32)

The Reverend Edward J. Smith, Pastor**CATHOLIC PROGRAMMING**

EWTN Network brings you **The Wild Goose** with author and speaker Fr. Dave Pivonka, TOR. Fr. Pivonka delivers fourteen individual meditations on the Holy Spirit. **Sundays, 6 p.m. and Thursdays, 6:30 a.m.** Find your local TV or Radio station by going to ewtn.com/channelfinder/ or ewtn.com/radio/.

RESPECT LIFE

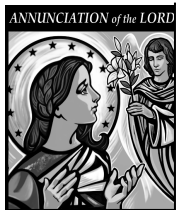
"You must strive to multiply bread so that it suffices for the tables of mankind, and not rather favor an artificial control of birth, which would be irrational, in order to diminish the number of guests at the banquet of life."

— Pope Paul VI

Visit www.clevelandrighttolife.org

WE ARE IN NEED OF ALTAR SERVERS

Please consider becoming an Altar Server! Anyone from the 4th grade through adult are welcome to call the office. Our need is great for the 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. Masses.

**ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD**

The feast of the Annunciation, now recognized as a solemnity, was first celebrated in the fourth or fifth century. Its central focus is the Incarnation: God has become one of us. From all eternity God had decided that the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity should become human. Now, as Luke 1:26-38 tells us, the decision is being realized. The God-Man embraces all humanity, indeed all creation, to bring it to God in one great act of love. Because human beings have rejected God, Jesus will accept a life of suffering and an agonizing death: "No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends" (John 15:13).

Celebrated this year on April 9, 2018

UPCOMING EVENTS

Altar & Rosary Meeting	Mon, April 9	6:30 p.m.	St. John Room
PSR Resumes	Tues, April 10	6:00 p.m.	PLC Classrooms
Eucharistic Adoration	Wed, April 11	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Church
Social Concerns Meeting	Sat, April 14	10:00 a.m.	Call Church Office

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

Thank You to the Altar & Rosary Society and their families for decorating the church for Easter. As usual, the flower arrangements look beautiful! And, we thank all those who contributed to the flower fund, because without your donations we would not have these colorful symbols of Resurrection and Spring!

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.

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 human activities, man's listening to God is the supreme act of his reasoning and will."
Pope Paul VI



Around the Town

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

The next meeting will be **April 12, 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. Visit: www.lorainadas.org.

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.

DIVINE MERCY CELEBRATION

On **Sunday, April 8, at 3:00 p.m.** **Nativity B.V.M Church in Lorain** will celebrate the Feast of Divine Mercy. The service will include the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Exposition and Benediction, readings, and special songs and prayers. A reception will follow. All are welcome!

ST. JOSEPH CEMETERY - PRE-PLANNING SEMINAR

April 9, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. a one (1) hour seminar takes place at Holy Trinity Parish - Modular Meeting Room, 33601 Detroit Road, Avon. RSVP to 216-641-7575 ext 8.

RETROUVAILLE (REDISCOVERY) WEEKEND

Supported by the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland, this is help for troubled marriages. Join us **April 13 - 15, 2018**. To register or with questions call 440-357-6580 or visit www.helpourmarriage.org.

PRE-CANA DAY FOR ENGAGED COUPLES

Takes place **Saturday, April 21, 2018** in the Holy Spirit Family Life Center from 8:30 a.m. - 6 p.m. (includes Mass). Cost is \$65/couple. Call 440-695-1010.

MAGNIFICAT HIGH SCHOOL - HIGH EXPECTATIONS!

Learn more at the **Open House on Tuesday, April 17 from 6-8 p.m.** Join us for **Seventh Grade "Blue Streak for a Day!" on Thursdays, April 12, 19, 26 and May 3**. Summer at Magnificat is June 11 - 29. Visit magnificaths.org or call 440-331-1572.

ST. COLUMBKILLE CHURCH - ALL COMMUNITY CONCERT

Join us on **Friday, April 13, 2018 at 7 p.m. for a concert with Curtis Stephan**. St. Columbkille Church is located at 6740 Broadview Rd., Parma, OH 44134. No Charge. A Free Will offering to be taken at the concert. For information contact John at j.thibo@cox.net or 216-524-1987.

CATHOLIC CEMETERIES ASSOCIATION - MONTHLY GRIEF SUPPORT

Join us **Sunday, April 15 at 3 p.m.** at St. Joseph Cemetery in Avon.

TRAVELING CHARISMATIC MASS

Sing and Praise God with Joy! Catholic Renewal Ministries' Traveling Charismatic Mass will take place **Friday, April 20 at 7 p.m. (praise and worship) with Mass at 7:30 p.m.** at Sacred Heart Parish, 410 W. Lorain St., Oberlin. Fr. Bob Franco will be the celebrant. Call with questions to 440-327-2201 or 440-944-9445.

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, April 7
4:30 p.m.
 John Katricak **
 Debbie Korce
 Frances Geiger
 Mike Palmer

Sun, April 8
8:30 a.m.
 Barb Eifel **
 Marty Yonkof
 Carol Yonkof
 Rick Basista

Sun, April 8
11:00 a.m.
 Norman Novak
 Susan Novak
 Don Kirchner
 Carol Kirchner

Sat, April 14
4:30 p.m.
 Ann Glime
 Tom Pienoski
 Frances Geiger
EM Needed

Sun, April 15
8:30 a.m.
 Christi Smail
 Kathy Cunningham
 Sue DiVaccaro
 Bill Bistak **

Sun, April 15
11:00 a.m.
 Dan Gillotti
 Elmer Klingshirn
 Arlene Flynn
 Theresa Gillotti

Lectors

Sat, April 7
4:30 p.m.
 Ruth Bistak

Sun, April 8
8:30 a.m.
 Adam Smail

Sun, April 8
11:00 a.m.
 Lou Varos

Sat, April 14
4:30 p.m.
 Jean Ackerman

Sun, April 15
8:30 a.m.
 Larry Durica

Sun, April 15
11:00 a.m.
 Fred Courtright



Altar Servers

Sat, April 7
4:30 p.m.
 Dan Huczko

Sun, April 8
8:30 a.m.
 Greg Petro

Sun, April 8
11:00 a.m.
 Mikey Griffith
 Dave Griffith

Sat, April 14
4:30 p.m.
 Bill Brock **

Sun, April 15
8:30 a.m.
 Rick Basista

Sun, April 15
11:00 a.m.
 Beth Parkey