

*All things are possible
for God*

St. Thomas the Apostle

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

October 10, 2021 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses: Saturday Vigil: 4:00
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.

Diocese of Cleveland

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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

Parish Cluster Contacts

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1305 East Erie Ave. Lorain 44052 (440) 288-0106
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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

The Grace to Imitate Jesus

Sunday October 10, 2021
28th Week in Ordinary Time
 10:00 AM L/D Holy Name
 2nd Collection: Loose Change

Monday October 11, 2021
St. John XXIII
Columbus Day
 9:00 AM Michelle Elwer & family

Tuesday October 12, 2021
 9:00 AM Michael Rock & family

Wednesday October 13, 2021
 9:00 AM Mr. & Mrs. Robert A. Mitchell

Thursday October 14, 2021
St. Callistus I
 9:00 AM All Souls

Friday October 15, 2021
St. Teresa of Jesus
 9:00 AM Melissa Munro & family

Saturday October 16, 2021
St. Hedwig
St. Margaret Mary Alacoque
Sweetest Day
 9:00 AM L & D Henry & Sue Ann Hoang & family
 4:00 PM L & D Don & Mary Vano & family

Sunday October 17, 2021
29th Week in Ordinary Time
 10:00 AM L/D Ladies Guild
 2nd Collection: Loose Change
 Lectionary Year: "B"



Weekly Collection Goal \$5,000.00
 October 3, 2021 \$5,241.00
 Congratulations!

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

Masks Our Bishop Edward recommends that we wear masks for Mass and other indoor parish gatherings, while maintaining patience and charity for those who choose not to wear the masks.

BP/Sugar Screening is provided by Mercy Health Parish Nursing will be in the Church Library on Sunday October 17th. This is free and results are immediate.

Blessing Blankets Ministry makes blankets for Shut-ins or those with health issues. Join us learn to quilt, or crochet. We take donations of material, thread and yarn. The blankets are free. Tell the receiver they are from St. Thomas as a gift of Love. Call Justine (440) 830-9990.

Our Fall Fish Fry October 16, 2021 4-7 PM. Perch, Shrimp and Pierogi Dinners along with sides of fresh cut fries, pierogis and cabbage and noodles (haluski). We will have Homemade Clam Chowder. Hot Dog with fries for the kids. Extra Perch and Shrimp can be purchased. Carry Outs Available 949-8491. Any donated dessert, can dropped off on Oct 15 & 16th 10 AM -2 PM. Thank You.

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.

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

Musician Need for our Sunday Masses. Contact Fr. Steve or call the Parish Office. (440) 949-7744.

Feast of Faith Agnus Dei

After the sign of peace, the priest breaks the host into pieces, and prepares the patens or plates of hosts for the assembly. In the early church, "the breaking of the bread" was the name given to the entire Eucharistic liturgy, so central was this action to the meaning of the Christian life. For just as the one bread is broken and given to many people, the many are made one in receiving it. During this ritual action, we sing an ancient litany, calling on Jesus as the "Lamb of God"—the words used by John the Baptist when he pointed to Jesus walking beside the Jordan River (John 1:29, 36). In calling Jesus "the Lamb of God," John was already pointing to the death that Jesus would die: in giving his life, Jesus would become the Paschal Lamb of the new covenant. During the Mass, when we call on the Lamb of God, we call to mind his self-sacrificing love, his blood poured out for us, and we ask this compassionate Lord for mercy and peace.

Pre-Baptism Class-2021

October 14-7:30 PM Holy Spirit (440) 934-4212
 November 16-6:30 PM St. Joseph (440) 933-3152
 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 Sponsor 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."

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>

Liturgical Schedule

Saturday, October 16-4:00 PM
 C-L Prokay L-M Rozmarynowycz
 EM-R O'Connor, K Mack, S Helman
Sunday, October 17-10:00 AM
 C-J Mack L-J Houlihan
 EM-N Olitsky, R Zaborski, J Kelly



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



St. Thomas Church
 is Kid Friendly



Thank You

...to those who bring music to our weekly Masses.
...to our Ladies Guild Rummage Sale Team.

28 th Sunday in Ordinary Time Most of us desire to grow in wisdom and in faith. Today's readings explore the challenges we face when we allow God to lead the way. We first hear the author of the book of Wisdom extolling the value of wisdom in our lives. Then in Hebrews we are told that sometimes God exposes difficult truths about ourselves. These readings set up Mark's story of the wealthy man. In his encounter with Jesus, the man faced a very harsh truth, that his possessions actually possessed him and blocked his path to God. We may have similar "moments of truth" when we have an overwhelming desire to minimize or to run away from truth that God reveals to us. In these moments, may we remember that God always seeks to bless and heal us. May God open our hearts to receive truth with faith and courage.

GIFTS In today's readings, we discover that material wealth alone does not keep us from discipleship. We will see that there are other gifts more important than material wealth, but even so, it is how we use our gifts that matters most. Today's scriptures point to the value of the gifts of wisdom, trusting in God, and letting our actions reflect the love of God from within. It is not gold that causes us to fall, but rather the desire for gold above all other things. From the readings in Wisdom and Hebrews, we find the source of God's gifts in our lives. Wisdom is more valuable than worldly possessions. In Hebrews, we are challenged to look at our own values and admit honestly what controls our lives.

Treasures from Our Tradition Forty-nine years ago Pope John XXIII opened the Second Vatican Council with these challenging words: "Our duty is not just to guard this treasure, as though it were some museum piece and we the curators, but . . . what is needed at the present time is a new enthusiasm, a new joy and serenity of mind." As the participants in Vatican II proceeded with their deliberations, the first document they produced was the Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, for they knew that it is from the liturgical life of the Church that everything else we do proceeds. This seminal document, arrived at after much debate and approved almost unanimously, set the tone for the entire Council to follow. It also set in motion the liturgical reforms that we are still implementing today. Perhaps no single phrase of the entire Vatican Council has had more influence on the life of the Church over the last half-century as the Constitution on the Liturgy's ringing declaration that "full and active participation by all the people is the aim to be considered before all else."

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.

Family Perspectives

The rich young man in the Gospel knew what he had to do to follow Jesus, but he was locked in to his "stuff." His possessions consumed him and blocked him from truly following God. Pope Francis repeatedly warns us against a "throwaway society" that discards people. Young adults resonate with his message. They don't want more things and money – they want to make a difference in the world. Pray that the Holy Spirit grant them the wisdom and influence to do this!

Events Around Town

Qualified Charitable Distributions If you are 70 ½ or older, you may be able to make a gift of a Qualified Charitable Distribution from your IRA that will help us in our ministry and reduce your taxable income. Talk to your advisors and IRA administrator to be sure that your gift is made directly from an IRA to a qualified charity such as our parish. Questions? Contact Mary Lou Ozimek of the Catholic Community Foundation at 216-225-9120.


Successful Marriages Retreat - Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Cleveland, October 23, 9AM-6PM and October 24, 9AM-3PM This two-day retreat for married couples and those living together is a comprehensive resource for marriages in crisis and strengthening healthy marriages and families. To register, please contact Ana Eslaquit at 216-696-6525 ext. 2530.

NET (National Evangelization Teams) Ministries is a Catholic retreat ministry whose mission is to "Challenge young Catholics to love Christ and embrace the life of the Church." On an annual basis, approximately 175 young adults, after participating in an extensive five week training program, are grouped into teams of 10 members. They then travel the country in vans doing retreats for junior high and high school aged youth. Please visit www.netusa.org/retreats or check out this quick [video](#) to see what a NET Retreat is like!

Pro-Life Mass , Rosary & Candlelight Procession at St. Vincent de Paul Church, 41295 North Ridge Rd., Tuesday, October 5th. Mass will begin at 6:00 PM followed by the Rosary and a beautiful candlelight procession to the outdoor shrine of Our Lady of Fatima.

USCCB "Receiving the COVID-19 vaccines ought to be considered an act of love, charity and safety toward members of our community, our neighbor and part of our moral responsibility for the common good," Visit <http://usccb.org/moral-considerations-covid-vaccines>

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.