



# St. Thomas the Apostle

715 Harris Road Sheffield Lake Ohio  
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**Serving our Community  
for over 60 years**

**May 5, 2024**

*6th Sunday of Easter*

### Parish Staff

Father Stephen L. Shields..... Pastor  
Mrs. Heather Centifanti.....Office Manager  
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### Communications

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Funeral Luncheon-Dave Johnston.....(440) 670-0204

### Parish Cluster Contacts

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### Our Honored Former Pastors

+Fr. Raymond J. Grismer 1960-1962  
+Fr. Urban A. Reichlin 1962-1968  
+Fr. Claude J. Gaebelein 1968-1981  
+Fr. John J. McCaffrey 1981-1997

St. Thomas the Apostle Church is fully accessible  
No Steps, No Stairs, No Ramps.

### Parish Information

**Masses:** Saturday Vigil: 4:00 PM  
Sunday: 10:00 AM  
Monday through Saturday: 9:00 AM  
**Confession:** Saturday: 3:00 to 3:45 PM or by appointment  
**The Rosary:** Prayed every day before Mass. This includes the weekends.  
**The Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help** is prayed every Monday before 9:00 AM Mass.  
**Baptism:** Sunday: 11:30 AM A Pre-Baptismal Class is required. One Sponsor must be an active Catholic. If not from St. Thomas the Apostle Parish they need a Sponsor Letter from the Parish they attend. Call the Office to Schedule.  
**Marriage:** At least one member must be a parishioner  
Contact the Office at least six months before the tentative date is set  
**Home Communion:** Notify the Parish Office  
**Funeral:** Arrangements with the Parish Office must be made before publication. Hall rental and Funeral Luncheons available. Call Dave 440-670-0204 for food list and pricing.  
**Membership:** Call the Office when you arrive. If you are moving, or turn 18 years of age contact us.  
**Sick Calls:** Communion for shut-ins and hospital visitation notify the Parish Office  
**Parish Office Hours:** Monday-Closed  
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday-9:00 AM-3:00 PM  
Friday-9:00 AM-1:00 PM  
**St. Thomas Mission Statement:** We are a Catholic Community guided by the Holy Spirit, inspired by our liturgy and communal prayer, we reflect Jesus as servants, teachers and leaders building the kingdom of God.

**Mass Schedule**

**Lord, Hear Our Prayers**  
**Sunday May 5, 2024**  
**6th Sunday of Easter**  
 10:00 AM JoAnna Shlapack  
**Monday May 6, 2024**  
 9:00 AM All Souls  
**Tuesday May 7, 2024**  
 9:00 AM Special Intentions  
**Wednesday May 8, 2024**  
 9:00 AM All Souls  
**Thursday May 9, 2024**  
 9:00 AM Anne Szalay  
**Friday May 10, 2024**  
**St. John**  
**St. Damien de Veuster**  
 9:00 AM Christopher John Walsh  
**Saturday May 11, 2024**  
 9:00 AM Special Intentions  
 4:00 PM Marrienne Filisko  
**Sunday May 12, 2024**  
**The Ascension of the Lord**  
 10:00 AM JoAnna Shlapack  
 2nd Collection: Loose Change



**St. Thomas Parish** needs Lectors, Readers, Eucharist Ministers & Servers. "Never underestimate the power of the Holy Spirit working in you.

**Prayer Line** In need of prayers? Contact the Sisters of Notre Dame prayer line (440) 279-1163.

**Mass Intentions** are available for 2024/2025 for \$10.00 each. Contact the office (440) 949-7744.

**Weekly Offering** Please increase your Offering so we may meet our weekly financial goals. Thank you for your generous and continued support.

**2023 Tax Statements** are available by calling the Parish Office. Sent by Mail Only.

**Pre-Baptism Class-2024**

April 28 St. Thomas-11:30 AM (440) 949-7744  
 September 29 St. Thomas-11:30 AM (440) 949-7744  
 All new, expecting parents are required to attend a Pre-Baptismal Class before scheduling a baptism. One Godparents must be an active Catholic with a Sponsors Certificate from the Church they attend if they don't belong to St. Thomas. Call the Office to schedule.

**Our Blanket Ministry** continues to make blankets for the needy. Blankets are available for donation. To donate materials or finances contact Justine (440) 830-9990.

**Weekly Collection Goal** \$5,000.00  
 April 21, 2024 \$3,104.50  
 Please increase your weekly Offering so we can meet our weekly goals.  
**Saving for Paving-We Give Catholic**  
 Amount Needed: \$23,000.00 (April 2024)  
 Amount Donated: \$19,776.00 Thank You

**St. Thomas Church Events**

**Join the Celebration** Father Steve's 50<sup>th</sup> ordination anniversary!!! We will celebrate during the weekend of Pentecost. Please complete a congratulatory card and place it inside one of the blue and silver decorated boxes by the entrances. We will be holding a breakfast after the 10 am Mass on May 19<sup>th</sup>, in the hall. Tickets are \$5 cash, and are required for admittance .50 tickets will be sold after the Saturday evening Mass, May 18. 50 more tickets will be sold after the Sunday morning Mass, May 19<sup>th</sup>. Cost is \$5 per ticket; you must have a ticket for entrance, none will be sold at the door. Cash only, no checks or credit cards.

**Thank You**

...to our Garden Angels

**Saving for Paving** of all our driveways and parking lots repaired, resurfaced and relined. Donations in addition to our regular contributions can be made by check. In the memo field, write Paving. We are getting there!

**The Homeless Ministry** We need help feeding the homeless. We need donations of Food, Time and Treasures to continue this ministry. Contact Penny (440) 949-7548 for more information on how you can help.

**Events Around Town**

**"Invite One Back"** Most parishes have parishioners they haven't seen in a while. Like the Good Shepherd, let us invite those we know back to the fold one by one.

**Qualified Charitable Distributions** If you are age 70 1/2 or older, you may make a gift of a Qualified Charitable Distribution. Talk to your IRA administrator to make your gift directly to our parish. Call MaryLou Ozimek (216) 696-6525 x4070.

**Collection for Catechetical Services** is May 11-12th. This collection helps support the ministries and promotes the evangelizing mission of the Church through faith information prayer, worship, retreats and service.

**Brookside High School Mobile Food Pantry** is the 3rd Wednesday of each month from 4:30 PM-6:00 PM. Make sure your trunk is cleaned out. No early pick-up.

**Protecting God's Children** from sexual abuse. Call authorities of inappropriate behavior. (216) 334-2999.

**Liturgical Schedule**

**Saturday-May 4-4:00 PM**  
 C-MB Riley L-S Riley  
 EM-A & J Balmert, L Janis  
**Sunday-May 5-AM**  
 C-B Barelka L-N Olitsky  
 EM-B Smith, K Yatson, L Knoblauch  
 Please help if needed at the Mass you attend.



**St. Thomas Church is Kid Friendly**

