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LAST

St. Thomas the Apostle

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

**Serving our Community
for over 60 years**

**September 24, 2023
The 25th 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 every day before Mass. This includes the weekends.

The Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help is prayed every Monday before 9:00 AM Mass.

Baptism: Sunday: 11:30 AM 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

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
Mr. Michael Chutes.....Property Manager

Communications

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RCIA.....(440) 949-7744
CYO-Jim O'Connor.....(440) 949-2631
Grismer Hall/Gym.....(440) 949-8491
Funeral Luncheon-Dave Johnston..... (440) 670-0204

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 1981-1997

St. Thomas the Apostle Church is fully accessible
No Steps, No Stairs, No Ramps.

Mass Schedule

Pray for the lonely, sick, unemployed

Sunday September 24, 2023
25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 AM Anthony Vallanacci
 2nd Collection: Loose Change

Monday September 25, 2023
Yom Kippur

9:00 AM Carol Findish & family

Tuesday September 26, 2023
Ss. Cosmas & Damian

9:00 AM Joseph Janosik

Wednesday September 27, 2023

9:00 AM Marlene & Paul Kramer

Thursday September 28, 2023
St. Wenceslaus

St. Lawrence Ruiz

9:00 AM Betty Zub & family

Friday September 28, 2023
Ss. Michael, Raphael & Gabriel

9:00 AM Poor Souls

Saturday September 30, 2023
St. Jerome

9:00 AM Theresa Schindler-Schiaco

4:00 PM JoAnn Grau

Sunday October 1, 2023
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 AM JoMarie Chutes
 2nd Collection: Loose Change

St. Thomas Parish needs Lectors, Readers, Eucharist Ministers & Servers. "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.

Mass Intentions are available for 2024 for \$10.00 each. Contact the office (440) 949-7744.

Pre-Baptism Class-2023

September 19-6:30 PM St. Joseph (440) 933-3152

October 1-1:30 PM St. Raphael (440) 871-1100

October 15-11:30 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 the Church they attend.

No Political Advertising Advertising for political candidates is forbidden on all St. Thomas Parish property.

Weekly Collection Goal \$5,000.00
 September 17, 2023 \$4,158.50
 Please increase your Offering so we may meet our weekly financial goals.
 Thank you for your generous and continued support.
 Remember St. Thomas in your Will.

St. Thomas Church Events

St. Thomas Fish Fry is Saturday, October 14th from 4-7PM in Grismer Hall. Shrimp dinners \$16, Perch \$16, Cod \$17. Assorted sides, dessert and drinks available. Dine-in or take-out. Call (440) 949-8491. Credit Cards Accepted.

St. Thomas Shirts Official St. Thomas shirts are now available for sale. Big Frog Custom Shirts, 35878 Detroit Road, Avon. (440) 723-3393.

The Homeless Ministry We need help feeding the homeless. We need donations of Food, Time and Treasures to continue this ministry. Contact Penny (440) 949-7548 for more information on how you can help.

Our Blanket Ministry continues to make blankets for the needy. Blankets are available for donation. To donate materials or finances contact Justine (440) 830-9990.

Conformation Classes 2023/2024 contact St. Anthony Parish Office (440) 288-0106, for any questions. Confirmation will be held at St. Peter's on Oberlin Ave. in Lorain. Call St. Peter's (440) 282-9103.

Thank You
to our Parish Council members.

Events Around Town

Single Catholic Women 20-35 Franciscan Sisters invite you to in-person and on-line Discernment Events designed for you. Discover your calling and purpose. Visit <https://fsc-calledtobe.org> or Sr. Julie Ann (920) 323-9632.

St. Vincent de Paul Blanket Sunday will be the weekend of October 14th & 15th. This will be a financial donation ONLY. Envelopes will be located in the pews. Blankets will be purchased as needed.

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. No early distribution.

Protecting God's Children from sexual abuse. Inform authorities of inappropriate behavior. Call (216) 334-2999. responseservices@dioceseofcleveland.org.

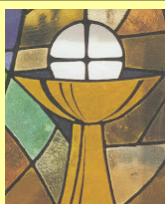
Theology on the Rocks October 9th at the Copper Cup in Westlake .Fr. Bob Franco and the Bishop's liaison for the Charismatic Renewal will about How the Holy Spirit Empowers Us! Cost is \$15.00 per person which includes light appetizers & refreshments. Doors open at 6:30pm. Seats limited. www.theologyontherocks.wixsite.com/west.

Liturgical Schedule

Saturday-September 23-4:00 PM
 C-MB Riley L-S Riley
 EM-P Rieth, A & J Balmert

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

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



St. Thomas Church
 is
Kid Friendly

