

St. Teresa of Avila Parish

1878 Abbe Road Sheffield Village, Ohio 44054

December 16, 2018 | Third Sunday of Advent

I AM BAPTIZING YOU WITH WATER,



but one mightier than I is coming.
I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals.

- Luke 3:16



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

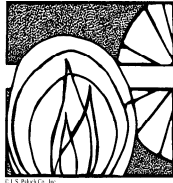
BAPTISMS: Baptisms are celebrated after the 11:00 a.m. Mass on Sundays. Arrangements should be made shortly before or after the birth of the child.

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.



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 16, 2018

The King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst, you have no further misfortune to fear. -- Zephaniah 3:15b

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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

Monday, December 17

NO MASS

Tuesday, December 18

NO MASS

Wednesday, December 19

8:30 a.m. All Souls

Thursday, December 20

NO MASS

Friday, December 21 St. Peter Canisius

8:30 a.m. +Teddy Giovannazzo by Stephany & Sue

Saturday, December 22

4:30 p.m. +Ruth Wagner by family

Sunday, December 23 Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:30 a.m. +Jeff Kaviak by Howard & Linda Rink

11:00 a.m. People of St. Teresa Parish



Weekly Goal	\$4,000.00
December 9	\$2,938.00
Immaculate Conception	\$549.00
Children's	\$3.50

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

LORAIN COUNTY RIGHT TO LIFE: SIGNATURE AD CAMPAIGN

This Annual Campaign collections signatures (\$5 each) that are published around January 22 - the 46th anniversary of legalized abortion. These signatures show support for the unborn and will be published in newspapers and billboards. **Sign up after Mass this weekend!**

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

Today's Mass has a constant refrain, "Rejoice!" Stop worrying, it tells us: The Savior is coming. Rejoice!

But rejoicing often does not come easily to us. When somebody urges us, "Be of good cheer," we are liable to retort, "What is there to be cheerful about?" We can tick off a whole litany of miseries in proof: inflation, violence, political disagreements, family problems, physical ailments. When we have run out of other items, there is the weather. Sometimes we long seriously for the "good old days" before we were born. Everything seems to have been simpler then, and at least relatively perfect. A person could really rejoice, we say, in times like those.

One day back in the fifth century, St. Augustine, the great Bishop of Hippo, was preaching to a congregation of worry-warts like ourselves. He had heard them sighing, too, for the "good old days." In this case it was the days of the Apostles four centuries back. Then, they said, everything had been rosy. Then, the glow of Christ's resurrection still colored Christian life.

Augustine took issue with their unrealistic nostalgia. "You hear people complaining," he said, "about this present day and age because things were much better in former times." "I wonder," asked the Saint, "what would happen if they could be taken back to the days of their ancestors – would we not still hear them complaining?" You may think past ages were good, he concluded, but it is only because you are not living in them!

True. We are not yet residing in heaven, but neither were our forebears. The "good old days" never existed. Our cause for joy is not the clouded present but a cloudless eternity. Even now, faith and hope in eternal life can bring us real joy, because they instill in our hearts "God's own peace, which surpasses all understanding." (Philippians 4:7 – Today's second reading).

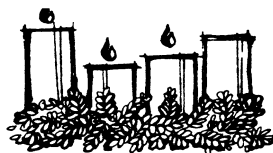
The Reverend Edward J. Smith, Pastor

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17
 Tuesday: Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25
 Wednesday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25
 Thursday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Lk 1:26-38
 Friday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45
 Saturday: 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lk 1:46-56
 Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45



Thank You... to all the Altar & Rosary Members and their families for organizing the delicious Christmas Dinner and for the fun and fellowship that was had. We are truly blessed!



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UPCOMING EVENTS

PSR	Tues, Dec 18	6:00 p.m. - 7:15 p.m.	PLC Classrooms
Eucharistic Adoration	Wed, Dec 19	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Church
Bible Study	Thurs, Dec 20	7:00 p.m.	St. John Room



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.



TERESA OF AVILA
1515-1582

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

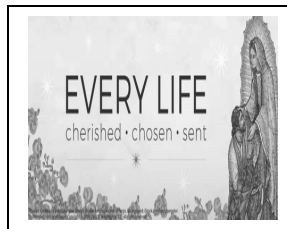


CATHOLIC PROGRAMMING

What Would You Ask Our Bishop? What would you ask Bishop Perez if he was sitting at your kitchen table? To be part of *Table Talk* with Bishop Nelson Perez, **submit your questions to tabletalk@am1260therock.com by January 1st.** The next episode of *Table Talk* on AM 1260 The Rock will air January 17th at 5pm and will be re-broadcast January 19th at 1pm and January 20th at noon. For audio archive of previous episodes, 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/.

Ohio's Heart Beat Bill If H.B. 258 becomes law, it would ban abortions at around six weeks into pregnancy, once a baby's heartbeat is detectable. The law allows exceptions to prevent a woman's death or bodily impairment, or in cases of medical emergency. On Dec. 6, the Ohio Senate's Health, Human Services and Medicaid Committee chairman Sen. David Burke said more time was needed to study the bill. While the legislative session officially ends Dec. 31, leading lawmakers have said they are likely to finish by Dec. 19 or sooner. **Let us pray the Committee approves this bill to be sent to the Senate floor.**



HOLY SPIRIT, BRING US A DESIRE FOR EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

"O Blessed Host, in whom is contained the infinite price of mercy which will compensate for all our debts, and especially those of poor sinners." Sr. Maria Faustina

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.

BUILDING FUND - NOVEMBER 2018

Donations	\$ 2,096.00	Thank you to all who donated to the Building fund!
Monthly Payment	\$ 3,272.20	
Balance Owed	\$361,724.12	

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If you have too much to do, with God's help you will find time to do it all.

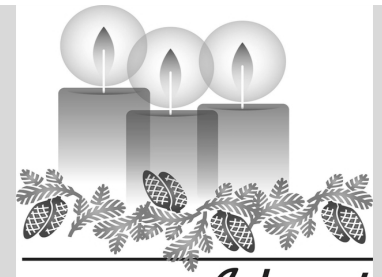
St. Peter Canisius

Dutch Jesuit priest who reformed universities and attracted many back to the Catholic faith; known as the Second Apostle of Germany

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December 21



THIRD SUNDAY OF *Advent*

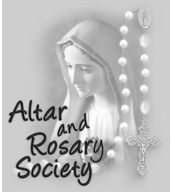
COLLECT PRAYER

O God, who sees how your people faithfully await the feast of the Lord's nativity, enables us, we pray, to attain the joys of so great a salvation and to celebrate them always with solemn worship and glad rejoicing. 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.

"Rejoice: the Lord is nigh." As Christmas draws near, the Church emphasizes the joy which should be in our hearts over all that the birth of our Savior means for us. The great joy of Christians is to see the day drawing nigh when the Lord will come again in His glory to lead them into His kingdom. The oft-repeated Veni ("Come") of Advent is an echo not only of the prophets but also of the conclusion of the Apocalypse of St. John: "Come, Lord Jesus," the last words of the New Testament.

Rejoice

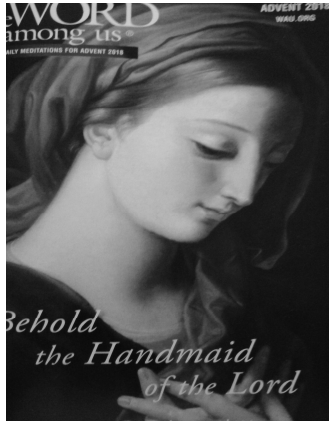
Today is known as **Gaudete Sunday**. The term Gaudete refers to the first word of the Entrance Antiphon, "**Rejoice**". Rose vestments are worn to emphasize our joy that Christmas is near, and we also light the rose candle on our Advent wreath.



THE ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY NEWS

Our next Altar & Rosary Society Mass will be **Sunday, January 13, 2019 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

Help Needed on Sunday, December 23 after 11:00 a.m. Mass: Any young people willing - please help take the donations from Church to the cars for transport to Birthright.





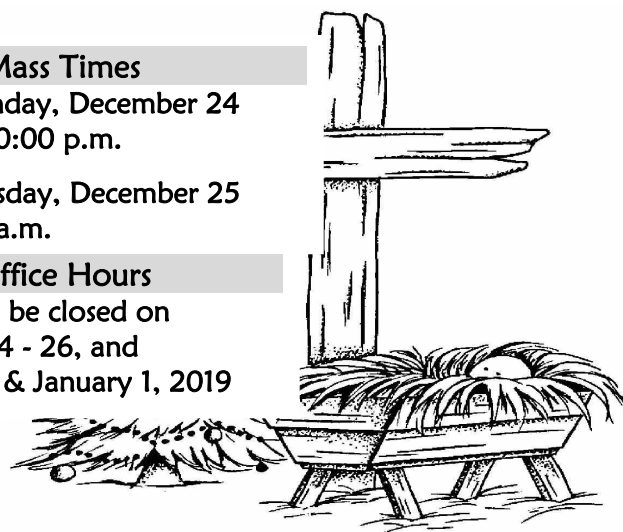
Christmas Mass Times

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

Tuesdays, from 6:00 p.m. - 7:15 p.m.
No Class on December 25 and January 1

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

Classes resume January 6: includes
Mass at 8:30 a.m. followed by class
in the PLC.

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.



WHAT ARE THE O ANTIPHONS?

An ancient tradition, the O Antiphons are: seven responses, or antiphons, that are sung or recited to introduce the canticle of Mary (the Magnificat) at evening prayer from December 17 to December 23, the octave before Christmas. These antiphons are based on Isaiah's prophecies and refer to the different ancient titles given to the Messiah:

- O Sapientia (O Wisdom) See Isaiah 11:2-3; 28:29.
- O Adonai (O Lord) See Isaiah 11:4-5; 33:22.
- O Radix Jesse (O Root of Jesse) See Isaiah 1:1; 11:10.
- O Clavis David (O Key of David) See Isaiah 9:6; 22:22.
- O Oriens (O Rising Sun) See Isaiah 9:1.
- O Rex Gentium (O King of the Nations) See Isaiah 9:5; 2:4.
- O Emmanuel (God with us) See Isaiah 7:14.

We can bring these responses into our own prayers, as simple reminders throughout the day of the one whose coming we are joyfully expecting, as introductions to our own prayers of praise of Jesus, or as words of thanksgiving for God's faithfulness throughout the ages and our lives. Regardless of how you incorporate these ancient words into your Advent prayer life, let them speak to you, and maybe they will become part of your family traditions.

TELEVISED SUNDAY MASS

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

Liturgical Ministers Schedule

Eucharistic Ministers

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

Sat, Dec 22
4:30 p.m.
Debbie Korce
Michael Genaro
EM Needed
Frances Geiger

Sun, Dec 23
8:30 a.m.
Bill Bistak **
Marty Yonkof
Carol Yonkof
Sue DiVaccaro

Sun, Dec 23
11:00 a.m.
Trish MacDonald
Norman Novak
Susan Novak
Carol Kirchner

Lectors

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

Sat, Dec 22
4:30 p.m.
Larry Durica

Sun, Dec 23
8:30 a.m.
Aaron Davis

Sun, Dec 23
11:00 a.m.
Tom Parkey



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Altar Servers

Sat, Dec 15
4:30 p.m.
Bill Brock **

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

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

Sat, Dec 22
4:30 p.m.
Ray Fitzwater

Sun, Dec 23
8:30 a.m.
Server Needed

Sun, Dec 23
11:00 a.m.
Beth Parkey

Around the Town

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

The next meeting will be **Dec. 27, 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.

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!

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.

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.wsllife.com/careers and click on "Apply for an Administrative Career" to view the full job description and to access the online application.

CATHOLIC CEMETERIES ASSOCIATION - GRIEF SUPPORT

Monthly meeting, **Sunday, December 16 at 3 p.m.** at St. Joseph Cemetery, Avon (temporary trailer office).

CLEVELAND RETROUVAILLE WEEKEND

Help for your marriage: has it become unloving? Are you already separated or divorced but want to try again? This program may help. Retrouvaille means rediscovery, and this program is supported by the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland and is open to all couples and faiths. Join us **January 25 - 27, 2019**. \$150 registration fee required. Call Marc or Liz Gliha at 440-357-6580. For information visit www.helpourmarriage.org.

CHAPLAIN SERVICES

Chaplain services are available for Prisons and Jails located in the Diocese of Cleveland. To have someone make a visit, call the Parish Life Office at 800-869-6525.

JESUIT RETREAT CENTER: NEW YEAR'S EVE RETREAT

Join us **December 31 - January 1, 2019**. Begins Monday at 6 p.m. with dinner and goes thru Tuesday at 11 a.m. Presented by Sr. Rosemarie Carfagna, OSU. A peaceful and prayerful celebration of the New Year. We will explore transitions and transformations through scripture. Cost is \$95. To register call 440-884-9300 or visit www.jrh-cleveland.org. Located at 5629 State Rd., Parma.

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.

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

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