

St. Thomas the Apostle

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

October 1, 2017

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

PARISH INFORMATION

MASSES: Saturday Vigil: 4:00 PM

Sunday: 9:00 and 11:00 AM

Monday through Saturday: 9:00 AM

CONFESSIONS: Saturday: 3:00 to 3:45 PM

or by appointment.

BAPTISM: Sundays: 12:30 PM

Parent Pre-Baptismal Class required

MARRIAGE: Contact the Office at least six months

before the tentative date is set.

HOME COMMUNION: Anyone desiring Communion at

home should notify the Parish Office.

FUNERALS: Arrangements with the Parish Office must be

made before publication.

MEMBERSHIP: New members are welcome. Call the Office

when you arrive. If you are moving, or turn 18 years of age contact us to keep our files updated.

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-3:00 PM

Any information/insert included in the bulletin must be in the Parish Office by Wednesday at 4:00 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.

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

All Saints November 1, 2017

Immaculate Conception December 8, 2017

Christmas December 25, 2017

Mary, Holy Mother of God January 1, 2018

The Assumption of Mary August 15, 2018

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PARISH STAFF

Father Stephen L. Shields..... Pastor

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COMMUNICATIONS

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Grismer Hall/Gym.....440-949-8491

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. Gaebelien 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 Intention: Respect all Life

Sunday October 1, 2017
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Respect Life Sunday
 9:00 AM JoAnn Grau
 11:00 AM Ken & Angie Hicks
 Second Collection: Hurricane Irma



Monday October 2, 2017
The Holy Guardian Angels

9:00 AM Jeanne M. Lamlein



Tuesday October 3, 2017

9:00 AM NO MASS

Wednesday October 4, 2017

St. Francis of Assisi

9:00 AM Jeanne M. Lamlein



Thursday October 5, 2017

Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos

9:00 AM Mary Lou Judge

Friday October 6, 2017

St. Bruno

Blessed Marie Rose Durocher

9:00 AM All Souls

Saturday October 7, 2017

Our Lady of the Rosary

9:00 AM John "Jack" Walsh

4:00 PM Ellie & Otto Marcucci

Sunday October 8, 2017

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 AM L & D of the Holy Name

11:00 AM Bill Shlapack

Second Collection: Loose Change

Lectionary Year: "A"



Pre-Baptismal Classes-2017

October 12 Holy Spirit 7:30 PM (440) 933-0043

November 21 St. Joseph 6:30 PM (440) 933-3152

NO December classes

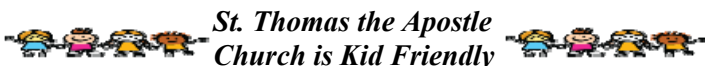
New and expecting parents are required to attend a class before scheduling a baptism at their church of Worship.

Facebook: www.facebook.com/saintthomaschurchohio

Twitter: [Stthomas715](https://twitter.com/Stthomas715)

ONEPARISH.COM lets you sign up to an app and receive the bulletin on line. This keeps you up to date with current events and fundraisers of our Parish. It's easy, just download on the App store or get it on Google play.

Take a bulletin as you leave to stay connected always!



Gospels for the Week:		Thursday	Lk 10:1-12
Monday	Mt 18:1-5,10	Friday	Lk 10:13-16
Tuesday	Lk 9:51-56	Saturday	Lk 10:17-24
Wednesday	Lk 9:57-62	Sunday	Mt 21:33-43

Weekly Collections

Weekly	Goal	Fiscal Year to Date
September 24, 2017	\$5,000.00	\$65,000.00
Offertory	\$3766.00	\$54,393.78
	(\$1,234.00)	(\$10,606.22)

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

St. Thomas News/Events

10/15-Anointing of the Sick 11 AM Mass

10/15-BP/Sugar Screening

12/9-Country Christmas Concert & Dinner



St. Thomas Country Christmas Concert featuring Tayla Lynn, granddaughter of the "Coal Miners Daughter" Loretta Lynn, will be Saturday, December 9th with dinner at 5 PM, concert at 6PM. Tickets are \$25.00 each. Contact Michelle at (615)556-4642 or the Parish Office.

Confirmation Orientation is Sunday, October 22nd at Noon in Grismer Hall's North End. One parent must attend with student. Confirmation is open for 8th-12th graders who have been baptized, received First Communion and have previous PRS instructions. Call John 242-8683. We are in need of an assistant instructor, no experience necessary. Contact John 282-8683.

All events and activities using the gym (gym only) will be cancelled until further notice due to CYO's installation of a new gym floor. Regular use of the class rooms and meeting rooms will continue as scheduled.

Ladies Guild Rummage Sale has been cancelled.

Spaghetti Dinner cancelled.

CYO cancelled all until further notice.

Parish Council has a vacant seat available for anyone interested in sitting on Council. Contact Kathy 864-1253.

Liturgical Schedule

Saturday, October 7-4:00 PM

C-MB Riley L-S Riley

EM-C Dietz, E Fabanich, K Kirtos

C-J Kirtos, S Lynch

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Sunday, October 8-9:00 AM

C-E Bayus L-J Mack

EM- Holy Name

C-Holy Name

S-H Centifanti, W Holley

Sunday, October 8-11:00 AM

C-L Prokay L-J Houlihan

EM-C Rouhier, N Olitsky, S Helman

C-S Brunkow,

S-M Fairweather, N Barsan

Looking for new Servers, Lectors, Commentators or Eucharist Ministers, call the Parish Office at 949-7744.



October 1, 2017

Like us on Twitter: Sstthomas715

Thank You

...to Mark, Mike, Alex, Dave and Eric for trimming the trees around the Church.
...to all those parishioners who donated to the disaster relief collections.



Prayer for Natural Disasters

Holy One, you are our comfort and strength in times of sudden disaster, crisis, or chaos. Surround us now with your grace and peace through storm or earthquake, fire or flood. By your Spirit, lift up those who have fallen, sustain those who work to rescue or rebuild, and fill us with the hope of your new creation; through You, our rock and redeemer. Amen.

God's Ways In the stream of readings during this portion of Ordinary Time one week's texts can often appear to pick up exactly where the previous week's concluded. The sentiments expressed in today's first reading seem to be a direct reaction to the Gospel passage we heard last week. In that Gospel, the landowner pays the same wages to his workers whether they worked for a full day or for only a few minutes. Today Ezekiel gives us the lament, "The LORD's way is not fair!" These Sundays in Ordinary Time offer us a glimpse into the ways of the Lord. We see how God's way has the tendency to turn the accepted conventions of the day upside down. Those who always expected that their way to heaven was guaranteed are disappointed. Those who thought they never had a chance are given that chance. Today offers us another opportunity to discover the abundance of God's mercy and love.

Catholic Radio Stations

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



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

EWTN-Is a Catholic news, television and radio network which offers news from around the world as it happens. www.ewtnnews.com Check EWTN's for Mass schedule. Televised Sunday Mass-Channel 8 at 6:00 AM.

Family Perspectives

"What is your opinion?" was the trick question to the Pharisees asked Jesus-in their attempt to trap him into saying something controversial. Jesus outsmarted them as he tried to get the rule makers and scorekeepers to see the bigger picture of God's generous mercy. In families and on Facebook we would do well to invite one another to think and reason together rather than stirring up arguments with loaded opinions. Developing conscience and the ability to follow the Lord from our heart-much better than stirring up controversy and keeping score.

Events Around Town

First Friday Forum October 6, 2017 ▪ 11:30-1:00 PM "The Spirituality of the Vatican II Documents: 55 years of Challenge and Formation" Rev. Mark Latcovich, Ph D. Lorain County Community College Spitzer Conference Center in Elyria, Ohio Luncheon Buffet: 11:30 am ▪ Speaker: 12-1:00 PM. \$18.00 per reservation. Call 440-244-0643 for information or e-mail fflorain@gmail.com.

St. Edwards High School Open Houses/Admission Tests Open House is Sunday, Oct. 15-11 AM - 1 PM; Sunday, Nov. 5-11 AM-1 PM Pre-register at sehs.net. Admission Tests (pre-register at sehs.net) Saturday, Oct. 21 at 9 AM; Wed., Oct. 25 at 5:30 PM; Saturday, Oct. 28 at 9 AM Admission tests are for 8th grade boys only. \$20 fee. Contact St. Edward's at 216-521-2204.

Blanket Sunday Collection is the weekend of October 7/8th. Again this is a CASH ONLY collection. Mark the envelope St. Vincent de Paul Blanket Sunday. You may also donate on line at www.svdpcle.org.

Join Bishop Perez in Celebrating Fatima Anniversary Mass all of the faithful of the diocese are invited to join Bishop Nelson J. Perez in a special Mass celebrating the closing of the anniversary celebration of the apparitions of the Blessed Mother at Fatima, Portugal in 1917. The Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, October 7th at 10:00 AM in St. John Cathedral in downtown Cleveland. Parking is available on the surface lot behind the Cathedral.

St. Joseph Shelter We will begin our regular cooking schedule in September and request donations for meals to be prepared for the residents. Contact Penny 949-7548.

Boxes from Home The Altar & Rosary Society of St. Vincent de Paul Church sends "Boxes from Home" to deployed soldiers. Call Dorothy at (440) 984-2192 with the name, rank, branch of service, and overseas address.

3 Parish Cluster Events

St. Thomas: Music Club invites all singers and musicians to join us. Contact Roger (440)346-3022.

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

St. Anthony: Our Perpetual Adoration Chapel is open 24/7. It is located behind the Parish Office/Rector, and overlooks the Lake. If the door is locked go to the Parish Office.

Parish Events this Week

October 2-PSR Grismer Hall 6:15-7:30 PM
October 8-Coffee & donuts Church Library 10-10:30 AM