

*I am
the
Good
Shepherd*

St. Thomas the Apostle

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

April 25, 2021 4th Sunday of Easter

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.

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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PSR-Kim & David Gray.....440-714-4007
Confirmation-John & Kathy Mack.....440-242-8683
RCIA.....440-949-7744
CYO-Jim O'Connor.....440-949-2631
Grismer Hall/Gym.....440-949-8491
Funeral Luncheon-Dave Johnston.....440-670-0204
Music/Choir-Roger Brooks.....440-346-3022

Parish Cluster Contacts

St. Anthony...www.stanthonylorain.parishesonline.com
1305 East Erie Ave. Lorain 44052 (440) 288-0106
St. Teresa.....office@stteresaparish.com
1878 Abbe Rd. Sheffield Village 44054 (440) 934-4227

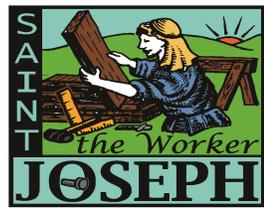
Our Honored Former Pastors

+Fr. Raymond J. Grismer 1960-1962
+Fr. Urban A. Reichlin 1962-1968
+Fr. Claude J. 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

Sunday April 25, 2021
4th Sunday of Easter
Day of Prayer for Vocations
 10:00 AM Frank Szalay Jr.
Monday April 26, 2021
 9:00 AM David Ritter
Tuesday April 27, 2021
 9:00 AM David Ritter
Wednesday April 28, 2021
St. Peter Chanel
St. Louis Grignon de Montfort
 9:00 AM Candance Cook
Thursday April 29, 2021
St. Catherine of Siena
 9:00 AM All Souls
Friday April 30, 2021
St. Pius V
 9:00 AM Michelle Brennan
Saturday May 1, 2021
St. Joseph the Worker
 9:00 AM St. Thomas the Apostle
 4:00 PM David Ritter
Sunday May 2, 2021
5th Sunday of Easter
 10:00 AM Lonnie Chutes
 Lectionary Year: "B"



Weekly Collection Goal \$5,000.00
 April 11, 2021 \$4,078.50
 April 18, 2021 \$2,937.50
 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
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.
From our Bishop As we pull ourselves together and move forward with the faith, generosity and charity that is expected from disciples of Jesus Christ, I wish to thank those who made adjustments and changes during this difficult time of Covid. The health and safety of everyone is of extreme importance. The dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass remains in effect until further notice. As we look ahead, may we be one in our commitment to remain faithful to the Lord and each other.
1st Communion Class pray for our 2021 Communion Class, Dominic Bunner, Haylee Carmack, Jack Kodysch and Luke Waldman as they prepare for their 1st Communion on Sunday, May 2nd.
Feast of Faith The Gospel Reading



Pre-Baptism Class-2021
 May 18-7:30 PM St. Mary (440) 934-4212
 June 17-7:30 PM Holy Spirit (440) 933-3777
 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."

Holy Water To get Holy Water blessed bring water in a container and Fr. Steve will bless it after any Mass.

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

Mass Intention are available for 2021/2022 for \$10.00 each. Drop requests into the collection or call the office.

Liturgical Schedule

Saturday, May 1-4:00 PM
 C-J Mack L-M Rozmarynowycz
 EM-S Lynch, MB Riley, J Kelly

Sunday, May 2-10:00 AM
 C-B Barelka L-R Radeff
 EM-L Janis, H Schremp, P Blazina

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

Thank You

...to our Nursing Team Angels.
...to Janet for teaching the Baptism class.

The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep

Good Shepherd The difference between the good shepherd and the hired hand is the difference between life and death. Unlike a hired hand who only works for pay and would run away at the first sign of difficulty, Jesus is a good shepherd who willingly lays down his life for his sheep. The good shepherd draws the sheep near to him. They belong to him—not as a possession that can be discarded, but as precious ones who are assured that they can rely on his care and protection. The sheep owe their very lives to the shepherd. Without him, they will be scattered and left on their own in what is often a dangerous world.

Responding to the Call Do we truly know the voice of Christ? Do we truly respond to the voice of our shepherd with our own distinctive voice? How often we attempt to imitate those around us, appropriating the response of another member of the flock to Christ. Perhaps we need to balance the image of being sheep of one flock with the image from the second reading, which tells us that we are all children of God. What child has precisely the same interaction with parents as his or her siblings? Instead, they frequently do and say things to distinguish themselves in the eyes of their parents.

Whether we use the image of children or of sheep to understand our relationship with Christ, we believe that we are all known and called by name. With this great gift comes a responsibility: to respond to the call with our own distinctive voice, to take time to discern exactly what our call is, to determine precisely what the will of the Father is for each of us.

Treasures from Our Tradition There are few openings for “Shepherds” in the classified ads today, but few occupations are as dear to the Christian heart. We tenderly place shepherds by our Christmas cribs, name the Twenty-third Psalm as our favorite, and recognize “Good Shepherd” as a title of Jesus. Bishops carry a staff, called a crozier, modeled after the shepherd’s walking staff. Long before Christian artists painted Jesus on the cross, they traced on the walls of their worship places images of a strong young shepherd, shouldering a lost sheep and bringing it to safety. Springtime is the season of lambing, a time when the shepherd not only learns the faces of the new arrivals, but also when the newborn sheep become attuned to the voice of the shepherd. This is what we do as a community in Easter as we shelter and guide the newly received Christians, and also put our Lenten muscles to good use: listening more attentively to God’s Word, and responding with springtime vigor to God’s call.

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

Today’s passage from the parable of the Good Shepherd, we find another insight into Jesus’s dream of how the world might be. While “the wolf” attacks the flock in order to “catch and scatter the herd,” Jesus is the shepherd who leads the flock he is tending, but also “other sheep that do not belong to this fold.” In the gospel parable Jesus says, “A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.” Who are the sheep in your family that you are called to shepherd and how do you give of your life for them?

Events Around Town

Sheffield –Sheffield Lake City School Food Pantry Distributions is behind Brookside High School on the 3rd Wednesday of each month from 4-5:30 PM. You don’t have to have a child in the school system or proof of residence, just a clean empty trunk. Visit outreach@sslcs.org

Virtus Training <http://www.virtus.org> click training tab.

Summer Camp Employment Catholic Charities Disability Services’ Camp Happiness is hiring college students and young professionals to work this summer in Wickliffe and Parma. Camp Happiness is June 14-July 30, 2021 from 9:00AM-3:00PM (includes a week of training and six weeks of camp). Call Lauren Mailey 216-334-2963.

Homeless Shelter to donate paper products, food, time or finances, call Penny (440) 949-7548. We serve all year.

Pro-Life Doctor’s List Pro-Call 440-322-0076. www.loraincountyrighttolife.org under Resources/Issues tab. Abortion destroys God’s plan for the life of that child.

Our Cathedral's YouTube Channel has the Stations of the Cross, the Rosary, and various tracks of the Cathedral Choir. Visit Cleveland Cathedral YouTube channel

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.

EWTN-www.ewtnnews.com TV or online liturgy does not fulfill the Sunday Mass obligation.

Diocese of Cleveland Sunday Mass is at 10 AM on WUAB Channel 43, the CW43, WUAB Channel 43 is accessible without cable. The Mass is produced by the Cleveland Diocese in The Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist. www.dioceseofcleveland.org

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 “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.”



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