

St. Teresa of Avila Parish

1878 Abbe Road Sheffield Village, Ohio 44054

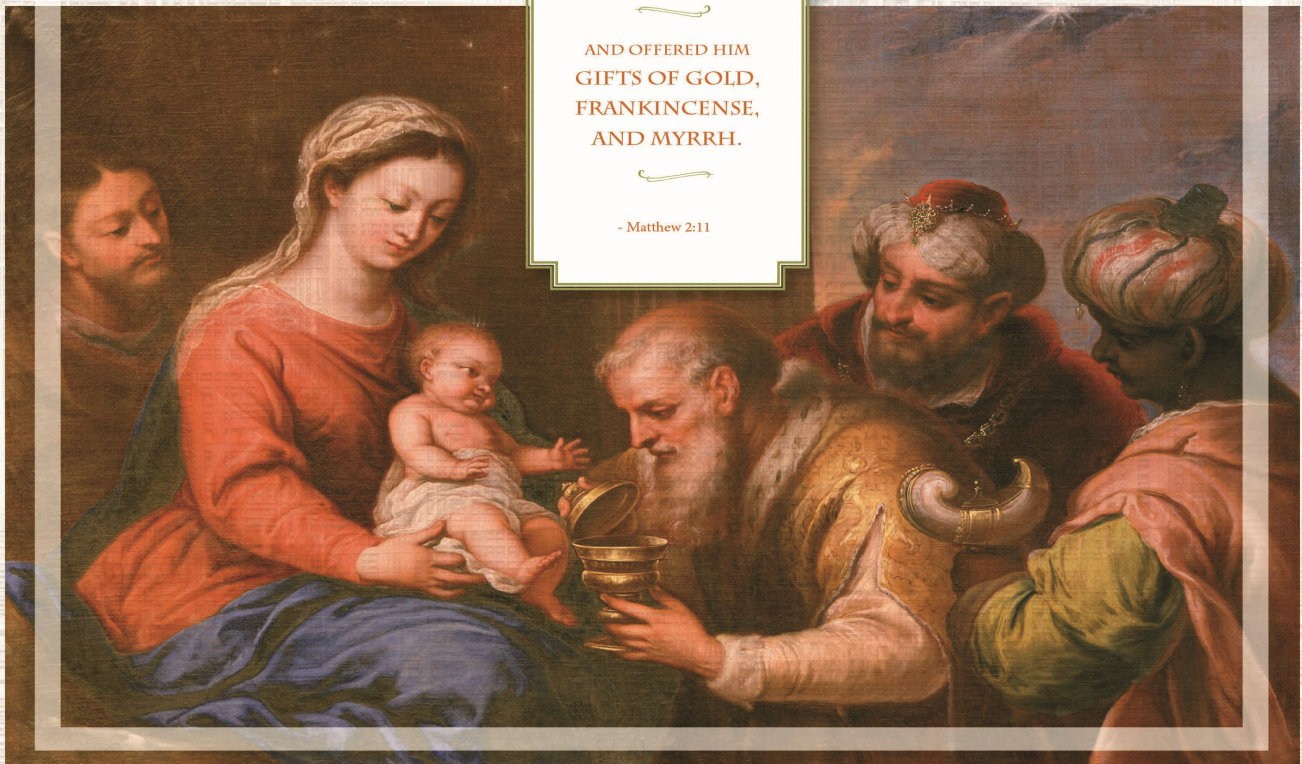
January 6, 2019

The
*Epiphany of
the Lord*

They opened their
treasures

AND OFFERED HIM
GIFTS OF GOLD,
FRANKINCENSE,
AND MYRRH.

- Matthew 2:11





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.



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

JANUARY 6, 2019

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you. -- Isaiah 60:1

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, January 5

St. John Neumann

4:30 p.m. +Gus Wehler by Bill & Paula Stavesky

Sunday, January 6

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

8:30 a.m. All living & deceased Fathers of the Parish

11:00 a.m. +Carol Kostohryz by Denny & Marianne Rieth

Monday, January 7

St. Raymond of Penafort

NO MASS

Tuesday, January 8

NO MASS

Wednesday, January 9

8:30 a.m. The Tavenner family by Hilaire Tavenner

Thursday, January 10

NO MASS

Friday, January 11

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

Saturday, January 12

4:30 p.m. +Joan DiVaccaro by Bruce & Sue

Sunday, January 13

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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

11:00 a.m. All Souls



Weekly
Offering

Collection
In Next
Bulletin

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

In the second reading of today's Feast of the Epiphany, St. Paul reveals God's sacred plan: to unite and save, in Christ's Mystical Body, both Gentiles and Jews.

Usually, we think of Jews and Gentiles as incapable of merging. God intended quite otherwise. Edith Stein exemplifies that intention.

Edith Stein was born to devout Jewish parents at Wroclaw, Poland in 1891. As an adolescent she lost her faith in God, but gradually recovered it when she began to study philosophy. Eventually, after reading the autobiography of St. Teresa of Avila, she sought baptism as a Catholic in 1922.

Having finishing her graduate studies, she took up teaching. Her brilliant conferences won her considerable note. In 1932 the Education Institute of Muenster, Germany engaged her as a regular lecturer in its philosophy department.

Edith lost this position after only a year, however. In 1933 Nazi Germany enacted laws to exclude from professional positions men and women of Jewish birth. She was not too disappointed. Now, at least, she felt free to take a step she had long contemplated and became a cloistered Carmelite nun. As Sr. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross she continued to write important books on philosophy and spirituality.

When the Nazis intensified their persecution of the Jews in 1938, Sister Teresa, for safety's sake, was sent to a monastery in Holland. But early in World War II the Nazis overran Holland as well. In a circular letter of 1942, the Holland Catholic Bishops denounced the introduction there of the Nazi purge of Jews. Hitler's response was typical. In reprisal for the protest he arrested and sent to Auschwitz a number of priests and nuns in Holland who were of Jewish blood.

Sister Teresa Stein was one of the prisoners. She was gassed to death at Auschwitz that same August. In her prison both Jew and Gentile were called into the happier Kingdom of God's promise.

The Reverend Edward J. Smith, Pastor

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

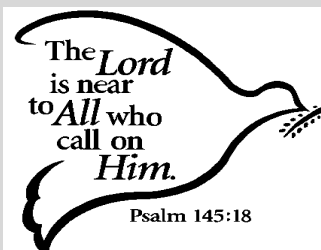
Monday: 1 Jn 3:22 -- 4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
 Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44
 Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72: 1-2, 10, 12-13; Mk 6:45-52
 Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19 -- 5:4; Ps 72:1-2, 14, 15bc, 17; Lk 4:14-22a
 Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16
 Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30
 Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10 or Ps 104:1b-4, 24-25, 27-30; Acts 10:34-38 or Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22



TO...Christi Smail and the young people of the Parish who participated in the Christmas Eve Mass in a special way by reading, bringing up the gifts and singing and rejoicing!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Confirmation Class	Sun, Jan 6	830 a.m.	Church/PLC
PSR Class	Tues, Jan 8	6:00 p.m.	PLC Classrooms
Eucharistic Adoration	Wed, Jan 9	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Church
Bible Study	Thurs, Jan 10	7:00 p.m.	St. John Room



PARISHIONERS:

Luz Villanueva, Eleanor Rieth
 Pat Chozinski, Loretta Forthofer
 Gladys Mackert, Eva-Maria Peters
 Gladys Wisniewski, Margaret Mauk
 Kathleen Brezinski, Anna Joseph
 Patricia Welsh, Shirley Karasevic
 Charlotte Joherle, Marty Lima
 Louise Pliszka-Nichols

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 understood the great blessing there is in not paying attention to what doesn't bring us closer to God."
 St. Teresa of Avila



CATHOLIC PROGRAMMING

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"If the Lord does not build the house, in vain do its builders labor; Truly sons are a gift from the Lord, a blessing, the fruit of the womb. Indeed the sons of youth are like arrows in the hand of a warrior. O the happiness of the man who has filled his quiver with these arrows!" Psalm 127:1, 3 & 4



HOLY SPIRIT, BRING US A DESIRE FOR EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

"O Blessed Host, in whom is contained the medicine for all our infirmities, flowing from infinite mercy as from a fount, for us and especially for 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.

LIGHT A CANDLE IN CHURCH FOR A LOVED ONE!

Small votive candles in the rear of church - \$.50 donation
Large jar candles in front of the side altars - \$3.00 donation

(Place money in white envelope found in vestibule - turn envelope into office.)



DON'T MISS "DR. T PH.D." RADIO SHOW

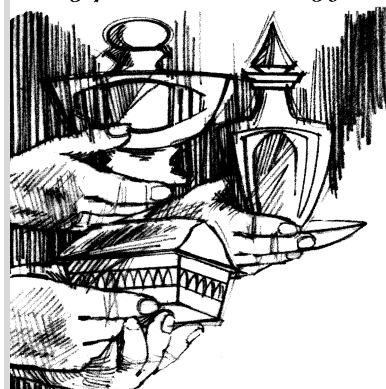
Dr. Mary Hilaire Tavenner, Parishioner of St. Anthony of Padua Church, Lorain, is broadcasting her very own radio program. It airs EVERY Thursday evening from 7-8 pm until April 25, 2019. Listeners can go to the website at www.boldbravemedia.com and click on Hilaire's photograph to listen in. Check it out!

MASS INTENTIONS NEEDED

Please call the office with Mass intentions for your loved ones. The intention can be for a friend or family member who is deceased, ill, suffering in any way or having an anniversary. We especially need these intentions for January 2019, but, throughout the year as well.



They presented him with gifts



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What does "Epiphany" mean?

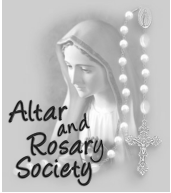
"Epiphany" means "manifestation." From Greek roots that mean "to show, to display" (*phainein*) and "on, to" (*epi-*). An epiphany is a time when something is shown or manifested to an audience.

What is the feast of the Epiphany about?

In the magi, representatives of the neighboring pagan religions, the Gospel sees the first-fruits of the nations, who welcome the good news of salvation through the Incarnation. The magi's coming to Jerusalem in order to pay homage to the king of the Jews shows that they seek in Israel, in the messianic light of the star of David, the one who will be king of the nations.



Their coming means that pagans can discover Jesus and worship him as Son of God and Savior of the world only by turning towards the Jews and receiving from them the messianic promise as contained in the Old Testament.



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.

DID YOU KNOW ST. TERESA HAS A HOMEBOUND MINISTRY?



If you know of anyone in need of a visit, please call the church office!

Our Homebound Ministry visits parishioners at home due to age, illness or recovering from surgery. We also visit them at the nursing homes where they live. Join us! There is great joy in bring Jesus to these friends through Communion, a smile and our presence. Visits are according to your own schedule! Call the church office and ask for Sue if you feel called to this ministry.

We've started a ministry at The Woods on French Creek as well. This is the nursing home on Colorado Avenue in Avon. Currently we visit one evening a month. We also recite the Rosary and take Holy Communion 2 Fridays a month. With a little more help, we could visit in the evening more often and take Communion each Friday.

A Corporal Work of Mercy: Visit the sick

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.*



Mother Cabrini Food Pantry

Our next non-perishable food collection will be the weekend of **January 5 & 6, 2019.**

Help is always needed on the 2nd, 3rd and 4th Saturdays of each month from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Many thanks to all those who support this ministry!

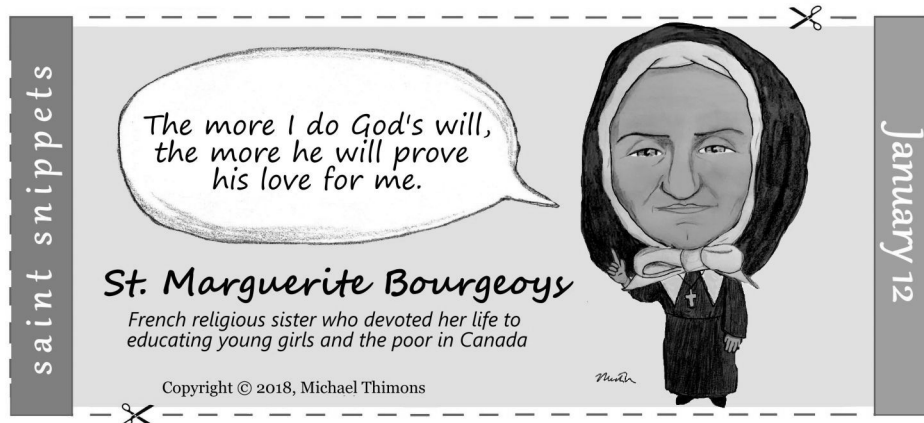
Malley's candy bars

\$1.00 each in the back of the church and in the church office. Support the Mother Cabrini food pantry.

"Gifts for Baby Jesus" THANK YOU!



Thank You to everyone who donated to Birthright of Lorain County through our December collection! Let us send these generous donations with love and prayers that the mothers and children who received them will be blessed not just with clothing, formula and diapers, but with spiritual blessings, that they may know the love of God.

**2018 -2019 PSR**

Tuesdays, from 6:00 p.m. - 7:15 p.m.
Classes resume this Tuesday, January 8.

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 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!

January 2019:

January 10 & 17 at 7:00 p.m.
Held in the Parish Life Center.

Saturday Night Supper

Chicken Paprikash

Saturday, January 12, 2019
5:30—7:00 p.m.

**Tickets Available****Church Office**

Mon - Fri, 9 a.m.— 3 p.m.
or call 440-934-4227

After Mass

January 5/6, 2019

Tickets are \$10 each

Menu

Chicken Paprikash
Spaetzle
Green Beans
Salad
Rolls
Dessert and Beverage

Walk-ins Welcome!

TELEVISED SUNDAY MASS

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

Liturgical Ministers Schedule

Eucharistic Ministers

Sat, Jan 5

4:30 p.m.

Tom Pienoski **
Ann Glime
Daniel Bryda
EM Needed

Sun, Jan 6

8:30 a.m.

Christi Smail
Barb Eifel **
Aaron Davis
Kathy Cunningham

Sun, Jan 6

11:00 a.m.

Carol Kirchner
Norman Novak
Susan Novak
Trish MacDonald

Sat, Jan 12

4:30 p.m.

Frances Geiger
Michael Genaro
Debbie Korce
John Katricak **

Sun, Jan 13

8:30 a.m.

Carol Yonkof
Marty Yonkof
Bill Bistak
Greg Smail

Sun, Jan 13

11:00 a.m.

Marci Matsamas
Dan Gillotti
Theresa Gillotti
Debbie Brady

Lectors

Sat, Jan 5

4:30 p.m.

Andrew Augustine

Sun, Jan 6

8:30 a.m.

Karen Davis

Sun, Jan 6

11:00 a.m.

Dan Gillotti

Sat, Jan 12

4:30 p.m.

Andrew Augustine

Sun, Jan 13

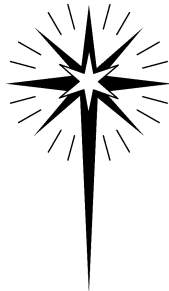
8:30 a.m.

Larry Durica

Sun, Jan 13

11:00 a.m.

Fred Courtright



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Altar Servers

Sat, Jan 5

4:30 p.m.

Ray Fitzwater

Sun, Jan 6

8:30 a.m.

Server Needed

Sun, Jan 6

11:00 a.m.

Ashleigh Joyce

Sat, Jan 12

4:30 p.m.

Dan Huczko

Sun, Jan 13

8:30 a.m.

Server Needed

Sun, Jan 13

11:00 a.m.

Victoria Korce

Around the Town

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

The next meeting will be **January 11, 2019 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.



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.

OREMUS - A GUIDE TO CATHOLIC PRAYER

Join us at St. Vincent de Paul Church, 41295 N. Ridge Road, Elyria, Ohio, for this inspiring Eight-part study featuring Fr. Mark Toups. Study is from **February 6 - April 3 on Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m.** Cost is \$20/person with registration by January 31, 2019. For more information contact Jackie Prosak, DRE at 440-324-6615 Ext 4 or jackiesvdp@gmail.com.

CATHOLIC CEMETERIES ASSOCIATION - MONTHLY GRIEF SUPPORT

Our next meeting will be **Sunday, January 20 at 3:00 p.m. at St. Joseph Cemetery, Avon**. For more information visit www.clecem.org/Information/Bereavement.aspx or contact Rhonda at 216-930-4866.

SUPPORT ST. AUGUSTINE HEALTH MINISTRIES

Special benefit performances of *Flanagan's Wake: The Hilarious Interactive Irish Wake*, presented by Gandalf's Pub & Restaurant and The Frankie Kong Players on **January 27, 2019 at 1:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.** (2 shows). Join us at Kennedy's Theater at Playhouse Square, 1505 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, OH, 44115. \$50/person - seats limited. Tickets online at www.staugministries.org/flanaganswake or call 216-939-7711.

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.