

St. Thomas the Apostle

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

September 5, 2021 23rd 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
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CYO-Jim O'Connor.....440-949-2631
Grismer Hall/Gym.....440-949-8491
Funeral Luncheon-Dave Johnston.....440-670-0204

Parish Cluster Contacts

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1305 East Erie Ave. Lorain 44052 (440) 288-0106
St. Teresa.....office@stteresaparish.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. Gaebelain 1968-1981
+Fr. John J. McCaffrey 1981-1998

St. Thomas the Apostle Church is fully accessible
No Steps, No Stairs, No Ramps

Mass Schedule

Charity Towards Our Neighbors

Sunday September 5, 2021
 23rd Week in Ordinary Time
 10:00 AM St. Thomas Parishioners
 2nd Collection: Loose Change

Monday September 6, 2021
Labor Day
 9:00 AM All Souls

Tuesday September 7, 2021
 9:00 AM Jae Hoon Kim (David)

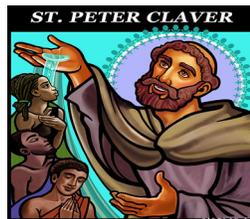
Wednesday September 8, 2021
The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 9:00 AM Mike Dover

Thursday September 9, 2021
St. Peter Claver
 9:00 AM Ock Bin Kim (Joseph)

Friday September 10, 2021
 9:00 AM All Souls

Saturday September 11, 2021
Patriot Day
 9:00 AM Luke Chang
 4:00 PM Loretta & Eugene McIrwin

Sunday September 12, 2021
 24th Week in Ordinary Time
 10:00 AM L & D Holy Name
 2nd Collection: Loose Change
 Lectionary Year: "B"



Pre-Baptism Class-2021

September 14-7:30 PM St. Mary (440) 934-4212
 October 14-7:30 PM Holy Spirit (440) 934-4212
 November 16-6:30 PM St. Joseph (440) 933-3152
 No December Classes

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>

Weekly Collection Goal \$5,000.00

August 29, 2021 \$2,994.00

Please increase your offering so we can meet 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

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.

Bible Study A Bible Study will be held starting Tuesday, September 14th from 7-8:30 in Room #1 in Grismer Hall. Contact Penny (440) 949-7548 or the Parish Office.

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 9440) 830-9990.

Ladies Guild Rummage Sale is October 1st 9-4:00, October 2nd 9-12:00. Drop off is Sept.29 & 30 from 2-7 PM in Grismer Hall.

Our Fish Fry Team is planning a Fish Fry dinner Saturday, October 16th from 4 PM-7 PM. Take-out will be available by calling (440) 949-8491. Kids Menu and assorted sides to choose from.

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

Feast of Faith Remembering When Jesus broke the bread on the night before he died, he told his disciples, "do this in memory of me." Christians have been faithful to that solemn command. In the liturgy, remembering is action. "Do this," Jesus said. In the Eucharist, we remember by doing. As we remember, the sacrifice of Jesus is renewed, truly made present, no longer then, but now. After the consecration, each of the Eucharistic Prayers includes a section called the anamnesis, a Greek word that means "remembering." In this part of the prayer, "the Church, fulfilling the command that she received from Christ the Lord through the Apostles, keeps the memorial of Christ, recalling especially his blessed Passion, glorious Resurrection, and Ascension into heaven." We pause and call to mind the whole paschal mystery, Christ's dying and rising. "We celebrate the memory of his death and resurrection." Obeying Christ's command, we remember.

Liturgical Schedule

Saturday, September 11-4:00 PM
 C-L Prokay L-M Rozmarynowycz
 EM-R O'Connor, K Mack, S Helman

Sunday, September 12-10:00 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 if needed at the Mass you attend.



St. Thomas Church is Kid Friendly



Thank You

...to Kathy our Funeral Server

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Messiah Foretold Today's story of the cure of a deaf man with a speech impediment is a good example of how much is contained in a simple miracle story. Mark wants us to recognize that what Jesus is doing is the fulfillment of what Isaiah had predicted centuries earlier. In fact, Mark wants us to recognize that Jesus is the Messiah foretold by Isaiah and the other Jewish prophets of old. The word ephphatha, "be opened," used to describe the restoration of the man's speech, is another example of a subtle allusion to an earlier prophecy. This time the prophecy in question is from Ezekiel, when he foretells "your mouth shall be opened to speak." Mark not only draws our attention back to Israel's prophetic past, he also points to the initiatory practice of his contemporaries by his mention of such things as spittle, touching of ears, and the use of the word ephphatha, all of which were practices incorporated into the early Church's baptismal ritual.

Both Love and Critique For those who first heard today's passage it probably struck a nerve. James challenged the local church's treatment of the poor as compared to the rich. We live in a society where the wealthy are very much privileged, and the honoring of wealth is deeply ingrained in our cultural value system. James warns the church not to imitate the class distinctions made in the broader society. The Gospel proclaims that we are all equally God's children. The church typically lives in a particular place and within a dominant culture. The church is always called upon to reflect upon its faithfulness to the Gospel, discerning whether it absorbs cultural values and attitudes that conflict with the Gospel. The church is called to love and nourish the culture, and at the same time to speak in critique of its idolatries. These challenges continue in our own parish communities, here and now.

Treasures from Our Tradition September marks a new beginning in the lives of many who live by the academic year. There are fiscal years, academic years, television seasons, sports seasons—the list seems endless. Added to all of these is, the liturgical year. A Christian of the first century or so would have understood Sunday as the primary feast day, and Easter as the primary Sunday. It was only over time that the Church began to set aside particular days and seasons to commemorate certain events or highlight selected mysteries of the faith. What has evolved over the centuries is a "map" of our faith, written on the days and seasons of the year. Some have observed that one will absorb all the major teachings of the Church in the course of a single year of Sundays if one is attentive. What a wonderful way to get Christianity "into our bones!" And best of all, there are no grades!

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 deaf man in today's gospel had friends who brought him to Jesus for help. We are often deaf to one another and don't know it. We hurt others when we listen but do not hear. Take a tip from the deaf man and his friends - recognize our deafness and then ask God to heal us. We pray today that parents will foster safety and a safe space for their children and the whole family to truly hear and support one another. . .

Events Around Town

First Friday Forum September 3rd presents Sr. Melanie Svoboda, SND. Join us at LCCC, in the Spitzer Center at 11:30 for lunch. The program is 12- 1:00 PM. Cost is \$20. Reservations are required by the Monday prior to the event. Call 440-244-0643 or fflorain@gmail.com.

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>

Cleveland Retrouvaille Weekend is September 10-12, 2021. This is a Lifeline for Troubled Marriages Has your marriage become unloving or uncaring? Are you already separated/divorced but both of you want to try again? RETROUVAILLE, means rediscovery, is open to couples of all faiths. This program consists of a weekend for couples and six follow up sessions. Cost is \$150 is required to confirm your reservation. For more information, or to register, call Marce or Liz Gliha at 440.357.6580 or 1.800.470.2230, or www.helpourmarriage.org.

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 or

Catholics Coming Home Thursdays, September 16 – October 28, 7-8:30PM invites non-active Catholics "home" to the Catholic Church and active practice of their faith. Sessions provide a non-threatening, supportive format. No question or concern is off limits! Call Annette DeGidio at 440-250-9028, Dean Brennan at 440-725-3159. Registration is appreciated, but not mandatory.

**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.