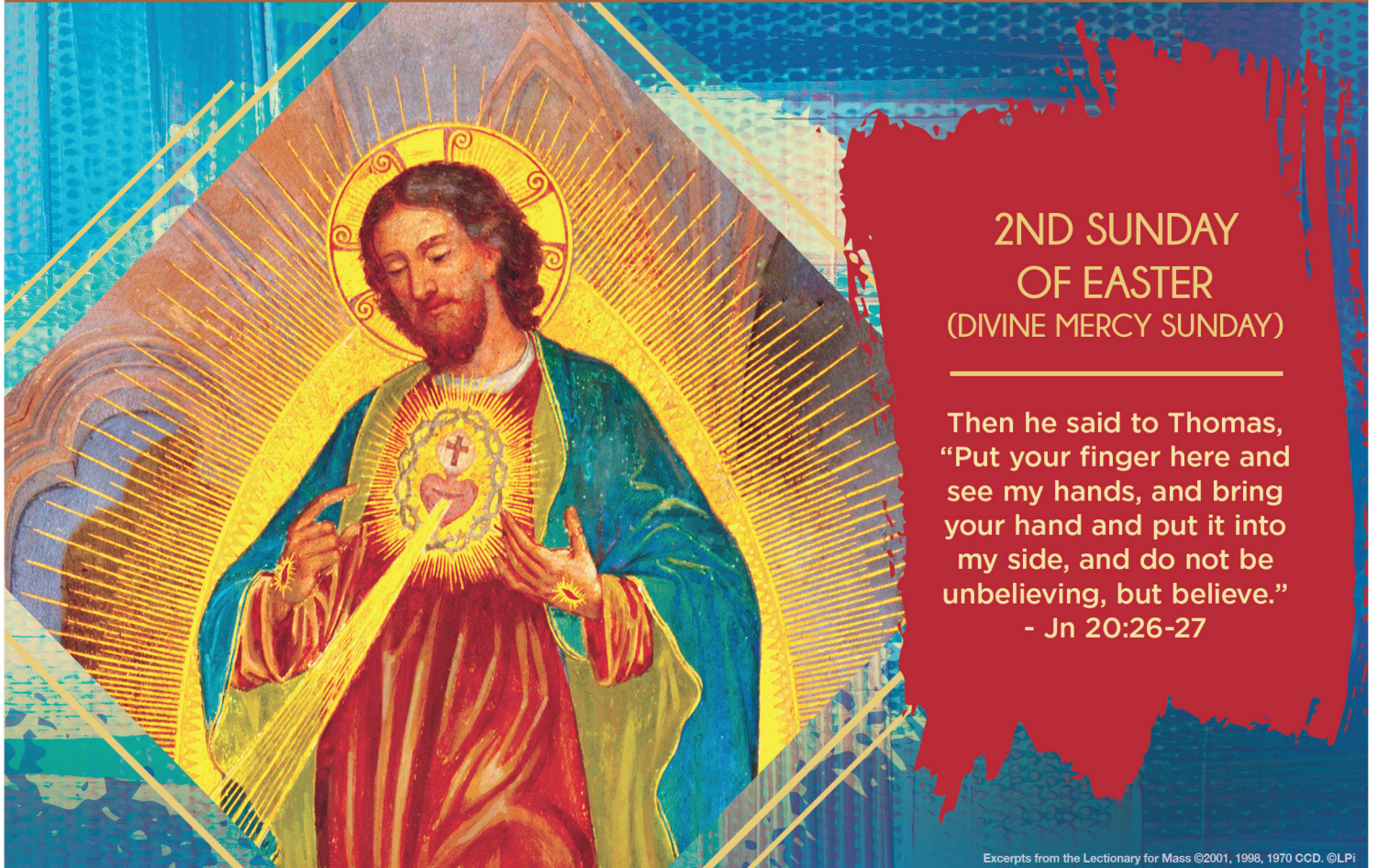


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APRIL 12, 2026 | DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY



2ND SUNDAY
OF EASTER
(DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY)

Then he said to Thomas,
“Put your finger here and
see my hands, and bring
your hand and put it into
my side, and do not be
unbelieving, but believe.”
- Jn 20:26-27

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Monday & Tuesday | 8:30 am

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A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR 2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER

The theme of the readings for this, the first Sunday after Easter, continues to reflect the joy of Easter as it should. We too should not let that joy fade from our lives so easily. It is something to be nourished through prayer and meditation. The Resurrection of Jesus Christ is the central theme and event of all Christianity; and the more we understand it, the more meaningful our life here on earth will be to us and to others. Just listen to the readings and see how they tune into this concept.

In the First Reading, from the Acts of the Apostles (2:42-47), we read where all the followers of Jesus, not just the apostles, were so enthusiastic about this "new way" of life that they lived in communities in order to share everything, both material and spiritual. This way, they could help in nourishing and sharing their newly found spiritual life in Christ with each other. Because of this joy, many others came to believe and "the Lord added to their number."

The Responsorial Psalm (118:1-23), is a continuation of the same psalm from Easter Sunday. It is an important liturgical poem sung at the Jewish Seder or Passover Meal. It recalls how the Israelites implored the God of Israel for help during a time of suffering and how God came to their rescue. The Psalmist then goes on to offer praises of thanksgiving acknowledging God's benevolence.

The Second Reading is from the First Letter of St. Peter (1:3-9). This portion of Peter's letter is a brief summary of the Christian life then and now. We should not think of Christ's Resurrection as something that happened 2000 plus years ago, but rather, as something that happens daily in every Mass — not just those we attend, but all Masses. They are the greatest prayers of Thanksgiving that one could offer for this sublime act of love.

The Gospel Reading is from the Gospel of John (20:19-31). Place yourself into this scene: It is the night of the Resurrection and Jesus appears in all His divine Glory before the apostles. Can you image the joy after the shock subsides? They must have been bouncing all over the room. Then Thomas, who was not present at the first appearance of Jesus, throws cold water on that event by his refusing to believe that Christ was resurrected. It takes another appearance of Christ to convince Thomas who then utters that great phrase of humility, "My Lord and my God!"

Are you somewhat like Thomas, having a difficult time in believing? To doubt, as Thomas did, is not wrong or sinful. However, to leave it there and do nothing about it is wrong. Sometimes God puts doubts in our head in order for us to get moving toward finding the truth, through prayer or study or both. **Something to think about during your prayer time this week.**

Rev. Edward J. Smith



WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

St. Anthony of Padua		St. Teresa of Avila		St. Teresa Building Fund Donations	
Budget	\$ 6,000.00	Budget	\$ 5,138.00	Monthly Payment	\$ 3,372.00
Collection 3/29/26	\$ 5,361.00	Collection 3/29/26	\$ 4,249.54	Donations	\$ 2,338.70
7/1/25 to Date Total	15 -(\$30,255.92)	7/1/25 to Date Total	-(\$6,879.60)	Balance (as of 3/24)	\$194,532.36

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.



MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS FOR ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA

Saturday, April 11th - 2nd Sunday of Easter Vigil (Divine Mercy)

4:00 pm †Joe Rizzo *Requested by: Robert Caruso*

Sunday, April 12th - 2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)

10:00 am †Domingo Amador *Requested by: Lydia Inchaurregui*

Monday, April 13th - St. Martin I, Pope and Martyr

8:30 am †Leonard Findish *Requested by: Doreen & Charles Family*

Tuesday, April 14th - Easter Weekday

8:30 am †Steven Hromada *Requested by: Carol Potter*

Next Saturday, April 18th - 3rd Sunday of Easter Vigil

4:00 pm †Ralph & Elizabeth Colbert *Requested by: Family*

Next Sunday, April 19th - 3rd Sunday of Easter

10:00 am †Jeanne Provenza *Requested by: Ken Provenza*

WEEKLY READINGS

WEEK OF APRIL 12TH

Sunday: Acts 2:42-47/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24/1 Pt 1:3-9/Jn 20:19-31

Monday: Acts 4:23-31/Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9/Jn 3:1-8

Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 3:16-21

Thursday: Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20/Jn 3:31-36

Friday: Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Jn 6:1-15

Saturday: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/Jn 6:16-21

Next Sunday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2 and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/1 Pt 1:17-21/Lk 24:13-35

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Saturday | 3:00 pm - 3:30 pm

By Appointment

ADORATION

St. Anthony Adoration Chapel

Monday - Friday | 9 am - 2 pm

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS

Judith Hromada
Jennifer Humphrey
Amanda Jacobs-Leadbetter

Pat Koziol
Mary Nazario
Luci Payne
Emily Raddell

Liza Raddell
Emily Stefan
Stacie Velesquez
Linda Vrbancic

Please call the Parish Office if you would like to add someone to this list. They will be on the list for 6 months. If they still need prayers after 6 months, just call to keep them on.

Also, please notify us when to remove a name.

PRAYER LINE

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



APRIL



SUNDAY READINGS

FIRST READING: They ate their meals with exultation and sincerity of heart, praising God and enjoying favor with all the people. *(Acts 2:46-47)*

PSALM: Give thanks to the LORD for he is good, his love is everlasting. *(Ps 118)*

SECOND READING: Although you have not seen him you love him; even though you do not see him now yet believe in him, you rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, as you attain the goal of your faith, the salvation of your souls. *(1 Pt 1:8-9)*

GOSPEL: Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." *(Jn 20:29)*

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Nathan M. Zrubek USMC

MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS FOR ST. TERESA OF AVILA

Saturday, April 11th - 2nd Sunday of Easter Vigil (Divine Mercy)

4:30 pm †Jim Flynn *Requested by: Family*

Sunday, April 12th - 2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)

8:30 am Living & †Deceased Members of the Altar & Rosary Society

11:00 am Living & †Deceased Mothers of the Parish

Wednesday, April 15th - Easter Weekday

8:30 am †Linda Ashenbach *Requested by: Eva Marie Rieck*

Friday, April 17th - Easter Weekday

12:00 pm †Emma Kurjan *Requested by: Ruth*

Next Saturday, April 18th - 3rd Sunday of Easter Vigil

4:30 pm Melanie Johnson *Requested by: Mom*

Next Sunday, April 19th - 3rd Sunday of Easter Vigil

8:30 am †Charles & Germaine DeChant *Requested by: Charlene & Bill DeChant*

11:00 am Living & †Deceased Fathers of the Parish

CONFESSIONS

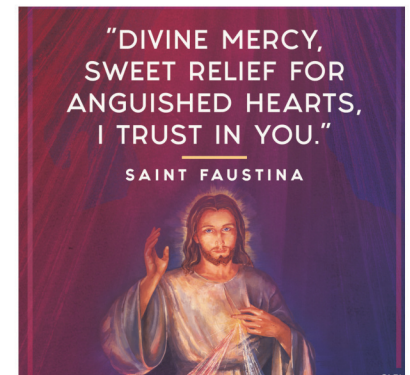
Saturday | 3:30 pm - 4:00 pm

By Appointment

ADORATION

St. Teresa of Avila Church

Wednesdays | 9 am - 1 pm



PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS

Chris Geiger
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Sandy Klingshirn

Gloria Kriebel
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ST. ANTHONY ADORATION CHAPEL OPEN MON - FRI FROM 9 AM - 2 PM

Jesus told St. Faustina that the Holy Eucharist is the “*throne of mercy on earth*” and to daily “*adore in the Blessed Sacrament My Heart which is full of mercy. I want Adoration to take place . . . for the intention of imploring Mercy for the world.*” ~The Eucharist and Divine Mercy

St. Gemma Galgani; Patroness of students & pharmacists against temptations, Italy (1878-1903) - Feast: 4/11
 St. Gemma was a mystic, virgin, & redemptorist tertiary. She is also the patron saint of those who suffer from back pain. St. Gemma said, “*Yesterday in the presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament I felt myself burning so fiercely that I had to go away. I felt stunned that so many could stay so near to Jesus & not be reduced to ashes. I felt like I should be consumed. Jesus is such a sweet irresistible Lover; how can one fail to love Him with one’s whole heart and soul? How can one not wish to be wholly absorbed in Him & consumed in the flames of His holy love?*”



DIVINE MERCY MESSAGE CONSOLATION FOR SOULS

The words with which I entreated God are these:
Eternal Father, I offer You the Body & Blood, Soul & Divinity of Your dearly beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ for our sins & those of the whole world; for the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us (Diary, 475) *The words of Jesus appear in boldface type

My Prayer Response: Thank You, Lord, for the prayer of the Chaplet of Mercy. It is “*living the Mass,*” offering the sacrifice of Your Body & Blood, Soul & Divinity to the Father — for mercy on the whole world.

All are welcome to join us for our Divine Mercy Sunday Services - next Sunday, April 12th.
Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Lorain will have Confessions at 2 pm & Services at 3 pm.
St. Jude, Elyria will have Exposition at 2 pm, Readings & Reflection at 2:35 pm & Chaplet at 3 pm.



PRO-LIFE MESSAGE
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“The so-called right to abortion has portrayed the greatest of gifts, a child, as a competitor, an intrusion, and an inconvenience.” ~St. Teresa of Calcutta

We must continue to pray constantly for an end to this evil that takes so many lives each year.
We must not get discouraged!



POPE’S PRAYER INTENTION
APRIL 2026 - FOR PRIESTS IN CRISIS

Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer. Amen.



JUBILEE YEAR OF ST. FRANCIS
WEEKLY FRANCISCAN INSPIRATION

This week’s activity: Ask someone how you can pray for them this week

Throughout the Jubilee Year of St. Francis, we are sharing a weekly activity or prayer to help you grow in your understanding of St. Francis and deepen your Franciscan spirituality in daily life.

St. Anthony of Padua has been designated as a pilgrimage site until January 10, 2027. You can find information in the main vestibule of the church.

SACRAMENTAL CELEBRATIONS

BAPTISM
 Arrangements should be made shortly before or after the birth of the child. At least one parent must be a parishioner & actively attending Mass prior to calling the Parish Office.

COMMUNION CALLS
 Please call the Parish Office to schedule.

MARRIAGE
 At least one member of the couple must be a parishioner & actively attending Mass prior to calling. Couples need to make arrangements at least 6 months in advance. No date may be reserved until discussion with the pastor of the parish.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK
 Administered upon request. For those advanced in age, sick, or undergoing surgery, please call the Parish Office.

NEW PARISHIONERS
 Registration forms can be found at the doors of the church or on the website. Call the Parish Office with questions.



ST. TERESA OF AVILA

A & R MASS

Join us **Sunday, April 12th** at 8:30 am.
We will begin the Rosary at 8 am.

SPRING LUNCHEON

All ladies are invited to join us on
Tuesday, April 14th at Noon at
Sorrento's in Sheffield Village. Please
RSVP to Barb, 440-773-2201 by 4/9.

FELLOWSHIP GROUP

You are welcome to be part of this
Catholic Fellowship. Meetings are held
in the St. John Room.

Next Meeting: April 15th at 10 am

BIBLE STUDY

All are welcome to join us the 1st & 3rd
Thursdays of the Month at 7 pm in the
St. John Room at Parish Life Center.

If you would like to be added to the
email roster, call the Parish Office.
You will receive updates on the Book
being studied, the prepared notes &
notifications of schedule changes.

Next Meeting: April 16th at 7 pm



The Office for Worship offers
formation sessions for Extraordinary
Ministers of Holy Communion. Please
contact the Parish Office if interested.

Upcoming Sessions:

Wednesday, 5/13 from 6:30-9:00pm
at St. Ladislav Parish, Westlake

Monday, 5/18 from 7:00-9:30pm
at St. Jude Parish, Elyria

St. Teresa of Avila
Atar & Rosary Society

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Rummage Sale drop off:

Saturday, April 18th from 3:00-4:20 pm before Mass
Sunday, April 19th from 9:15 am after Mass 'til 12:30 pm
Monday, April 20th through Thursday, April 23rd
from 4:00-6:00 pm

Call Barb,
440-773-2201
with questions.

CATHOLIC CEMETERIES ASSOCIATION

MONTHLY GRIEF SUPPORT GROUPS



CCA's next **Sunday Grief Support Group** will be **Sunday, April 19th** at St. Joseph, 32789 Detroit Rd., Avon. **In-person at 3 pm & virtual at 5 pm.** In a welcoming & supportive setting, find fellowship among others who share their experiences & understand the pain of loss. Meetings are held on the 3rd Sunday of the month, at no charge. Please join us for an hour of listening, healing & finding comfort with others who understand. For details, call Renee at 216-930-4866 or visit: clecem.org/Information/Bereavement.aspx

FIRST FRIDAY FORUM

FRIDAY, MAY 1ST



The First Friday Forum of Lorain County will hear from Paul Orlousky, former investigative reporter, at the luncheon on **Friday, May 1st** at Tom's Country Place, 3442 Stoney Ridge Rd., Avon. He will speak on "*Lay Involvement in the Church*". Come join us for good food, fellowship & a very informative speaker. Lunch begins at 11:30 am with Mr. Orlousky speaking at Noon. Reservations need to be received by Friday, 4/24. The cost is \$25. Call 440-320-3272, or email ffflorain@gmail.com to RSVP. Please join us!

UPCOMING EVENTS

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA

April 17th - Parish Events Team Meeting at 3:30 pm in the Church. *All invited!*

April 18th - Saintry Stories Society begins if registered

Please join us at any of these events!

ST. TERESA OF AVILA

April 15th - Fellowship Group at 10 am in the St. John Room

April 16th - Bible Study at 7 pm in the St. John Room

April 18th & 19th - Rummage Sale Drop off
(See page 6 for details)



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If you would like to submit an article or flyer for an upcoming Bulletin, please send requests to obermillerk@stanthonylorain.com by Monday at 10 am.

Bulletins are sent to print every Tuesday.

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Please leave a message with your name, date of intention wanted, name of intention & your phone number. We will call you back when scheduling is complete.

Requests will be honored in the order we receive them.

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