



St. Thomas the Apostle

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

November 21, 2021 Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe

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

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

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Grismer Hall/Gym.....440-949-8491
Funeral Luncheon-Dave Johnston.....440-670-0204

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

A Thankful Heart

Sunday November 21, 2021
Jesus Christ King of the Universe

10:00 AM L/D Ladies Guild
 2nd Collection: Loose Change

Monday November 22, 2021
St. Cecilia

9:00 AM L&D Szalay & Petcavage family

Tuesday November 23, 2021
St. Clement; St. Columband
Bl. Miguel Agustin Pro

9:00 AM Staff & family of St. John Medical Center
Wednesday November 24, 2021

St. Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions

9:00 AM Mary & Joseph Filfsko

Thursday November 25, 2021
St. Catherine of Alexandria
Thanksgiving Day

9:00 AM Elaine Rock

Friday November 26, 2021

9:00 AM Tom Hooper

Saturday November 27, 2021

9:00 AM All Souls

4:00 PM Pat & Bob Smaldino

Sunday November 28, 2021
1st Sunday of Advent

10:00 AM L&D Szalay & Petcavage family
 2nd Collection: Loose Change
 Lectionary Year: "B"



Weekly Collection Goal \$5,000.00

November 14, 2021 \$3,606.00

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

weGiveCatholic In the Spirit of Thanksgiving You heard about Black Friday and Cyber Monday, now you can share your blessings on Tuesday, November 30: Giving Tuesday. The Diocese of Cleveland asks you to be part of Northeast Ohio's Online Day of #weGiveCatholic, which allows you to contribute to programs and sites, ministries, and other Catholic nonprofits in Northeast Ohio. Simply use your computer or smartphone on Tuesday, November 30 from 12 AM-11:55 PM go to www.weGiveCatholic.org, search St. Thomas the Apostle and donate. In the spirit of the season of gratitude, remember to Give Catholic.

Missalette Party will be Saturday, November 27th at 9:30AM. We need volunteers to help us distribute them and get us ready for the 1st Sunday of Advent.

Church Decorating Party is Sunday, December 19th at 11AM. We need help decorating and preparing the Church for the Christmas Season.

Parish Council meets the 4th Monday of the month at 6:30 PM. (Note time change)

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.

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

Musician Need for Sunday Masses. Contact Fr. Steve.

Feast of Faith; Procession "The Mass is ended, go in peace." At the beginning of Mass, the ministers entered in solemn procession, an emblem of the diverse community that comes together around the altar to celebrate the Eucharist. As Mass ends, another procession forms, and the ministers go forth from the church. This concluding procession also acts as an emblem of the entire assembly, who, nourished by the Eucharist, will now go forth to our scattered homes and places of work to be a transforming leaven of the gospel in the world. At the beginning of Mass, the priest kissed the altar as a sign of greeting, a gesture of reverence for Christ. Now, the priest reverences the altar again, this time in a gesture of farewell. We gather our things and go forth as we entered—but not quite. Through our celebration of the Eucharist, we have renewed our commitment to service of Christ our King, and go forth nourished, strengthened, renewed—changed.

Pre-Baptism Class-2021

No December Class

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.

St. Thomas needs Lectors, Readers, Eucharist Ministers & Servers. No Experience needed. "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.

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>

Liturgical Schedule

Saturday, November 27-4:00 PM

C-MB Riley L-S Riley

EM-A & J Balmert, S Lynch

Sunday, November 28-10:00 AM

C-J Mack L-J Houlihan

EM-J Kelly, R Zaborski, N Olitsky



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



St. Thomas Church is Kid Friendly



Thank You

...to Kenney for cleaning the church every week.
 ...to Kathy for opening and locking the church.
 ...John for the music at church.

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe Jesus is a king like no other. He is not bound by time or place. His authority is everlasting. He is the one “who is and who was and who is to come.” Jesus does not rule as earthly kings govern. Jesus reigns in humble obedience to the will of God the Father and calls us to do the same. It is by following the truth of Christ’s command and listening to his voice of love that we are made into a kingdom, serving the One whose dominion is everlasting.

Christ's Kingdom is a kingdom of glory and power that will never end. Pilate wanted to know if Jesus claimed to be a king, or if the Jews were behind the rumors of kingship. Jesus does not deny his kingship; after all, he says his purpose in life is the Truth. Pilate's response, "What is truth?" For Jesus (and for us) truth is that God is the source of the universe, the source of all life. Jesus came to show us the truth of God's love for all people. The divine kingdom is simply the way that we relate to God and each other. We join that kingdom, not by signing a membership list, but by living a life of love: Love for God and for each other. So why doesn't Jesus use all that power and glory to make everyone follow him? God asks us to be humble like Jesus. God doesn't force people to believe. That is another side of Truth: who God is and who we are. If you believe in God, you begin to see God in people who you love, people who need our help. We even see God in the beauty and majesty of creation. Jesus invites us to accept the truth and become members of his kingdom. The tax is what we freely choose to give; the army are those who freely give themselves in service to the poor, the sick, and those who are seeking God. The laws of this Kingdom are simple Love God with all your being and love your neighbor as yourself. And that's the Truth.

Treasures from Our Tradition Despite the fact that the feast of Christ the King was established less than a century ago, it has already undergone a shift in focus. When Pope Pius XI established this feast in 1925, nationalism and fascism were on the rise. The pope intended that it be a “vehicle for spiritual teaching,” one that would recognize the ultimate authority of Christ over all political and social scheming. The last Sunday of October was chosen because of its proximity to All Saints. The calendar reforms of 1969 moved the feast to the last Sunday of the liturgical year. There, in the context of November’s focus on the end times, Christ’s second coming at the end of all time is highlighted. In this year’s Gospel, Christ stands before Pilate, whose own power blinds him to the truth of the Lord’s kingdom.

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

Today's gospel is clear that “everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.” Truth is critical to fulfillment and happiness. Without it, we live suspiciously in a world of lies. What is the truth about the effect of our actions on children? A parent's presence in the development of a child? The result of long work days and too little time with families? Live the Gospel truth.

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. The next event is December 15th. Make sure your trunk is clean out. If you arrive early, park in Severts stadium parking lot due to school dismissals. No early pick-up.

Catholic Campaign for Human Development Collection: November 20-21, 2021. Many American families are struggling to make ends meet, but the struggle is even more difficult for those living in poverty. . Parishes and organizations in the Diocese of Cleveland are using the funds to help people in poverty break this cycle. Help us continue this good work by supporting CCHD.

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

Catholic Radio Stations

1220 AM-WHKW Radio The Word

1260 AM-The Rock

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

'Table Talk' 1260AMtherock.com for times and dates.

Protecting God’s Children from sexual abuse. Inform authorities of inappropriate behavior. Call 216-334-2999 responseservices@dioceseofcleveland.org

Pro-Life Doctor’s List Call 440-322-0076 or visit www.loraincountyrightrighttolife.org under Resources/Issues.

