

St. Thomas the Apostle

715 Harris Road * Sheffield Lake * Ohio * 44054-1409

September 8, 2019 The 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses: Saturday Vigil: 4:00 PM
Sunday: 9:00 and 11:00 AM
Monday through Saturday: 9:00 AM

Confession: Saturday: 3:00 to 3:45 PM
or by appointment

Baptism: Sunday: 12:30 PM
Parent Pre-Baptismal Class required

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-4:00 PM
Friday-9:00 AM-1:00 PM
Information/insert for the bulletin must be in the Parish Of-
fice by Wednesday at 4:00 PM to make the following week.

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.

Holy Days of Obligation

All Saints	November 1, 2019
Christmas	December 25, 2019
The Solemnity of Mary	January 1, 2020
The Assumption of Mary	August 15, 2020

Diocese of Cleveland

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Parish Staff

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Mrs. Heather Centifanti.....Office Manager
Mr. Michael Chutes.....Custodian

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PSR-Kim & David Gray.....440-714-4007
Confirmation-John & Kathy Mack.....440-242-8683
RCIA-Chris Selent.....440-864-5792
CYO-Jim O'Connor.....440-949-2631
Grismer Hall/Gym.....440-949-8491
Funeral Luncheon-Dave Johnston.....440-670-0204
Music/Choir-Roger Brooks.....440-346-3022

Parish Cluster Contacts

St. Anthony...www.stanthonylorain.parishesonline.com
1305 East Erie Ave. Lorain 44052 (440) 288-0106
St. Teresa.....http://www.sttereasparish.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	1981-1998

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

Mass Schedule

Weekly: Christian Unity

Sunday September 8, 2019
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
 9:00 AM L & D members of the Holy Name
 11:00 AM Thomas C. Copeland
 2nd Collection: Loose Change

Monday September 9, 2019
St. Peter Claver
 9:00 AM Ock Bin Kim (Joseph)

Tuesday September 10, 2019
 9:00 AM All Souls

Wednesday September 11, 2019
Patriots Day
 9:00 AM Rose Preisler (80th Birthday)

Thursday September 12, 2019
Most Holy Name of Mary
 9:00 AM Mary Jo Stimac

Friday September 13, 2019
St. John Chrysostom
 9:00 AM Holy Souls in Purgatory

Saturday September 14, 2019
Exaltation of the Holy Cross
 9:00 AM Special Intentions
 4:00 PM Anne & Michael Pribanic

Sunday September 15, 2019
24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 9:00 AM L & D members of the Ladies Guild
 11:00 AM Betty Savinsky
 2nd Collection: Loose Change
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Pre-Baptismal Classes-2019

September 17 St. Joseph-6:30 PM (440) 933-3152
 October 20 St. Thomas-12:30 PM (440) 949-7744
 November 19 St. Mary-7:30 PM (440)934-4212

No December Classes

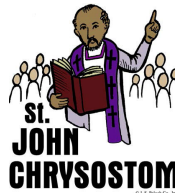
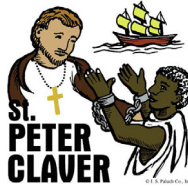
All new, expecting parents are required to attend a Pre-Baptismal Class before scheduling a baptism at the Parish they attend. One of the two Godparents must be an active catholic with a letter of good standing from their church.

Liturgical Schedule

Saturday, September 14-4:00 PM
 C-J Mack L-M Rozmarynowycz
 EM-R Zaborski, M Rozmarynowycz, S Lynch
 C-A & J Balmert

Sunday, September 15-9:00 AM
 C-R Radeff L-B Barelka
 EM-K Yatson, R Kirsch, P Blazina
 C-H Schremp, H Centifanti

Sunday, September 15-11:00 AM
 C-J Ritter L-J Ganobsek
 EM-S Helman, M Fairweather, J Ritter
 C-J Kelly, K Mohrbach



Weekly Collection	Goal	\$5,000.00
September 1, 2019		\$4,162.00

Thank you for your generous and continued support.
 Please remember St. Thomas Parish in your Will.

St. Thomas Church Events

September 9-PSR begins 6:15-7:30 PM
 September 15-BP Screening 9:30-12:30 PM
 September 23-Parish Council 7-8 PM

PSR Classes begin Monday, September 9th, for K-7th grade, from 6:15-7:30 PM in Grismer Hall. Information will be distributed at that time.

Blanket Ministry is Monday, September 9th at 7 PM.

Ladies Guild Rummage Sale is October 4th & 5th. Set up will be October 2nd & 3rd. Call Karen (440) 949-7714. Time of drop-off is Oct 2-3 from 2-7 PM.

Little Catholic Library Check out our Catholic Library in the back of Church. Take a book, read it, return. Call Jane (440) 949-7001, for questions or to donate books.

St. Elizabeth Homeless Center St. Thomas prepares Hot Meals twice a month for the overnight shelter. To help cook, or donate food contact Penny (440) 949-7548. Boxes in the Church are marked Shelter for donations.



St. Thomas Church needs Lectors, Readers, Eucharist Ministers and Servers. The feeling of participating deeper into the Mass is rewarding in so many ways.

Mass Intentions are available for 2019/2020. To schedule a Mass contact the Parish Office. Each Mass is \$10.00.

Protecting God's Children "Protecting God's Children" protects children from sexual abuse. Inform local authorities of inappropriate behavior. Call 216-334-2999 or response_services@dioceseofcleveland.org.



Pro-Life Doctor's List A list of local Pro-life doctors, who do not practice abortion or who support its use. www.loraincountyrighttolife.org Call 440-322-0076 under Resources/Issues tab. Abortion destroys the revealing of God's plan for that child.

"Spiritual Adoption of the Unborn"

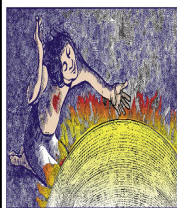
Pray this short prayer every day for nine months to preserve the life of an unborn child.

"Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I love you very much. I beg you to spare the life of the unborn baby that I have spiritually adopted who is in danger of abortion."
Let us continue to pray until Christmas!



Thank You

...to those who donate food to the Shelter every month.



Post-Summer Challenges With any luck, summer delights will continue a while past last weekend's Labor Day: refreshing recreation (with maybe an occasional swim) or enjoyable relaxation on the deck (with tasty outdoor grilling). Truth is, for some of us, this year's Labor Day came way too early. With many schools back in session for a while already, mealtimes and driving schedules needed readjustment to coordinate youth sports with adult commitments. Some religious education and parish programs resumed. This weekend's scriptures sound a little like post-summer challenges. For instance, Wisdom reminds us that believers in God can never be content with "timid deliberations" and "unsure plans." Paul challenges longtime friend and follower Philemon to "let the good you do be voluntary." Jesus instructs "great crowds" traveling with him—including us—on three things necessary for all true disciples to accomplish. On this early autumn weekend, our scriptures describe disciples' lifelong labors.

Treasures from our Traditions Eastern Catholic and Orthodox Christians share a love for the Byzantine liturgy because it is during the Eucharist that the Church is most true to its identity, expresses its integrity, and discovers its vocation. Eastern Catholic and Orthodox Christians celebrate essentially the identical liturgy, with only very slight variations. It is a fairly complex ritual weaving together three separate layers of prayers: a liturgy prayed in the sanctuary by priests, often hidden by a curtain or screen; a liturgy sung by the assembly and led by a deacon in front of a screen formed of painted icons; and a third layer of private prayer by the priest, who prays in support of the deacon and the faithful. It is an eyes-wide-open experience, gorgeous in visuals, and filled with the sound of God's people singing prayer. The energy of the worship centers on the presence of Christ, largely through an awareness of heaven touching earth when the Church gathers to celebrate. In the late twentieth century, Latin Rite Catholics were encouraged to embrace a style of worship that was "full, conscious, and active," a value that has never been lost in the East. The liturgy has great impact in its beauty, in its poetry and contemplation, and by the actions of bowing, signing with the cross, and chanting that are required of the assembly. Contact with the Eastern Church reveals some key values that have been obscured in our own Church and are slowly being recovered.

Parish Cluster Events

St. Teresa: Eucharist Adoration is every Wednesday from 9 AM-1 PM in the Church.

St. Anthony: Rosary's for the Unborn are said the first Saturday of each month from 10 AM-3:30 PM.

Family Perspectives

Successful family life requires forgiveness-many times! Each time we forgive from the heart, our heart becomes more like Jesus' heart. Yet this forgiveness must be mutual among all members. A family member who cannot forgive or accept forgiveness may need help from a priest or a therapist.

Events Around Town

St. Thomas Christmas Concert & Dinner with Kim Robins & 40 Years Late with Acoustic Age is Saturday, December 7th at 6 PM. Advanced tickets are \$25. Contact Michelle (440) 670-1931.

Mexican Imagery of Our Lady of Guadalupe The Oberlin Heritage Center will host this exhibit from September 5-21, at various times. It is presented by the Lorain Museum of Hispanic & Latino Cultures. For information on tour times, fee, registrations, and directions visit www.oberlinheritagecenter.org or call 440-774-1700.

Lorain County Right to Life Help us at our booth or come visit us! Elyria Apple Festival, Elyria: Fri, Sept 20-Sun, Sept 22. To help call 440-322-0076.

Sisters of Notre Dame Annual BBQ Join them on 13000 Auburn Road in Chardon, from Noon-5:00 PM on Sunday, September 29th . Enjoy good food and handcrafts made by the Sisters. Visit www.sndchardon.org

St. Anthony Paduan Travelers MGM Hard Rock Casino...September 18, at 10 AM from St. Anthony's south parking lot. Leaving 4:30 to arrive home about 5:30. Cost is \$23.00. Call Virginia Glass at 440-724-9595.

Boxes from Home St. Vincent de Paul sends boxes to our military. Call Dorothy at 984-2192 with your soldier's information and they will send a box! Keep the health and safety of the members of our Armed Forces in your thoughts and prayers.



50th Wedding Anniversary Mass at the Diocese of Cleveland is Saturday, October 12, 2019 at 10:00 AM. Reservation is needed. Call (216) 334-2974.

Chaplain Services are available for Prisons and Jails located in the Diocese of Cleveland at 800-869-6525.

Catholic Radio Stations

1220 AM-WHKW Radio The Word
1260 AM-The Rock
1060 AM-Living Bread



<http://www.dioceseofcleveland.org/catholicradio>
'Table Talk' 1260AMtherock.com for times and dates.
EWTN-www.ewtnnews.com TV or online liturgy does not fulfill the Sunday Mass obligation.

Treat people with respect, understanding & forgiveness