

Father
Abraham,
have
pity
on me

St. Thomas the Apostle

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

**Serving our Community for
60 years**

**September 25, 2022
The 26th Sunday in Ordinary
Time**

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

Communications

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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

St. Anthony...www.stanthonylorain.parishesonline.com
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St. Teresa.....office@stteresaparish.com
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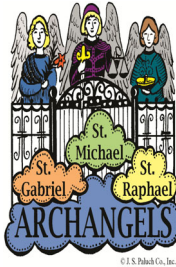
Our Honored Former Pastors

+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

Pray for All Priests
Sunday September 25, 2022
26th Week in Ordinary Time
Priesthood Sunday
 10:00 AM St. Thomas Parishioners
 2nd Collection: Loose Change
Monday September 26, 2022
Ss. Cosmas & Damian
 9:00 AM Irene Logorda
Tuesday September 27, 2022
St. Vincent de Paul
 9:00 AM Elaine Rock
Wednesday September 28, 2022
St. Lawrence Ruiz & Companions
St. Wenceslause
 9:00 AM Janette Ganobsek
Thursday September 29, 2022
Ss. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael
 9:00 AM Diane Trebonik
Friday September 30, 2022
St. Jerome
 9:00 AM Bill Preisler
Saturday October 1, 2022
St. Therese of the Child Jesus
 9:00 AM Thanksgiving for Janet Kuse
 4:00 PM JoAnn Grau
Sunday October 2, 2022
27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 10:00 AM Doyle Ritter
 2nd Collection: Loose Change



Weekly Collection Goal \$5,000.00
 September 18, 2022 \$3,979.85
 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. Remember St. Thomas in your Will.

St. Thomas Church Events

****St. Thomas PSR** St. Thomas will not be having PSR classes this year 2022/2023. Any families of students needing continued religious education grades 1-8 can contact our neighbor, St. Anthony. They have Registration on their website at stanthonylorain.org/our-parish or contact Ms. Obermiller at 440/288-0106 (ext. 247) or at obermillerk@stanthonylorain.com. For questions, contact David Gray, for further assistance.
St. Thomas Bible Study is Wednesday evening of Bible Study of Mary, Jesus' Mother and Ours. Session begins 9/28-11/2 from 7-9 PM in room #1 of the school. Please register with form in bulletin and fee ahead of time so we can supply workbooks. Contact Bridget (440) 731-1238.
St. Thomas Fall Fish Fest Fall Fish Fest will be Oct 15th 4PM to 7PM. We are taking donations of pop, water and desserts October 14/15th from 10 AM-2 PM
Blessing Blankets Ministry continues to make blankets for the needy. Blankets are available for donation. To donate materials call Justine (440) 830-9990.

Homeless Shelter is served meals every week by our Parish with the hard work of Penny. If you can help or donated food or finances, call (440) 949-7548.
Virtus Training <http://www.virtus.org> click training tab. Anyone working with children in our Parish must do this.
First Friday Forum of Lorain County presents Nick Ksenich M.D, on October 7th. Lunch at 11:30; speaker at 12:00 at the Spitzer Conference Center of LCCC, Abbe Rd. Elyria. Reservations by 6:00 PM Monday, October 3rd. Visit fflorain@gmail.com or 440-213-2132.

St. Vincent de Paul September 27
 The experience and needs of the poor turned St. Vincent de Paul's heart and energies to a life of care and compassion. A grumpy man by nature and by his own admission Vincent became a gentle and loving servant of the oppressed. The St. Vincent de Paul Society carries on his work in many parishes today. Our founding activity, still practiced today, is the Home Visit. Through these visits, Vincentian members establish personal relationships with our neighbors in need, not only providing material assistance such as rent, utilities, food, or clothing, but also offering friendship, understanding, and prayer.



Pre-Baptism Class-2022
 October 18-7:30 PM St. Mary (440) 934-4212
 November 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 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-September 24-4:00 PM
 C-J Mack L-S Lynch
 EM-P Rieth, R O'Connor, R Zaborski
Sunday-September 11-10:00 AM
 C-J Houlihan L-N Olitsky
 EM-K Mohrbach, D Gray, M Fairweather
 Cup servers removed until further notice.
 Fill in (if needed) for Eucharist Ministers at the Mass you



St. Thomas Church is Kid Friendly

Thank You


...to our Ushers who pass the baskets every weekend.

Nothing Wrong With the Good Life There is nothing wrong with studying, working hard, and building up stability and wealth for your family. It is a good and positive thing to have money for retirement, vacations, or even to have a little nest egg in case of an emergency. But with those blessings comes more responsibility. This is where the rich man's parable fails miserably. Wearing finery and having gourmet meals is not a sin, but he does nothing to reach out his hand to those in need around him. His sin was one of omission. He simply failed to see. He didn't send a meal out to him or have someone check on the man. He just left him there to suffer.

Live Responsibly & Share What You Have In heaven, Lazarus is raised and freed from his sufferings, while the rich man suffers greatly in the flames of hell. He implores God to send a messenger to his family, but God tells him that since they ignored the messages of Moses and the Prophets, nothing is going to change them, not even someone coming from the dead. Sadly, we fear and avoid street people because we suspect them of drug abuse, mental illness or, carrying the Covid virus. Don't write them off. Write a check to your parish or favorite charity. Make a donation to the food pantry or, better yet, make it a teachable moment. Pay it forward. Invite someone who is with you to join in your meal. When you grab a coffee pick up an extra and give it to the first person you see who needs it. Open your eyes and your heart to the needs of others.

Treasures from Our Tradition Over the past century, a desire to recover a deep sense of unity among all believers in Christ has grown. The "ecumenical movement" began among Protestant Christians, but was given great energy in 1920 with a letter from the Orthodox Patriarch of Constantinople, calling for closer dialogue and cooperation among Christians. In 1960, Pope John XXIII invited Protestant and Orthodox observers to the Second Vatican Council. In 1964, the Council's Decree on Ecumenism named these Christians "separated brethren," a huge leap forward from labeling them as "outside the Church." Pope, Paul VI, and the Orthodox Patriarch officially nullified the condemnations that walled off East from West for nine hundred years. The pace and optimism has sadly waned, and the signs of progress toward unity are few; yet there are wider agreements on sharing Communion among various Christian denominations, and among Protestants agreements regarding sharing of ecclesiastical life and ministry. Among the stories of the ecumenical movement are greater cooperation among Christian clergy, a similar Lectionary for Protestants and Catholics, and even experiments in the monastic life and common worship.

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
 Don't delude yourselves, Jesus says through the parable of the rich man and Lazarus. We are supposed to care for others. It is not enough to go to Mass and occasionally serve at a parish or outreach function. We cannot remain complacent and consider ourselves followers of Jesus. No matter how much material wealth we have, we always have something to give our time and attention, care, and our money. The way we treat and care for others, especially the poor and vulnerable, is the manner in which we show our love of God.

Events Around Town

No Political Advertising
 Advertising for political candidates is forbidden at any location on parish property.

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 for more information and to be sure that your IRA Qualified Charitable Distribution gift is made directly from an IRA to our parish. Contact Jean Ann Montagna of the Catholic Community Foundation at 216-696-6525 x www.catholiccommunity.org/ira.

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.

Elyria Catholic Marching Band and Color Guard are happy to announce that the 2022 Holiday Craft Fair will take place on November 12 from 9-3PM. All crafters are invited to register by September 30. Interested crafters can register at elyriacatholic.com/2022-holiday-craft-fair.

Grief Relief Services The humanitarian crisis is worsening daily in Ukraine as Russia intensifies its invasion of the country and its bombardment of civilian areas and buildings. Catholic Relief Services is working with Ukraine. <https://support.crs.org/donate/donate-ukraine>.

Catholic Cemeteries continues with monthly Grief Support the third week of every month at 3 PM At St. Joseph, Avon, Holy Cross, Brookpark. We meet the 4th Sunday of every month. You don't have to grieve alone.

TV Mass The Sunday television Mass may now be viewed at 10 AM on WUAB Channel 43. This does not fulfill your Sunday obligation of Mass.

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.

