

THE LEPROSY LEFT HIM
AND HE WAS MADE
CLEAN



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Our Honored Former Pastors

+Fr. Raymond J. Grismer 1960-1962
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St. Thomas the Apostle Church is fully accessible
No Steps, No Stairs, No Ramps

St. Thomas the Apostle

715 Harris Road * Sheffield Lake * Ohio *
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**February 14, 2021
6th 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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Mass Schedule

Weekly: Holy Lenten Season

Sunday February 14, 2021
 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 World Marriage Day
 Valentine's Day



10:00 AM L/D Holy Name
Monday February 15, 2021
 President's Day

9:00 AM St. Thomas Parishioners
Tuesday February 16, 2021
 Mardi Gras; Shrove Tuesday

9:00 AM Colleen M Lasby-Sidock
Wednesday February 17, 2021
 Ash Wednesday



9:00 AM Hanna & David Hwang
 7:00 PM St. Thomas Parishioners

Thursday February 18, 2021
 9:00 AM All Souls

Friday February 19, 2021
 Abstinence
 9:00 AM Harry Shuls Jr. & Family
 4:00 PM Stations



Saturday February 20, 2021
 9:00 AM Greg & Judy Filipovich
 4:00 PM Joseph Andulics

Sunday February 21, 2021
 1st Sunday of Lent
 10:00 AM L/D Ladies guild
 Lectionary Year: "B"

Pre-Baptism Class-2021

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 Parish Office and receive the bulletin electronically each week..

Liturgical Schedule

Saturday, February 20-4:00 PM
 C-MB Riley L-S Riley
 EM-L & M Wenzel, S Lynch
Sunday, February 21-10:00 AM
 C-J Houlihan L-J Mack
 EM-K Yatson, J Kelly, S Helman



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

Weekly Collection Goal \$5,000.00
 February 7, 2021 \$5,129.00

Thankyou for increasing your offering.

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. Good Friday at 1:00 PM.

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.

For families who lack food, water, shelter and clothing, may those who have an abundance willingly share with those who have nothing.....

Feast of Faith The Gloria (part 2)

The Gloria is a rejoicing prayer, an exclamation of praise. It begins with the song of the angels at the announcement of the birth of Jesus (Luke 2:14), a heavenly burst of praise for God's loving action in the world. But in the Gloria, the song goes on, leaping, as it were, from height to height, with every kind of praise, blessing, adoration, glory, and thanksgiving. We begin by thanking and praising God the Father; then we turn our gaze to Christ, the Lamb of God. The paschal mystery of Christ's suffering, death, and resurrection is found here, at the heart of this prayer, which descends to the depths with Christ, but then rises with him to the heavens, where he is seated at the Father's right hand. The Gloria ends with a series of acclamations to Christ, emphasizing over and over that he "alone" is the Holy One, the Lord, the Most High, truly God, with the Father and the Holy Spirit. Our prayer of praise ends where it began, in the "glory of God the Father." The Gloria, with its arc leading us from the glory of God to the suffering of Christ and again to glory, is the pattern of the Mass itself. At the center of all our prayer is the sacrificial love of Christ.



St. Thomas Church
 is Kid Friendly



Thank You

...to David & Lydia for re-organizing the PSR program.
 ...to Ken for helping clean the Church every week.

Jesus' Way Today's readings present a contrast between "Jesus' way" and the "old way." An example of the old way is the law given to Moses and Aaron about leprosy: the leper was unclean and cast out of the community. Jesus' way is the opposite: the leper is reached out to, touched, and finally cured. Nor ought we think of the "old way" as restricted to the days of Moses and Aaron, or even to the "old" testament. The difference between the old way and Jesus' way arises in our own lives. We still choose, every day, to live in our old way or in Jesus' way. Jesus dared to touch a leper, disregarding the old way. The leper then was changed forever. He felt a calling. He couldn't keep himself from proclaiming that he had been touched by Jesus (even though Jesus told him not to!). Once Jesus touches us, we are called to proclaim his way.

For the Glory of God In today's passage from First Corinthians, Paul concludes his extensive reflections on a variety of issues in Christian life, summarizing with "whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God." Beyond the specific problems he addresses, Paul invites his listeners deeper, to consider the primary orientation of life in Christ. We live "for the glory of God" when we organize our lives around God's values and purposes. We find our identity within God's story as described in the scriptures. We are called to join God's work in care for others. We wrestle with many difficult problems emerging from the messiness of daily living. As Lent approaches, we might claim some time to reflect upon how life's messiness connects with our identity and calling.

Treasures from Our Tradition By the First Sunday of Lent, many people have given up on "giving up." Yet experiencing hunger for favorite things is a sign of a desire to face our deepest hungers. We do not embrace fasting as individuals, but rather as the community's way of life. Sunday is an oasis in the Lenten desert, a place where fasting is not as strictly observed. If we count the days of the Lenten calendar, starting backward from Holy Thursday, it is difficult to measure the forty days. Many are surprised to learn that the Sundays are counted as part of Lent, but are not counted in the forty days of the Lenten fast. We count the fast backward into last week, beginning on Ash Wednesday. So, until today we have been in the Lenten fast, days that function as a kind of overture to a symphony of conversion. Today Lent solemnly begins, marked in many places by the sending of catechumens and candidates to the bishop for the call to the Easter sacraments. Tomorrow with them, we embrace the Lenten fast again. Today we are exactly forty days from the opening of the Paschal Triduum on Holy Thursday.

Parish Cluster Events

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

St. Anthony: Rosaries for the Unborn are said the first Saturday of each month from 10 AM-3:30 PM. In Church.

Family Perspectives

In the gospel reading today, Jesus reaches out to touch the leper, one who had been rendered ritually impure or "unclean" due to his skin infection. The gospel story is one of mercy, acceptance, compassion and empathy. We hear Jesus is "moved with pity" at the plight of the leper and reaches out to touch him, breaking Jewish law of that time. How as a Christian do we treat our family members with mercy, acceptance, compassion and empathy? Throughout his life, Jesus seeks out and draws near to those on the margins. How do we respond to those in our family who are on the margins of society or in our own family unit?

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.

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. Information is on the Diocese website on front of bulletin.

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.

