

St. Teresa of Avila Parish

1878 Abbe Road Sheffield Village, Ohio 44054

December 9, 2018 | Second Sunday of Advent

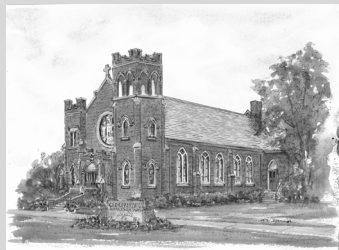
UP JERUSALEM!

STAND UPON THE HEIGHTS



look to the east and see your children gathered from
the east and the west at the word of the Holy One,
rejoicing that they are remembered by God.

- Baruch 5:5



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

ANointing of the Sick

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

PARISH INFORMATION

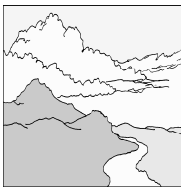
BAPTISMS: Baptisms are celebrated after the 11:00 a.m. Mass on Sundays. Arrangements should be made shortly before or after the birth of the child.

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.



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 9, 2018

God has commanded that every lofty mountain be made low. --
Baruch 5:7

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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

Monday, December 10

NO MASS

Tuesday, December 11 St. Damasus I

NO MASS

Wednesday, December 12 Our Lady of Guadalupe

8:30 a.m. +Norm Klingshirn by Sue

Thursday, December 13 St. Lucy

NO MASS

Friday, December 14 St. John of the Cross

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

Saturday, December 15

4:30 p.m. +Carol Kostohryz by Carol & Marty Yonkof

Sunday, December 16 Third Sunday of Advent

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

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



Weekly Goal	\$4,000.00
December 2	\$4,041.54
Children's	\$6.00

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

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.

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

Rectory Office.....(440) 934-4227

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E-mailst.teresa.church@neohio.twcbc.com

Website.....www.stteresaparish.com

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

A fairy tale come to life. Such was the story of Princess Grace of Monaco. The daughter of a self-made Philadelphia millionaire, Grace Kelly, moved from finishing school into acting and from Oscar-winning stardom into marriage with the reigning Prince of Monaco. Over the years a fair number of American women have wedded foreign noblemen, and even foreign rulers. More often than not, however, their marriages have floundered. Not so the marriage of Rainier and Grace. Apart from the trials that come to every couple, they really did "live happily ever after."

Probably the main reason why their match was happy was that Grace Kelly never shirked responsibilities. When she was an actress, she took that profession seriously, and by the time she retired from the screen, she had moved far towards mastering the art of acting. When she became a princess, she also took that role seriously. It was her duty to be a leader to her people, and she was a leader. In his telegram of condolence to Prince Rainier on the Princess's death, Pope Saint John Paul II praised her for this trait: "She always fulfilled her mission as sovereign and as mother of a family with a great spirit of faith and in a manner which won her the respect and sympathy of all."

Glamor she had, and very great beauty. But beneath the outward attractiveness lay a strong Christian conviction of the importance of the family and a deep reverence for wife-hood and motherhood. She vigorously opposed pornography, abortion, and whatever else was harmful to human families; and she found in the Mass, and in her charitable causes, strength and fulfillment.

St. Paul prayed that Christians might "discern what is of value, so that you may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ." (Philippians 1:10). Grace Kelly was one of the beneficiaries of his prayer.

The Reverend Edward J. Smith, Pastor

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9-14; Lk 5:17-26
 Tuesday: Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-3, 10ac, 11-13; Mt 18:12-14
 Wednesday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47
 Thursday: Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9-13ab; Mt 11:11-15
 Friday: Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19
 Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80: 2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13
 Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-6; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18



Thank You... to Jean and Lou Varos, of the Altar & Rosary Society, for making sure we always have votive and large candles to light in church.



UPCOMING EVENTS

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
PSR	Tues, Dec 11	6:00 p.m. - 7:15 p.m.	PLC Classrooms
Eucharistic Adoration	Wed, Dec 12	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Church



PARISHIONERS:

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

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.

44 Hours of Non-Stop Christmas Music Joins us at **Living Bread Radio (89.5 FM, AM 1060 or 94.5 FM)** beginning Christmas Eve at 8:00 a.m. for music that celebrates the birth of Jesus Christ with the most beautiful, sacred, and traditional carols! Tune in for the Bible Story of Christmas narrated by Bing Crosby from 4 - 8 p.m. Listen on air, online on our FREE App or ask Alexa or Google devices to play our station.

Find local TV or Radio station: ewtn.com/channelfinder/ or ewtn.com/radio/.

"And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, so that you may approve what is excellent, and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ." Philippians 1:9-10



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 REGISTERED PARISHIONERS

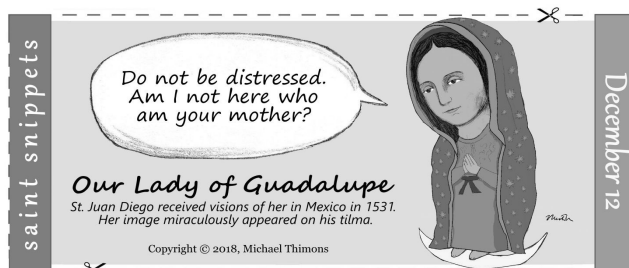
Kristen Estep and her daughter Caroline

Welcome to the family of St. Teresa of Avila Parish!

To register as a parishioner, complete the form found on the table in the rear of the church.

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 this week's collection.**



HONOR ROLL AT ST. EDWARD HIGH SCHOOL

Ryan F. Dunn

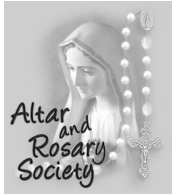
Congratulations! We are proud of you!



COLLECT PRAYER

Almighty and merciful God, may no earthly undertaking hinder those who set out in haste to meet your Son, but may our learning of heaven wisdom gain us admittance to his company. 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.

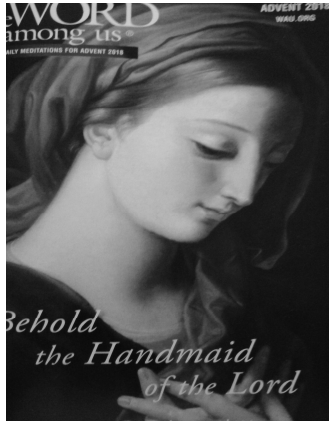
"As the journey of Advent continues, as we prepare to celebrate the nativity of Christ, John the Baptist's call to conversion sounds out in our communities. It is a pressing invitation to open our hearts and to welcome the Son of God Who comes among us to make divine judgment manifest. The Father, writes St. John the Evangelist, does not judge anyone, but has entrusted the power of judgment to the Son, because He is the Son of man. And it is today, in the present, that we decide our future destiny. It is with our concrete everyday behavior in this life that we determine our eternal fate. Through the Gospel John the Baptist continues to speak down the centuries to each generation. His hard clear words bring health to us, the men and women of this day in which even the experience and perception of Christmas often, unfortunately, reflects materialist attitudes. The 'voice' of the great prophet asks us to prepare the way for the coming Lord in the deserts of today, internal and external deserts, thirsting for the water of life which is Christ." — Benedict XVI



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.



Advent Reflections in The Word Among Us

These booklets are a beautiful aid to our personal prayer and reflection time.

Take one home!

"She kept all these things in her heart." Page 4



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!





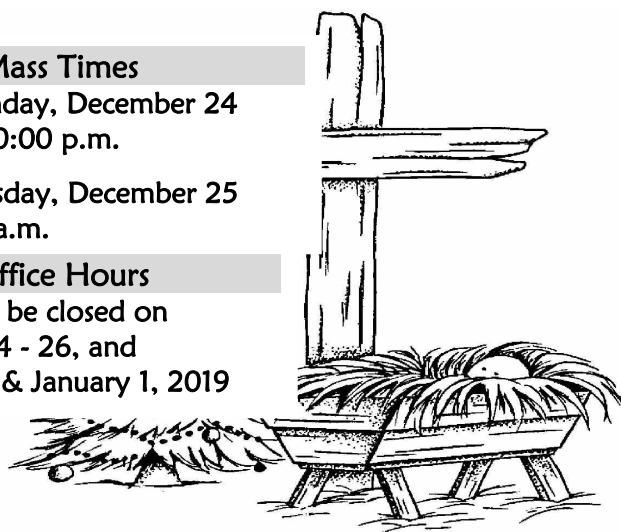
Christmas Mass Times

Christmas Eve - Monday, December 24
4:30 and 10:00 p.m.

Christmas Day - Tuesday, December 25
8:30 a.m.

Christmas Office Hours

The Office will be closed on
December 24 - 26, and
December 31, 2018 & January 1, 2019



2018 -2019 PSR

Classes take place on Tuesdays, from
6:00 p.m. - 7:15 p.m. in the Parish Life Center.

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



CONFIRMATION CLASS

The next class is **December 9,
2018 at 9:30 a.m.** (after 8:30 a.m.
Mass) in the Parish Life Center.

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

Tickets may be purchased after
Masses the weekend of
December 8 & 9, 2018 or at the
Rectory Office.

This event is by pre-sale tickets
only with a deadline of
December 12, 2018.
TICKETS: \$20 per person

Menu

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

Basket Raffles



**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

TELEVISED SUNDAY MASS

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

Liturgical Ministers Schedule

Eucharistic Ministers

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

Sat, Dec 15
4:30 p.m.
Tom Pienoski **
Joan Gigliotti
Daniel Bryda
John Katricak

Sun, Dec 16
8:30 a.m.
Kathy Cunningham
Barb Eifel **
Aaron Davis
Christi Smail

Sun, Dec 16
11:00 a.m.
Debbie Brady
Elmer Klingshirn
Dan Gillotti
Theresa Gillotti

Lectors

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

Sat, Dec 15
4:30 p.m.
Phil Gigliotti

Sun, Dec 16
8:30 a.m.
Adam Smail

Sun, Dec 16
11:00 a.m.
Gene Welsh



Our Lady of Guadalupe - December 12

Altar Servers

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

Sat, Dec 15
4:30 p.m.
Ray Fitzwater

Sun, Dec 16
8:30 a.m.
Cara Smail

Sun, Dec 16
11:00 a.m.
Ashleigh Joyce

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.

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.

PART TIME EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Position is for Accounts Receivable Analyst (ARA) with Western-Southern Life, Elyria, Ohio. Hours are Monday - Friday. If interested call Trina Sherrill at 440-324-2626 or visit www.wslife.com/careers and click on "Apply for an Administrative Career" to view the full job description and to access the online application.

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.