

Give to Caesar...  
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## St. Thomas the Apostle

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

Serving our Community  
for over 60 years

October 22, 2023  
The 29th Sunday  
in  
Ordinary Time

### Parish Staff

Father Stephen L. Shields..... Pastor  
Mrs. Heather Centifanti.....Office Manager  
Mr. Michael Chutes.....Property Manager

### Communications

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Twitter.....Sthomas715  
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RCIA.....(440) 949-7744  
CYO-Jim O'Connor.....(440) 949-2631  
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Funeral Luncheon-Dave Johnston.....(440) 670-0204

### Parish Cluster Contacts

St. Anthony...[www.stanthonylorain.parishesonline.com](http://www.stanthonylorain.parishesonline.com)  
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Phone.....(800) 869-6525  
Address.....1404 E. 9th St., Cleveland, Ohio 44114

### 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 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

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**

Pray for the lonely, sick, unemployed

**Sunday October 22, 2023**  
**29th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**World Mission Sunday**

10:00 AM JoMarie Chutes  
 2nd Collection: Loose Change

**Monday October 23, 2023**  
**St. John of Capistrano**  
 9:00 AM Marianne T. M. Walsh

**Tuesday October 24, 2023**  
**St. Andrew Mary Claret**  
 9:00 AM Nancy Harrington

**Wednesday October 25, 2023**  
 9:00 AM Janet Ritter

**Thursday October 26, 2023**  
 9:00 AM All Souls

**Friday October 27, 2023**  
 9:00 AM St. Thomas Parishioners

**Saturday October 28, 2023**  
**Ss. Simon and Jude**  
 9:00 AM Kellie Lynn Keene  
 4:00 PM John Stowe

**Sunday October 29, 2023**  
**30th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Reformation Day**  
 10:00 AM Doyle Ritter  
 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.

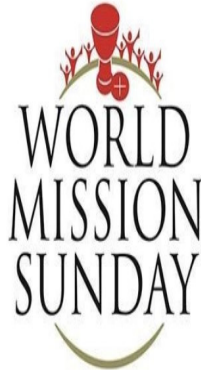
**Mass Intentions** are available for 2024 for \$10.00 each. Contact the office (440) 949-7744.

**Pre-Baptism Class-2023**

November 5-1:30 PM St. Raphael (440) 871-1100  
 November 14-7:30 PM St. Mary (440) 934-4212  
 November 21-6:30 PM St. Joseph (440) 933-3152

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 the Church they attend.

**RIP Donald Kowalski** Life has changed not ended. Pray for the consolation of his family and friends.



**Weekly Collection Goal** \$5,000.00  
 October 15, 2023 \$4,505.00  
 Please increase your Offering so we may meet our weekly financial goals.  
 Thank you for your generous and continued support.  
 Remember St. Thomas in your Will.

**St. Thomas Church Events**

**World Mission Sunday** is October 22nd. Please be generous with your donations.

**St. Thomas Fall 6 Week Bible Study** is every Tuesday from October 10th-November 14th from 7-8:30 PM in Conference Room #1 in Grismer Hall. Everyone Welcome

**St. Thomas Shirts** Official St. Thomas shirts are now available for sale. Big Frog Custom Shirts, 35878 Detroit Road, Avon. (440) 723-3393.

**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.

**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.

**Conformation Classes 2023/2024** contact St. Anthony Parish Office (440) 288-0106, for any questions. Confirmation will be held at St. Peter's on Oberlin Ave. in Lorain. Call St. Peter's (440) 282-9103.

**Political Advertising** for any political candidates is forbidden on St. Thomas Parish property. Solicitation of any kind is forbidden in the parish parking lots.

**Thank You**  
 ....to our Church Musicians.

**Events Around Town**

**Qualified Charitable Distributions** If you are age 70 1/2 or older, you may make a gift of a Quailified Charitable Distribution. Talk to your IRA administrator to be sure that your gift is made directly to our parish. Call MaryLou Ozimek of the Catholic Community Foundation (216) 696-6525 x4070 for more information.

**Catholic Calendars** Catholic homes have Catholic calendars, <https://www.ashbypublishing.com/printed-churchcalendars/15/catholic> or call (800) 413-2220.

**Vote NO on Issue #1**

**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 distribution.

**Protecting God's Children** from sexual abuse. Inform authorities of inappropriate behavior. Call (216) 334-2999. [responseservices@dioceseofcleveland.org](mailto:responseservices@dioceseofcleveland.org).

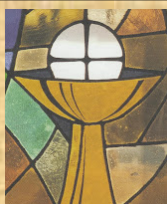
**Liturgical Schedule**

**Saturday-October 21-4:00 PM**

C-MB Riley L-S Riley  
 EM-P Rieth, J & A Balmert

**Sunday-October 22-10:00 AM**

C-J Houlihan L-B Barelka  
 EM-K Mohrbach, D Gray, E Knoblauch  
 Cup servers removed until further notice. Fill in (if needed) for Eucharist Ministers at the Mass you attend.



**St. Thomas Church**  
 is  
**Kid Friendly**

