



# St. Thomas the Apostle

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

## October 11, 2020 28th 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  
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### Parish Staff

Father Stephen L. Shields..... Pastor  
Mrs. Heather Centifanti.....Office Manager  
Mr. Michael Chutes.....Custodian

### Communications

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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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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 Our Children**

**Sunday October 11, 2020**  
**28th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:00 AM L & D Holy Name  
 11:00 AM St. Thomas Parishioners

**Monday October 12, 2020**  
**Colunbus Day**

9:00 AM Xavier Munro  
**Tuesday October 13, 2020**

9:00 AM Michael Rock  
**Wednesday October 14, 2020**

**St. Callistus I**  
 9:00 AM Sam DeAngelis

**Thursday October 15, 2020**  
 9:00 AM Elections in November

**Friday October 16, 2020**  
**St. Hedwig**  
**St. Margaret Mary Alacoque**

9:00 AM All Souls  
**Saturday October 17, 2020**  
**St. Ignatius of Antioch**

9:00 AM End of Violence in the World  
 4:00 PM Doyle E. Ritter

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

9:00 AM L & D Ladies Guild  
 11:00 AM Kitty Keane  
 Lectionary Year: "A"

**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.

**Blanket Sunday is October 11th,Cash Only**

**LITURGICAL SCHEDULE**

**Saturday, October 17-4:00 PM**  
 C-J Mack L-M Rozmarynowycz  
 EM-L & M Wenzel, S Lynch  
**Sunday, October 18-9:00 AM**  
 C-R Radeff L-b Barelka  
 EM-K Yatson, B Smith, H Centifanti  
**Sunday, October 18-11:00 AM**  
 C-J Ganobsek L-J Ritter  
 EM-S Helman, L Janis, K Mohrbach

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



**ST. HEDWIG**



**St. Ignatius of Antioch**

**WEEKLY COLLECTION Goal \$5,000.00**

October 4, 2020 \$4,060.00

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 will begin 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 Minisry** 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.

**ST TERESA OF JESUS (1515-1582)**

**October 15**

*Let nothing disturb you; let nothing frighten you.* Gifted with a passionate spirit, young Teresa dreamed of converting Muslims and becoming a martyr. *All things are passing; God never changes.* Her mother's death when Teresa was fourteen inspired a lifelong devotion to Our Lady, and Teresa entered the Carmelites, Mary's order, despite her father's objections and her own fragile health. *Patience gains everything.* Initially, she enjoyed her convent's sociability and "busyness," but mystical prayer and John of the Cross's collaboration inspired her to reform the Carmelites. *Whoever has God, lacks nothing.* When she encountered resistance and suffering, she maintained her peace—and humor. Discovered devouring leftovers, she said "When I fast, I fast! When I eat, I eat!" Nuns demanding less work and more prayer in the convent schedule, she retorted: "What we really need around here are fewer starry eyes and more strong arms!" *God alone is enough!* The italicized sentences here are her "Breviary Bookmark," the simple, profound prayer of Teresa, the first woman Doctor of the Church.



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**St. Thomas Church is Kid Friendly**



**THANK YOU**

...to our Garden Angels Angels for the gardening.  
...to Dan for his work on the church grounds.

**Come to the Feast** Why would invited guests refuse to come to a wedding? Free food and drink, music and dancing what's not to like? Jesus knew that many of the Jewish leaders would not accept the invitation to follow him. As we know, after the Resurrection the disciples began to spread the good news not only to other Jews, but to anyone who would listen. One reason the leaders in Israel did not accept Jesus was his association with sinners. They did not understand that God calls sinners to repent and be forgiven. Ordinary people, who knew they were sinners, were attracted by the offer of forgiveness. Many of them repented and came to be baptized. They filled the banquet hall. So what about the man in street clothes? The wedding garment was a symbol of the baptismal gown, the sign of new life in Christ. So this man symbolizes those who "come to the feast" without repenting of their sins. We can be like that man sometimes. We come to church, arguing with our spouse on the way. We bring our prejudices, lies, anger, and selfishness with no intention of doing anything about them. Our attitude says, "I'm here, aren't I? That should be good enough." But it's not. By dying for our sins, Jesus calls us to come back to God. So repentance is not just a change of clothing, it is a change of heart. It is our ticket to the banquet, our way of saying, "I know I don't deserve this, but thanks for letting me share the feast."

**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITIONS** When the fathers of the Second Vatican Council met to discuss the sacrament of penance, they were required to draw up a new rite, including several forms. The hot button for debate was so-called "general absolution," by which a penitent could be absolved of sin without confessing to a priest. This was a difficult debate, compounded by widely varying traditions in both East and West. Some were surprised to learn that the Holy See had already given permission, during the First and Second World Wars, for this form. In 1944 the Vatican issued a decree saying this form was valid under extreme conditions, which bishops in mission lands and Latin America took as a kind of "blanket permission." Thus, the fathers of the Council were alarmed to find this practice fairly widespread, not only in war, but in peaceful places with huge numbers of faithful and few priests. Although they eventually produced a ritual with three different forms, the forms are not considered equal, and the enriched and revised individual form is preferred. The enrichments include a welcome of the penitent, a sign of the cross with an encouragement to trust in God's compassion, new texts rich in the Word of God, praise for God's mercy, and a dismissal.

**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**

The king in today's gospel sent wedding invitations to all his close friends...people like himself. But the party wasn't successful until he opened the doors to everyone... to people not like himself. The Christian family opens its heart and doors to everyone because we know that joy happens through sharing with others beyond our own family. Charity begins and extends beyond home and truly sets an inclusive spirit.

**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.

