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St. Thomas the Apostle

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

February 7, 2021 5th 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.

Baptism: Sunday: 11:30 AM
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 next 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

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Funeral Luncheon-Dave Johnston.....440-670-0204
Music/Choir-Roger Brooks.....440-346-3022

Parish Cluster Contacts

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1305 East Erie Ave. Lorain 44052 (440) 288-0106
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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 1981-1998

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

Mass Schedule

Weekly: Religious Vocations

Sunday February 7, 2021
 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 World Day of Consecrated Life
 10:00 AM Blazino Molina

Monday February 8, 2021
 St. Jerome Emiliani
 St. Josephine Bakhita
 9:00 AM Dan Hnanicek

Tuesday February 9, 2021
 Prayer for Human Trafficking
 9:00 AM St. Thomas Parishioners

Wednesday February 10, 2021
 St. Scholastica
 9:00 AM Jim Lamlien

Thursday February 11, 2021
 Our Lady of Lourdes
 9:00 AM Luke Chang

Friday February 12, 2021
 Abraham Lincoln's Birthday
 9:00 AM Harry Shuler Jr.

Saturday February 13, 2021
 9:00 AM Antoinette Skhostek
 4:00 PM Mike Pence & Family

Sunday February 14, 2021
 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 10:00 AM L/D Holy Name
 Lectionary Year: "B"



Weekly Collection Goal \$5,000.00
 January 31, 2021 \$2,941.00
 Please increase your Offering so that we can meet our goal.

Online Giving 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

Fish Fry begins on Friday, February 19th from 4-7 PM. We will be collectiong donatins of Baked Goods, Water and Soda Pop. Donatins can be dropped at Grismer Hall every Friday until March 26th by 3 PM.

Stations of the Cross will be celebrated at St. Thomas every Friday of Lent at 4 PM.

Ashes Distribution will be at the 9AM & 7 PM Masses on Ash Wednesday February 17th.

Blessing Blanket Minisry will not meet until further notice. If you wish to donate material ,finished quilts, or have any questions, call Justine (440) 830-9990

Mass Intentions are available for 2021/2022. Each intention is \$10:00. Call the Office to schedule.

Homeless Shelter needs paper products. Please place donations into the boxes marked Shelter.

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

Pre-Baptism Class-2021

February 18-7:30 PM Holy Spirit (440) 933-9777
 March 16-6:30 PM St. Joseph (440) 933-3152
 April 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.

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

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

St. Thomas has a new Facebook address:
<https://m.facebook.com/thomas.church.39142> Send an e-mail address to the Parisjh Office and receive the bulletin electronically each week..

Liturgical Schedule

Saturday, February 13-4:00 PM
 C-P Reith L-M Rozmarynowycz
 EM-L & M Wenzel, S Lynch
Sunday, February 14-10:00 AM
 C-J Ritter L-b Barelka
 EM-H Schremp, P Blazina, K Mohrbach



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

Feast of Faith The Gloria

The Gloria, or Glory to God, follows the penitential rite. Both are acts of praise. In the penitential rite, we sing of the mercy of Christ. In the Gloria we praise God's saving action in the universe. The Gloria is a relatively late addition to the Mass. It first appeared in the Roman liturgy in the sixth century, and then it was sung only by the pope—and only on Christmas! With time, the hymn came to be sung by bishops on major feasts, and then by priests; finally, it became the song of the entire assembly. With the advent of more elaborate musical settings, the people gradually stopped singing the Gloria, until this song of the people became the exclusive domain of the priest and the choir. But the liturgical reforms have restored it to its place as primarily the song of the assembly. The language of the Gloria echoes the New Testament canticles. It may be begun by the priest, the cantor, and the entire assembly in varied combinations. The Gloria is sometimes called the "greater doxology," and in some ways it is like an extended, ecstatic version of the familiar doxology ("Glory be to the Father") prayed in the Divine Office and the rosary.



St. Thomas Church is Kid Friendly



Thank You

...to Koltin for help salting the sidewalks.

What do you want? Jesus was becoming very popular, with the ordinary people. They had seen how he had cured the sick and cast out demons. Jesus knew the people would not understand this and try to proclaim him as their king. Jesus had no intention of living as a worldly king, in comfort and riches. He came to free people from needing wealth and power. Popularity and wealth do not interest St. Paul, either. He specifically refuses to be paid for his preaching, to show that he will be rewarded by Christ. So what do you hope for; what is your goal in life? Do you only feel secure when you have money and invested it wisely? Do you need other people to make you happy? Or a few hundred Facebook friends? Paul's love was not to make others like him. He wanted to bring the good news to them: by his love for them, Paul showed that God loves them more. Let us ask the Lord to fill us with his love, so that we can help each other to hear the good news.

A Time to Lament The description of human suffering from the book of Job echoes the cries we have heard throughout the world with the coming of the coronavirus. We grieve many losses: of life and health, of jobs and security, of freedom to be with those we love. We are reminded that many of the psalms are prayers lamenting that the world is often not what it ought to be. In these coronavirus times, we the Church are first called to prayerfully lament: to weep with those who are weeping and to ache for a better world. Our prayer can remind us that all creation is groaning, and the Holy Spirit is groaning in shared suffering. We also live in God's promise to transform our tears into joy. God is eager to bring healing to the world, and we are God's instruments in doing so. We bring God's gifts of creativity, resourcefulness, and perseverance to the task. Our prayerful lamentation reminds us of the urgency of God's work through us.

Treasures from Our Tradition The story of Job is so horrific that the laments of the front page of modern newspapers barely measure up. The whole story is not long to tell, but its resolution is of great comfort. We can trace in its plot the stirrings of a belief in an afterlife, and in God's great power to right every wrong and raise human beings from suffering. We see the fulfillment of these longings in the hand of Jesus, grasping an ill woman by the hand and raising her up to vibrant life. Peter's mother-in-law becomes her best self, attentive to her guests, providing hospitality, the warmth of her laughter, the delights of her kitchen. Today is a day to check the fragile flame of your own baptismal candle. Against February's customary lethargy, its background whines and ailments, the liturgy summons us to life, grasps us by the hand, and sends us to serve in Christ's name.

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 Church.

Family Perspectives

Jesus's day in Capernaum is punctuated by healings. Last week we read in the gospel of how, while at synagogue, he frees a man from an unclean spirit by rebuking the spirit. In the first reading Job laments, "My days . . . come to an end without hope." Have you ever found yourself in a similar position of despair? What sustains your family life through challenging times? Where do you turn for healing and strength? In the gospel, Jesus rises early and goes off "to a deserted place" to pray. Where and when do you find silence and solitude to be with God?

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 & deliver meals year round.

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

"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 under Resources/Issues tab. Abortion destroys God's plan for the life of that child.

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

1330 AM-WINT

<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.

The Diocese of Cleveland's Sunday Mass is at 10 AM on WUAB Channel 43, the CW43, WUAB Channel 43 is an over-the-air station that is accessible even without cable TV. Check local listings to locate WUAB. The weekly TV Mass is produced by the Diocese of Cleveland from the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist. This Mass has been a staple of religious programming for decades, cultivating a dedicated and faithful following. We hope viewers will continue to tune in at this convenient time. More information is on

