

# St. Thomas the Apostle

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

## October 18, 2020 29th 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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RCIA.....440-949-7744  
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Grismer Hall/Gym.....440-949-8491  
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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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: Pray for Children of the World

**Sunday October 18, 2020**  
**29th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:00 AM L & D Ladies Guild  
 11:00 AM Kitty Kean

**Monday October 19, 2020**  
**Ss. John de Brebeuf, Isaac Jogues and companions**

9:00 AM All Souls  
**Tuesday October 20, 2020**

9:00 AM Fred Rock  
**St. Paul of the Cross**

**Wednesday October 21, 2020**

9:00 AM Joseph Andulics

**Thursday October 22, 2020**  
**St. John Paul II**

9:00 AM Kathleen Klejka

**Friday October 23, 2020**  
**St. Joseph of Capistrano**

9:00 AM All Souls

**Saturday October 24 2020**  
**St. Anthony Mary Claret**

9:00 AM Dale Corcoran  
 4:00 PM St. Thomas Parishioners

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

9:00 AM Bill Garlitz  
 11:00 AM Howard Collins  
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### PRE-BAPTISM CLASS-2020

October 20 St. Joseph-6:30 PM (440) 933-3152

November 15 St. Thomas-12:30 PM (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.

**St. Thomas has a new Facebook address:**  
<https://m.facebook.com/thomas.church.39142>

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

### 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 11, 2020 \$2,593.00

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

**St. Thomas BBQ**– October 24th 4-7 PM. Carry out available. Choices Hamburgers \$10, Pull Pork \$12, Hot Dogs, Chips, Beans, Potato Salad. Enjoy **BEER**, floats pop & water. Join Us!

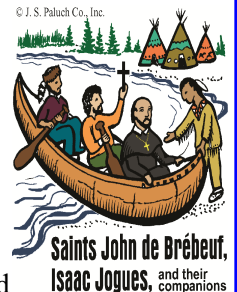
**PSR St. Thomas PSR** began Sunday, October 11th from 10-10:45 AM. Registration forms are located by all the Church doors. We will do everything to protect the students attending. Covid-19 rules will be followed.

**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.

### SAINTS ISAAC JOGUES (1560-1646) AND JOHN DE BRÉBEUF (1593-1649) AND COMPANIONS October 19

Their mission was to France, but these missionaries found a world different from the homes they left behind. Six Jesuit priests, Fathers Isaac Jogues, John de Brébeuf, Anthony Daniel, Gabriel Lalemant, Charles Garnier, and Noël Chabanel and Jesuit lay volunteers René Goupil and John LaLande shared the gospel with the Native Americans they met, in languages they learned, and through images they creatively adapted to the indigenous cultures. Evangelization was caught up in turmoil beyond their control: a smallpox epidemic, battles between French and English trading interests the traders united only by their willingness to exploit the Native Americans and conflict among the tribes themselves, Huron, Mohawk, Iroquois. The missionaries' perseverance despite exhausting hardships, their steadfast courage in facing unspeakable tortures, and undaunted love even for those who martyred them, bore fruit, immediately in Kateri Tekakwitha's sanctity, eventually in the Catholicism that still flourishes in the United States and Canada.



**St. Thomas Church**  
 is Kid Friendly





**THANK YOU**

...to our our Parish Community who give of their time, talents and treasures.

**THE RISK OF DISCIPLESHIP** When we deepen our relationship with Jesus, we follow in his footsteps. Sometimes discipleship brings obvious blessings, like belonging to a thriving parish community or feeling good about helping people in need. Other times, imitating Jesus means sharing in his sufferings. Like Jesus, we know the sting of rejection. We fear to lower our social status by spending time and money as Jesus may call us to do. Choosing to spend time with someone who is awkward or unpopular means we are not hanging with the in-crowd. Offering a full tithe to charity means we have less money to spend. Letting go of our earthly desire to be admired can be difficult, but the Lord accompanies us in the struggle. Jesus Christ does not “regard a person’s status.” Inspired by this divine impartiality, we pray: Lord God, help us to love the extravagant freedom that comes from you. Help us to follow you and into your compassionate heart.

**IN GOD ALONE** Isaiah speaks to us today of Cyrus, King of Persia, anointed by the Lord. God calls Cyrus by name and leads him in service to the Israelites. In this passage we hear that it is the Lord who gives Cyrus his title, who arms him against his enemies, and who opens doors and unbars gates before him. And God does all of this so that the people will know that “I am the LORD,” and that “there is none besides me.” Paul opens his letter with essentially the same notion—that in God alone we find our grace and peace. Paul also gives thanks to God on our behalf, calling to mind our work of faith, hope, and love. In the familiar Gospel reading, Jesus tells the Pharisees to give to Caesar what is Caesar’s and to God what is God’s.

**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITIONS** One of the most difficult reforms of the Second Vatican Council for the Church to embrace has been the Sacrament of Penance. It is individual and private, and has been difficult for the changes to take root. A priest may be grounded in the earlier form, and the penitent may resist the priest’s attempt to blend in the proper texts and rituals because the new form is almost identical in structure to the old. It may also be true that with the liturgy in English now, it is far more clear that the Eucharist, too, is a “Sacrament of reconciliation.” It is certainly true that there are different skills and gifts in ministry, and experienced penitents know that not all priests are equally at ease in this sacramental encounter. A difficult experience can drive people away from a liturgy that is spiritually rich and rewarding so we try again. Individual confession and absolution is for us both treasure and tradition. If you haven’t been for a while, consider coming back to praise God for this gift of mercy.

**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**

Differences are inevitable in family life. Don’t be like the Pharisees in today’s gospel who were trying to trap Jesus. They did not care about the truth. They just wanted to win! To be right! Peace can exist only when we pursue the truth with love without ulterior motives.

**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.

