



*Since you
were faithful
in small
matters,*

*I will give
you great
responsibilities*

St. Thomas the Apostle

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

November 15, 2020 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

NEW SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Starting January 1, 2021 we will have one Mass on Sunday at 10:00 AM. The rest of our Mass schedule for the weekend and weekdays will remain the same.

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

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

Baptism: Sunday: 12:30 PM
Parent Pre-Baptismal Class required
One Sponsor must be an active Catholic with a Sponsor Letter from the Church they attend.

Marriage: 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 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.

Holy Days of Obligation have been suspended until further notice.

Diocese of Cleveland

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Parish Staff

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

Communications

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RCIA.....440-949-7744
CYO-Jim O'Connor.....440-949-2631
Grismer Hall/Gym.....440-949-8491
Funeral Luncheon-Dave Johnston.....440-670-0204
Music/Choir-Roger Brooks.....440-346-3022

Parish Cluster Contacts

St. Anthony...www.stanthonylorain.parishesonline.com
1305 East Erie Ave. Lorain 44052 (440) 288-0106
St. Teresa.....office@stteresaparish.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: Peace & Security

Sunday November 15, 2020
33rd Week in Ordinary Time

9:00 AM L & D Ladies Guild
11:00 AM Michael & Ted Linn

Monday November 16, 2020
St. Margaret of Scotland
St. Gertrude

9:00 AM Dan Hnanicek
Tuesday November 17, 2020
St. Elizabeth of Hungry

9:00 AM Betty Savinsky
Wednesday November 18, 2020
Dedication of the
Basilicas of Ss. Peter & Paul
St. Rose Philippine Duchesne

9:00 AM All Souls
Thursday November 19, 2020

9:00 AM Arlene Kunz
Friday November 20, 2020
9:00 AM Ray's Auto Staff & families

Saturday November 21, 2020
Presentation of Blessed Virgin Mary

9:00 AM St. Thomas Parishioners
4:00 PM L/D Petcavage/Szalay family

Sunday November 22, 2020
Christ the King

9:00 AM Jim Centifanti
11:00 AM Michael Rock
Lectionary Year: "A"



PRE-BAPTISM CLASS-2020

November 15 St. Thomas-12:30 PM (440) 949-7744
No December Classes

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.

St. Thomas needs Lectors, Readers, Eucharist Ministers & Servers. No Experience needed. "Never underestimate the power of the Holy Spirit working in you.

St. Thomas has a new Facebook address:
<https://m.facebook.com/thomas.church.39142>

Send E-mail address to receive weekly bulletin online.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Saturday, November 21-4:00 PM
C-MB Riley L-S Riley

EM-A & J Balmart, S Duffy
Sunday, November 22-9:00 AM
C-J Houlihan L-J Mack

EM-K Janosik, P Blazinz, H Schremp
Sunday, November 22-11:00 AM

C-L Prokay L-M Fairweather
EM-D Gray, J Kelly, D Munro



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

WEEKLY COLLECTION Goal \$5,000.00

November 8, 2020 \$4,172.50

Please increase your Offering so that 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.

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ST. THOMAS CHURCH EVENTS

Holy Water If you would like Holy Water blessed bring some in your provided container and Fr. Steve will bless it after any Mass.

Virtus Training <http://www.virtus.org> click training tab.

Blessing Blanket Ministry meets every Monday from 1-5 PM in Room #2 in Grismer Hall. If you wish to drop off material or completed blankets do so on Mondays. We have blessed 102 People. Thanks for all the support. Justine (440) 830-9990.

Paper Products Drive for the Shelter begins November 1st-30th. We need paper products for the shelter. Boxes are located at the doors of the Church. Call Penny (440) 949-7548 for more information.

St. ROSE PHILIPPINE DUCHESNE (1769-1852)

November 18

Pope Benedict once declared himself struck by how remarkably diverse our American saints are some native born: Mother Seton, Katherine Drexel, Kateri Tekakwitha; most, like many Catholics today, immigrants:

Padre Serra, Bishop Neumann, Mother Cabrini, Rose Philippine Duchesne. When the French Revolution that dispersed her convent ended, Rose joined the Religious of the Sacred Heart, volunteering for their United States mission, opening the first free school west of the Mississippi. Only after lengthy service as Superior did Rose now seventy-one realize her life's dream, undertaking a mission among the Potawatomi Indians. When some worried about her advanced age and failing health, the Jesuit mission leader overruled them: "She must come! She may not be able to do much work, but she'll bring the mission success by praying for us!" Frustrated by her inability to learn their languages, Rose nevertheless "spoke" to the Native Americans by her prayerful presence before the tabernacle. "Quah-kah-kanum-ad," they named her, "Woman-Who-Prays-Always" their way of bestowing the title the Church would later make official: saint!



St. Thomas Church is Kid Friendly



THANK YOU

...to Ken for helping to clean the Church every week.



Change Our Lives The letters of Paul to the Thessalonians are among his earliest writings, and are driven by his belief and the belief of the entire early Christian community that the return of Christ was imminent, and that devoting time or attention to anything else was foolish. When we hear these readings about the coming end-times, if we can take them to heart, if we really believe that Christ still may come upon us as a “thief at night.” Then does this mean that we are to stop our long-range goal-setting, get rid of our yearly calendars and planners, or stop putting money in the college education fund? Of course not. It means we can change our lives, living like children of the light and illuminating the world around us with the light of the gospel. Then, on that day, when the details of our daily living become unimportant, we will be ready to find our peace and security in Christ Jesus.

Treasures from Our Tradition Coming to the end of the Church year, we wonder how we got “extreme unction” out of “anointing of the sick.” “Extreme” comes from a Latin phrase, in extremis, which in English refers to the last struggle of a dying person. “Last rites” is a phrase and refers to the fact that years ago everyone waited until the last crisis of illness to summon the priest. The goal of anointing had always been healing and forgiveness, but in time it began to be seen as a preparation for death. The emphasis on the penitential aspects was heightened in the twelfth century, when the sick person was sprinkled with ashes mixed with holy water and given a hair shirt as a sign of penance. The reformers thankfully overlooked some of these oddities of history, and today the sacrament of the sick is much more generously applied to persons in a wide range of situations. Still, it is a sacrament of reconciliation, and for that reason is not celebrated for an infant or toddler, although there is a rite for a visit to a sick child not including anointing or Communion.

Remain in Me In the story of the talents, the head of the household leaves the servants “talents” or money, which they are expected to develop during the leader’s absence. It is interesting that they were distributed “according to ability,” which would express a certain intimacy as we realize that the master knew each one, and already had an idea of their capabilities. They were not given explicit instructions like “put this in the bank” or “invest this in your portfolio” or “take piano lessons.” Rather, we are told that the goods were divided unequally. One received five, one received two, and the last received one.

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.

FAMILY PERSPECTIVES

Life in a family is a gift. The same applies to life in a parish community. We join other who share a common purpose and goal. When we hear today’s parables and others like it, we can be moved into action, investing ourselves and our families more fully into Christian life. What is one gift or talent that you have received from the hand of God and are using to serve your family and the People of God.

EVENTS AROUND TOWN

St. Thomas is still providing food for the Homeless Shelter. Call Penny (440) 949-7548 to make a financial donation, donate food or help prepare or deliver meals. We supply meals year round.

Our Cathedral's YouTube Channel features the Stations of the Cross and the Rosary, in addition to various tracks of the Cathedral Choir. Consider visiting and subscribing to Cleveland Cathedral YouTube channel

Catholic Radio Stations

1220 AM-WHKW Radio The Word
1260 AM-The Rock
1060 AM-Living Bread
1330 AM-WINT

<http://www.dioceseofcleveland.org/catholicradio>
'Table Talk' 1260AMtherock.com for times and dates.
EWTN-www.ewtnnews.com TV or online liturgy does not fulfill the Sunday Mass obligation.



The Catholic Diocese of Cleveland Mass Fox 8 Sunday broadcast time is 5 AM starting on Sunday, Oct. 25, 2020. According to Fox 8, this change has been made so they can comply with federal mandates involving children’s programming. The TV Mass can also be accessed on demand starting Saturday evening and running throughout Sunday on the Diocese of Cleveland website, dioceseofcleveland.org, on the radio, at AM 1260 The Rock, at 4 PM on Saturdays and 10:30 AM. on Sundays. The Catholic televised Mass on Fox 8 has been a staple of religious programming in Northeast Ohio for decades, cultivating a dedicated and faithful following. It is hoped faithful viewers will continue to tune in at the earlier time.

Protecting God’s Children “Protecting God’s Children” protects children from sexual abuse. Inform authorities of inappropriate behavior. Call 216-334-2999 responseservices@dioceseofcleveland.org “Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I love you very much. I beg you to spare the life of the unborn baby that I have spiritually adopted who is in danger of abortion.”

Pro-Life Doctor’s List Pro-life doctors, who don’t practice abortion or support its use. Call 440-322-0076.
www.loraincountyrighttolife.org under Resources/Issues tab. Abortion destroys God’s plan for the life of that child.

