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to
Heaven

St. Thomas the Apostle

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

**Serving our Community for
60 years**

May 29, 2022 The Ascension of the Lord

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.

The Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help is prayed every Monday before Mass.

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.

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Parish Cluster Contacts

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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
Trust in the Lord our God

Sunday May 29, 2022
The Ascension of the Lord
10:00 AM James Bayus
2nd Collection: Loose Change

Monday May 30, 2022
Memorial Day
9:00 AM Greg & Judy Filipovich

Tuesday May 31, 2022
Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
9:00 AM Michelle Elwer & family

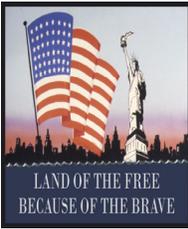
Wednesday June 1, 2022
St. Justin
9:00 AM Michael Rock & family

Thursday June 2, 2022
Ss. Marcellinus & Peter
9:00 AM Melissa Munro & family

Friday June 3, 2022
St. Charles Lwanga & Companions
9:00 AM Marsha DeAngelis & family

Saturday June 4, 2022
9:00 AM Stephen & Marie Cannon family
4:00 PM Hong Kook Chang

Sunday June 5, 2022
Penetcost Sunday
10:00 AM Rose Preos;er & family
2nd Collection: Loose Change



Pre-Baptism Class-2022

June 14-7:30 PM St. Mary (440) 934-4212
July 14-7:30 PM Holy Spirit (440) 934-3777
August 16-6:30 PM St. Joseph (440) 933-3152
September 18-12:30 PM 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.

Prayer Line In need of prayers? Contact the Sisters of Notre Dame prayer line (440) 279-1163.

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

St. Thomas Parish needs Lectors, Readers, Eucharist Ministers & Servers. "Never underestimate the power of the Holy Spirit working in you."

Musician (s) Needed for Sunday Masses. Contact Fr. Steve or leave a message at the Parish Office.

Weekly Collection Goal \$5,000.00
May 15, 2022 \$4,151.00
Please increase your offertory so we can reach 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

Homeless Shelter To donate paper products, food, time or finances, call Penny (440) 949-7548. We serve all year to a full shelter. Help us to help others.

Mass Intentions are available for 2022/2023. They are \$10.00 each. Contact the office (440) 949-7744 or drop into the weekly collection. Mark the envelopes Masses.

Blessing Blankets Ministry continues to make blankets for our communities needy. Blankets are available for donation. To donate materials call Justine (440) 830-9990.

Health Ministry Our Parish Health Ministry will have it's Annual free lab draw on Sunday July 17th from 9:30-12:30. Fasting encouraged. Take AM meds with water if possible. Results will be mailed.

Virtus Training <http://www.virtus.org> click training tab. Anyone working with children in our Parish must do this.

Brookside High School Mobile Food Pantry is the 3rd Wednesday of each month from 4:30 PM-6:00 PM. Make sure your trunk is cleaned out. Park in Sevits stadium parking lot due to school busses and cars at dismissals. No early pick-up.

The Ascension of the Lord Coming or Going? One way of looking at the Ascension is Jesus can do more for us in glory then while on earth. It happens in two steps. First, he sends the Holy Spirit to the disciples. Second, the disciples become his witnesses to all the nations. The first step is read on the Vigil of Pentecost says that "there was . . . no Spirit yet, because Jesus had not yet been glorified." We could not experience the gifts of the Spirit until Jesus had died and risen from the dead. While Jesus walked the earth, he chose to be limited in time and space, so that a few people could get to know and love him. After his resurrection, he could be more effective by sending his Spirit to all believers. Because he is ascended into glory, he can live in all of us. Just as the power of the Holy Spirit caused Mary to be the mother of Jesus, so that same power enables Jesus to live in us. That leads to the second step before his death, Jesus began to collect a group of followers. Some got to know him and became disciples. They did not have the faith and courage to bring others to Jesus. But after his ascension the disciples began to experience Jesus in each other. They could not help but be excited and spread that excitement to others. Jesus' ascension makes him present for more people to experience the Spirit, seeing Jesus in ourselves and others.

Liturgical Schedule

Saturday-June 4-4:00 PM
C-MB Riley L-S Riley
EM-P rieth, M Rozmarynowycz, S Helman

Sunday-June 5-10:00 AM
C-A Hicks L-R Radeff
EM-D Munro, K Janosik, K Mohrbach
Cup servers removed until further notice.
Fill in for Eucharist Ministers at the Mass



St. Thomas Church
Is Kid Friendly



Thank You

...to our Parish Garden Angels.

The Ascension of the Lord The celebration of the Ascension of our Lord occurs distinctively this year, when the two most detailed descriptions of the event are brought together in today's readings. We hear both the concluding verses from Luke's Gospel, the first volume of his work, and the first verses of Acts, his second volume. For Luke, the Ascension is the hinge of his two-volume work. The evangelist apparently thought the story of the Ascension was important enough to tell twice. While his first telling emphasizes the meaning of Jesus' earthly ministry, the second telling shifts to how the community of his followers are commissioned to continue this same ministry. Now the apostles, and all who followed Jesus, will bring healing and hope to a world that desperately needs them. Luke reminds us that we the Church are also summoned by Jesus to participate in his work.

Absence and Presence Appreciating the Ascension within the larger story of Jesus can be difficult. The Ascension describes both the absence and the presence of Jesus. Why did Jesus have to leave? As Jesus told his disciples, his departure makes possible his continuing presence in a new way, through the work of the Spirit beginning at Pentecost. The Ascension is more than a departure, for it describes how the bodily, human Jesus is now "at the right hand of God," and that the Father exalts Jesus as Lord of heaven and earth. We need to hold these two together: that Jesus knows our human trials and joys and walks compassionately with us; and Jesus also is our Lord, who pushes us out of our comfort zones toward Christian maturity, and holds us accountable.

Treasures from Our Tradition The Ascension has to do with holding God's nearness, along with signs of absence. The risen Jesus says to Mary Magdalene, "Do not cling to me," pointing out to her that his physical presence was temporary. It was a gift for their transformation, and after forty days, he vanished from their sight and hearing, though never out of their consciousness. They do not mourn at his going this time: there is no trace of the disciples who hid in fear at his crucifixion, or of the women who wept softly as they carried ointments to the tomb through the dewy morning light. Instead, the scriptural accounts show them full of joy, comforted by his promise to be with them forever, and open to the Spirit's power. They are joyful, energized, aware, and united with one another in love. They grasp an awareness that if the mission to the whole world was a serious one, then the presence of the Risen Christ could not be pinned down to any one place or time, but had to be always and everywhere completely available. The energy of this feast is drawn not from absence, but renewed and deeper presence.



PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Gladden us with holy joys, almighty God, and make us rejoice with devout thanks giving for the Ascension of Christ your Son is our exaltation, and, where the Head has gone before in glory, the Body is called to follow in hope. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

Events Around Town

Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord In the Diocese of Cleveland, the Ascension of the Lord is transferred to the Seventh Sunday of Easter.

Office Vacation The Parish Office will be closed on Tuesday, June 7 until Tuesday, June 14th.

50th Jubilee Celebration Saturday June 25, 2022, 10:00AM| Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist
The 50th Anniversary of Marriage Mass is celebrated for couples residing within the Diocese of Cleveland who celebrate 50 years of marriage during the 2022 calendar year (married in 1972). Due to capacity only bring 2 guests or special support people. Seating is first come first served. Registration opens April 15 and will close May 30. The online form is on the [Marriage & Family website](#).

Catholic Relief Services The humanitarian crisis is worsening daily in Ukraine as Russia intensifies its invasion of the country and its bombardment of civilian areas and buildings. Catholic Relief Services is working with Ukraine to respond to those needs. Here's how you can help: <https://support.crs.org/donate/donate-ukraine>.

Catholic Cemeteries continues with monthly Grief Support the third week of every month at 3 PM At St. Joseph, Avon, Holy Cross, Brookpark. We meet the 4th Sunday of every month. You don't have to grieve alone.

Brookside High School Mobile Food Pantry is the 3rd Wednesday of each month from 4:30 PM-6:00 PM. Make sure your trunk is cleaned out. Park in Sevits stadium parking lot due to school busses and cars at dismissals.

TV Mass The Sunday television Mass may now be viewed at 10 AM on WUAB Channel 43. This does not fulfill your Sunday obligation of Mass.

Catholic Radio Stations

1220 AM-WHKW Radio The Word

1260 AM-The Rock

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

'Table Talk' 1260AMtherock.com for times and dates.

Protecting God's Children from sexual abuse. Inform authorities of inappropriate behavior. Call 216-334-2999 responseservices@dioceseofcleveland.org

Pro-Life Doctor's List Call 440-322-0076 or visit www.loraincountyrighttolife.org under Resources/Issues.



There are two times to keep your mouth shut: when swimming and when angry.

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.