

*Jesus
went off to
a deserted place
to pray*

St. Thomas the Apostle

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

February 4, 2018
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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-1:00 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 CLUSTER CONTACTS

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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. Gaebelien	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: Rejoice in God's Mercy

Sunday February 4, 2018
5th Sunday in Ordinary Time
World Day for Consecrated Life
Boy Scout Sunday

9:00 AM Thomas Judge
 11:00 AM St. Thomas Parishioners
 2nd Collection: Loose Change

Monday February 5, 2018
St. Agatha

9:00 AM Charlie Kelly
Tuesday February 6, 2018
St. Paul Miki & Companions

9:00 AM Joseph Billington
Wednesday February 7, 2018
 9:00 AM Special Intentions

Thursday February 8, 2018
St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita

9:00 AM Poor Souls
Friday February 9, 2018
 9:00 AM Rivenbark & Fields Family

Saturday February 10, 2018
St. Scholastica

9:00 AM Janette Ganobsek 80th Birthday
 4:00 PM Judy Filipovich

Sunday February 11, 2018
6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 AM L&D members of the Holy Name
 11:00 AM Special Intentions
 2nd Collection: Loose Change
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Pre-Baptismal Classes-2018

February 20 St. Mary-7:30 PM (440) 934-4212
 March 15 Holy Spirit-7:30 PM (440) 933-3777
 April 17 St. Joseph-6:30 PM (440) 933-3152

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

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.

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

St. Thomas the Apostle Church is Kid Friendly

Gospels for the Week: Thursday Mk 7:24-30

Monday Mk 6:53-56 Friday Mk 7:31-37

Tuesday Mk 7:1-13 Saturday Mk 8:1-10

Wednesday Mk 7:14-23 Sunday Mk 1:40-45

BOY SCOUT



SUNDAY

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Weekly Collection	Goal
January 28, 2018	\$5,000.00
Offertory	\$3,825.50
	-(\$1,174.50)
Catholic University	\$10.00
Latin America	\$110.00

St. Thomas News/Events

During Lent, we devote ourselves to seeking the Lord in prayer and reading Scripture, to service by giving alms, and to sacrifice self-control through fasting. Many know of abstaining from meat on Fridays, but we are also called to practice self-discipline and fast in other ways through the season. The giving of alms is one way to share God's gifts—not only through the distribution of money, but through the sharing of our time and talents. As St. John Chrysostom reminds us: "Not to enable the poor to share in our goods is to steal from them and deprive them of life. The goods we possess are not ours, but theirs."

Ash Wednesday is February 14th. Ashes will be distributed during Masses at 9 AM and 7 PM. This is also a day of Fast & Abstinence for ages 14-59. Let us draw nearer to God this Lent.

Stations of the Cross will begin on Friday, February 16th at 4 PM in the Church every Friday of Lent.

Fish Fry begins on Friday, February 16th. We will be collecting donations of bakery, pop, and water. We need volunteers to help this year. For information contact Dave at 440-670-0204. Watch the bulletin for more information.

Evening of Confessions is Wednesday, February 28th from 5-8:00 PM. Celebrate God's gift to help us as we serve God's people entrusted to our care.

Communal Penance is 2 PM at St. Anthony Church on Sunday, March 18th.

Liturgical Schedule

Saturday, February 10-4:00 PM

C-MB Riley L-S Riley
 EM-A & J Balmert, M Rozmarynowycz
 C-R O'Connor, S Lynch
 S-C & E Balmert

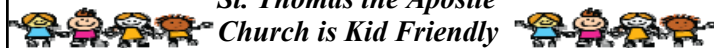
Sunday, February 11-9:00 AM

C-J Houlihan L-J Houlihan
 EM-D Arena, K Janosik, K Yatson
 C-H Centifanti, H Schremp
 S-J & X Centifanti, W Holley

Sunday, February 11-11:00 AM

C-J Ritter L-J Ganobsek
 EM-E Moussa, S Heiman, M Fairweather
 C-D Munro, D Gray
 S-N Barsan

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



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Thank You

...to all those who read, and give Communion at our daily Masses.

Tireless Discipleship The stories we've been hearing these weeks come from the very first chapter of Mark, and they show us the public ministry of Jesus in its infancy. Today's account shows some of the strain or adjustment of his new life of preaching the reign of God, healing the sick, and casting out demons. Notice that after sunset, when darkness ended the workday, people brought the sick and possessed to Jesus. The following day he rose before dawn to get away by himself to pray, but to no avail. Simon Peter and the others don't just look for him, they pursue him, filled with the fervor that his ministry has incited. With the self-sacrificing example he gave until the end of his earthly life, he tells his followers that this is his whole purpose. Through Mark, he is also telling the early church, and he is telling us, that this is our purpose, our vocation: to be tireless in our pursuit of proclaiming the Good News, and in bringing the healing, reconciling touch of Christ to the world.

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.

Pregnant and in need? Visit OptionLine.org or call 1-800-712-HELP.

Homeless and pregnant? Call Good Counsel Homes, 1-800-723-8331 or visit www.goodcounselhomes.org.

Hurting from an abortion? Visit www.AbortionForgiveness.com.

Pro-Life Doctors List A list of local Pro-life doctors, who do not practice abortion nor support its use, is available. Visit www.loraincountyrighttolife.org under the Resources and Issues tab or call 440-322-0076.

Help us Protect Life by volunteering. Cleveland Right to Life needs volunteers. Our volunteers will tell you that their gift of time and talents are repaid ten-fold in the joy they get from assisting the families and clients who visit us. Call 216-661-3000.



Family Perspectives

Today's gospel shows us how Jesus modeled the rhythm of work and prayer. Jesus knew that this time of "retreat" was necessary if He was to minister to the needs of others. How true this model of prayer is for married couples. Couples who regularly pray together report having happier, stronger marriages and are better able to meet their parenting and work responsibilities. How do you pray as a couple?

Events Around Town

Most Reverend Nelson J. Perez, our new Bishop of Cleveland will address the First Friday Forum for our first 2018 meeting on Friday, February 2nd. Luncheon buffet at 11:30 AM with Bishop Nelson speaking from 12:00-1:00 PM. Reservation deadline is Monday, January 29th. Call 440-244-0643, or email fflorain@gmail.com. Cost is \$18 and can be paid at door. See you there.

St. Teresa of Avila Parish Wine Dinner is Saturday, February 10th, St. Teresa of Avila will be hosting an early Valentine's Day Wine Dinner in the Parish Life Center. The dinner will highlight imported wines and perfect paired gourmet Italian food and desserts. The doors will open at 6:30 PM, with the event ending at 9:00 PM. Tickets are \$35 per person, \$65 per couple, or \$180 per table of 6. To RSVP, call 440-934-4227.

Traditional Seder Meal is Wednesday, March 28, 2018 from 7 - 9 PM in St. Teresa's Parish Life Center. This ritual meal is the foundation of the Catholic Mass. Everyone is welcome to come, see, eat and learn! *Event is free - a Free Will Offering will be taken.* RSVP to the church office at 440-934-4227 by March 20, 2018.

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.

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 at St. Joseph Cemetery in Avon, and Holy Cross Cemetery in Brook Park. You don't have to grieve alone.

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

Feb 4-Confirmation Class	Church/Grismer Hall	9-11 AM
Feb 5-PSR	Grismer Hall	6:15-7:30 PM
Feb 5-9-CYO	Grismer Hall	3:30-9:00 PM
Feb 10-CYO	Grismer Hall	9AM-4PM
Feb 10-Conformation Retreat	Eiringer Hall	10-5 PM