

St. Teresa of Avila Parish

1878 Abbe Road Sheffield Village, Ohio 44054

December 2, 2018 • First Sunday of Advent

BE VIGILANT

AT ALL TIMES



and pray that you have the strength
to escape the tribulations that are imminent
and to stand before the Son of Man.

- Luke 21:36



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

ANOIDING 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.



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 2, 2018

I will raise up for David a just shoot; he shall do what is right and just in the land. -- Jeremiah 33:15

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, December 1

4:30 p.m. +Martin Yonkof, Sr. by Paul & Lou Ann

Sunday, December 2 First Sunday of Advent

8:30 a.m. +Charles King by Tom & Peg

11:00 a.m. +Donald Mangan by Larry & Pat Durica

Monday, December 3 St. Francis Xavier

NO MASS

Tuesday, December 4 St. John Damascene

NO MASS

Wednesday, December 5

8:30 a.m. +Greg Brezinski by Wehler family

Thursday, December 6 St. Nicholas

NO MASS

Friday, December 7 St. Ambrose

8:30 a.m. All Souls

7:00 p.m. All living/deceased Mothers of the parish

Saturday, December 8 IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF VIRGIN MARY

9:00 a.m. People of St. Teresa Parish

4:30 p.m. +Martha Niemiec by Ed & Jo Niemiec

Sunday, December 9 Second Sunday of Advent

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

11:00 a.m. +Fr. Edward Luca



Weekly Goal	\$4,000.00
November 18	\$3,530.00
Children's	\$2.00
November 25	\$3,169.00
Children's	\$4.00

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



MASSES

Sunday Vigil - .Saturday 4:30 PM

Sunday - 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM

Wednesday & Friday - 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

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

All the saints have been heroic. However, God has had a harder time in making heroes out of some than others. Saints like Aloysius Gonzaga, for instance, became heroes so fast that their flight to heaven seems to have been a snap. When Aloysius died at the age of 23, his three confessors testified of this radiant young man that they honestly believed he had never committed a serious sin.

On the other hand, St. Camillus DeLellis, born in 1500 (just a decade or so before Aloysius) had a rockier road to heaven. A soldier at seventeen, six foot two in his stocking feet, he developed a penchant for gambling that was a real addiction. Once, for instance, he literally gambled away all he owned, losing even the shirt off his back. Add to this, he was known to have a very quick temper.

Nevertheless, Camillus for all his violence really wanted to behave better. After trying in vain to enter a religious order or even get employment as a servant in a religious house, he was inspired to begin an order of his own. It was an order of nursing brothers – very much needed in those days before there was a real nursing profession. Urged by St. Philip Neri, Camillus studied for the priesthood and was ordained (a belated vocation, he had to attend Latin class with giggling teenage seminarians). Now this man dedicated his strengths and his weaknesses to serving the ailing and wounded. He taught his “Ministers of the Sick” to see in each patient, no matter how difficult, Christ Himself. Today, St. Camillus DeLellis is the Church’s official patron saint of nurses. That is because, as St. Paul puts it, he had forged ahead despite his flaws, so as “to make still greater progress” (I Thessalonians 4:1).

The Reverend Edward J. Smith, Pastor

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11
 Tuesday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24
 Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37
 Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27
 Friday: Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31
 Saturday: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
 Sunday: Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126:1-6; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6



Thank You... to all our Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Lectors and Altar Servers for your dedication throughout this past year!

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8

This is a Holy Day of Obligation for all Catholics.

Mass times are Friday, December 7 at 7 p.m. and Saturday, December 8 at 9 a.m.

We celebrate to the special way in which the Virgin Mary herself was conceived.

Want to learn more? Visit <http://www.ncregister.com/blog/jimmy-akin/8-things-you-need-to-know-about-the-immaculate-conception>.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Confirmation Meeting	Sun, Dec 2	9:30 a.m.	Church
PSR	Tues, Dec 4	6:00 p.m. - 7:15 p.m.	PLC Classrooms
Eucharistic Adoration	Wed, Dec 5	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Church
Confirmation Class	Sun, Dec 9	9:30 a.m.	Avila Hall
Communal Penance	Sun, Dec 9	2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	St. Thomas Church



PARISHIONERS:

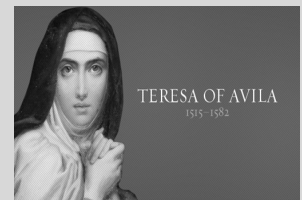
Luz Villanueva, Eleanor Rieth
 Pat Chozinski, Marty Lima
 Gladys Mackert, Eva-Maria Peters
 Gladys Wisnieski, Margaret Mauk
 Kathleen Brezinski, Anna Joseph
 Patricia Welsh, Shirley Karasevic
 Charlotte Joherle, Marty Lima
 Loretta Forthofer, Myr. John Hunter

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, Michael Garba, SSgt. Leo Ostrolencki
 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!

"I want to live and die in striving and hoping for eternal life more than for the possession of all creatures and all their goods; for these will come to an end."

St. Teresa of Avila

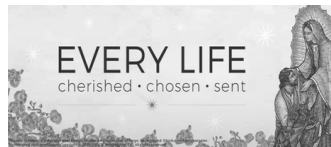


CATHOLIC PROGRAMMING

Advent Programming on AM 1260 The Rock Make your Advent special this year - tune out the noise and tune in to Catholic radio. From devotionals to apologetics and catechesis, there is something for everyone. For our complete radio schedule visit www.am1260therock.com.

Homage to the Immaculate Conception The Holy Father presides over the traditional homage to Mary Immaculate in Rome's Piazza di Spagna. 10:00 a.m. (45 mins) EWTN television. Find local TV or Radio station: ewtn.com/channelfinder/ or ewtn.com/radio/.

Good and upright is the LORD; thus he shows sinners the way. He guides the humble to justice, and teaches the humble his way. Psalm 25:8-9



HOLY SPIRIT, BRING US A DESIRE FOR EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Can you help on Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m.?

Please ask Jesus about this. It might be you!

St. Teresa's Eucharistic Adoration takes place Wednesdays, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

We need Adorers for each hour. Call the office if interested.

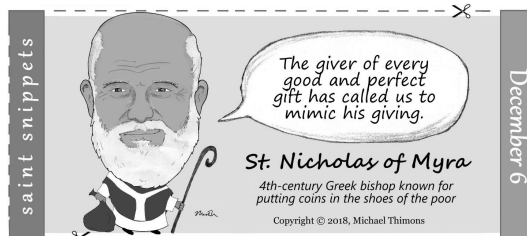
WELCOME TO OUR NEWLY BAPTIZED

Zoie Lynne Lister, daughter of Justin & Kristi

May the Light of Christ, given in Baptism, shine on this little one forever.

SUPPORT THE RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

A donor writes, "Your flyer touched my heart - seeing the retired religious, such memories surfaced." Do you remember the sisters, brothers, or religious order priests who made a positive difference in your life? Today many are elderly and need assistance. Their religious communities struggle to meet retirement needs while continuing to serve the People of God. **Please give to next week's collection.**



ADVENT COMMUNAL Penance SERVICE

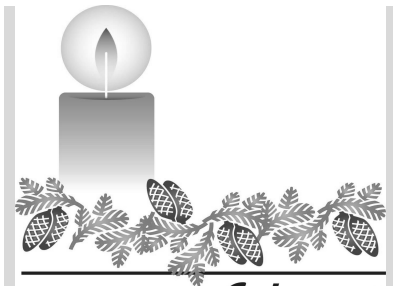
The Parishes of St. Anthony, St. Teresa and St. Thomas will have a Communal Penance Service on **Sunday, December 9 from 2 - 4 p.m. at St. Thomas Church**. Several priests will be available to hear confessions. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to prepare for the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ, through this Sacrament of grace and reconciliation.

FIRST HONORS AT ELYRIA CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Ana MacDonald (2022)

Elizabeth Parkey (2019)

Congratulations! We are proud of you!



FIRST SUNDAY OF *Advent*

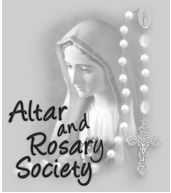
COLLECT PRAYER

Grant your faithful, we pray, almighty God, the resolve to run forth to meet your Christ with righteous deeds at his coming, so that, gathered at his right hand, they may be worthy to possess the heavenly Kingdom. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

For us Catholics, the new Liturgical Year commences with the first Sunday of Advent.

In this new liturgical year, the Church not only wishes to indicate the beginning of a period, but the beginning of a renewed commitment to the faith by all those who follow Christ, the Lord. This time of prayer and path of penance that is so powerful, rich and intense, endeavors to give us a renewed impetus to truly welcome the message of the One who was incarnated for us. In fact, the entire Liturgy of the Advent season, will spur us to an awakening in our Christian life and will put us in a 'vigilant' disposition, to wait for Our Lord Jesus who is coming:

'Awaken! Remember that God comes! Not yesterday, not tomorrow, but today, now! The one true God, "the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob", is not a God who is there in Heaven, unconcerned with us and our history, but he is the-God-who-comes.'



THE ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY NEWS

Our next Altar & Rosary Society Mass will be **Sunday, December 9, 2018 at 8:30 a.m.** The Rosary will be said at 8:00 a.m. prior to Mass.

All ladies of the parish are invited to join the Altar & Rosary Society.

Church Bulletin

Any items to be included in the December 23 & December 30 bulletins must be to the office no later than Monday, December 10, 2018 because of early publication due to the Christmas holiday. Thank You!



We invite you to join with Priests for Life in praying for an "Advent for Life" to end abortion and honor Our Lady of Guadalupe who is the Patroness of the Pro-life Movement.

December 2 - 24: Advent Prayer for Life

(www.PrayerCampaign.org/Advent)

December 4-12: Novena to Our Lady of Guadalupe

(www.PrayerCampaign.org/Guadalupe)

SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE NEWS

"Helping Hands" - Aid To Parishioners In Need

Any parishioner or family registered at St. Teresa of Avila Church who is in need of help with groceries, utilities, baby needs or other essentials is invited to call the church office for assistance from the Social Concerns Committee. *All requests are confidential.*

"A Bath and a Nap for Moses"

A great Christmas gift! This wonderful children's book based on Moses the dog who welcomes children to Blessing House. \$15 in the parish office.



"Gifts for Baby Jesus" to benefit Birthright of Lorain County

The Social Concerns Committee will be collecting Gifts for Baby Jesus during Advent starting **Dec 1st, and going through December 23rd**. Besides the items listed below, Birthright of Lorain County has a great need for gently used or new clothes for children all sizes, even up to 14, including coats, boots, and socks! Please help the children who are less fortunate in Lorain County to have a Blessed and Merry Christmas.

Items Needed

Gerber formulas, Cotton sleepers newborn to 24 months, **Diapers** –newborn to size 6, **Blankets/afghans, Bathing items, Fleece sleepers, Money** to replenish needed items

Bring your donations to the Christmas Tree in the Church! Thank You for your generosity!

SISTERS OF NOTRE DAME PRAYER LINE

If you are in need of prayer, please call
440-279-1163

We witness God's goodness and provident care for all people.
Our life of contemplation and action leads us to proclaim the
Gospel in the realities of today's world.

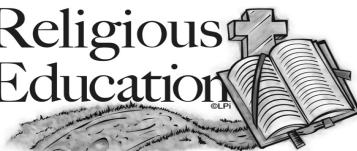
**POPE FRANCIS' INTENTION
FOR DECEMBER, 2018**

In this season of Advent, we pray that all Christians who are
involved in the service and spread of faith may find, in their
dialogue with today's culture, a language suited to the
conditions of the present time.

2018 -2019 PSR

Classes take place on Tuesdays, from
6:00 p.m. - 7:15 p.m. in the Parish Life Center.
Mr. William Bistak, Principal PSR.
Contact at acura_previa@yahoo.com.

*If the Sheffield/Sheffield Lake City Schools are
closed on Tuesdays because of bad weather, then
PSR will be canceled for that night also.*

**Religious
Education****CONFIRMATION CLASSES**

Meeting for parents and
candidates on Sunday, December
2 after the 8:30 a.m. Mass.

**ST. TERESA'S BIBLE STUDY**

Everyone is Welcome!
In December we will meet only on:
December 20, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.
Held in the Parish Life Center.

St. Teresa's Annual Christmas Dinner

sponsored by the Altar & Rosary Society



**Saturday,
December 15, 2018**

Social Hour - 5:30 p.m.
with Appetizers, Beer & Wine
Buffet Dinner - 6:30 p.m.
Catered by Tom's Country Place

**Tickets may be purchased after
Masses the weekends of
December 1 & 2 and 8 & 9, 2018
or at the Rectory.**

**This event is by pre-sale tickets
only with a deadline of
December 12, 2018.**

TICKETS: \$20 per person

Basket Raffles

Menu

Boneless Breast of Chicken
Oven Roasted Eye of Round
Penne Marinara
Dessert and Beverages

TELEVISED SUNDAY MASS

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

Liturgical Ministers Schedule

Eucharistic Ministers

Sat, Dec 1

4:30 p.m.

Ann Glime
Joan Gigliotti
Ruth Bistak
Daniel Bryda

Sun, Dec 2

8:30 a.m.

Barb Eifel **
Kathy Cunningham
Christi Smail
Aaron Davis

Sun, Dec 2

11:00 a.m.

Theresa Gillotti
Marci Matsamas
Elmer Klingshirn
Dan Gillotti

Fri, Dec 7

7:00 p.m.

Dan Gillotti
Ann Glime
Theresa Gillotti
Kathy Cunningham

Sat, Dec 8

9:00 a.m.

Michael Genaro
Bill Bistak **
Sue DiVaccaro

Immaculate

Conception

**Of the Blessed
Virgin Mary**

Sat, Dec 8

4:30 p.m.

Frances Geiger
Ruth Bistak
Ann Glime
Debbie Korce

Sun, Dec 9

8:30 a.m.

Bill Bistak
Marty Yonkof
Carol Yonkof
Sue DiVaccaro **

Sun, Dec 9

11:00 a.m.

Trish MacDonald
Norm Novak
Susan Novak
Fred Courtright

Lectors

Sat, Dec 1

4:30 p.m.

Phil Gigliotti

Sun, Dec 2

8:30 a.m.

Greg Petro

Sun, Dec 2

11:00 a.m.

Fred Courtright

Fri, Dec 7

7:00 p.m.

Lou Varos

Sat, Dec 8

9:00 a.m.

Karen Davis

Immaculate

Conception

**Of the Blessed
Virgin Mary**

Sat, Dec 8

4:30 p.m.

Jean Ackerman

Sun, Dec 9

8:30 a.m.

Larry Durica

Sun, Dec 9

11:00 a.m.

Dan Gillotti

Altar Servers

Sat, Dec 1

4:30 p.m.

Ray Fitzwater

Sun, Dec 2

8:30 a.m.

Cara Smail

Sun, Dec 2

11:00 a.m.

Victoria Korce

Fri, Dec 7

7:00 p.m.

Dan Huczko

Immaculate

Conception

**Of the Blessed
Virgin Mary**

Sat, Dec 8

4:30 p.m.

Tom Pienoski **

Sun, Dec 9

8:30 a.m.

Server Needed

Sun, Dec 9

11:00 a.m.

Mike Griffith
Dave Griffith

Around the Town

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

The next meeting will be **Dec. 13, 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.

XLT (EXALT) OPPORTUNITIES

St. Vincent de Paul Church The Last Friday of the month at 7 p.m.: December 28.

XLT is a dynamic form of prayer and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Includes contemporary Christian music and silence. Designed for youth and young adults but all are welcome!

AN ADVENT OF MERCY

Christmas Cards for Ohio's Death Row Please join CACLC (Catholic Action Commission of Lorain County) this Advent by signing Christmas cards for the over 130 people on Ohio's death row. Will take place on Tuesday, December 11, 2018 from 6:30 - 9 p.m. in the Wiegand Room at St. Mary's Church, 320 Middle Avenue, Elyria, Ohio. FREE. All materials provided. RSVP to Daniel at 440-366-1106 x12.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

"Hopeful Hearts" is for seniors 60 and over. Meets the 4th Tuesday of each month at Holy Spirit Parish Family Center, 410 Lear Rd., Avon Lake. Next meeting is December 11 from 1 - 2:30 p.m.

BREATHE OF HEAVEN LIVE NATIVITY

Members of St. Matthew, Bethany Wellington and Grace Oberlin Lutheran Churches are honored to present this Live Nativity on **Saturday, December 8 and Sunday, December 9 from 4 - 8 p.m.** at St. Matthew Lutheran Church, 15617 Mason Rd., Vermilion. Walk thru the city of Jesus' birth with the Shepherds and meet the Tax Collector, shop keepers, King Herod and others from the Christmas story. **FREE** and open to the public. If you have questions call Kathy at 440-225-9775.

WEST SIDE CATHOLIC CENTER - NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

In need of volunteers to partner with participants of their Workforce Development Certificate Program. This involves assisting an individual as they progress through the work readiness program and into the first months of employment. Training provided. Contact Frank Johanek at 216-332-2538.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT - DAUGHTERS OF ST. PAUL CHOIR

Takes place **Friday, December 12 at 7 p.m.** at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist, 1007 Superior Ave., Cleveland. Concert is free; no tickets or reservations needed. Free parking in surface lot on Rockwell Avenue or in Cathedral Plaza Garage. Call with questions to 216-696-6525 x5510.

CHRISTMAS AT THE ACADEMY

Friday, December 14 from 6:30 - 8 p.m. at St. Joseph Academy (3470 Rocky River Dr., Cleveland, 44111). Girls in grades 2-6 are invited to take a journey to the North Pole with us. Students will be filled with the Christmas spirit that evening, including craft time, games and a delicious holiday treat. Admission is \$10 per student. Visit sja1890.org for more information.