



*This  
poor widow  
put in more  
than all  
the others*

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### 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

# St. Thomas the Apostle

715 Harris Road \* Sheffield Lake \* Ohio \*  
44054-1409  
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## November 7, 2021 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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# Mass Schedule

## Pray for All Veterans

**Sunday November 7, 2021**  
**32nd Week in Ordinary Time**  
 10:00 AM Mr. & Mrs. Robert A. Mitchell Sr.  
 2nd Collection: Loose Change

**Monday November 8, 2021**  
 9:00 AM Poor Souls

**Tuesday November 9, 2021**  
**Dedication of the Lateran Basilica**

9:00 AM Janet Kuse & family  
**Wednesday November 10, 2021**  
**St. Leo the Great**

9:00 AM All Souls

**Thursday November 11, 2021**  
**St. Martin of Tours**  
**Veterans Day**

9:00 AM End to Abortion

**Friday November 12, 2021**  
**St. Josaphat**

9:00 AM Poor Souls  
**Saturday November 13, 2021**  
**St. Frances Xavier Cabrini**

9:00 AM St. Thomas Parishioners  
 4:00 PM Pat & Bob Smaldino

**Sunday November 14, 2021**  
**33rd Week in Ordinary Time**

10:00 AM L/D Holy Name  
 2nd Collection: Loose Change  
 Lectionary Year: "B"

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**Weekly Collection Goal** \$5,000.00  
 October 31, 2021 \$4,069.00

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

**weGiveCatholic In the Spirit of Thanksgiving** – You heard about Black Friday and Cyber Monday, now you can share your blessings on Tuesday, November 30: Giving Tuesday. All day around the globe, people are asked to contribute to their favorite charities and nonprofits. The Diocese of Cleveland asks you to be part of Northeast Ohio's Online Day of #weGiveCatholic, which allows you to contribute to programs and sites, ministries, and other Catholic nonprofits in Northeast Ohio. Simply use your computer or smartphone on Tuesday, November 30 to access [www.weGiveCatholic.org](http://www.weGiveCatholic.org), search the list of participants and donate to your favorites. In the spirit of the season of gratitude, remember to Give Catholic.

**Missalette Party** will be Saturday, November 27th at 9:30AM. We need volunteers to help us distribute them and get us ready for the 1st Sunday of Advent.

**Church Decorating Party** is Sunday, December 19th at 11AM. We need help decorating and preparing the Church for the Christmas Season.

**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. Anyone working with children in our Parish must do this.

**Musician Need** for Sunday Masses. Contact Fr. Steve.

**Feast of Faith; Concluding Rites;** The Prayer after Communion gives us a glimpse of the heavenly banquet, of which we have had a foretaste in the Eucharist. The concluding rites speak of what we are to do with this great gift of God. Believe it or not, the announcements have been included in the Mass from as early as the fifth century! The deacon or the homilist even the bishop would announce coming liturgical celebrations and encourage the people to participate. Parish announcements include opportunities for prayer, service, learning, and community building and should include only significant events and activities in the life of the parish. But even when they are long and tedious, the announcements (and the parish bulletin) flow out of the concluding rites of the Mass. They offer us ways to live the Eucharist, to become what we have received—the Body of Christ, living and active in our local community.

## Pre-Baptism Class-2021

November 16-6:30 PM St. Joseph (440) 933-3152  
 No December Class

January 16,-11:30 AM St. Thomas (440) 949-7744  
 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."

**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>

## Liturgical Schedule

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

C-L Prokay L-M Rozmarynowycz

EM-A & J Balmert, S Lynch

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

C-B Bearlka L-J Ritter

EM-B Smith, K Janosik, M Fairweather

Cup servers removed until further notice.

Fill in for Eucharist Ministers at the Mass you attend.



**St. Thomas Church is Kid Friendly**



## Thank You

...to Finance Council for the Parish quarterly report.

### 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time; The Poor

As Christians, we hear a lot about the witness and service that we are called to render to the poor among us. However, the poor also have a witness and a service to render to us. Like the actions of the widows openness and generosity of many of those who are poor, even in the midst of their own poverty, bear witness to the fact that we can depend only on God. Giving one's all witnesses that God will give all to anyone who trusts in divine goodness. The poor or disadvantaged also serve. They serve judgment on our individual and corporate ways of acting. If people are sleeping in our streets, that is a judgment on our priorities regarding others. The poor can act as mediators of salvation and lead us to care and save us from ourselves.

**Great Faith is Demanded;** We quickly come to admire the widow whom Elijah asks for help. The widow is carrying only "a couple of sticks," to cook her limited resources, "a handful of flour and a little oil," fulfilling her personal responsibility, "for myself and my son. Elijah's request demands great faith and self-sacrifice of this poor widow, because providing such life-sustaining care to a "foreign" prophet puts the widow's survival and her son's at great risk: her religion is worshipping paganism's false idol, Baal; her king is father of Jezebel, now wife of Elijah's king Ahab. Elijah is fleeing the death-threatening wrath of both Jezebel and Ahab, whom Elijah infuriated by declaring that God had decreed a drought to punish them for corrupting Israel with Jezebel's Baal-worship. Elijah makes the widow's risk explicit by promising that her flour and oil will not fail by power of "the Lord, the God of Israel. Therefore, faith is demanded both of the one who gives, the widow, and of the one who asks.

**Treasures from Our Tradition** The history and theology of this feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome make its liturgical ranking more understandable. The early Christians were forced to worship secretly until the year 313, when the Emperor Constantine made Christianity the official religion of the Roman Empire. Christians were then free to worship openly. The first public consecration of a church took place eleven years later; that church, built by Constantine, is St. John Lateran. Until the fourteenth century the Lateran Basilica was the official seat of the bishop of Rome and it is still the cathedral of Rome. Today's feast reminds us that although our parish is our local and primary church, we are related to the universal Church, which is symbolized by the "Mother Church" in Rome. Indeed, the inscription over its east entrance reads, "Mother and Head of All Churches in the City and throughout the World." It provides us that all members of the same Body of Christ.

## 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

The widow in today's gospel gave everything she had. She didn't hold back, she trusted that God would care for her. In our homes we are called to imitate the widow and invest totally in one another, paying with the coins of generous love and empowering trust.

## Events Around Town

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

**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 to be sure that your 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.

**Masks** Our Bishop Edward recommends that we wear masks for Mass and other indoor parish gatherings, while maintaining patience and charity for those who choose not to get vaccinated or wear the masks.

**Brookside High School Mobile Food Pantry** is the 3rd Wednesday of each month from 4:30 PM-6:00 PM. The next event is November 17th. Make sure your trunk is clean out. If you arrive early, park in Seivits stadium parking lot due to school dismissals. No early pick-up.

**NET (National Evangelization Teams) Ministries** is a Catholic retreat ministry whose mission is to "Challenge young Catholics to love Christ and embrace the life of the Church." Members travel the country in vans doing retreats for junior high and high school aged youth. visit [www.netusa.org/retreats](http://www.netusa.org/retreats)

**Calvary Cemetery – Pre-Planning Seminar.** The Catholic Cemeteries Association invites you to attend a 1-hour pre-planning seminar on Saturday, November 13 at 1 PM. Learn about your Catholic burial options, including options for cremated remains. Please know the CCA follows the current CDC guidance regarding COVID-19 protocols. We kindly ask that you RSVP to this event at Calvary Cemetery 555 N. Ridge Rd. Lorain 216/641-7575 ext. 6 or email [bdejohn@clecem.org](mailto:bdejohn@clecem.org).

### Catholic Radio Stations

1220 AM-WHKW Radio The Word

1260 AM-The Rock

<http://www.dioceseofcleveland.org/catholicradio>

'Table Talk' [1260AMtherock.com](http://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](mailto:responseservices@dioceseofcleveland.org)

**Pro-Life Doctor's List** Call 440-322-0076 or visit [www.loraincountyrighttolife.org](http://www.loraincountyrighttolife.org) under Resources/Issues.

