

*There is  
a boy  
here  
who has  
five  
barley  
loaves  
and  
two  
fish*

# St. Thomas the Apostle

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

## July 25, 2021 17th Sunday in Ordinary Times

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

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

### 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. 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

## Pray for a Renewed Spirit

**Sunday July 25, 2021**  
 17th Week in Ordinary Time  
**Grandparents & Elderly Sunday**  
 10:00 AM Anne Szalay  
 2nd Collection: Loose Change

**Monday July 26, 2021**  
**Ss. Joachim & Anne**  
 9:00 AM Josephine Bayardi

**Tuesday July 27, 2021**  
 9:00 AM All Souls

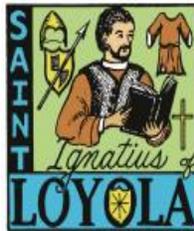
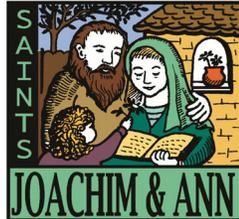
**Wednesday July 28, 2021**  
 9:00 AM Steve Arnal

**Thursday July 29, 2021**  
**Ss. Martha, Mary & Lazarus**  
 9:00 AM Marsha DeAngels

**Friday July 30, 2021**  
**St. Peter Chrysologus**  
 9:00 AM Joseph & Mary Bayardi

**Saturday July 31, 2021**  
**St. Ignatius of Loyola**  
 9:00 AM Dorothy & Michael Pundzak  
 4:00 PM St. Thomas Parishioners

**Sunday August 1, 2021**  
**18th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 10:00 AM St. Thomas Parishioners  
 2nd Collection: Loose Change  
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### Pre-Baptism Class-2021

August 15-11:30 AM St. Thomas (440) 949-7744  
 September 14-7:30 PM St. Mary (440) 934-4212  
 October 14-7:30 PM Holy Spirit (440) 934-4212  
 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."

**Eucharist Ministers** Lisa Prokay (440) 258-1810, is updating EM phone numbers so all EM can have an updated list. Call her for questions or share information.

**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, July 24-4:00 PM**  
 C-MB Riley L-S Riley  
 EM-A & J Balmert, S Lynch  
**Sunday, July 25-10:00 AM**  
 C-J Houlihan L-J Ritter  
 EM-H Centifanti, D Gray, B Smith



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

**Weekly Collection Goal** \$5,000.00  
 July 11, 2021 \$3,520.50  
 July 18, 2021 \$3,994.50

Please increase your offering so 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.

### St. Thomas Church Events

**Musician needed** Our parish family needs a volunteer musician for the Sunday 10:00 Mass. We already have a song leader. What we need is a musician for the music. Instruments can include piano, guitar, other instrument or playing recorded music. Talk to Fr. Steve.

**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.

**Qualified Charitable Distributions** If you are 70 1/2 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 for more information and to be sure that your IRA Qualified Charitable Distribution 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 visit [www.catholiccommunity.org/ira](http://www.catholiccommunity.org/ira)

**Second Harvest Food Distribution** will be August 18th at the Brookside High School parking lot from 4-5:30 PM.. No documentation required at registration. Please make sure your trunk is clean. Masks required. For more info visit [outreach@sslcs.org](mailto:outreach@sslcs.org)

**Feast of Faith** The Preface Dialogue "Lift up your hearts." "We lift them up to the Lord." "Let us give thanks to the Lord our God." "It is right to give him thanks and praise." With this ancient dialogue we enter the Eucharistic Prayer, the heart of the Mass. These venerable words have been part of the Christian liturgy almost from the beginning—by the time of Hippolytus of Rome (c. 215) they were already fixed in the liturgy. Several times during the Mass the priest has invited us to pray. There is something different here. We are invited to be "lifted up," to ascend, to climb the Lord's mountain, as it were, to go to a new place for this most solemn part of the Mass. And we are invited to a new frame of mind, a sense of joy, of focused dedication: our hearts must not be cast down, but lifted up, and lifted to the Lord. Why? Because we are going to give thanks—we are going to "eucharist!" It is right and just that we do this.



**St. Thomas Church is Kid Friendly**



**Thank You**

...to our Funeral Lunch Angels.  
 ....to John for all the Music.  
 ....to Nancy for the Yearly Health Screening.

**17th Sunday in Ordinary Time** One Lord One Faith  
 The prophet Elisha fed a hundred men with twenty barley loaves in order to prove God’s power. This same miracle, now multiplied by more people fed by fewer loaves, is attributed to Jesus in all four Gospels. We even have the detail that the loaves were barley, reminding every pious Jew of that miracle that Elisha worked. Yet Jesus went into hiding when they wanted to make him king. It is the passage from Paul that gives us the reason for this. The power of Jesus comes from God. It is not meant merely to feed us, or to provide one group with a king. There is one Lord, one faith, one God and Father of all who works through Jesus Christ and through us all.

**The Prophet's Profit** If you want to compare miracles Elisha did his first, but Jesus did it better. Elisha had a hundred people to feed with twenty barley loaves and a handful of fresh grain. Jesus had five thousand people and only five loaves and a couple fish. Neither did a miracle for their own benefit. When Elisha cured the king's servant, he refused to accept a gift, because it would imply that Elisha did the miracle, while the prophet knew that God had cured him. Jesus refused to let the crowds make him a king. The miracle of feeding the five thousand was not done just for the crowd. He was using it to teach the disciples something important. He knew there would be times when they felt overwhelmed, so he showed them what God can do with our meager abilities. There are millions of people hungry for the good news that Jesus brings to the world. Remember the miracle of the loaves when you only have a few dollars to give, or you're not sure you know enough to teach someone about Jesus. Remember that you do those things, not to make you look holy, but to let God show his loving power.

**Treasures from Our Tradition** The miracle of the loaves reminds us of the miracle of the wine at Cana. This one begins by offering a seemingly meager gift. What could be more appropriate for deep summer than a joyful picnic with Jesus? August is a time for delight in the bounty of the earth, for picnics by the sea, dinner under the stars, for porch and rooftop, for parks and beaches, and enjoying the best of local crops. August’s festivals of Transfiguration and Assumption have long given Christians the best of excuses for feasting on the abundance of summer: corn, tomatoes, pesto, bowls of fresh fruit. Picnics are a sign of the welcome table of God: always room for one more, plenty to share, always a place of laughter and story-telling and always speaking to us of our deepest longings. Don’t let August pass by without a picnic!

**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 Prespectives**  
 Jesus went to the mountain for some quiet time with the disciples. When 5000 people arrived unexpectedly, he put aside his agenda, welcomed and fed them. Jesus teaches us to be people of hospitality who welcome the stranger and cheerfully give time and nourishment to others. Pray for families that struggle to find shelter and food, that we might be moved by the example of Jesus feeding the thousands and reach out and assist those in need. . .

**Events Around Town**  
**USCCB** “Receiving the COVID-19 vaccines ought to be understood as an act of charity toward the other members of our community. Being vaccinated safely should be considered an act of love of our neighbor and part of our moral responsibility for the common good,” Visit <http://usccb.org/moral-considerations-covid-vaccines>

**Catholic Charities Annual Appeal** is on-line for the month of June, to raise funds for **Behavioral Health Programs** with a \$100,00 matching gift opportunity. To give, visit <http://www.catholiccommunity.org/2021-appeal>.

**Catholic Cemeteries Association** continues with free monthly grief support groups on August 14, 2021 in two formats: In-Office(3PM) and Virtually(5PM) on Zoom at <http://bit.ly/ccavirtualgriefsupportgroup>. Come and listen and be in the presence of those who understand. Contact Rhonda at [rabrums@clecem.org](mailto:rabrums@clecem.org) or 216-930-4866.

**The FEST!!** is Sunday, August 8 from 10:00 AM -12:00 PM. The new location is the Cleveland Metroparks Brookside Reservation, 3900 John Nagy Blvd., Cleveland. “It will be a wonderful, exciting and spirit-filled day in this beautiful park. For information email [FEST@theFEST.us](mailto:FEST@theFEST.us) or 440-943-7662.

**Catholics Coming Home** St. Raphael Parish Thursdays, September 16 – October 28, 7-8:30PM  
 The Catholics Coming Home program invites non-active Catholics “home” to the Catholic Church and active practice of their faith. Sessions provide the opportunity to ask questions and learn about our faith in a non-threatening, supportive format. No question or concern is off limits! For more information or to register, call Annette DeGidio at 440-250-9028, Dean Brennan at 440-725-3159, or Deacon Larry Gregg at 440-871-1100 x134. 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](http://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](mailto:responseservices@dioceseofcleveland.org)

**Pro-Life Doctor’s List** Call 440-322-0076 or visit [www.loraincountyrighttolife.org](http://www.loraincountyrighttolife.org) under Resources/Issues.