



St. Thomas the Apostle

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

October 17, 2021 29th 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

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

Trust in God's Love

Sunday October 17, 2021
29th Week in Ordinary Time

10:00 AM L/D Ladies Guild
2nd Collection: Loose Change

Monday October 18, 2021
St. Luke

9:00 AM All Souls

Tuesday October 19, 2021
Ss. John de Brebeuf, Isacc Jogues
& Companions

9:00 AM All Souls

Wednesday October 20, 2021
St. Paul of the Cross

9:00 AM Irene Durell

Thursday October 21, 2021

9:00 AM Joseph Andulics

Friday October 22, 2021
St. John Paul II

9:00 AM St. Thomas Parishioners

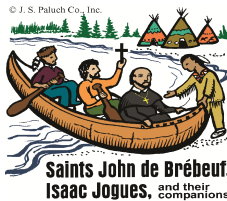
Saturday October 23, 2021
St. John of Capistrano

9:00 AM Padre Pio Academy Community

4:00 PM Loretta & Eugene McIrvin

Sunday October 24, 2021
30th Week in Ordinary Time

10:00 AM St. Thomas Parishioners
2nd Collection: Loose Change
Lectionary Year: "B"



Pre-Baptism Class-2021

November 16-6:30 PM St. Joseph (440) 933-3152

No December Class

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."

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

October 10, 2021 \$3,274.00

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

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 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.

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 get vaccinated or wear the masks.

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.

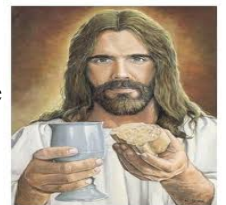
Homeless Shelter To donate paper products, food, time or finances, call Penny (440) 949-7548. We serve all year to a full Shelter. Help us to help others.

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 Only Say the Word

The bread is broken, the banquet is prepared, and now we are invited to the feast. The priest holds the host, now broken, for us to see, and invites us to behold the one "who takes away the sins of the world." Truly blessed and happy are those invited to this meal, which is a foretaste of the heavenly banquet, the supper of the Lamb. We respond with a prayer to the Lord: we acknowledge that we are not worthy, but we are confident that the One who comes to us can heal us, body and soul. This prayer echoes the story of the centurion, a Gentile, asks healing for his servant, but does not consider himself worthy to have Jesus come under his roof he believes that Jesus can heal his servant with a word, without even seeing him. Jesus is amazed at his faith. It is the same for us. We believe that Jesus speaks to us, comes to us, dwells with us, even though we neither hear his voice nor see his face.



Liturgical Schedule

Saturday, October 23-4:00 PM

C-L Prokay L-M Rozmarynowycz
EM-R O'Connor, K Mack, S Helman

Sunday, October 24-10:00 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 our generous donor who bought our Missalettes.
...to our Awesome Fish Fry Team and the great dinner.
...to Ladies Guild for the donation from the Rummage Sale.

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time The Humanity of Jesus Christ Today's readings reflect on the humanity of Jesus Christ and how that played a key role in our salvation in a remarkable way. The author of the Letter to the Hebrews highlights the solidarity that exists between Jesus and us, precisely because in his human nature Jesus has known the same sufferings and testing that are our own experience. He can "sympathize with our weaknesses," we can "approach the throne of grace to receive mercy." For the author of Hebrews, the humanity of Jesus was an essential requirement for his redemptive death, as well as an invitation to us to find in Jesus someone with whom we can identify in our daily struggles.

Self-Examination Knowing that Jesus' throne of glory is also a "throne of grace," from which Jesus bestows "mercy and grace for timely help" today's Gospel suggests sincere self-examination: How do we approach Jesus and make our requests? What do we ask for: what Jesus wants us to do or, do we demand "whatever we want" from Jesus? Does the world focus our hearts on glory to the right and power on the left? Or does "the cup we drink," "the baptism" we've received inspire us to gladly become servants of all, like the Jesus who has made us his disciples? Do we also avoid imitating the "indignant ten" other Apostles who rebuked James and John? Or are we also quick to see the errors of others and rash in passing judgment on them? How do we live in response to Jesus who gave his life "as a ransom for many"?

Treasures from Our Tradition In the eyes of many, the papacy is a peculiar institution. Still bedecked with some of the regalia of medieval princes, contemporary popes have worked to define their role in ways that give them influence over the world both within and outside the Church. The trappings of royalty, never really a good fit for the successors of Peter, could render a pope distant and irrelevant. The tendency of many to think of the pope as the CEO of a modern corporation is also inaccurate. St. Gregory the Great, himself a pope, first called the pope "the servant of the servants of God." He is "first among equals" among other bishops, who by tradition exercise significant authority within their own dioceses, not depending on the pope's authority. This arrangement often puzzles those accustomed to a top-to-bottom "chain of command." History has seen popes of many styles, but most strive to live up to Gregory's definition. Perhaps today's Gospel puts it all into the best perspective: "Whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all." Pray for the pope this week.

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 Gospel says that anyone who aspires to greatness must become a servant to others. God's servants do not try to manipulate or control; their main concern is what is in the best interests of those they serve. Like Jesus, a good Christian parent or spouse comes not to be served but to serve and to give in the life others.

Events Around Town

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. Contact Ana Eslaquit at 216-696-6525 ext. 2530.

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>

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!

First Friday Forum November 5th presents Trapper Jack, a family-friendly radio host using his faith through a presentations. "Blind Faith." Join us at LCCC, in the Spitzer Center at 11:30 for lunch. The program is 12- 1:00 PM. Cost is \$20. Reservations required the Monday prior to the event. Call 440-213-2132 or fflorain@gmail.com.

Day of Prayer & Fasting for Priests - Friday, October 29th in honor of Priesthood Sunday, October 31, join [AM1260 The Rock](#) for a Day of Prayer & Fasting. To participate, • Attend Mass • Time in Adoration • Fast from the internet, sweets, a meal, or something you enjoy • Offer Private Prayer • Pray the Rosary (air times-5:30 AM & 9:30 PM) • Recite the Divine Mercy Chaplet (air time-3:00 PM) Go to AM1260therock.com for a listing of churches that will be open on Friday, October 29th. Thank you for joining us in prayer to fortify our priests for the Glory of God and the Salvation of Souls!

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.

