

St. Thomas the Apostle

715 Harris Road * Sheffield Lake * Ohio *
44054-1409
(440) 949-7744

**Seving our Community for
60 years**

January 16, 2022

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses: Saturday Vigil: 4:00
Sunday: 10:00 AM
Monday through Saturday: 9:00 AM

Confession: Saturday: 3:00 to 3:45 PM or by appointment

The Rosary: Prayed daily before 9 AM Mass. This includes the weekends.

The Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help is prayed every Monday before Mass.

Baptism: Sunday: 11:30 AM

Parent Pre-Baptismal Class required
One Sponsor must be an active Catholic with a Sponsor Letter from the Church they attend.

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

Information/insert for the bulletin must be in the Parish Office by Wednesday at 3:00 PM to make the next weekend.

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.

Diocese of Cleveland

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Parish Staff

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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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1305 East Erie Ave. Lorain 44052 (440) 288-0106
St. Teresa.....office@stteresaparish.com
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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 1981-1998

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

Mass Schedule

Respect for Life

Sunday January 16, 2022
2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
 10:00 AM L/D Ladies guild
 2nd Collection: Loose Change

Monday January 17, 2022
St. Anthony
 9:00 AM Poor Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday January 18, 2022
 9:00 AM Special Intentions

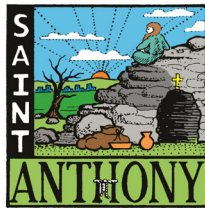
Wednesday January 19, 2022
 9:00 AM Increase in Holy Vocations

Thursday January 20, 2022
St. Fabian; St. Sabastian
 9:00 AM Joel Peters

Friday January 21, 2022
St. Agnes
 9:00 AM Special Intentions

Saturday January 22, 2022
 9:00 AM L/D All Opus Sanctorum Angelorum
 4:00 PM Suk Yong Chang (Gregorio)

Sunday January 23, 2022
3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
 10:00 AM John R. Stowe
 2nd Collection: Loose Change



Pre-Baptism Class-2022

January 16-11:30 AM St. Thomas (440) 949-7744
 February 15-7:30 PM St. Mary (440) 934-4212
 All new, expecting parents are required to attend a Pre-Baptismal Class before scheduling a baptism at the Parish they attend. One of the two Godparents must be an active Catholic with a Sponser Certificate from their church.

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

St. Thomas Facebook: Send your e-mail address to the Parish Office and receive the bulletin electronically each week. <https://m.facebook.com/thomas.church.39142>

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

Musician (s) Needed for Sunday Masses. Contact Fr. Steve or leave a message at the Parish Office.

Mass Intentions are available for 2022/2023. They are \$10.00 each. Contact the office (440) 949-7744 or drop into the weekly collection. Mark the envelopes Masses and include a phone number. First come-first served.

Liturgical Schedule

Saturday, January 22-4:00 PM
 C-MB Riley L-S Riley
 EM-A & J Balmert, S Helman
Sunday, January 23-10:00 AM
 C-J Houlihan L-J Mack
 EM-D Munro, K Yatson, B Smith



Cup servers removed until further notice.
 Fill in for Eucharist Ministers at the Mass you attend.

Weekly Collection Goal \$5,000.00
 January 10, 2022 \$3,935.00
 Please increase your offering so we can meet our goal.

Online Giving www.CatholicCommunity.org/Offertory
 Please continue to support St. Thomas by mailing in your weekly envelopes.

Thank you for your generous and continued support.
 Remember St. Thomas in your Will.

St. Thomas Church Events

St. Thomas Pre Baptism Class St. Thomas will host a pre Baptism class on Sunday, January 16th at 11:30 AM in Church. One of the two God Parents must be an active Catholic with a Sponser Certificate from the Church they attend. All new parents must take the class before a baptism can be scheduled. Everything needed will be provide at that time.

St. Thomas Fish Fry will begin March 2-April 16. We need volunteers and donations.

Homeless Shelter To donate paper products, food, time or finances, call Penny (440) 949-7548. We serve all year to a full Shelter. Help us to help others.

The Sheffield Schools Food Pantry is Wednesday, January 19th from 4:30-06:00 PM. Food will only be distributed at this time. Make sure your vehicle and trunk are clean. Participants who arrive early will need to park in Sevets Stadium until dismillal is completed.



Virtus Training <http://www.virtus.org> click training tab. Anyone working with children in our Parish must do this.

Catholic Renewal Ministries will host a Charismatic Mass on Friday, January 28th, at 7:00 PM at St. Peter Parish, 35777 Center Ridge Rd., North Ridgeville 44039. Fr. Bob Franco will be the celebrant. Praise and worship will begin at 7:00 and the liturgy will start at 7:30 PM. Healing prayer teams will be available after Mass for individual prayer, and a social after mass. Contact Fr. Franco at 440-327-2201 or CRM at 440-944-9445.

Revelation of God's Presence Today's first reading from Isaiah arises out of the ordeal of the people of Jerusalem and Judea as they anticipate the end of seventy years of exile in Babylon. Their sufferings and their oppression will end, and they are promised joy like that of a great wedding upon returning to their homeland. Although this passage is probably set in the early sixth century B.C., it is free of historical particulars. Accordingly, the Church has understood its imagery universally, as it proclaims God's promise of healing, hope, and happiness for all peoples, in this world and in the next. When read the story of Jesus' turning water into wine at the wedding at Cana becomes a revelation of God's presence in the person of Jesus, making these promises real for us in the here and now, in the transformation of our own lives.



St. Thomas Church is Kid Friendly



Thank You

...to the undecorating Angels.

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time "For Pete's sake will you kids be quiet?" This question, no doubt, has passed the lips of numerous parents through the years. It's tempting to speculate as to who, exactly, was instructing Isaiah to be quiet. Neighbors? Fellow prophets? Family? No matter. Isaiah says firmly that for the sake of Jerusalem and Zion he will not be silent. Conversely, in the familiar passage in today's Gospel reading, Mary chides her son to break his silence, to save the wedding soon to run out of wine. Jesus responds with a prophetic action, one that signals the miraculous, bountiful joy flowing at the heavenly wedding feast. Prophetic words, prophetic deeds--both flow from a broken silence. The Corinthians seem to have been Paul's problem children. His two letters to them are much longer than any of his other letters--two, three, or four times as long as some. It seems that if the early Christians at Corinth could misunderstand or do something wrong, they would. Fortunately for us, the two letters to the Corinthians, though they contain much didactic or instructional material, also provide some of Paul's most well-crafted and grace-filled writing. This is certainly true today, with Paul's litany of gifts that the Spirit bestows on the faithful, even to this day. Paul seeks to calm the squabbling that seems to have been going on, as the Corinthians tried to claim one gift or another as more important. All gifts come from the same Spirit, Paul reminds them; and the various gifts are given for the benefit of the community. When jealousy arises in our midst today, we can still turn to Paul's insights so we might stop being prideful, problem children.

Treasures from Our Tradition We have the wedding at Cana at the heart of today's liturgy because this story of Jesus' first miracle of water turned into wine was originally part of the Epiphany feast. Mary has been recruited to deal with some of the details of the banquet, and when a very understandable crisis arises, she does what she can to rescue the party. Anyone who has ever run out of ice, desert, or table settings knows the stress! This feast led the Church to form a way to bless marriages. A thousand years ago weddings migrated from the family home to the doors of the church, where the celebration was held in public view. From this practice came a prayer called the "Nuptial Blessing," one of the most solemn prayers in our tradition. It is like the prayers by which baptismal water and chrism are consecrated, the ordination prayer over a priest, and the Eucharistic Prayers over bread and wine. Four hundred fifty years ago, weddings moved inside the church building. All of this gives married couples good reason to celebrate this day as a mini-anniversary, especially with the clinking of glasses filled with good wine.

Parish Cluster Events
St. Teresa: Eucharist Adoration is every Wednesday from 9 AM-1 PM in the Church.
St. Anthony: Rosarys for the Unborn are said the first Saturday of each month from 10 AM-3:30 PM. In Church.

Family Perspectives

Almighty ever-living God, who govern all things, both in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the pleading of your people and bestow your peace on our times. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

Reflection question:
 What can I do to help to bring about God's peace?

Events Around Town

USCCB "Receiving the COVID-19 vaccines ought to be considered an act of love, charity and safety toward members of our community, our neighbor and part of our moral responsibility for the common good," Visit <http://usccb.org/moral-considerations-covid-vaccines>

Qualified Charitable Distributions If you are 70 ½ or older, you may be able to make a gift of a Qualified Charitable Distribution from your IRA that will help us in our ministry and reduce your taxable income. Talk to your advisors and IRA administrator to be sure that your gift is made directly from an IRA to a qualified charity such as our parish. Questions? Contact Mary Lou Ozimek of the Catholic Community Foundation at 216-225-9120.

Masks Our Bishop Edward recommends that we wear masks for Mass and other indoor parish gatherings, while maintaining patience and charity for those who choose not to get vaccinated or wear the masks.

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. Park in Sevits stadium parking lot due to school dismissals. No early pick-up.

NET (National Evangelization Teams) Ministries is a Catholic retreat ministry whose mission is to "Challenge young Catholics to love Christ and embrace the life of the Church." Members travel the country in vans doing retreats for junior high and high school aged youth. visit www.netusa.org/retreats

CCA Grief Support January 16th "In-Office" at 3:00PM and "Virtual" at 5:00PM: Catholic Cemeteries Association provides free monthly grief support groups in two formats: In-Office (3PM) and Virtually (5PM) via Zoom. We meet the 3rd Sunday of every month for open discussion, surrounding a monthly topic or whatever is on your heart. The January 16th topic is "Facing the New Year with Hope and Love". We offer a comfortable, private, and safe environment where you are free to explore your grief. Come and be in the presence of those who understand. In-Office Grief Support groups meet in the main office Holy Cross, Brook Park | 14609 Brook Park Rd St. Joseph, Avon | 32789 Detroit Road.

Catholic Radio Stations
 1220 AM-WHKW Radio The Word
 1260 AM-The Rock



<http://www.dioceseofcleveland.org/catholicradio>