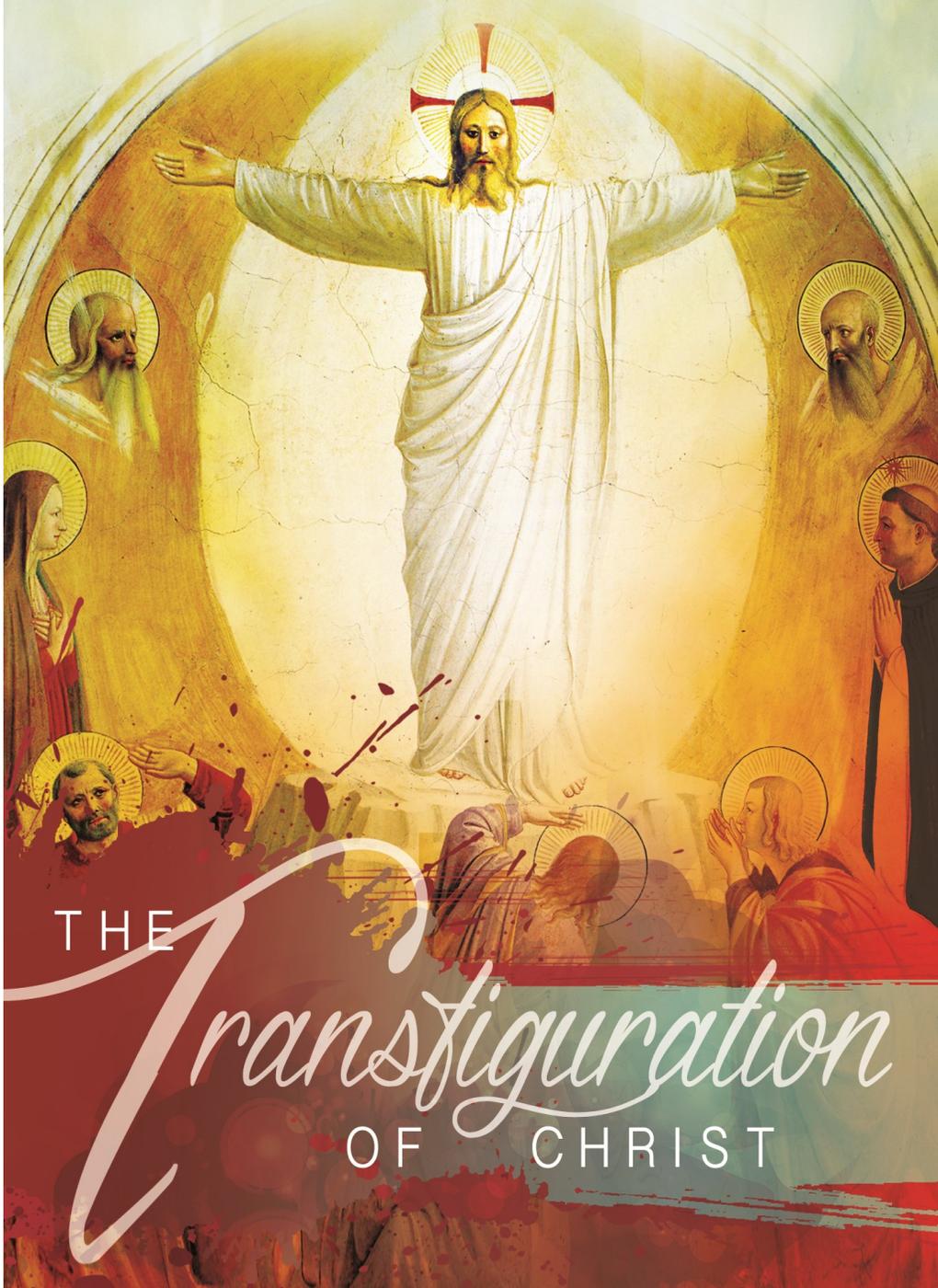


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ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH | MARCH 1, 2026

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 4:00 pm
Sunday 10:00 am

WEEKDAYS

Monday & Tuesday:
8:30 am

HOLY DAY MASSES

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MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

The readings for today have many themes and suggestions, all of which are appropriate for Lent. They range all the way from obedience in the first reading to glory in the Gospel, but how do we pull them together? Let me answer that question this way: Have you ever asked yourself, or thought, *"What do I get for being obedient and faithful or even holy? What's in it for me?"* Let us see what the readings have to say about this.

In the First Reading, from the Book of Genesis (12:1-4), we hear or read how God called Abram (Abraham) to pick up all of his belongings and family and move to a land he didn't know. Abraham didn't say, *"OK God, but what's in it for me?"* He was obedient and God gave him not only a child late in life, but Abraham became the father of many nations and the Father of the Jewish, Christian and Muslim faiths. He is remembered every day in the prayers of millions of people all over the world.

In the Responsorial Psalm, (33:4-22), the psalmist lays out his life before God in complete trust knowing that whatever God does with him, it will be for the best. Trusting in God is a virtue to which most of us give little thought. The need to be in control is so strong in western culture that we are often blind to our own weaknesses. Lent is a good time to turn that around.

The Second Reading is from St. Paul's Second Letter to Timothy (1:8-10). There we hear Paul encouraging Timothy to be strong in the face of hardship. We don't hear what that hardship is, but we know from other writings that Paul is in prison and Timothy is facing difficulties in carrying on with Paul's mission. Never do we hear either of these men complaining of their hardships; rather, they trust in the Lord Jesus who holds out to them *"immortality through the gospel."*

The Gospel Reading is from the Gospel of Matthew (17:1-9). In this passage, we hear the familiar story that we call the Transfiguration. Here Jesus appears with Moses and Elijah in a glorified state. The message here is to all of us: *"This is what's in it for you."* In other words, if you are faithful and obedient like Moses and Elijah, like Peter and Paul and many others, you will be glorified when you reach heaven. Moses and Elijah were given very tough jobs in God's Plan of Salvation and they fulfilled them well. We are given small and sometimes insignificant jobs and often disregard them; but God holds each of us responsible for fulfilling his or her role in His Plan, and our reward will be beyond description.

To follow the Lenten regulations faithfully is not easy; but then, nothing that is worthwhile is ever easy. We should have a goal, a purpose or an objective to help us in our observance of Lent. All we have to do is look to the Gospel to see the ultimate goal which is for each of us to be with Jesus and His disciples on that mountain top and be in the glory of the resurrection. That is what heaven is all about and that is what's in it for us when we succeed.



Something to think about during your prayer time this week.

Rev. Edward J. Smith

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MARCH 1, 2026 | 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

SACRAMENTAL CELEBRATIONS

CONFESSION

Saturday 3:00 pm or by appt.

BAPTISM

At least one parent must be a parishioner & actively attending Mass prior to calling.

Baptisms will be held on the 4th Sunday of the month.

MARRIAGE

At least one member of the couple must be a parishioner & actively attending Mass prior to calling. No date may be reserved until discussion with the pastor of the parish.

Couples need to make arrangements at least 6 months in advance

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SUNDAY READINGS

FIRST READING: I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. (*Gn 12:2*)

PSALM: Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you. (*Ps 33*)

SECOND READING: Bear your share of hardship for the gospel with the strength that comes from God. He saved us and called us to a holy life. (*2 Tm 1:8-9*)

GOSPEL: Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun. (*Mt 17:1-2*)

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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

READINGS FOR THE WEEK MARCH 1, 2026

Sunday: Gn 12:1-4a/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22/2 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16/Mt 20:17-28

Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 16:19-31

Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Next Sunday: Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42



Sunday - March 1st - 2nd Sunday of Lent

10:00 am - †Romana Amador

Requested by: Lydia Inchaurregui

Monday - March 2nd - Lenten Weekday

8:30 am - †Margaret Saltis

Requested by: Carol Bainbridge

Tuesday - March 3rd - St. Katharine Drexel, Virgin

8:30 am - †Living & Deceased of the Parish

Saturday - March 7th - Sts. Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs

4:00 pm - †William & Betty Visnesky

Requested by: Bill Visnesky

Sunday - March 8th - 3rd Sunday of Lent

10:00 am - †Fred Churchill (25th Anniversary)

Requested by: Joanne Churchill

THANK YOU!

The Parish Events Team would like to thank all who came to & supported our Valentine Dinner & Reverse Raffle. It was a fun evening of fellowship, laughs, wonderful story telling by our own Deacon Paul, good eats & generosity! We look forward to gathering again next year - perhaps celebrating another beloved saint with just as much joy & fellowship! 

Calendar of **EVENTS**

March 3rd & 5th - Pierogi Production from 9am - 2 pm

We need our pinchers every week! Please join us!

March 4th - Diocesan Night of Confession

St. Teresa from 5:00-6:30 pm & St. Anthony from 6:30-8:00 pm

March 6th - Pierogi Sale from 3-7 pm in the Social Hall

Pierogi Sales will be every Friday during Lent

Stations of the Cross - 1:15 pm with the School Students & 7:00 pm with Deacon Paul.

Stations will be Every Friday for Lent

March 7th - 1st Saturday of the Month Dinners are Back! Dine-in or carry out **Spaghetti Dinner** in the Social Hall from 4:45-6:30 pm

March 15th - Marian Guild Annual Mini Retreat after 10 am Mass

March 15th, 16th & 17th - Combined Lenten Mission from 6:30-7:30 pm

March 21st - Palm Branch Weaving after the 4 pm Mass in the Social Hall



Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, March 7th at 4:00 pm

Lectors: Marybeth B.

Eucharistic Ministers: Pam W., Laura P., Patty R.

Sunday, March 8th at 10:00 am

Lectors: Celia F.

Eucharistic Ministers: Hiliare T., Dan L., Karen L.

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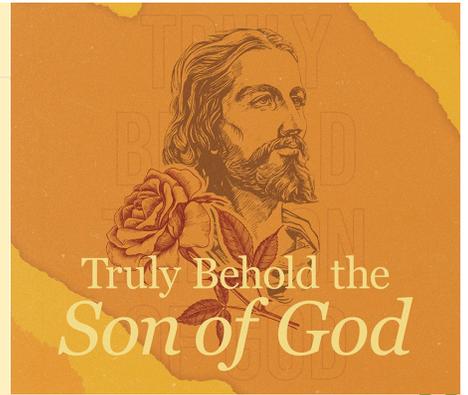
OFFERTORY REPORT

NEW FISCIAL YEAR & BUDGET (7/1/25-6/30/26)

AMOUNT BUDGETED WEEKLY..... \$ 6,347.00
 SUNDAY COLLECTION (2/8/2025) \$ 4,479.00
 7/1/2025 TO DATE +/- BUDGET..... - (\$35,897.92)

MY GIFT TO GOD REFLECTS HIS GENEROSITY TO ME

If you are unable to contribute, please submit your envelopes all the same as it is our most clear indication of active participation for Mass.



Lenten Events this week

DIOCESAN NIGHT OF CONFESSION

Wednesday, March 4th
 5:00-6:30 pm at St. Teresa
 6:30-8:00 pm at St. Anthony

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Friday, March 6th
 1:15 pm Children's Stations
 7:00 pm Stations with Deacon Paul

SPAGHETTI DINNER

Saturday, March 7th
 4:45-6:30 pm in the Social Hall



IMPORTANT!!

In order to keep our bulletin prayer requests current, we will be keeping people on the prayer list for **6 months**. If you have someone you would like on the prayer list or would like them put back on the prayer list, please call the office and let us know. Thank you for your prayers!



PRAYER REQUESTS

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS:

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|---------------|-------------------|------------------------------|----------------|----------------|------------|
| Pete Cetovich | Jennifer Humphrey | Amanda Jacobs-
Leadbetter | Diane Fate | Judith Hromada | Pat Koziol |
| Mary Nazario | Emily Stefan | Stacie Velesquez | Linda Vrbancic | | |

Call the Parish Office if you would like to add someone to this list. They will be kept on the list for 6 months. If you would like them to stay on the list after 6 months, just call. Also, please notify us when to remove a name.

Call the "Prayer Line" for immediate prayer requests, **Linda: 440-667-9050 or Terri, 440-320-3272**

IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM FR. SMITH

St. Anthony of Padua & St. Teresa of Avila Parishes have shared a Pastor now for 10 years. This combined Pastorate will not end for the foreseeable future (if ever), based on the Diocesan Parish model. In fact, during this time, we have watched most of our neighboring Parishes also combine under a single Pastor. As the years have gone on, many duties for both Parishes have come to be shared between the Parish Staffs in areas such as finance, insurance, legal, religious education, maintenance, & sacramental preparation, just to name a few. Beginning next week, parishioners from both Parishes will notice a new partnership between the two Parishes with the start of a combined weekly Parish bulletin. Now, in a single bulletin, all information regarding both Parishes can be found. This move is made based on staffing (now a single bulletin editor will create the bulletins for both Parishes), as well as finances (there is no sense in continuing with two bulletin contracts). This combined bulletin is not a new phenomenon, as many Parishes in our situation have made this change. In fact, our neighboring Parishes in Avon & North Ridgeville have already moved to combined bulletins. This doesn't mean that any information previously contained in the bulletins will be missing. This is simply a single bulletin containing all relevant information for both Parishes.

St. Vincent de Paul Society News

Our St. Vincent de Paul Society, in conjunction with the prison ministry at Sacred Heart, will be sponsoring “30 Coats in 30 Days” project from Feb. 28th through Mar. 29th.

We invite you to donate any clean, gently used or new, men's or woman's, small, medium, large or X-large coats, jackets, raincoats, or vests.



Please deliver your items in bags to the main vestibule of the church & give them to an usher or place them on the tables that will be available for this project. These items will be delivered to Sacred Heart Chapel, who in turn will take them to the jail for inmates who will be released during the cold months.

Thank you for your continued support of St. Vincent de Paul Society here at St. Anthony's and now as we spread our wings to our communities, we thank you for your participation and your generosity.

If you have any questions, please leave a message at 440-667-9050 & someone will get back to you.

God Bless you during this Lenten Season and every day after!

FIRST SATURDAY DINNERS ARE BACK AT ST. ANTHONY!



Spaghetti Dinner

MARCH 7, 2026

4:45 - 6:30PM

ST. ANTHONY SOCIAL HALL
BASEMENT UNDER GYM
1305 E. ERIE AVE., LORAIN

Menu:

Adult - \$15

Spaghetti Dinner with 4 Meatballs
Garden Salad & Bread
Coffee: Regular & Decaf & Hot Tea
Dessert available

Children (under 10) - \$5
Spaghetti Dinner with 2 Meatballs
Milk

\$15

Dine in or Carry out!

RSVP: 440-288-0106



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Marian Guild Mini Retreat

SUNDAY, MARCH 15TH AFTER 10AM MASS
IN THE CHURCH DAY CHAPEL

Our speaker will take us on a spiritual journey while she sketches and paints as directed by the Holy Spirit.

We will also have some inspiring moments of reflection that will continue to help you on your Lenten journey.

It will be a calming, uplifting, interesting morning; and we will be very happy you joined us!

Refreshments will be served.



Although this is a free event, we would like for you to RSVP so we can plan our menu by simply leaving a message at 440-320-3272!

Hope to see you then!

"And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth." ~John 1:14.

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA & ST. TERESA OF AVILA LENTEN MISSION

"GROWING IN GRACE: THE BASICS OF THE LOVING GOD"

Jesus Christ came to dwell among us so that we could live with Him forever in Heaven. Many of us, however, neglect this simple truth in our daily lives. Instead of seeing each day as a chance to live in God more, we see drudgery and danger. The spiritual masters of our faith - the saints who have inspired countless other saints - understood the simple truth that we must try to love God more each day. Their collective teachings - really, the Tradition of the Church regarding the spiritual life - awakens us to the challenge of living more for God and the consolation of God living more in us.

MARCH 15TH, 16TH & 17TH
AT ST. TERESA CHURCH
6:30-7:30PM

Fr. John's Biography: A native of Cleveland, Ohio, Fr. John Schneider now serves as the pastor of St. Thomas More Parish in Brooklyn, Ohio. The eldest of six children, Fr. John developed a love for scripture & theology at a young age. He obtained his Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy from the University of Notre Dame in 2006 going on to our local seminary of St. Mary's to earn his Masters in Theology. Fr. John has a deep interest in the spiritual life, especially as articulated by Rev. Garrigou-Lagrange, one of Pope St. John Paul II's teachers.

PLEASE JOIN US AS FR. JOHN SCHNEIDER GUIDES US TO APPLY THE SAINTS' FUNDAMENTAL BUT LIFE CHANGING INSIGHTS INTO OUR LOVE OF GOD

PALM WEAVING WORKSHOP

Saturday, March 21st

immediately following the 4 pm Mass
in the St. Anthony Social Hall
(elevator available)

Perfect for ages 12-105!

All materials provided!

Participants will learn to make 4 traditional designs: the Cross, Rose, Wheat & Cone

If you would like to attend this FREE event, call or email Jean Maro at 440-731-1206 or jean_maro@yahoo.com with your name and phone number.

Reserve your seat by MARCH 15th

Light refreshments will be served!

LENTEN Fish Fry

St. Teresa of Avila Parish
1878 Abbe Road
Sheffield Village, OH 44054

All Fridays of Lent
4:30-7:00pm

DINE IN & DRIVE THRU

DINNERS

All dinners include coleslaw, dessert, roll, and your choice of: fries, cabbage & noodles, mac & cheese, or pierogi.

Lake Perch 3 pieces of perch	\$20
Shrimp 10 pieces of shrimp	\$20
Combo 2pc perch & 6pc shrimp	\$20
Pierogi 6 pieces	\$12
Mac & Cheese	\$12

Dine in dinners receive your choice of: coffee, tea, lemonade, or iced tea

A-LA-CARTE

New England Clam Chowder	\$6
Pierogi: Potato & Cheese - 5pc	\$5
Mac & Cheese	\$5
Cabbage & Noodles	\$5
Fries	\$5

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PIEROGI SALE

St. Anthony Famous Pierogi are Back!

FRIDAYS DURING LENT
3:00 PM - 7:00 PM

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