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 THE PERSON  
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 WITH  
 MUCH

# St. Thomas the Apostle

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

**Serving our Community for  
 60 years**

**August 7, 2022  
 The 19th 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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### Parish Staff

Father Stephen L. Shields..... Pastor  
 Mrs. Heather Centifanti.....Office Manager  
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### Communications

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### Parish Cluster Contacts

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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

**Mass Schedule**

**Increase in Faith**

**Sunday August 7, 2022**  
**19th Week in Ordinary Time**  
 10:00 AM St. Thomas Parishioners  
 2nd Collection: Loose Change

**Monday August 8, 2022**  
**St. Dominic**  
 9:00 AM Mr. & Mrs. Mark Lafave

**Tuesday August 9, 2022**  
**St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein)**  
 9:00 AM Blasino Molina

**Wednesday August 10, 2022**  
**St. Lawrence**  
 9:00 AM L/D Kacenjar family

**Thursday August 11, 2022**  
**St. Clare**  
 9:00 AM Mr. & Mrs. Darren Chand

**Friday August 12, 2022**  
**St. Jane Frances de Chantal**  
 9:00 AM All Souls

**Saturday August 13, 2022**  
**Ss. Pontian & Hippolytus**  
 9:00 AM Joseph D'Agostino  
 4:00 PM L/D Dan & Pam Shively family

**Sunday August 14, 2022**  
**20th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 10:00 AM L/D Holy Name  
 2nd Collection: Loose Change



**Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein)**



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**Weekly Collection Goal** \$5,000.00  
 July 31, 2022 \$3,556.50

Please continue to use your envelopes so we can meet our weekly goal. They can be mailed to the office.

**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**

**No Political Advertising**  
 Advertising for political candidates is forbidden at any location on parish property.

**Cleveland Retrouvaille Weekend** August 26-28, this Lifeline for Marriages is supported by the Diocese of Cleveland but open to all faiths. This program is the weekend with six weeks follow up. Cost \$200.00 Call (440) 357-6580 or online [www.helpourmarriage.org](http://www.helpourmarriage.org)

**St. Thomas Rummage Sale** The Ladies Guild will not have a Rummage Sale this year.

**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.

**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. Park in Sevits stadium parking lot due to school busses and cars at dismissals.

**St. Thomas Fall Fish Fest** Fall Fish Fest will be Oct 15th 4PM to 7PM. Next year Lenten fish fry will start Feb 24th to March 31 2023. More information will follow on both events as the dates become closer.



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**Devotion to St. Lawrence** dates back to the early days of the Church. While we do not know many facts about him, his courageous witness to the faith is well known. A legend claims as deacon in Rome, Lawrence was in charged with the material goods of the Church, and the distribution of alms to the poor. When Lawrence knew he would be arrested, he sought out the poor, widows, and orphans of Rome and gave them all his money. When the prefect of Rome heard this, he imagined that the Christians must have riches and considerable treasure. He sent for Lawrence. "Give to Caesar what is Caesars." Lawrence replied the Church is indeed rich. "I will show you a valuable part. Give me time to set everything in order and make an inventory." After three days he gathered a number of blind, lame, maimed, leprous, orphaned, and widowed persons and put them in rows. When the prefect arrived, Lawrence simply said, "These are the treasure of the Church."

**Pre-Baptism Class-2022**

August 16 6:30 PM St. Joseph (440) 933-3152  
 September 18-11:30 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.

**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-August 13-4:00 PM**  
 C-MB Riley L-S Riley  
 EM-P Rieth, M Rosmarynowycz, S Helman

**Sunday-August 14-10:00 AM**  
 C-J Houlihan L-J Mack  
 EM-K Mack, M Fairweather, J Houlihan  
 Cup servers removed until further notice.  
 Fill in (if needed) for Eucharist Ministers at the Mass you



**St. Thomas Church Is Kid Friendly**



**Thank You**

...to our servers, readers, Eucharist Ministers collectors and musician.

**Vigilance** Today Jesus proposes an attitude universally countercultural: vigilance. We dread delay; we hate to wait! All three readings call us to faith-filled vigilance, “focused” waiting, holy patience. In communion with our ancestors across the centuries we must work, witness, and worship in this world with our hearts set on the future that God has prepared for us, the fulfillment of bold and beautiful promises: deliverance from threats without and burdens within, a heavenly homeland, a city yet to come. May all of us called to spiritual vigilance also spare a thought for those who work while others sleep police, firefighters, first responders. “Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who wake, or watch, or weep tonight, and give your angels and saints charge over those who sleep. Tend your sick ones, O Lord Christ, give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your love’s sake. Amen.”

**Diligence** Our watchfulness is to be not only prayerful but service-oriented, that active-contemplative balance so often proposed by Luke’s Jesus. Though ignorance of the master’s wishes may win some a reprieve, Jesus presumes that we who are listening to him now will not qualify for such mitigation. Using the image of table fellowship, Jesus depicts the master “girding” himself, just as the disciples have been told to do, and serving the servants who persevered in their service of watching and working. How often we brush off a thank-you from others saying, “It was the least I could do!” Sadly, how often we do the least we can! But true discipleship is not settling for the least we can get away with until our master’s return, but getting ready by always being ready for his kingdom to come.

**Treasures from Our Tradition** The diversity of life and worship among Roman Catholics is an example of God writing straight with crooked lines. The steady hand of the villainous Emperor Diocletian drew a line across Europe and Africa that split the empire in two, and for the most part determined how Christians would worship two thousand years later. Italy’s heel and the far northern city of Trieste fell on the Eastern side, and have had a form of Eastern liturgy ever since. Constantinople, which became the seat of the Roman Empire, became a base for Christianizing the East up to Russia and Poland. Poland was on the Eastern side, but a series of wars and medieval mayhem pushed the religious boundary back to Ukraine, and Poland remains an outpost of the Latin Church to this day. An old rule of thumb declared that whatever religion was observed by the local prince, the people had to follow. This gave rise to persecution and migration as people sought toleration for their expressions of faith.

**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**

Growth and change are always the result of conflict, of clashing visions that force adaptation. This is not to say the God writes tragedies and suffering in the script, but only that God uses all the unfolding twists and turns to the plot to bring the story to a divine conclusion.

**Events Around Town**

**September First Friday Forum** presents Fr. Joe Koopman from St. Mary Seminary speaking about morals on Friday, September 2nd lunch served at 11:30 AM and speaker from 12:00 to 1:00 PM. The Forum takes place at the Spitzer Conference Center of Lorain County Community College, 1005 N. Abbe Rd. in Elyria. Please call in your reservations at 440-213-2132 or email [ffflo-rain@gmail.com](mailto:ffflo-rain@gmail.com) by 6:00 PM August 29th. Cost is \$25.

**The Anniversary of the dedication of the Cathedral of Saint John the Evangelist** on Tuesday, September 6th is observed as a solemnity in the Cathedral and as a feast in the parishes of the diocese.

**Bereavement Loss by Suicide** The Marriage and Family Ministry along with Cornerstone of Hope have formed a closed support group for those grieving a loss by suicide. It begin at 6:30PM on Monday, September 12<sup>th</sup> at St. Albert the Great in North Royalton..Cost is \$30. Contact [tyohman@dioceseofcleveland.org](mailto:tyohman@dioceseofcleveland.org)

**Been to Confession lately?** Reconciliation is a healing remedy for our sinfulness and struggles. We present them to God in the presence of a priest and ask for forgiveness for our actions. All Catholics should consider this sacrament at least twice a year, during Advent and Lent. Lesser sins are healed through the celebration of Mass or with sincere contrition and any good work.

**Grief Relief Services** The humanitarian crisis is worsening daily in Ukraine as Russia intensifies its invasion of the country and its bombardment of civilian areas and buildings. Catholic Relief Services is working with Ukraine. <https://support.crs.org/donate/donate-ukraine>.

**Catholic Cemeteries** continues with monthly Gief Support the third week of every month at 3 PM At St. Joseph, Avon, Holy Cross, Brookpark. We meet the 4th Sunday of every montgh. 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](http://1260AMtherock.com) for times and dates.



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