



St. Thomas the Apostle
 715 Harris Road Sheffield Lake Ohio
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**Serving our Community
 for over 60 years**

December 22, 2024

4th Sunday of Advent

Parish Staff
 Father Stephen L. Shields..... Pastor
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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.**

Parish Information
Mass Times: 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 A Pre-Baptismal Class is required. One Sponsor must be an active Catholic. If not from St. Thomas the Apostle Parish they need a Sponsor Letter from the Parish they attend. Call the Office to Schedule.

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.

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.

**Remember St. Thomas the Apostle Church
 in your will.**

Mass Schedule

Come Lord Jesus
Sunday December 22, 2024
3rd Sunday of Advent
 10:00 AM Mr. & Mrs. Robert A. Mitchell Sr. 
Monday December 23, 2024
St. John Kanty
 9:00 AM All Souls
Tuesday December 24, 2024
Christmas Eve
 9:00 AM Kathleen "Hanna" Walker 
 4:00 PM Maria Zanic
Wednesday December 25, 2024
The Nativity of the Lord
 10:00 AM Timothy Mack 
Thursday December 26, 2024
St. Stephen
 9:00 AM Timothy Mack 
Friday December 27, 2024
St. John
 9:00 AM Special Intentions
Saturday December 28, 2024
Holy Innocents
 9:00 AM Our Country 
 4:00 PM Carol Riley
Sunday December 29, 2024
Holy family Jesus, Mary & Joseph
 10:00 AM St. Thomas Parishioners
 2nd Collection: Loose Change

St. Thomas Parish needs Lectors, Readers, Eucharistic Ministers & Servers. Never underestimate the power of the Holy Spirit working in you.
Every Saturday after the 9:00 AM Mass, we have prayers for the Faithful Departed who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith.
Prayer Line In need of prayers? Contact the Sisters of Notre Dame prayer line (440) 279-1163.
Mass Intentions are available for 2024/2025 for \$10.00 each. Contact the office (440) 949-7744.
Weekly Offering Please increase your Offering so we may meet our weekly financial goals. Thank you.
Pre-Baptism Class-2024 All new, expecting parents are required to attend a Pre-Baptismal Class before scheduling a baptism. One Godparent must be an active Catholic with a Sponsors Certificate from the Church they attend. Call the Office to schedule.
Protecting God's Children from sexual abuse. Call authorities of inappropriate behavior. (216) 334-2999) or responseservices@dioceseofcleveland.org

Weekly Collection Goal	\$5,000.00
December 15, 2024	\$4,633.00
We Give Catholic	
Save Our Barn Amount Needed	\$8,000.00 (Oct 2024)
Amount Collected	\$10,885.00

St. Thomas Church Events

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve Vigil	December 24	4:00 PM
Christmas Day	December 25	10:00 AM
New Year's Eve Vigil	December 31	4:00 PM
New Year's Day	January 1	10:00 AM

January 1, 2025 is a Holy Day of Obligation
 Christmas Bread (Oplatki) for \$5.00 each.

Parish Office Holiday Hours The Parish Office will be closed December 24-January 2.
The Fest is looking for collage interns to plan and prepare for the Fest. Send resume to Caitlin (Caitlin@theFest.us) by January 10th to apply.
"A Closer Walk With Thee" – CCA Monthly Grief Support E-Newsletter: This helpful grief resource is emailed the first Tuesday of each month to any family/ individual who has expressed an interest in our bereavement programs. Contact Rhonda at 216-930-4866.
The Homeless Ministry We need donations of Food, Time and Treasures to continue this ministry. Contact Penny (440) 949-7548 for more information.


Thank You
 ...to our community who continue to give of themselves for the good of this parish and it's families.

Events Around Town

Catholic Calendar Catholic homes have a Catholic Calendar <https://www.ashbypublishing.com/printed-church-calendars/15/catholic> or call 1-800-413-2220.
The FEST is looking for motivated college students for a paid internship this summer as we celebrate 25 years and plan and prepare for FEST 2025! Send your resume to Caitlin (Caitlin@theFEST.us) by January 10th to apply!
Jubilee Year of Hope The Vatican has released Mass texts for the Jubilee Year of Hope. The year begins on Christmas Eve at the Vatican and on the Feast of the Holy Family (Sunday, December 29, 2024) in dioceses around the world. More information will be forthcoming. [Mass for the Holy Year | USCCB](#)
Qualified Charitable Distributions If you are age 70 1/2 or older, you may make a gift of a Qualified Charitable Distribution. Talk to your IRA administrator to make your gift directly to our parish. Call Marylou Ozimek (216) 696-6525 x4070.

Liturgical Schedule

Saturday-December 21-4:00 PM
 C-MB Riley L-S Riley
 EM-J Balmert, L Janis, R Zaborski
Sunday-December 22-10:00 AM
 C-J Mack L-BBarelka
 EM-K & L Knoblauch, D Gray
 Please help if needed at the Mass you attend.



St. Thomas Church is Kid Friendly

