



# St. Thomas the Apostle

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

## October 25, 2020 30th 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

**The Rosary:** Prayed daily before 9 AM Mass. This includes weekends.

**Baptism:** Sunday: 12:30 PM  
Parent 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.

### Holy Days of Obligation

The Solemnity of Mary	January 1, 2021
Immaculate Conception	December 8, 2020
Christmas	December 25, 2020

### Diocese of Cleveland

Website:.....www.dioceseofcleveland.org  
Phone.....800-869-6525  
Address.....1404 E. 9th St., Cleveland, Ohio 44114

### Parish Staff

Father Stephen L. Shields..... Pastor  
Mrs. Heather Centifanti.....Office Manager  
Mr. Michael Chutes.....Custodian

### Communications

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Confirmation-John & Kathy Mack.....440-242-8683  
RCIA.....440-949-7744  
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.....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. 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: For the Church & World**

**Sunday October 25, 2020**  
**30th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:00 AM Bill Garlitz (ill)  
 11:00 AM Howard Collins

**Monday October 26, 2020**

9:00 AM Cecilia Buckley  
**Tuesday October 27, 2020**  
 9:00 AM Ken & Sue DeCrane & family

**Wednesday October 28, 2020**

**Ss. Simon & Jude**  
 9:00 AM Paul Alexy & family

**Thursday October 29, 2020**

9:00 AM All Souls

**Friday October 30, 2020**

9:00 AM Elizabeth Alexy & family

**Saturday October 31, 2020**

**Halloween**  
 9:00 AM St. Thomas Parishioners  
 4:00 PM Poor Souls

**Sunday November 1, 2020**

**All Saints**  
 9:00 AM Jim Centifanti  
 1st Communion  
 11:00 AM Doyle E. Ritter  
 Lectionary Year: "A"

Turn Clocks  
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**PRE-BAPTISM CLASS-2020**

November 15 St. Thomas-12:30 PM (440) 949-7744  
 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.

St. Thomas needs Lectors, Readers, Eucharist Ministers & Servers. No Experience needed. "Never underestimate the power of the Holy Spirit working in you."

St. Thomas has a new Facebook address:

<https://m.facebook.com/thomas.church.39142>

Thanks Rocky. This will keep you up to date on current events both upcoming and attended.

*Rest in Peace Daniel C. Hnanicek. God be with you and may Perpetual Light Shine upon You.*



**LITURGICAL SCHEDULE**

**Saturday, October 24-4:00 PM**

C-MB Riley L-S Riley  
 EM-A & J Balmart, S Duffy

**Sunday, October 25-9:00 AM**

C-J Houlihan L-  
 EM-K Janosik, P Blazinz, H Schremp

**Sunday, October 25-11:00 AM**

C-L Prokay L-M Fairweather  
 EM-D Gray, J Kelly, D Munro



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

**WEEKLY COLLECTION Goal \$5,000.00**

October 18, 2020 \$4,837.78

Please increase your Offering so that we can meet our goal.

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.

**NEW SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE**

Starting 1 January 2021 we will have one Mass on Sunday at 10:00 AM. The rest of our Mass schedule for the weekend and weekdays will remain the same.

**ST. THOMAS CHURCH EVENTS**

**Holy Water** If you would like Holy Water blessed bring some in your container and Fr. Steve will bless it after Mass.

**Virtus Training** <http://www.virtus.org> click training tab.

**Blessing Blanket Ministry** meets every Monday from 1-5 PM in Room #2 in Grismer Hall. If you wish to drop off material or completed blankets do so on Mondays. We have blessed 102 People. Thanks for all the support. Justine (440) 830-9990.

**Parper Products Drive** for the Shelter begins November 1st-30th. We need paper products for the shelter. Boxes are located at the doors of the Church. Call Penny (440) 949-7548 for more information.

**SAINTS SIMON AND JUDE, APOSTLES**

**October 28**

Saint Jude, apostle and Hollywood success story? Indeed! Beyond Simon's being a "Zealot" for Israel's liberation and Jude's question about Jesus revealing himself no historic facts are known about either saint. St Jude's well-known patronage of lost causes and hopeless cases is largely due to a desperate vow made just before World War II by a struggling entertainer, the son of Arab-American immigrants, Danny Thomas. Unemployed, his wife about to give birth, Danny, while attending Mass, impulsively donated his last seven dollars to the collection, promising: "Saint Jude, if you help me find my way in life, I will build a shrine in your honor!" Older Americans remember Danny's long, successful movie and television career. Grateful parents worldwide know the miracles that have taken place for fifty years at his Saint Jude Children's Research Hospital, where needy children are cared for regardless of race, religion, or financial resources, and monumental advances continue in healing and preventing pediatric cancers and catastrophic childhood diseases. A living, life-giving partnership is this "Communion of Saints": Simon, Jude, Danny Thomas and us!



St. Thomas Church  
 is Kid Friendly



**THANK YOU**

...to our our BBQ team for the great dinner.  
 ...to Nancy for the Holy Water.  
 ...to our Funeral Angels Dave, Mike, Penny, Helen, Eric and Payton for volunteering at the Luncheon.  
 ...to Kathy-the cobweb cleaner.

**The Diamond Rule** When I hear the the first reading I think of the movie E.T., in which the children help ET just because he needs it. What the reading calls aliens are immigrants or newcomers. They lived among the Hebrews but were not Jews themselves. The Lord reminds the people that they were once aliens themselves. They should not make the same mistake the Egyptians did when they mistreated the Israelites. God uses the same logic in commanding them to take care of widows and orphans. Treat them like family, or else your own wives and children will be in the same situation. Immigrants, widows, orphans, borrowers--all must be treated with compassion. The reason for such compassion can be deeper than just fear of punishment. *"Do to others as you would have them do to you," Jesus said. "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."* Jesus called this the second commandment. The first is to love God wholly and completely, heart, mind, and soul. If the second commandment is the Golden Rule, the first might be called the Diamond Rule. Jesus said that whatever you do for the poor, the homeless, the sick, or prisoners, you do for him. Mother Teresa could see Jesus in the poorest of the poor. Jesus himself showed compassion even to sinners. We can't really say we love God if we don't love the people God created. God lives in other people, so loving God means loving God wherever God is found. Second, God loves them, so if we are to be holy, we can be like God. What does that mean? Remember the saying that "charity begins at home"? That is only true because it is easier to love family and friends, but charity doesn't end there. If we truly love God, we will extend our charity to those outside our homes. People are probably still rebuilding after the earthquakes in Japan, tornadoes in America, floods in India, and other disasters, and every city has some kind of homeless shelters. You say you love God? Let's see you love your neighbor.

**Living Justly** "You give that back right now!" How many of us have heard that line, probably more than once, growing up? We come home with the trophy of what we thought was a really sweet deal, only to have our parents undo our profits by making us return the spoils. They had a different idea of what constituted a "fair trade agreement." Justice in our dealings with others continues to be an important measure of our character, and like a good parent, God cares very much about how we treat each other and about how others treat us. God hears the cry of the poor, and answers the call of the oppressed. God's beloved children are not to behave like bullies.

**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.

**FAMILY PERSPECTIVES**

Today Jesus tells us love of God and neighbor are two parts of the greatest commandment. Loving families do both. They express their love of God as a family knowing tis will help them love each other. What energizes their love? Loving God through loving people. How are we loving one another through the Covid-19 pandemic?

**EVENTS AROUND TOWN**

**St. Thomas** is still providing food for the Homeless Shelter. Call Penny (440) 949-7548 to make a financial donation, donate food or help prepare or deliver meals. We supply meals year round.

**Act of Spiritual Communion**

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

**Our Cathedral's YouTube Channel** features the Stations of the Cross and the Rosary, in addition to various tracks of the Cathedral Choir. Consider visiting and subscribing to Cleveland Cathedral YouTube channel

**Catholic Radio Stations**

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



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

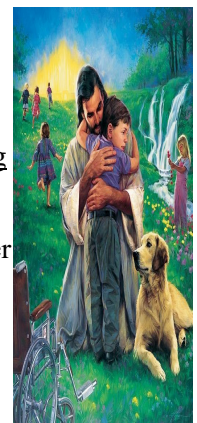
**'Table Talk'** [1260AMtherock.com](http://1260AMtherock.com) for times and dates.

**EWTN**-[www.ewtnnews.com](http://www.ewtnnews.com) TV or online liturgy does not fulfill the Sunday Mass obligation.

**Catholic Cemetery Grief Support** has limited seating for social distancing. We meet on the 3rd Sunday from 3:00 –4:00 PM at St. Joseph Cemetery, Avon (NEW office). Contact Rhonda 216-930-4866 [rabrams@clecem.org](mailto:rabrams@clecem.org), or view our calendar at [clecem.org](http://clecem.org).

**October** is respect for Life Month, all Life from conception until a natural death.

**Protecting God's Children** "Protecting God's Children" protects children from sexual abuse. Inform authorities of inappropriate behavior. Call 216-334-2999 [responseservices@dioceseofcleveland.org](mailto:responseservices@dioceseofcleveland.org) "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."



**Pro-Life Doctor's List** Pro-life doctors, who don't practice abortion or support its use. Call 440-322-0076.

[www.loraincountyrighttolife.org](http://www.loraincountyrighttolife.org) under Resources/Issues tab. Abortion destroys God's plan for the life of that child.

**Born to Love** *You were born to love, we live to love, and we will die to love still more.*