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will be
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in
paradise



St. Thomas the Apostle

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

**Serving our Community for
60 years**

**November 20, 2022
Our Lord, Jesus Christ
King of the Universe**

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.

The Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help is prayed every Monday before Mass.

Baptism: Sunday: 11:30 AM 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 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

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Parish Cluster Contacts

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1305 East Erie Ave. Lorain 44052 (440) 288-0106
St. Teresa.....office@stteresaparish.com
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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
Thanksgiving for God's Blessings

Sunday November 20, 2022
Our Lord, Jesus Christ
King of the Universe
 10:00 AM L/D Ladies Guild
 2nd Collection: Loose Change

Monday November 21, 2022
Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 9:00 AM Joseph Andulics

Tuesday November 22, 2022
St. Cecilia
 9:00 AM Special Intentions

Wednesday November 23, 2022
St. Clement I
St. Columban
Blessed Minguel Agustin Pro
 9:00 AM Skip Schremp

Thursday November 24, 2022
St. Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions
Thanksgiving Day

9:00 AM L/D Raquel Romero & family

Friday November 25, 2022
St. Catherine of Alexandria
 9:00 AM Mary & Joseph Filisko

Saturday November 26, 2022
 9:00 AM L/D Steve & Marilyn Thore & family
 4:00 PM St. Thomas Parishioners

Sunday November 27, 2022
1st Sunday of Advent
 10:00 AM L/D Szalay & Petcavage family
 2nd Collection: Loose Change



Weekly Collection Goal \$5,000.00
 November 11, 2022 \$3,078.50

Please increase your donation so we can meet our weekly goal. Envelopes can be mailed to the Office

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.

St. Thomas Church Events
Holy Days of Obligation 2022

Immaculate Conception December 8th Mass 9AM & PM

St. Thomas Parish Office will be closed on November 24th & 25th for the Thanksgiving holiday. Office will reopen on Tuesday, November 29th.

Small Hall Seasons Our small hall will be open only during the warm seasons of the year.

Grismer Hall will no longer be available to rent on any major Holidays.

Misselettes Party Saturday, November 26th at 9:30 AM.
Christmas Decorating Party will be on Sunday December 18th after the 10:00 AM Mass.

We Give Catholic: Our parish has a great opportunity on the Tuesday after Thanksgiving!!! One hundred percent of this donation goes directly to St. Thomas, no diocesan fees taken!!! The Parish Council voted to use this money to repair our northeast quadrant of the roof. Our heartfelt plea, since repair costs have increased over last year, is that you increase last year's gift. This would save our piano and the heart of our sound system from water damage/ruin/destruction. Our thanks for your generosity.

St. Elizabeth Homeless Shelter We are in need of 8-10" plates, small dessert plates, 12 oz bowls, 8 oz coffee cups, dinnerware, napkins, paper towels, kleenex and toilet paper. Donation boxes are in church. Gift cards or a monetary donation helps with the cost of meals. Contact Penny (440) 949-7548.

St. Cecilia Although Cecilia is one of the most famous of the Roman martyrs, the stories about her are apparently not founded on authentic material. There is no trace of honor being paid her in early times. A fragmentary inscription of the late fourth century refers to a church named after her, and her feast was celebrated at least in 545. According to legend, Cecilia was a young Christian of high rank betrothed to a Roman named Valerian. Through her influence, Valerian was converted, and was martyred along with his brother. The legend about Cecilia's death says that after being struck three times on the neck with a sword, she lived for three days, and asked the pope to convert her home into a church. Since the time of the Renaissance she has usually been portrayed with a viola or a small organ as the Patron Saint of Musicians.



Pre-Baptism Class-2022

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 Sponser Certificate from their church.

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>

St. Thomas Parish needs Lectors, Readers, Eucharist Ministers & Servers. "Never underestimate the power of the Holy Spirit working in you.

Mass Intentions are available for 2022/2023. They are \$10.00 each. Contact the office (440) 949-7744 or drop into the weekly collection. Mark the envelopes Masses.

Liturgical Schedule

Saturday-November 19-4:00 PM

C-MB Riley L-S Riley
 EM-A & J Balmert, R O'Connor

Sunday-November 20-10:00 AM

C-N Olitsky L-B Barelka
 EM-K Yatson, K Janosik, H Centifanti

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



Thank You

...to our giving Parishioners.
...to our Garden Angels.

Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe We conclude the liturgical year with the Solemnity of Christ the King. We might wonder what this has to do with our lives. Why does it matter that Christ is King? Do we need a king? If we are honest, we must admit that we do need someone to follow, a king who will rule our hearts, minds, and lives with goodness. Left to our own devices, and tendencies, we are bound to fall short of God's great call to grow and live in holiness. Christ will shepherd us, not from a position of power or authority, although both are his as well, but rather from the throne of the cross, the throne of humility, compassion, and peace.

Jesus, The Image of the Invisible God Part of the challenge of living as a child of God is not being able to see God, to know what God is like. Believing in God requires faith, the willingness to enter into a mystery that is timeless and yet timely—as true today as it has been throughout the ages. Placing our faith in Jesus does not require us to put rational thought behind. Rather, in Jesus, we see God, the creator of all that is, including our intellect, the ability to understand our experience, and more. Jesus makes God visible, he is the image of the invisible God, the sign of God's determination that we not be separated from God, the one who shows us creation's ultimate purpose. When we wonder what God is like, what God desires, or how God acts, we need only look to Christ, who pours out his life in God's compassionate love.

Treasures from Our Tradition Today's solemnity, the final feast of the Church year, is a youngster as feasts go. In 1925, Pope Pius XI was distressed by global political upheaval and the de-Christianizing of society. That year was a "Holy Year," keyed to the sixteen hundredth anniversary of the Council of Nicaea, when the words "and of his kingdom there will be no end" were added to the Creed. The Pope explained that although most feasts had developed over many centuries, the Church sometimes provided a new feast to address new needs. He pointed to the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, showing Christ's love and compassion in a time when many people embraced a cold and gloomy spirituality. Originally on the last Sunday of October, in the late 1960s the solemnity of Christ the King was moved to the last Sunday of the year. Fresh from baptism's waters, we are anointed with chrism "as Christ was anointed priest, prophet, and king." This feast is a key to our identity. On this feast, we recognize Christ as a king who breaks the usual mold of kingship, and who shapes his kingdom with our hands, our words, our deeds of love and service.

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 the Church.



Living God's Word

O God of all creation, Giver of all good gifts,
You bless our lives with your generous love,

By giving us once more the fruit of the fields, our family and friends our faith our work and our lives together. We thank you for all these gifts, and ask that you help us to imitate your goodness, to share our blessings, to share our blessings with those who are in need. Amen.

Events Around Town

Catholic Calendars Catholic homes have Catholic Calendars: <https://www.ashbypublishing.com/printed-church-calendars/15/catholic> (800) 413-2220.

Qualified Charitable Distributions If you are 70 ½ or older, you may make a gift of a Qualified Charitable Distribution from your IRA to help our ministry and reduce your taxable income. Talk to your IRA administrator to be sure that your gift is made directly to our parish. Call Jean Ann Montagna of the Catholic Community Foundation at 216-696-6525 or www.catholiccommunity.org/ira.

Prison Ministry-LEAF-Listening, Encouraging, Assisting Families LEAF ministry serves those with incarcerated loved ones or family members. We provide a safe, welcoming community where you can feel comfortable and accepted without judgement. Visit St. Julie Billiart Catholic Church, 5500 Lear Nagle Rd, North Ridgeville, (440) 327-1978 on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7 PM.

Elyria Catholic High School celebrates the Christmas Season with its 2nd Annual Miracle on Poplar & Gulf Friday, December 2nd from 5-7 PM on the EC Campus. With a performance of Journey to Bethlehem at 5 PM in the Performing Arts Center followed by the Live Nativity at Our Lady of Grace Chapel on Gulf Road at 5:30 PM. This event is free, we do ask to bring an unwrapped toy for charities of Lorain County. Children can dress as Angels or Shepherds and be part of the miracle celebration.

FEST Internship The FEST is looking for motivated college interns for a paid internship. If you are a event, marketing, logistics or theology major and interested in building your resume while getting real-life, hands on experience creating an event for 40,000 people, apply today. Reach out to Caitlin Arbogast: Caitlin@thefest.us

Brookside High School Mobile Food Pantry is the 3rd Wednesday of each month from 4:30 PM-6:00 PM. Make sure your trunk is cleaned out. No early distribution.

Catholic Cemeteries monthly Grief Support is the third Sunday of the month at 3 PM at St. Joseph, Avon, Holy Cross, Brookpark. You don't have to grieve alone.

No Political Advertising

Advertising for political candidates is forbidden at any location on parish property.

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.