

St. Teresa of Avila Parish

1878 Abbe Road Sheffield Village, Ohio 44054

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

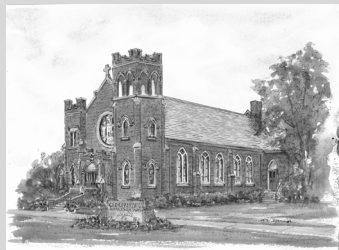
February 24, 2019



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**Give, and gifts will be given to you;
a good measure, packed together,
shaken down, and overflowing,
will be poured into your lap.**

Luke 6:38



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.



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FEBRUARY 24, 2019

Merciful and gracious is the LORD, slow to anger and abounding in kindness. -- Psalm 103:8

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, February 23 St. Polycarp

4:30 p.m. +Marty Broska by family

Sunday, February 24

8:30 a.m. +Christopher Graf by Jean Ackerman & family

11:00 a.m. +Kenneth O'Neill by daughter

Monday, February 25

NO MASS

Tuesday, February 26

NO MASS

Wednesday, February 27

8:30 a.m. +Harry & Belle McCoy by Smith family

Thursday, February 28

NO MASS

Friday, March 1

World Day of Prayer

8:30 a.m. Eva Maria Peters, health, by Rose Kordich

Saturday, March 2

4:30 p.m. +Gus Wehler by family

Sunday, March 3

8:30 a.m. +Shirley Karasevic by St. Teresa's Altar & Rosary Society

11:00 a.m. +Beatrice & Charles Mack by family



Weekly Offering

Weekly Goal	\$4,000.00
February 17	\$6,440.00
Children's	\$8.00

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

FISH FRY MEETING

There will be a Fish Fry Meeting for all volunteers on **Wednesday, February 27 at 6:30 p.m.** in the Parish Life Center. Anyone interested in helping with the fish fry should attend.

Most Needed: Volunteers and donations of bakery and pop each week.
We thank you very much!

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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Office Hours.....Monday – Friday 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

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

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

Website.....www.stteresaparish.com

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

Lend without expecting to get anything back? Love and forgive my enemies? Give to everyone who asks something from me? If someone takes my coat, I'm to give them my shirt as well? Hey, isn't this "mission impossible"?

Jesus really seems to set the bar high in today's Gospel (Lk 6:27-38), doesn't he? Truthfully, the "bar" is not high at all; it is just not viewed properly by sinful humanity. Our God is always calling us to holiness. He wants us to be "fully human," which means to "be" the image of God that he created us to be. And we cannot "be" that image without two things: the desire to change our fundamental attitudes, and the help of the Holy Spirit. Only through God's grace, freely accepted, can we be transformed.

The challenge is to find a human role model who can show us that it is possible to be self-sacrificing. In the First Reading (1 Sam 26) we see David foregoing an opportunity to slay his enemy, Saul, who was trying to kill him. In the Second Reading (1 Cor 15:49) we hear St. Paul's advice to bear the image of the Prince of Peace. But the ultimate solution is to look to Jesus Christ as our model of behavior. Even on the cross, he forgave his enemies and asked the Father to forgive them. Jesus showed us how to become selfless, to give all for the benefit of others, even his very own life. He did not come to condemn us, but to show us the way to live, to redeem us and become our salvation. His words in today's gospel help us to focus on our attitudes towards everyone.

Lent is coming very soon. It is a time to refocus on true spirituality, becoming "fully human," seeking to self-sacrifice for the benefit of others. Our attitude must be that of Christ, as St. Paul teaches us (Phil 2:5). Now is the time to be forgiving, the time for prayer, for fasting, and for almsgiving. Each of these behaviors reflects the contents of our heart, and measures how well we "image" Jesus.

The Reverend Edward J. Smith, Pastor

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Sir 1:1-10; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Mk 9:14-29
 Tuesday: Sir 2:1-11; Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40; Mk 9:30-37
 Wednesday: Sir 4:11-19; Ps 119:165, 168, 171, 172, 174, 175; Mk 9:38-40
 Thursday: Sir 5:1-8; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mk 9:41-50
 Friday: Sir 6:5-17; Ps 119:12, 16, 18, 27, 34, 35; Mk 10:1-12
 Saturday: Sir 17:1-15; Ps 103:13-18; Mk 10:13-16
 Sunday: Sir:27:4-7; Ps 92:2-3, 13-16; 1 Cor 15:54-58; Lk 6:39-45



TO...Bill & Nancey Brock for once again organizing the Catholic Charities In-Pew Appeal.

We thank all our Parishioners who support Catholic Charities.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Confirmation Class	Sun, Feb 24	8:30 a.m.	Church/PLC
"Revelation" Study	Mon, Feb 25	7:00 – 8:30 p.m.	Parish Life Center
PSR Class	Tues, Feb 26	6:00 p.m.	PLC Classrooms
Eucharistic Adoration	Wed, Feb 27	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Church
Fish Fry Meeting	Wed, Feb 27	6:30 p.m.	Avila Hall
Mardi Gras Party	Sat, March 2	5:30 p.m.	Avila Hall



PARISHIONERS:

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

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!

"If you should at times fall, don't become discouraged and stop striving to advance. For even from this fall God will draw out good."
 St. Teresa of Avila



CATHOLIC PROGRAMMING

Table Talk with Bishop Bohdan Danylo Tune in to AM 1260 The Rock on **March 21st at 5 p.m.** for *Table Talk*, featuring Bishop Bohdan Danylo of the Ukrainian Eparchy of St. Josaphat. Send your question for Bishop Danylo to tabletalk@am1260therock.com by March 9th and it could be part of the show! For a full program schedule, visit am1260therock.com.

Living Bread Radio Network "Catholic Answers Live" (listen live at Noon) features topics that touch on every aspect of our lives as Christians. Tune into AM 1060, 94.5 FM, or 89.5 FM. Download the FREE mobile app or stream online at LivingBreadRadio.com.
Find local TV or Radio station: ewtn.com/channelfinder/ or ewtn.com/radio/.

PRO-LIFE MEDITATIONS OF THE ROSARY

The fifth Joyful Mystery - The Finding of Jesus in the Temple: The boy Jesus was filled with wisdom, because He is God. *Let us pray that all people may see the wisdom of His teachings about the dignity of life, and may understand that this teaching is not an opinion, but the truth.*

For pro-life novenas visit Priests for Life at PrayerCampaign.org

HOLY SPIRIT, BRING US A DESIRE FOR EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

"O Blessed Host, I trust in you when the practice of virtue will appear difficult for me and my nature will grow rebellious." 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.

ST. TERESA'S HOMEBOUND MINISTRY

Join us! We visit our parishioners who are at home and in nursing homes. We also visit The Woods on French Creek Nursing Home (Avon).
Call the church office if you feel called to volunteer.

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

THE BOOK OF REVELATION

Presented by Father Edward Smith

Presented in its Catholic understanding, come and be a part of the discussion, as Father Smith leads us through an investigation of this fascinating and inspiring work.

Mondays, February 18 – April 8, 7 – 8:30 p.m.

St. Teresa's Parish Live Center

THE ROSARY OF THE UNBORN

ALL faiths and all nations are invited to pray the **Rosary of the Unborn** with us at St. Anthony of Padua Church, in the Eucharistic Chapel at 1305 E. Erie Avenue, Lorain, Ohio on **Saturday, March 2nd**. Rosaries are prayed every half hour, from 10:00 am - 3:30 pm. (The rosary at 3:30, prayed in St. Anthony Church just before 4:00 pm mass.) We encourage all ages to come pray with us. If you would like to lead a rosary or for more information, please contact Dr. Hilaire Tavenner, (440) 288-0416. Thank you!

MASS INTENTIONS NEEDED for 2019

Please call the office with Mass intentions for a friend or family member.



PARISH CLUSTER CORNER

St. Thomas the Apostle

www.sainthomaschurch.net

St. Anthony

www.stanthonylorain.org/our-parish/

St. Anthony's perpetual Adoration Chapel is behind the church.

PIEROGI SALE

Ash Wednesday, March 6

St. Anthony of Padua Church

...and every Friday during Lent,

March 8th to April 19th,

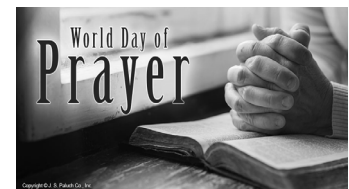
10 am to 6 pm in the Social Hall

Cooked or frozen

Potato & Cheese or

Sauerkraut Pierogi

\$7/dzn frozen or \$8/dzn cooked



FRIDAY, MARCH 1

LORAIN COUNTY OFFICE ON AGING

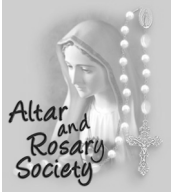
For resources available, visit

www.lcooa.org.

ST. ELIZABETH CENTER

Two (2) teams from our Parish prepare Hot Meals twice per month for the overnight shelter. If you would like to help cook, contact the church office at 440-934-4227.

The St. Elizabeth Center in Lorain serves homeless men with overnight shelter. For other services available, go to www.ccdocle.org/facility/stelizabethcenter.



THE ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY NEWS

Our next Altar & Rosary Society Mass will be **Sunday, March 10, 2019 at 8:30 a.m.** The Rosary will be said at 8:00 a.m. prior to Mass.

A big "Thank You" to the Altar & Rosary Society for sponsoring the Women's Retreat Day.

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

POPE FRANCIS' MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTION

Human Trafficking - For a generous welcome of the victims of human trafficking, of enforced prostitution, and of violence.



Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network
UNITED STATES | CANADA APOSTLESHIP OF PRAYER



PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED

Louis R. Tatsch, Jr.
and
Gloria Behrendt

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and bring your loving consolation upon their families.

2018 -2019 PSR

Tuesdays, from 6:00 p.m. - 7:15 p.m.

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

Sundays beginning with Mass at 8:30 a.m. followed by class in the Parish Life Center.

ST. TERESA'S BIBLE STUDY

Everyone is Welcome!

February 7 & 21 at 7:00 p.m.
Held in the Parish Life Center.

2018 GIVING STATEMENTS

Contribution Statements are sent **by request only**.

We can email it to you and save paper and postage! Call 440-934-4227 or email st.teresa.office@neohio.twcbc.com.

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.*

Support Mother Cabrini Food Pantry

Bring your non-perishable food the weekend of March 2 & 3, 2019.

Help always needed at the pantry: 2nd, 3rd and 4th Saturdays every month, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Many thanks to all those who support this ministry!



Malley's candy bars

\$1.00 each in the church and the church office.



Menu will include

Gumbo Jambalaya
Roast Chicken
Red Beans & Rice
Corn Bread Dessert
Beverages

Mardi Gras Party

March 2, 2109

Fun, Great Food, Live Music, and Raffles

Come and join us for a great evening!

For just \$25.00 you will receive an all-you-can-eat buffet of authentic New Orleans Mardi Gras food, beer/pop/water, and live music.

Raffles will be held throughout the night.

Pre-Sale tickets only in the church office by February 25!

Call 440-934-4227.

Gift Baskets are needed for the Mardi Gras Party raffle.

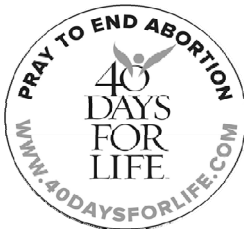
Please drop baskets in the church office this week. *Thank You!*

LOOKING FOR A CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL?

Christ Lutheran Preschool, a Five Star Step Up to Quality rated center, is now enrolling children ages 1 ½ to 5 for fall 2019. We incorporate prayer, Jesus' love for us and the well known stories from the Bible into our Kindergarten readiness curriculum. Classes are available 2, 3 and 4 days per week. For a tour or more information contact Teri Pienoski at 440-933-6714. The preschool is located inside Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church at 32747 Lake Road in Avon Lake.

BRINGING AMERICA BACK TO LIFE PRO-LIFE CONVENTION

Takes place **March 8 & 9, 2019** at the Embassy Suites, Independence, Ohio. For registration and more information on the convention visit www.BringingAmericaBackToLife.org. Group discounts available! Call 440-503-8278. The 2 day event features local, national, and internationally recognized speakers who address the challenges facing the growing Right-to-Life movement.



**From March 6 – April 14, you're invited to join other Christians for 40 Days for Life –
40 DAYS OF PRAYER AND FASTING FOR AN END TO ABORTION.**

Stand and peacefully pray anytime between 7 am to 7 pm during the 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside **Preterm** - 12000 Shaker Blvd, Cleveland, 44120 or **Planned Parenthood** - 25350 Rockside Rd, Bedford Heights, 44146, or **Family Planning** - 54 South State St, Painesville, 44077.

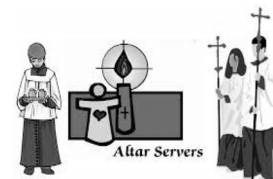
Plan to join us at the Kickoff Rally at St. Columbkille Church on March 5 at 7PM with Bishop Nelson Perez as the Keynote Speaker.

Contact John Noall at clevelandpraysforlife@gmail.com or 216-245-9744 for more information.

VISIT: www.40daysforlife.com/cleveland.

SERVERS ARE NEEDED

Servers are needed at ALL Masses! Fr. Smith is calling any students, grades 4 and up, and any adult interested to please call the church office.



TELEVISED SUNDAY MASS

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

Liturgical Ministers Schedule

Eucharistic Ministers

Sat, Feb 23
4:30 p.m.

Ann Glime
Ruth Bistak
Joan Gigliotti
Tom Pienoski **

Sun, Feb 24
8:30 a.m.

Aaron Davis
Barb Eifel **
Christi Smail
Kathy Cunningham

Sun, Feb 24
11:00 a.m.

Debbie Brady
Elmer Klingshirm
Theresa Gillotti
Dan Gillotti
Carol Kirchner

Sat, Mar 2
4:30 p.m.

Michael Genaro
Frances Geiger
Ruth Bistak
Debbie Korce

Sun, Mar 3
8:30 a.m.

Greg Smail
Carol Yonkof
Marty Yonkof
Sue DiVaccaro **

Sun, Mar 3
11:00 a.m.

Fred Courtright
Susan Novak
Don Kirchner
Carol Kirchner

Lectors

Sat, Feb 23
4:30 p.m.

Phil Gigliotti

Sun, Feb 24
8:30 a.m.

Karen Davis

Sun, Feb 24
11:00 a.m.

Lou Varos

Sat, Mar 2
4:30 p.m.

Andrew Augustine

Sun, Mar 3
8:30 a.m.

Adam Smail

Sun, Mar 3
11:00 a.m.

Dan Gillotti



Altar Servers

Sat, Feb 23
4:30 p.m.

Bill Brock

Sun, Feb 24
8:30 a.m.

Mike Griffith
Dave Griffith

Sun, Feb 24
11:00 a.m.

Beth Parkey

Sat, Mar 2
4:30 p.m.

Tom Pienoski **

Sun, Mar 3
8:30 a.m.

Cara Smail

Sun, Mar 3
11:00 a.m.

Server Needed

Around the Town

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

The next meeting will be **March 8, 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.

JOURNEY WITH LOSS

...is a four week program being sponsored by St. Joseph Parish in Amherst. It provides information and support to those who have experienced the death of a loved one. Sessions will be on Saturdays, March 16, 23, 30 and April 6 from 1:30 – 3:30 p.m. To register or for information call Sr. Stefana at 988-2848 ext 205. No Charge.

FIRST FRIDAY FORUM OF LORAIN COUNTY

Mr. David Simmer will be the speaker. Join us on **Friday, March 1, 2019** from 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. Cost is \$18 per person and includes lunch. Contact 244-0643 by February 25.

THANK GOD IT'S FIRST FRIDAY

An inter-parish men's group will meet March 1 for a luncheon at St. Clarence Church, 30106 Lorain Rd., N. Olmsted. Registration begins at 11:15 a.m., followed by lunch, then an inspirational talk, and concludes with Mass. Cost is \$10. Call George at 440-937-6606 by February 26.

ST. ANTHONY - MONTHLY DINNER

(1305 E. Erie Avenue, Lorain) Join us for a dinner on the 1st Saturday of each month. The menu will be different each month & prepared by our own St. Anthony kitchen crew. *The cost of each dinner will be **only \$10.*** Join us for our **March Monthly Dinner on Saturday, March 2nd at 5 pm, in our Social Hall.** The menu will be Chicken Cordon Bleu, Mashed Potatoes with Gravy, California Medley, Salad, Dinner Bread, Dessert & Beverage. You can RSVP by calling the Parish Office, 440-288-0106. You will pay at the door. Carry out is available.

GENTLE WOMAN FELLOWSHIP

First Fridays at St. Clarence Parish Center, 30106 Lorain Rd., N. Olmsted, 44070. Next meeting is **Friday, March 1, 2019.** Rosary begins at 9:30 a.m. followed by Mass, refreshments and a talk. This Month Dr. Phil Gigliotti will speak. All are welcome. No reservations needed. Call Mary at 440-235-6258 with questions.

53rd INTERNATIONAL PRINCESS PAGEANT

The Lorain International Princess Pageant Committee is seeking Princess Candidates to represent their family heritage in this year's pageant and festival. Not a beauty contest, this scholarship pageant serves to help young ladies of Lorain County learn more about their ethnic heritage, gain speaking skills, and be leaders in their communities. To see requirements or to apply visit www.loraininternational.com. Applications are due March 3rd.

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.