



St. Thomas the Apostle

715 Harris Road * Sheffield Lake * Ohio * 44054-1409

December 31, 2017 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

PARISH INFORMATION

MASSES: Saturday Vigil: 4:00 PM
Sunday: 9:00 and 11:00 AM
Monday through Saturday: 9:00 AM

CONFESSIONS: Saturday: 3:00 to 3:45 PM
or by appointment.

BAPTISM: Sundays: 12:30 PM
Parent Pre-Baptismal Class required

MARRIAGE: Contact the Office at least six months
before the tentative date is set.

HOME COMMUNION: Anyone desiring Communion at
home should notify the Parish Office.

FUNERALS: Arrangements with the Parish Office must be
made before publication.

MEMBERSHIP: New members are welcome. Call the Office
when you arrive. If you are moving, or turn 18 years of age
contact us to keep our files updated.

SICK CALLS: Communion for shut-ins and hospital visitation
notify the Parish Office

PARISH OFFICE HOURS: Monday-closed
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday-9:00 AM-4:00 PM
Friday-9:00 AM-3:00 PM
Any information/insert included in the bulletin must be in the
Parish Office by Wednesday at 4:00 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.

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

The Assumption of Mary	August 15, 2018
All Saints	November 1, 2018
Immaculate Conception	December 8, 2018
Christmas	December 25, 2018

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PARISH STAFF

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Mr. Michael Chutes.....Custodian

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PARISH CLUSTER CONTACTS

St. Anthony...www.stanthonylorain.parishesonline.com
1305 East Erie Ave. Lorain 44052 (440) 288-0106
St. Teresa.....http://www.sttereasparish.com
1878 Abbe Rd. Sheffield Village 44054 (440) 934-4227

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

Weekly Intention: Family Unity

Sunday December 31, 2017
The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph
 9:00 AM Phyllis & Robert Bayus
 11:00 AM Bill Shlapack
 2nd Collection: Loose Change

Monday January 1, 2018
Mary, the Holy Mother of God
World Day of Prayer for Peace
New Year's Day
 10:00 AM Special Intention

Tuesday January 2, 2018
Ss. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen
 9:00 AM Tom & Mary Lou Judge

Wednesday January 3, 2018
The Most Holy Name of Jesus
 9:00 AM Wilton Turner Family

Thursday January 4, 2018
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
 9:00 AM Michael Maynard Family

Friday January 5, 2018
St. John Neumann
 9:00 AM Robert Groff

Saturday January 6, 2018
St. Andre Bessette
 9:00 AM Mrs. Rose Romero
 4:00 PM St. Thomas Parishioners

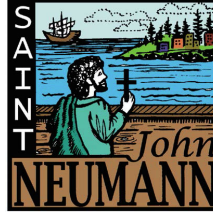
Sunday January 7, 2018
The Epiphany of the Lord
 9:00 AM Julia Johnston & Family
 11:00 AM Ken Hicks
 2nd Collection:
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Pre-Baptismal Classes-2018

January 21 St. Thomas-12:30 PM (440) 949-7744
 February 20 St. Mary-7:30 PM (440) 934-4212
 March 15 Holy Spirit-7:30 PM (440) 933-3777

New and expecting parents are required to attend a class before scheduling a baptism at their church of Worship.

Facebook: www.facebook.com/saintthomaschurchohio

Twitter: [Stthomas715](https://twitter.com/Stthomas715)

ONEPARISH.COM sign up to an app and receive the bulletin on line. Download the App store or Google play.

St. Thomas Prayer Lines Call, a friendly voice is on the other end.(440)865-9387 or (440)949-7548.

St. Thomas the Apostle Church is Kid Friendly

Gospels for the Week: Thursday Jn 1:35-42
 Monday Lk 2:16-21 Friday Jn 1:43-51
 Tuesday Jn 1:19-28 Saturday Lk 3:23-28
 Wednesday Jn 1:29-34 Sunday Mt 2:1-12

Weekly Collections

Weekly	Goal	Fiscal Year to Date
December 24, 2017	\$5,000.00	\$135,000.00
Offertory	\$4,355.50	\$104,941.22
	-\$644.50	-\$30,058.78
Christmas	\$10,902.00	

Thank you for your generous and continued support.

St. Thomas News/Events

Mass Schedule for Monday, New Year's Day, January 1, 2018 is 10:00 AM only. January 2, 2018, all Masses and confessions return to the regular schedule until Lent.

Mass Intentions are available for 2018 and 2019. Each intention is \$10.00.

January Collections: Catholic University, January 20-21 2018. The Catholic University of America is the national University of the Catholic Church in the United States, located in Washington, D.C. It provides an academically rigorous education guided by the Catholic intellectual tradition to nearly 7,000 students every year. Your support helps to expand its impact in preparing the next generation of leadership for our Church and nation.

Latin America – El Salvador, January 27-28 2018 This is the only appeal made for the Cleveland Latin American Mission in El Salvador. It is the main support for two diocesan priests who work in the two parishes served by our Mission Office. The Church in Latin America is managed by the US Conference of Catholic Bishops and benefits projects and the formation of seminarians, religious and lay leaders in 23 countries across Latin America.

Liturgical Schedule

Saturday, January 6-4:00 PM

C-J Mack L-S Riley
 EM-L Wenzel, R Zaborski, S Lynch
 C-M Wenzel, R O'Connor
 S-C & E Balmert

Sunday, January 7-9:00 AM

C-J Houlihan L-J Houlihan
 EM-D & R Arena, K Janosik
 C-R Kirsch, J Houlihan
 S-

Sunday, January 7-11:00 AM

C-L Prokay L-M Fairweather
 EM-D Munro, D Gray, N Olitsky
 C-L Prokay, M Fairweather
 S-N Barsan

Looking for new Servers, Lectors, Commentators or Eucharist Ministers, call the Parish Office at 949-7744.



Thank You

...to those who give of their time, talents and treasures to St. Thomas Church this holiday season and the new year.
...Dorothy for making the presents for our servers.
...to those who purchased gifts for the giving Tree.

Epiphany House Blessing

The "+" signs represent across for each season of the year and 2018 is the year

The letters C, M, B have two meanings:

- They are the initials of the traditional names of the three magi: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar.
- They also abbreviate the Latin words *Christus mansionem benedicat*, "May Christ bless the house."



Bearers of the Word The Church has placed a number of notable feast days immediately after Christmas. The feasts of Stephen, John the Evangelist, and the Holy Innocents form a summary of the life lived in Christ, the Word made flesh. What do these have to do with the feast of the Holy Family, which crowns the Octave of Christmas? These feasts remind us that suffering will occur in fulfilling the mission of Christ, and that we are all called to be bearers of this Word whose birth we celebrate. We also see this manifested in the lives of Joseph and Mary, both of whom took social and religious risks in obedience to the will of God, and both of whom were open to the word of God sent to them from on high. In these ways they prefigured the life of Jesus himself. Most likely, few of us found ourselves at Mass this past Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday, but the essence of these feasts and the essence of the holiness of Joseph, Mary, and Jesus remain central, a holiness we celebrate today.

Catholic Radio Stations

- 1220 AM-WHKW Radio The Word
- 1260 AM-The Rock Tune
- 1060 AM-Living Bread



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

EWTN-Is a Catholic news, television and radio network which offers news from around the world as it happens. www.ewtnnews.com Check EWTN's for Mass schedule. Televised Sunday Mass-Channel 8 at 6:00 AM.

Bulletin Ad Campaign 2018 Our Advertising Representative is working on a 2018 Ad Campaign for our Church Bulletin. Call 440-382-2805 to include an ad or recommend a business. Please support these local businesses throughout the year.

Family Perspectives

In today's gospel, the infant Jesus is the center of attention. Unfortunately, many children are less valued today. They often take second place to convenience, career, budget, activities and adult needs. The gospel reminds us that every child deserves the opportunity to "grow and become strong" and to realize that the "favor of God is upon them." As we enter a new year ask: "What opportunities do I have to bless a child? Now act on those."

Events Around Town

Holy Spirit Parish in Avon Lake has a part-time reception/secretary position available. The position hours are afternoons/evenings, Monday through Thursday and daytime hours several times during the year for vacation substitute. Duties include answering phone, data entry, filing and other general office duties. Computer skills and multi tasking skills are a must, along with strong interpersonal skills. The ability to understand the need for and to keep confidence regarding church matters is essential. Please send a resume with cover letter, Attention Pat Kassay, to 410 Lear Rd., Avon Lake, OH 44012 or hsp@holyspiritavonlake.org.

Chaplain Services are available for Prisons and Jails located in the Diocese of Cleveland. If you have a loved one incarcerated and would like a priest, deacon or one of our lay volunteer ministers visit with them, call the Parish Life Office at 800-869-6525 or 216-696-6525 x 3500.

Retrouvaille Weekend – January 19-21, 2018 - A Life-line for Troubled Marriages. Has your marriage become unloving or uncaring – your relationship cold, distant – thinking about a separation or divorce? Retrouvaille (rediscovery), is open to couples of all faiths, consists of a weekend experience for couples and six follow up sessions. A registration fee of \$150 is required to confirm your reservation. Call 1.800.470.2230, or go online to www.helpourmarriage.org.

Catholic Cemeteries Grief Support leaders are certified as Ministers of Consolation by the National Catholic Ministry to the Bereaved, Inc. We meet the 3rd Sunday of every month at 3:00 PM, Join us Sunday, January 21st at St. Joseph Cemetery in Avon, and Holy Cross Cemetery in Brook Park.

3 Parish Cluster Events

St. Thomas: Music Club invites all singers and musicians to join us. Contact Roger (440)346-3022.

St. Teresa: Eucharist Adoration is every Wednesday from 9 AM-1 PM in the Church.

St. Anthony: Our Perpetual Adoration Chapel is open 24/7 behind the Church.

Parish Events this Week

Dec 31-Rental	Eiringer Hall	3-12:AM
Jan 1-5-CYO	Grismer Hall	3:30-9:00 PM
Jan 6-CYO	Grismer Hall	9AM-4PM