

St. Thomas the Apostle

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

**Serving our Community for
60 years**

**November 6, 2022
The 32nd 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 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 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 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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Phone.....800-869-6525

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Parish Staff

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Mrs. Heather Centifanti.....Office Manager
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Communications

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RCIA.....440-949-7744
CYO-Jim O'Connor.....440-949-2631
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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. 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
Our Veterans Past & Present

Sunday November 6, 2022
31st Week in Ordinary Time
Daylight Saving Time End 
10:00 AM L/D Lasby family
2nd Collection: Loose Change

Monday November 7, 2022
9:00 AM Joseph P. Walsh

Tuesday November 8, 2022
9:00 AM L/D Tony & Linda Kacencjar & family

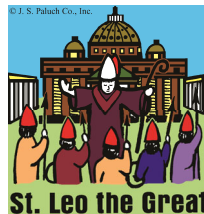
Wednesday November 9, 2022
Dedication of Lateran Basilica
9:00 AM Kathy Rairigh

Thursday November 10, 2022
St. Leo the Great
9:00 AM L/D Ryan & Joan Craig & family

Friday November 11, 2022
St. Martin of Tours
Veterans Day
9:00 AM All Souls
5:00 PM Rehearsal Nemeth-Alten

Saturday November 12, 2022
St. Josaphat
9:00 AM L/D Anita Eck & family
1:00 PM Nemeth-Alten Wedding
4:00 PM St. Thomas Parishioners

Sunday November 13, 2022
32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
10:00 AM L/D Holy Name
2nd Collection: Loose Change



Pre-Baptism Class-2022

November 17-7:30 PM Holy Spirit (440) 933-3777
No December Classes

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.

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>

St. Thomas Parish needs Lectors, Readers, Eucharist Ministers & Servers. "Never underestimate the power of the Holy Spirit working in you."

Mass Intentions are available for 2022/2023. They are \$10.00 each. Contact the office (440) 949-7744 or drop into the weekly collection. Mark the envelopes Masses.

Liturgical Schedule

Saturday-November 5-4:00 PM

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

Sunday-November 6-10:00 AM

C-J Mack L-J Houlihan
EM-K Yatson, H Centifanti, B Smith

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



Weekly Collection Goal \$5,000.00
October 30, 2022 \$3,231.50
Please increase your donation so we can meet our weekly goal. Envelopes can be mailed to the office.

Online Giving 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

Catholic Calendars Catholic homes have Catholic Calendars: <https://www.ashbypublishing.com/printed-church-calendars/15/catholic> (800) 413-2220

We Give Catholic: Our parish has a great opportunity on the Tuesday after Thanksgiving!!! One hundred percent of this donation goes directly to St. Thomas, no diocesan fees taken!!! The Parish Council voted to use this money to repair our northeast quadrant of the roof. Our heartfelt plea, since repair costs have increased over last year, is that you increase last year's gift. This would save our piano and the heart of our sound system from water damage/ruin/destruction. Our thanks for your generosity.

Blessing Blankets Ministry continues to make blankets for the needy. Blankets are available for donation. To donate materials call Justine (440) 830-9990.

Virtus Training <http://www.virtus.org> click training tab. Anyone working with children in our Parish must do this.

St. Elizabeth Homeless Shelter We have served the shelter for over 20 years. Our supplies are running low and we are need of 8-10" plates, small dessert plates, 12 oz bowls, 8 oz coffee cups, dinnerware, napkins, paper towels, kleenex and toilet paper. Donations can be dropped into the boxes in church. Gift cards or a monetary donation help with the cost of meals.

St. Martin of Tours Born of pagan parents in Hungary, raised in Italy, this son of a veteran was forced at 15 to serve in the army. Martin became a Christian and was baptized at 18. It was said that he lived more like a monk than a soldier. At 23, he refused a war bonus and told his commander: "I have served you as a soldier; now let me serve Christ. Give the bounty to those who fight. I am a soldier of Christ and it is not lawful for me to fight." After he was discharged he went to be a disciple of Hilary of Poitiers. The people of Tours demanded that he become their bishop. Martin was drawn by the need of a sick person, and was brought to the church, where he reluctantly allowed himself to be consecrated bishop. Some bishops thought his rumpled appearance and unkempt hair indicated he was not dignified for office. As death approached, Martin's followers begged him not to leave them. He prayed, "Lord, if your people still need me, I do not refuse the work. Your will be done."



St. Thomas Church is Kid Friendly



Thank You

...to Karen for the garden work.
 ...to our parish nursing team for the BP/Sugar screening.

The Apple of God's Eye Any who have relationships with a child, parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, special friends know the power of love for another. Not that the child is incapable of doing wrong; they can and will. Their mistakes do not change our love for them. In fact, the love makes us want what is best for them. We can see their potential with greater perspective than they themselves can. They're the apple of our eye. We are the apple of God's eye, beloved children of our Lord. God knows that we can and will fail and fall short of the potential. God does not cease to love us and call us to live as God's own.

Hidden in the Shadow of God's Wings God frees us to live the challenge of the gospel, to give our lives for the sake of others. We will be tempted to take the easy route and ignore the voice of the Lord, listening instead to the call of wealth, power, acceptance, status, and earthly security. Today reminds us that we can face temptation, secure that we are hidden in the shadow of God's wings, strengthened and guarded from evil by Jesus Christ. What challenging thing are you called to as a follower of Jesus? What might be the consequences of discipleship at this time in your life? "May the Lord direct your hearts to the love of God and the endurance of Christ."

Treasures from Our Tradition What is the name of the pope's cathedral? If you said the Vatican, or St. Peter's, you were off by a few miles, since the answer is the Basilica of St. John, the Lateran, the "Mother Church" of all churches of the world and the cathedral of the Diocese of Rome. It takes its name from the Lateran family, who somehow ran afoul of the Emperor Nero. He seized all their property, including their vast Roman palace and estate. We don't know how Plautius displeased Nero so badly, but eventually all the Lateran property came to Constantine, the first Christian emperor, through his wife, Fausta. Early in the fourth century, when Christianity was legalized, Constantine gave the property to the church. Over the centuries, the church building has been sacked by armies, ruined by fire, torn down, and rebuilt. The oldest and most unchanged part of the Lateran is a vast, separate baptistery with steps leading down to a huge green basalt pool. Imagine what a triumphal moment the dedication of this public church building was for a community that had worshiped in secret for so long! This week's feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica is really about the tradition of consecrating space for worship, and so by extension, a feast for your parish church building and, given the beautiful second reading, for its baptistery as well.

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 the Church.

**Living God's Word**

What happens after we die? We are confounded by the mystery of it all. Today's readings give us a glimpse through the faith of martyrs and in the words of Jesus. In the Old Testament reading, the Macabee brothers assert with total confidence that the God who gave them life would also raise them to eternal life. This was not universally accepted in ancient Israel. The Sadducees, who denied any resurrection of the dead, try to trap Jesus with a hypothetical riddle. Jesus, known for turning such things around, dismisses their unbelief, noting that even Moses knew that all are alive in God. St. Paul tells the Thessalonians that we live in everlasting encouragement and hope and echoes this with words of faith that we will see God's face, waking in God's loving presence.

Events Around Town**No Political Advertising**

Advertising for political candidates is forbidden at any location on parish property.

Qualified Charitable Distributions If you are 70 ½ or older, you may make a gift of a Qualified Charitable Distribution from your IRA to help our ministry and reduce your taxable income. Talk to your IRA administrator to be sure that your gift is made directly to our parish. Call Jean Ann Montagna of the Catholic Community Foundation at 216-696-6525 or www.catholiccommunity.org/ira.

Prison Ministry-LEAF-Listening, Encouraging, Assisting Families LEAF ministry serves those with incarcerated loved ones or family members. We provides a safe, welcoming community where you can feel comfortable and accepted without judgement. Visit St. Julie Billiart Catholic Church, 5500 Lear Nagle Rd, North Ridgeville, (440) 327-1978 on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7 PM.

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.

Elyria Catholic Marching Band and Color Guard 2022 Holiday Craft Fair is November 12 from 9-3PM. Visit elyriacatholic.com/2022-holiday-craft-fair.

Catholic Cemeteries monthly Grief Support is the third Sunday of the month at 3 PM at St. Joseph, Avon, Holy Cross, Brookpark. You don't have to grieve alone.

TV Mass The Sunday television Mass may now be viewed at 10 AM on WUAB Channel 43. This does not fulfill your Sunday obligation of Mass.

Catholic Radio Stations

1220 AM-WHKW Radio The Word

1260 AM-The Rock

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

'Table Talk' 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

Pro-Life Doctor's List Call 440-322-0076 or visit www.loraincountyrighttolife.org under Resources/Issues.

