



St. Thomas the Apostle

715 Harris Road * Sheffield Lake * Ohio *
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**Serving our Community for
60 years**

July 24, 2022

**The 17th Sunday in Ordinary
Time**

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

Parish Cluster Contacts

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1305 East Erie Ave. Lorain 44052 (440) 288-0106
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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

Rejoice in God's Love

Sunday July 24, 2022
17th Week in Ordinary Time
Grandparents & Elderly Day
 10:00 AM Shirley Kliner
 2nd Collection: Loose Change

Monday July 25, 2022
St. James
 9:00 AM Anne Szalay

Tuesday July 26, 2022
Ss. Joachim & Anne
 9:00 AM Poor Souls

Wednesday July 27, 2022
 9:00 AM Special Intentions

Thursday July 28, 2022
 9:00 AM L/D Kevin Hoang & family

Friday July 29, 2022
St. Mary, Martha & Lazarus
 9:00 AM All Souls

Saturday July 30, 2022
St. Peter Chrysologus
 9:00 AM Lynne A Poweski
 4:00 PM L/D Shively/Huback family

Sunday July 31, 2022
18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 10:00 AM Shirley Kliner
 2nd Collection: Loose Change



Weekly Collection Goal \$5,000.00
 July 17, 2022 \$4,222.50

Please continue to use your envelopes so we can meet our weekly goal. They can be mailed to the office.

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

St. Thomas Fall Fish Fest Fall Fish Fest will be Oct 15th 4PM to 7PM. Next year Lenten fish fry will start Feb 24th to March 31 2023. More information will follow on both events as the dates become closer. Watch the Bulletin throughout the summer months.

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.

Blessing Blankets Ministry continues to make blankets for the needy. Blankets are available for donation. To donate materials call Justine (440) 830-9990.

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

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. Park in Sevits stadium parking lot due to school busses and cars at dismissals.

Cleveland Retrouvaille Weekend August 26-28, this Lifeline for Marriages is supported by the Diocese of Cleveland but open to all faiths. This program is the weekend with six weeks follow up. Cost \$200.00 Call (440) 357-6580 or online www.helpourmarriage.org

Praying Jesus talks about praying for whatever we need with faith and confidence. "Be careful what you ask for," the saying warns. Just because we want something doesn't mean it will be good for us. If we have enough faith to pray for something, we probably would not pray for anything evil. Jesus gives us two lessons about prayer. First, he assures us that God does hear our prayers and answers them. Many people take "ask and you shall receive" and expect God to do their bidding no matter what. God is free to answer some prayers with a no when what we seek is against God's will. So maybe our first prayer should be to ask God to show us what we really need. Second lesson: prayer changes us, not God. If we truly pray as Jesus prayed, we would say, "Not as I will, but as you will." It's not easy to change our desires from selfish to holy takes a lot of power, the power of the Holy Spirit. Jesus was raised from the dead by that power and we will be, too. So when Jesus promises that the Father will give the Spirit to us ask the Spirit to empower us to pray for what we really need.

Pre-Baptism Class-2022

August 16 6:30 PM St. Joseph (440) 933-3152
 September 18-11:30 AM St. Thomas (440) 949-7744
 October-18-7:30 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.

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>

St. Thomas Parish needs Lectors, Readers, Eucharist Ministers & Servers. "Never underestimate the power of the Holy Spirit working in you."

Mass Intentions are available for 2022/2023. They are \$10.00 each. Contact the office (440) 949-7744 or drop into the weekly collection. Mark the envelopes Masses.

Liturgical Schedule

Saturday-July 23-4:00 PM
 C-S Riley L-J Ritter
 EM-P Rieth, M Rozmarynowycz, S Helman

Sunday-July 24-10:00 AM
 C-J Houlihan L-J Mack
 EM-K Mack, D Gray, J Houlihan

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



St. Thomas Church
Is Kid Friendly



Thank You

...to our Parishioners who helped Fr. Tom feel welcomed here at St. Thomas.
 ...to John & Kathy for the Bingo Booth.
 ...to John for the best mulch.
 ...to Nancy our Parish Nurse.

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time Have you ever watched a master chef or a professional musician or athlete and wondered “How do they do that? They make it look so easy.” We are naturally attracted to someone who excels at something, a person whose heart is obviously in their work, and we can’t help but wonder if we are capable of anything like that. The disciples had seen Jesus at prayer on many occasions and it was obvious that someone, somehow was shaping/transforming the life of their teacher. Abraham gives us an example of a conversation with God that goes beyond the ordinary approach to divine petitioning. Meanwhile, Psalm 138 assures us that when we cry for help God will answer for Christ has become our mediator and we are one with him in baptism.

Snakes, Scorpions & Prayers? OH, MY! How often do we hear about snakes and scorpions at Mass? Well, today we do! Jesus uses these frightful images for their shock value in order to emphasize how graciously and unflinchingly our Father in heaven cares for us. Who can hear the story of Abraham negotiating with God and not smile at his audacity? The middle Eastern custom of bartering likely honed Abraham’s skills in that arena. He even appeals to God’s sense of honor, saying, “Far be it from you to do such a thing” [as to wipe out the innocent with the guilty]. Have we not all bargained with God at one time or another when we were desperately in need?

Treasures from Our Tradition Apart from the period from Thanksgiving through Christmas, the summer is a favored time for family reunions. Worship has a family tree as well, and the way we celebrate today has been influenced by various styles and customs through the centuries. We are Western Christians of the Latin Rite. We are the most numerous, but there are other ritual families as well. The Archdiocese of Milan in Italy follows the Ambrosian Rite, Toledo in Spain preserves the Mozarabic Rite and the Arab language, and Lyons in France is home to the Gallican Rite. Other liturgical families, such as the Celtic in Ireland and the Sarum in England, faded away after the Reformation. Until recent times, members of some ancient religious orders such as Carmelites and Trappists followed a pattern of Mass that varied slightly from the plan observed in Latin Rite parishes. Isn’t the Catholic Church the same everywhere? Not at all. It never has been! We are united in faith, wonderfully diverse in rituals, ceremonies, languages, customs, and spirituality.



PRAYER OF THE WEEK

May the Lord our God reveal to us His Kingdom that we may share it with others and have peace descend upon them because of our Faith. May we focus on freedom in our nation and pray for those in bondage.

Events Around Town

Young Adult Ministry July 30: Becoming Fire, Young Adult Outdoor Festival, Borromeo Seminary. See <http://becomingfirecle.com> for more details.

The FEST is August 7, 2022 If you have any questions, please email Caitlin@theFEST.us or call The FEST office at 216.202.3040. Please also check out The FEST website to download these announcements and logos electronically. Thank you for your support of The FEST! God Bless!

Have you been to Confession lately? - Reconciliation is a healing remedy for our sinfulness. Confession, one part of the Sacrament, calls us to discover the struggles that cause sinful acts and present them to God in the presence of the priest. All Catholics should consider this sacrament at least twice a year, especially during Advent and Lent. Although serious matters should be brought before the priest, our lesser sins are healed through the celebration of Mass or with sincere contrition and any good work.

Grief Relief Services The humanitarian crisis is worsening daily in Ukraine as Russia intensifies its invasion of the country and its bombardment of civilian areas and buildings. . Catholic Relief Services is working with Ukraine. <https://support.crs.org/donate/donate-ukraine>.

Catholic Cemeteries continues with monthly Grief Support the third week of every month at 3 PM At St. Joseph, Avon, Holy Cross, Brookpark. We meet the 4th Sunday of every month. You don’t have to grieve alone.

TV Mass The Sunday television Mass may now be viewed at 10 AM on WUAB Channel 43. This does not fulfill your Sunday obligation of Mass.

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.

In what ways can I use the good things of this world without clingling to them?

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.