

# Saint Teresa of Avila Catholic Church

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## Sheffield Village Community Meal

Last year during Lent, I approached Sheffield Village Mayor John Hunter with a unique proposal. I suggested that because there isn't a great deal done in the Village as far as social outreach, we could join together to give back to our community during the Thanksgiving holiday. I proposed that the Village government join with the churches of the Village to offer a free meal for the needy, lonely, and elderly of our community on *Friday, November 21, 2014 from 4:30 PM until 7:00 PM*. I offered the use of the St. Teresa Parish Life Center as the location of the meal, and pledged my personal support to make this wonderful opportunity a reality. Mayor Hunter was immediately supportive and pledged his full help and support behind the proposal.

Since that meeting in March, a great deal of

*"Thankfully  
Sharing Our  
Blessings"  
Friday,  
November 21, 2014  
4:30—7:00 p.m.*

progress has been made on the Community Meal. Mayor Hunter and I have been joined in this initiative by Hope Lutheran Church, New Haven Baptist Church, and the Sheffield Church of God. Of course, all Churches of Sheffield Village will continue to be invited to be a part of this great community event. The menu for the event has been set: Turkey, gravy, mashed potatoes, stuffing, green beans, salad, rolls, pumpkin pie, and cake. Our friends at GFS in Sheffield Village have agreed to work with us to make this meal a reality.

We are asking for your support to help make this Community Meal a tremendous success.

**We are asking for the following donations:**

- Money
- Volunteer to help at the meal
- Coke products
- GFS Traditional Stuffing
- GFS Canned Cut Green Beans
- Roasted Turkey Gravy
- Pumpkin Pie

*[NOTE: Food donations can be dropped off at the Churches between 11/9 and 11/16. All products can be purchased through our friends at GFS in Sheffield Village.]*

Please consider helping in some way. This is the first time an event of this kind has been done in our Sheffield Village. Please thankfully share some of your blessings with those who have less.

**The Rev. Edward J. Smith**

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*God withholds  
Himself from no  
one who perseveres.*

## PSR, Confirmation & RCIA *by Christine Sherry*

**Parish School of Religion** classes for those children who are in K-8th grades and do not attend Catholic school begin on **September 9th. Classes are held most Tuesdays from 6 - 7:15 pm in the Parish Life Center.** Cost is \$45 per child with a maximum fee of \$100 per family.

*Can't afford to pay - come!*

*Scholarships are available.*

*Homeschooling options available.*

**Confirmation** is held jointly with St. Thomas parish. This year's Confirmation and preparatory classes will be held at St. Thomas. Confirmation will be on March 8, 2015 at 2 pm. Children should be in at least the 8th grade to

participate. Adults wanting to be confirmed should leave their contact information with the parish office.

Anyone interested in becoming Catholic or learning more about the teachings of the Catholic church should join the **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults**

program. Our RCIA program is held in conjunction with St. Thomas and St. Anthony's parishes and is hosted at St. Teresa. **Classes begin on Sunday, September 14th. They are from 10:15 to 11:30 am on most Sundays.**

They culminate with those who desire becoming Catholic at the Easter Vigil.

## Jean Ackerman Becomes Secular Franciscan

On Pentecost Sunday, 2014, Jean Ackerman was professed as a Third Order, or Secular, Franciscan. Her journey began 2 years ago with a retreat at St. Anthony's Lorain where she learned about St. Francis and St. Clare. She began reading books and studying the Franciscan Rule and how to live it in her own life. She continued her studying through the mentorship of Barb & Paul Mueller of Vermilion.

Today, living the Rule of the Secular Franciscan Order, Jean attends Mass, prays the Divine Office, strives to love all those around her and cares for God's land and creatures. She is part of the local St. John Vianney Fraternity which meets at St. Anthony Church, Lorain each month. The meetings include Mass, prayer time and fellowship. The Fraternity traveled to Carey, Ohio to the Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation in 2013.

*To learn more about becoming a Secular Franciscan or to attend the monthly meeting contact Jean Ackerman at 934-4794.*

**Congratulations Jean and God Bless You!**



## National Catholic Youth Conference

*by Aaron Davis*

In November of 2013, I went on one of the greatest trips of my life. Along with students coming from Elyria Catholic, and St. Joes in Amherst, I took a bus ride to Indianapolis. Once we had arrived, the experience was just beginning. In the hotel we were staying at we had a Diocesan mass. It was pretty cool to see everybody who came from Cleveland all in one room. After having finished Mass, we had dinner and then got back on the bus to go to Lucas Oil Stadium. We went inside and it was breath-taking just how many people were filling the stadium. As we found our seats, we listened to the awesome entertainment before they officially started off National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC).

The next morning, we were back on the bus again. We travelled back to Lucas Oil Stadium for most of the morning as people came up to speak, mostly about how the day was going to go from there. After having explained everything we left the stadium and walked over to the convention center. Everybody had met up before we broke off into individual groups to go to the different workshops. There were so many workshops and speakers it was hard not to find something you liked. They were covering everything from music, to love, to sin. They even had a movie. You were only able to choose 3 workshops for that day, but I had to miss one due to the long lines during intermission. At the end of the day, we travelled back to the stadium for

the evening portion.

On Saturday, the final morning, as we had done Friday, we went over to the stadium for the morning. Then, we headed back to the convention center to finish up workshops and anything else we wanted to do. That day, I went to a workshop talking about having faith that things will get better. Having finished the workshops, with still so much time left, my group and I were able to explore the Inspiration Junction, which had many activities and booths to visit. Anything from art, to sports, to colleges, and you even got to meet some of the speakers who spoke in the

workshops or up on stage at the stadium. When the time had come to go back to Lucas Oil Stadium we were all quite tired. We had Mass with everybody who attended the conference. That was really energizing too. After Mass, we headed back to our hotels for our final night.

In the morning we all had to pack up and get ready to make a return trip. And after one more 6 hour bus ride we were back home in Ohio. This is experience was truly life-changing as it helped me become closer to God. I would like to thank each and every person who helped me make it to Indianapolis.

## Thank You From Social Concerns *by Barb Eifel*

The Social Concerns Committee continues to be so thankful for the generosity of our parishioners. This past year we have coordinated several charitable projects. None of it would be possible without the continued kindness of our parishioners.

Chris Sherry coordinated the collection of Thanksgiving Dinners for the Mother Cabrini Food Pantry. This year we donated 80 dinners including a turkey or ham and all of the fixings. In addition, the local Valvoline donated 14 prepared dinners and the New Haven Baptist Church on Abbe Rd donated 6 tur-

keys. Chris also coordinates the monthly food collections for the Food Pantry.

Paula Parkey coordinated both of our collections for Birthright of Lorain County. The Baby Jesus Christmas Collection in December resulted in approximately \$2,000 worth of baby essentials collected including diapers, wipes, clothing, blankets and more. In May, she coordinated the Shower for Mary Collections. During Mother's Day weekend, we collected \$334 from the sale of carnations. The Milk bottle collection total was \$609.50. In addition, approximately \$925 worth of clothing, diapers, and other baby accessories were collected. This collection in May is so very appreciated because the shelves usually run low on inventory in the summer months.

In addition, the committee sent a \$1,000

donation from St. Teresa's to the St. Joe's Homeless Shelter in Lorain. The Committee has been able to make this annual donation to the Homeless Shelter for several years because of the generous St. Teresa's parishioners, and it is always greatly appreciated.

Thank you hardly seems like enough to express our deep gratitude to all of you who make our work possible! We are humbled by your generosity.

The Social Concerns Committee - Barb Eifel, Chris Sherry, Paula Parkey, Peggy Long, Pat Chozinski, Jean Ackerman



St. Teresa's Feast Day is October 15

## St. Teresa Feast Day Celebration 2014

*Come Celebrate with the Family  
of St. Teresa Parish!*

*Our celebration will be the weekend of **October 18 & 19, 2014.***

*The Grand Prize for our Raffle will be **\$1,000.00!***

*Raffle tickets available in the church office.*

### Feast Day Mass

Saturday, October 18  
4:30 p.m.

Celebrant will be The Most  
Rev. Roger Gries, O.S.B.

Everyone is welcome to at-  
tend!

### Steak Fry

Saturday, October 18  
6 p.m.

Parish Life Center

For tickets call the  
church office at  
440-934-4227

### Pot-Luck Dinner

Sunday, October 19  
12:30 p.m.

Parish Life Center

Bring your favorite side dish  
and enjoy fellowship with  
our parish community!



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## Up Coming Parish Events!

### Religious Formation

PSR: Tuesdays from 6–7:15 p.m.

RCIA: Sundays from 10:15–11:30 a.m.

Confirmation: Sundays at 10:00 a.m.

*Schedules are in the bulletin, on our Parish website or call the office.*

### Food Pantry Donations

Donations taken 1st Weekend/month

September 6/7 and October 4/5

*Non Perishable Food Items Please*

### Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesdays from 8:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

*Please consider spending one hour of the most blessed "quality time" you will ever have! Call the office if interested.*

### The Edge—Youth Ministry

*See bulletin/website for updates*



### Volunteer at Food Pantry

3rd Saturday/month 9:30 am–1 pm

September 20, October 18, and

November 15

### St. Teresa Feast Day

Mass, Sat., Oct. 18 at 4:30 p.m.

Steak Dinner, Sat., Oct. 18

Pot-Luck Luncheon, Sun., Oct. 19

### Altar & Rosary Society

#### Events

Cabbage Roll Dinner,

September 20

Turkey Raffle, November 7

Christmas Dinner, December 13

### **Parish Life Center is for Rent**

**For information visit our  
website or call our office  
at 440-934-4227.**

For monthly Parish Committee meeting dates, visit our website at [www.stteresaparish.com](http://www.stteresaparish.com) or watch the bulletin for current dates/times.