



# St. Thomas the Apostle

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

## November 22, 2020 Christ the King

Masses: Saturday Vigil: 4:00 PM  
Sunday: 9:00 and 11:00 AM  
Monday through Saturday: 9:00 AM

### NEW SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Starting January 1, 2021 we will have one Mass on Sunday at 10:00 AM. The rest of our Mass schedule for the weekend and weekdays will remain the same.

Confession: Saturday: 3:00 to 3:45 PM or by appointment

The Rosary: Prayed daily before 9 AM Mass. This includes weekends.

Baptism: Sunday: 12:30 PM  
Parent Pre-Baptismal Class required  
One Sponsor must be an active Catholic with a Sponsor Letter from the Church they attend.

Marriage: 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.

Holy Days of Obligation have been suspended until further notice.

### 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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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. Gaebelain 1968-1981  
+Fr. John J. McCaffrey 1981-1998

## Mass Schedule

### WEEKLY: Thanksgiving for all Blessings

**Sunday November 22, 2020**  
**Christ the King**  
 9:00 AM Jim Centifanti  
 11:00 AM Michael Rock

**Monday November 23, 2020**  
**St. Clement; St. Columban**  
**Blessed Miguel Agustin Pro**  
 9:00 AM Xavier Munro

**Tuesday November 24, 2020**  
**St Andrew Dung-Lac**  
**and his Companions**  
 9:00 AM Sam DeAngelis

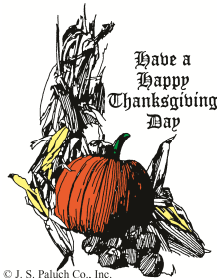
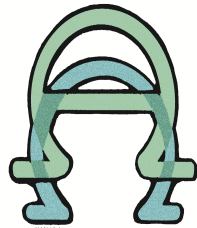
**Wednesday November 25, 2020**  
**St. Catherine of Alexandria**  
 9:00 AM Mary & Joseph Filisko

**Thursday November 26, 2020**  
**Thanksgiving Day**  
 9:00 AM Betty & Don Savinsky

**Friday November 27, 2020**  
 9:00 AM Poor Souls

**Saturday November 28, 2020**  
 9:00 AM Kathleen Klejka  
 4:00 PM St. Thomas Parishioners

**Sunday November 29, 2020**  
**1st Sunday of Advent**  
 9:00 AM Dave Leazier  
 11:00 AM St. Thomas Parishioners  
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### PRE-BAPTISM CLASS-2021

No December Classes  
 January 19-7:30 PM St. Mary (440) 934-4212  
 February 18-7:30 PM Holy Spirit (440) 933-9777  
 March 16-6:30 PM St. Joseph (440) 933-3152  
 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."

**St. Thomas has a new Facebook address:**  
<https://m.facebook.com/thomas.church.39142>

### LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

**Saturday, November 28-4:00 PM**  
 C-J Mack L-M Rozmarynowycz  
 EM-L & M Wenzel, S Lynch

**Sunday, November 29-9:00 AM**  
 C-R Radeff L-B Barelka  
 EM-K Yatson, H Centifanti, B Smith

**Sunday, November 29-11:00 AM**  
 C-J Ganobsek L-J Ritter  
 EM-S Helman, L Janis, K Mohrbach



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

**WEEKLY COLLECTION Goal \$5,000.00**  
 November 15, 2020 \$3,613.00  
 Please increase your Offering so that 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.

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### ST. THOMAS CHURCH EVENTS

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

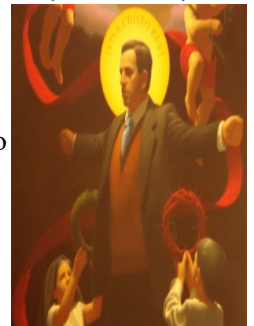
**Paper Products Drive** for the Shelter begins November 1st-30th. We need paper products for the shelter. Boxes are located at the doors of the Church. Call Penny (440) 949-7548 for more information.



*As we celebrate Thanksgiving as Christians and citizens we remember all the blessings that come from our faith and from our citizenship, we give thanks and dedicate ourselves to the responsible use of all our gifts to do God's will. Thank You, Lord!*

### BLESSED MIGUEL AGUSTÍN PRO (1891-1927) November 23

Graham Greene's classic *The Power and the Glory* immortalized Mexico's persecuted Church of the 1920s. But photographs of Father Pro arms outstretched to image Christ Crucified, kneeling in prayer before the firing squad, crumpled dead on the ground remind us that the faith we take for granted cost everything! Born to a mining family, Miguel became a Jesuit and was sent to study Catholic labor movements in Belgium in preparation for evangelizing Mexico's workers. He returned to find a Mexico determined to annihilate Catholicism. He ministered secretly to an "underground Church" until apprehended and sentenced to the firing squad. In his final moments, Father Pro blessed his executioners, forgave his enemies, and shouted: "*Viva el Cristo Rey!*—Long Live Christ the King!"—his defiant, dying proclamation of ultimate, transcendent loyalty. Father Pro's martyrdom reinvigorated the Church, whose countless faithful, never again afraid, would throng John Paul II when he visited Pro's beloved Mexico fifty-two years later.



**St. Thomas Church is Kid Friendly**





**THANK YOU**

...to Dan for the brick work.

...to Janet & Lydia for the Pre-Baptismal class.

**Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe** As we celebrate the solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, many of the traditional hymns and images for the day are joyful and triumphant. For some, these may be perceived as negative. In these days when there are divisions within the Church, when some government leaders are so far away from the people, we need to draw a bigger, fuller picture of Christ as servant king. We see God as both the tender, loving shepherd and the one who will judge at the Second Coming. This ties in with the separation of sheep and goats and “whatsoever you do.” We pray Psalm 23 with great familiarity and hope. First Corinthians carefully explains to us the order in which all will happen. This is not an evil dictatorship, or a power-hungry leader, but the culmination of a plan that was carefully laid out in love.

**The Shepherd King** The job of shepherd and the job of king couldn't be more different from each other. Shepherds are on the lowest rung of society, kings are at the top. God says that the Messiah will lead in a way very different from earthly authorities who lord it over their people and cause harm with their poor leadership. Our King takes on the job himself. Christ, like a shepherd, will give rest, seek out the lost, bring back the strayed and scattered ones. He will heal the wounded and bind up the injured. He does not delegate, but will “shepherd them rightly.” We have a king who cares for us and who is not afraid to “judge between one sheep and another”

**Treasures from Our Tradition** Today we have a modern feast, less than a century old, and placed at the very end of the liturgical cycle of Sundays only in 1969. In 1925, the world was in a sorry state from the vantage point of Pope Pius XI. War had swept Europe raw, and ancient Christian dynasties had fallen in Russia and Spain. Although the Great War had ended, wars were breaking out everywhere. Fascism was already in control in Italy, and Nazism was on the horizon for Germany. The disorder making its claim on the human race was, the pope felt, an insult to the Divine Order. Pius XI designated the last Sunday in October as a day of universal recognition of the kingship of Christ. This act of bravery by the pope, who was standing up against idolatry and the dehumanizing forces of the modern world, things that are not hard to detect in today's world. In 1969 it seemed fitting to move the feast to a place of honor at the end of the year, a way of summing up the whole movement of the liturgical year toward the perfection of the Kingdom of God. Many Protestant churches have adopted this day and it is shared with the Church of England, the Episcopal, Presbyterian, and Lutheran churches, and others.

**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.

**FAMILY PERSPECTIVES**

The Golden Rule, Jesus tells us we must care for our neighbor as ourselves. Today this commandment is expanded: we are to care for those in need as we would care or the Lord himself. For whether we are serving another or turning our gaze and walking away, we are comforting or rejecting the Lord. As a family, how have you practiced the corporal works of mercy?

**EVENTS AROUND TOWN**

**St. Thomas** is still providing food for the Homeless Shelter. Call Penny (440) 949-7548 to make a financial donation, donate food or help prepare or deliver meals. We supply meals year round.

**Our Cleveland 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 Mass Starting on Nov. 22,** the TV Mass will be at 10 AM on WUAB Channel 43, the CW43. This provides viewers to take part in the weekly celebration of the Mass at a convenient time. WUAB Channel 43 is an over-the-air station that is accessible even to those without cable TV. Those with cable TV need to check their local cable listings to locate WUAB. The weekly TV Mass is produced by the Diocese of Cleveland and originates from the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist in Cleveland. This Mass has been a staple of religious programming on Northeast Ohio airwaves for decades, cultivating a dedicated and faithful following. It is hoped that viewers will continue to tune in on this new station at this new, more convenient time.

**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.

