



# St. Thomas the Apostle

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

## March 7, 2021 3rd Sunday of Lent

**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.

**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

Website:.....www.dioceseofcleveland.org  
Phone.....800-869-6525  
Address.....1404 E. 9th St., Cleveland, Ohio 44114

### Parish Staff

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

### Communications

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Parish Website.....saintthomaschurch.net  
Facebook..<https://m.facebook.com/thomas.church.39142>  
Twitter.....Stthomas715  
PSR-Kim & David Gray.....440-714-4007  
Confirmation-John & Kathy Mack.....440-242-8683  
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: Repentance

**Sunday** March 7, 2021  
3rd Sunday of Lent

10:00 AM St. Thomas Parishioners

**Monday** March 8, 2021

9:00 AM L/D Birthe Engaard Damklaer Family

**Tuesday** March 9, 2021

9:00 AM All Souls  
St. Francis of Rome

**Wednesday** March 10, 2021

9:00 AM Marian Abram

**Thursday** March 11, 2021

9:00 AM Jay Aruri

**Friday** March 12, 2021

Abstinence

9:00 AM All Souls

4:00 PM Stations

**Saturday** March 13, 2021

9:00 AM Special Intentions

4:00 PM David Ritter

**Sunday** March 14, 2021

4th Sunday of Lent  
Daylight Saving Time Begins

10:00 AM L/D Holy Name

Lectionary Year: "B"

### Pre-Baptism Class-2021

March 16-6:30 PM St. Joseph (440) 933-3152

April 18-11:30 AM St. Thomas (440) 949-7744

May 18-7:30 PM St. Mary (440) 934-4212

June 17-7:30 PM Holy Spirit (440) 933-3777

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."

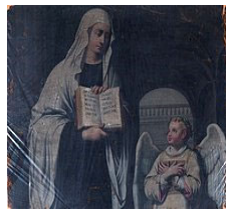
**Holy Water** If you would like Holy Water blessed bring some in your provided container and Fr. Steve will bless it after any Mass.

**St. Thomas has a new Facebook address:**

<https://m.facebook.com/thomas.church.39142> Send an e-mail address to the Parish Office and receive the bulletin electronically each week..



St. John of God



St. Frances of Rome

**Weekly Collection** Goal \$5,000.00

February 28, 2021 \$2,753.00

Please increase your offering so we can meet our goal.

**Online Giving** [www.CatholicCommunity.org/Offertory](http://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

**Fish Fry** We will be collecting donations of Baked Goods, Water and Soda Pop. Donations can be dropped at Grismer Hall every Thursday 10-2 and Friday 9-3 until March 26th. Dine-in available, Take-Out available (440) 949-8491. Credit Cards accepted. Covid requirements followed by the Health Dept. Masks required.

**Easter Memorials** Easter Memorials will be collected until March 28th. Cost is \$5.00 each. Fill out the form and drop it into the collection baskets on the Altar.

**Stations of the Cross** will be celebrated at St. Thomas every Friday of Lent at 4 PM. Good Friday at 12:00 PM.

**Blessing Blanket Ministry** will not meet until further notice. If you wish to donate material, finished quilts, or have any questions, call Justine (440) 830-9990

**Mass Intentions** are available for 2021/2022. Each intention is \$10:00. Call the Office to schedule.

**Homeless Shelter** Call Penny (440) 949-7548 to make a financial donation, donate food & paper products, or help prepare or deliver meals. We supply & deliver meals all year. Please place donations in boxes marked Shelter.

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

*Everybody thinks of changing humanity; nobody thinks of changing themselves.*

### Feast of Faith

#### Postures of the Mass

In the Mass, we pray not only with our lips, but with our bodies as well. We stand when the ministers enter. In Western culture, standing is a sign of attention, a mark of respect: all stand when the judge enters the courtroom, for example. Standing is also an ancient posture of prayer, mentioned frequently in the Old Testament. When the readings begin, we sit down: a listening posture. Mary sat at Jesus' feet to listen to his teaching; the crowds sat on the hillside or the seashore to hear his words. Kneeling is another posture that is full of meaning. It expresses adoration and worship, but it can also express humility and contrition. We bow: a sign of honor and reverence, acknowledging the presence of God, especially when we receive the Eucharist. There are other ritual gestures as well striking the breast, genuflecting, and of making the sign of the cross. The liturgy invites us to pray with our whole person—with heart and mind, voice and body.



## Liturgical Schedule

**Saturday, March 13-4:00 PM**

C-P Rieth L-M Rozmarynowycz

EM-S Lynch, L & M Wenzel

**Sunday, March 14-10:00 AM**

C-J Ritter L-B Barelka

EM-H Schremp, P Blazina, K Mohrbach

Cup servers removed until further notice.

Fill in for Eucharist Ministers if needed at the Mass

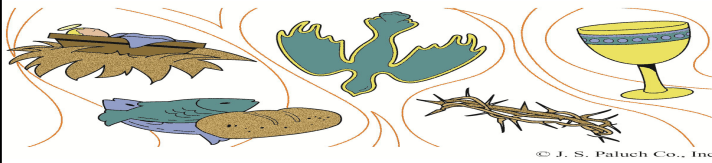


**St. Thomas Church**  
is Kid Friendly



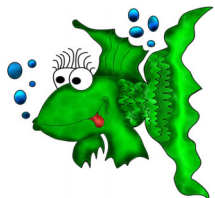
### Thank You

...to Barb for handling all Fish Fry advertising.  
....to our Health Care Nursing Team for the monthly BP/Sugar Screening.



**Total Allegiance** In previous weeks we have seen how the theme of covenant as a preparation for the baptismal covenant celebrated at Easter occupies an important place in our cycle of Lenten readings. The notion of covenant as a relationship between two parties carries with it an expectation of mutual accountability and fidelity to the terms of the covenant. When God forged the covenant with the Jewish people on Mt. Sinai, it was a pledge of God’s protection, and it would forever permit them familiar access as the Chosen People. For their part, the Jewish people were to observe the dictates of the law, summarized most succinctly here in the form of the Ten Commandments. To be in a covenantal relationship with the Lord God requires an exclusive relationship, just as discipleship with Jesus ritualized in baptism demands a total allegiance to him and none other.

**Treasures from Our Tradition** On this Sunday, our attention is drawn to an enriched diet of scripture readings in the liturgy’s three-year cycle. Forty years ago, there was merely one set of readings for Sunday: two readings only, an Epistle, and a Gospel. In the late 1960s, we received an enriched book of readings (a lectionary) keyed to a course of readings over three years, named A, B, and C. This new plan realized that in Jesus’ time, it took three years to read through the Law and the Prophets completely in synagogue worship. With the renewed liturgy, our worship has embraced this same rhythm that Jesus experienced in public prayer. This year we are using the readings from Year B. The readings for Year A, however, are closely attuned to the Church’s work of preparing to celebrate baptism at Easter. When the worship assembly includes people in the final stages of preparation, the Year B readings will often be set aside in favor of the readings from Year A, which this week include the story of the woman at the well. She is a fitting companion for those thirsting for living water.



**\$1.00 off Fish Fry Dinner**  
**March 12, 2021**  
**1 Meal, 1per Customer**

### 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.

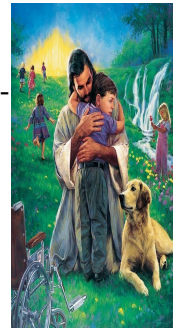
### Family Perspectives

In watching Jesus drive the money changers and the merchants from the temple, His disciples remember the verse from the book of Palms:”Zeal for your house has consumed me.” In John gospel, Jesus’s cleansing of the temple is at the beginning of the gospel instead of the end. In the gospel, Jesus purifies the temple. How does your family and faith community maintain a sacred worship space for the people of God to worship?

### Events Around Town

**Sheffield –Sheffield Lake City School Food Pantry Distributions** is behind Brookside High School on the 3rd Wednesday of each month from 4-5:30 PM. You don’t have to have a child in the school system or proof of residence, just a clean empty trunk. For more information or a Proxy Form visit outreach@sscls.org

**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](mailto: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](http://www.loraincountyrighttolife.org) under Resources/Issues tab. Abortion destroys God’s plan for the life of that child.

**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](http://1260AMtherock.com) for times and dates.  
**EWTN-**[www.ewtnnews.com](http://www.ewtnnews.com) TV or online liturgy does not fulfill the Sunday Mass obligation.

**The Diocese of Cleveland Sunday Mass** is at 10 AM on WUAB Channel 43, the CW43, WUAB Channel 43 is accessible even without cable TV. Check local listings to locate WUAB. The weekly TV Mass is produced by the Diocese of Cleveland from the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist. This Mass has been a staple of religious programming for decades. Information is on the Diocese website at [www.dioceseofcleveland.org](http://www.dioceseofcleveland.org)

*You shall not have other gods besides me.*