



St. Thomas the Apostle

715 Harris Road Sheffield Lake Ohio
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**Serving our Community
for over 60 years**

December 1, 2024

1st Sunday of Advent

Parish Staff

Father Stephen L. Shields..... Pastor
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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. 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

Pray for Thanksgiving

Sunday December 1, 2024
1st Sunday of Advent

10:00 AM Timothy Mack

Monday December 2, 2024

9:00 AM Patricia Meaney

Tuesday December 3, 2024

St. Francis Xavier

9:00 AM Allen Kacenjar

Wednesday December 4, 2024

St. John Damascene

9:00 AM Shirley Kliner

Thursday December 5, 2024

9:00 AM John DuRell

Friday December 6, 2024

St. Nicholas

9:00 AM All Souls

Saturday December 7, 2024

St. Ambrose

9:00 AM St. Thomas Parishioners

4:00 PM Mary Kurish

Sunday December 8, 2024

2nd Sunday of Advent

10:00 AM Mr. Robert A. Mitchell

4:00 PM 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 if they don't belong to St. Thomas. Call the Office to schedule.

"Invitation Back" Parishes have parishioners we haven't seen at Church. Like the Good Shepherd, let us I invite those we know to come back.

Liturgical Schedule

Saturday-November 30-4:00 PM

C-R Radeff L-S Lynch

EM-M Markowski, R O'Connor, R Zaborski

Sunday-December 1-10:00 AM

C-B Barelka L-N Olitsky

EM-L Knoblauch, K Yatson, B Smith

Please help if needed at the Mass you attend.



Weekly Collection Goal	\$5,000.00
November 24, 2024	\$3,278.00
We Give Catholic	
Save Our Barn Amount Needed	\$8,000.00 (Oct 2024)
Amount Collected	

St. Thomas Church Events

We Give Catholic 2024 **We Give Catholic 2024**
Save Our Barn This year our We Give Catholic project will be to Save Our Barn. The barn is located at the southeast area of the Church grounds. Not only a valued part of our parish history, the barn is in present use for storage and indoor parking for our outdoor equipment. Needed repairs are estimated at \$8,000.00. We will be able to do the repairs when the money is collected. You may donate online or mark your checks **Barn**

Retirement Collection for the Religious is December 7/8. Our Religious are aging and need our help with essential needs, medicine and daily needs. Please be generous with your donation.

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.

Thank You

...to those who donated to the November Paper drive for the Homeless Shelter.
 ...to all who helped with the Missellette party.
 ...to all the friends who helped Kathy with the Giving Tree.

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 interns 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.

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



St. Thomas Church is Kid Friendly

