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July 11, 2021 15th Sunday in Ordinary Times

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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Funeral Luncheon-Dave Johnston.....440-670-0204

Parish Cluster Contacts

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Our Honored Former Pastors

+Fr. Raymond J. Grismer 1960-1962
+Fr. Urban A. Reichlin 1962-1968
+Fr. Claude J. Gaebelain 1968-1981
+Fr. John J. McCaffrey 1981-1998

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

Mass Schedule

Vocations to the Priesthood

Sunday	July 11, 2021 15th Week in Ordinary Time
10:00 AM	L/D Holy Name 2nd Collection: Loose Change
Monday	July 12, 2021
9:00 AM	Daniel Hnаницек
Tuesday	July 13, 2021 St. Henry
9:00 AM	BJ Blazina
Wednesday	July 14, 2021 St. Kateri Tekakwitha
9:00 AM	MaryLee Gabor
Thursday	July 15, 2021 St. Bonaventure
9:00 AM	L/D Christopher John Walsh & family
Friday	July 16, 2021 Our Lady of Mount Carmel
9:00 AM	L/D Janet Ritter family
Saturday	July 17, 2021 Blessed Virgin Mary
9:00 AM	St. Thomas Parishioners
4:00 PM	Jim Fairweather
Sunday	July 18, 2021 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
10:00 AM	L/D Ladies Guild 2nd Collection: Loose Change Lectionary Year: "B"



Pre-Baptism Class-2021

July 13-6:30 PM St. Joseph (440) 933-3152
 August 15-11:30 AM St. Thomas (440) 949-7744
 September 14-7:30 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."

Eucharist Ministers Lisa Prokay (440) 258-1810, is updating EM phone numbers so all EM can have an updated list. Call her for questions or share information.

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, July 17-4:00 PM
 C-J Mack L-M Rosmarynowycz
 EM-MB Riley, S Lynch, J Kelly
Sunday, July 18-10:00 AM
 C-B Barelka L-R Radeff
 EM-K Yatson, H Shremp, P Blazina



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

Weekly Collection Goal \$5,000.00

EARLY BULLETIN July 4, 2021 \$.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

Musician needed Our parish family needs a volunteer musician for the Sunday 10:00 Mass. We already have a song leader. What we need is a musician for the music. Instruments can include piano, guitar, other instrument or playing recorded music. Talk to Fr. Steve.

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.

St. Thomas Yearly Health Screening is Sunday, July 18th in the Church Library after Mass. Fasting is encouraged! Take AM meds with water if possible. This is free. For more information call the Parish Office.

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 for more information and to be sure that your IRA Qualified Charitable Distribution 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 or visit www.catholiccommunity.org/ira

Feast of Faith Invitation to the Eucharistic Prayer After the presider washes his hands, he turns to the people and says, "Pray that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God the almighty Father." We have brought forward bread and wine, and now we are asked to see in these simple gifts upon the altar a sacrifice offered to God. Our response is rich in theological meaning. "May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands." The words point to the unique role of the priest, whose hands, at his ordination, were anointed for just this purpose: that he might "sanctify the Christian people and offer sacrifice to God." We ask God to accept our sacrifice not because it is worthy of God, but simply "for the praise and glory of his name." God does not need our offering, but allows us to give it so that we might grow in holiness. God gives all that we have given back to us, "for our good and the good of all his Church." This Mass benefits not just those who have gathered, but, in the mysterious economy of grace, the whole Church. In the words of Saint Paul, when one part rejoices, the whole body "share[s] its joy"



St. Thomas Church
is Kid Friendly



Thank You

...to our counters, collectors, servers and all those who give of their time, talent and treasures to St. Thomas.

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Mother Teresa challenged us to do ordinary things with extraordinary love. Basketball coach Jim Valvano said, "Every single day, in every walk of life, ordinary people do extraordinary things." Sometimes we see extraordinary vocations, such as the child prodigy musician. But usually those whom God chooses to call are reluctant participants who either run from the call or ignore it. Amos tells Amaziah "I was a shepherd and a dresser of sycamores." He looked after sheep and punched holes in fruit for a living! In Mark's Gospel the apostles are sent out two by two to begin their ministry. Paul takes it further, telling the Ephesians, "In him we were also chosen, destined in accord with the purpose of the One who accomplishes all things." This call goes out to all of us! How are you being called to be extraordinary this day?

God Chose Us Who chose first, God or you? The second reading, from Paul's Letter to the Ephesians, reads almost like a hymn. It praises God for choosing us, for calling us to serve, and for blessing us in our service. Paul makes it clear how honored we are and how special is the call to live as children of God. This is through no doing of our own. The first reading and the Gospel use prose rather than poetry to describe the same truth: God did the choosing, not us. When the prophet Amos was berated for being a prophet, he retorted that the whole thing wasn't his idea in the first place. Neither did the twelve apostles in today's Gospel ask for their calling. Jesus sent them forth, two by two, to do the work of his kingdom.

Treasures from Our Tradition Does the scene of the disciples being sent out two by two bring to mind any other scripture? After the flood, Noah opens the door of the ark and sends his passengers out to renew the face of the earth. Jesus has the same purpose. The purpose is fulfilled in your communion in the Body of Christ today, and in your being sent from the Eucharist into the world. The sending is so important that our word "Mass" derives from it. In Latin, the last words of worship are *Ite, missa est*, which means "Go, you are sent." From that, people began to call Catholic worship the *missa*, or in English, the "Mass." Our English words dismissal, missal, emissary, and mission are all related. We are not sent into the workaday world alone, but in relationship to one another. Some people have acquired the unhappy habit of leaving worship as soon as they receive Communion and therefore miss the prayer, the dismissal, and the solemn blessing that are essential parts of the Mass. The dismissal is a seal on our Communion and reveals its purpose. Thanks be to God! AMEN! AMEN!

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 reminds us that we are given authority over the unclean spirits that constantly invade our homes and families. The list of unclean spirits includes contempt, envy, deceit, violence, substance abuse, hatred, pornography, and disrespect. The gospel makes it clear that we don't need a lot of equipment to speak out against these evils... we already have the Holy Spirit as our advocate and guide.

Events Around Town

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

The Office for Marriage and Family is offering a special certificate for couple residing within the Diocese of Cleveland celebrating 50 years of marriage during the 2021 calendar year (married in 1971). Couples celebrating other significant anniversaries (55 or over), or who have missed previous celebrations are also welcome to register. Registration and Blessing closes on Monday, July 5, 2021. This is a firm deadline. Certificates and blessings will be mailed August 1, 2021.

Catholic Charities Annual Appeal is on-line for the month of June, to raise funds for Behavioral Health Programs with a \$100,00 matching gift opportunity. To give, visit <http://www.catholiccommunity.org/2021-appeal>.

Catholic Cemeteries Association continues with free monthly grief support groups on July 18th in two formats: In-Office(3PM) and Virtually(5PM) on Zoom at <http://bit.ly/ccavirtualgriefsupportgroup>. Come and listen and be in the presence of those who understand. Contact Rhonda at rabrams@clecem.org or 216-930-4866.

The FEST!! is Sunday, August 8 from 10:00 AM -12:00 PM. The new location is the Cleveland Metroparks Brookside Reservation, 3900 John Nagy Blvd., Cleveland. "It will be a wonderful, exciting and spirit-filled day in this beautiful park. For information email FEST@theFEST.us or 440-943-7662.

Sunday Mass at The Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist, is at 10 AM on WUAB Channel 43, CW43 (no cable required) www.dioceseofcleveland.org

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.loraincountyrighttolife.org under Resources/Issues.

