



# St. Thomas the Apostle

715 Harris Road Sheffield Lake Ohio  
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**Serving our Community  
for over 60 years**

**November 3, 2024**

**31st Sunday in Ordinary  
Time**

### Parish Staff

Father Stephen L. Shields..... Pastor  
Mrs. Heather Centifanti.....Office Manager  
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### Communications

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### Parish Cluster Contacts

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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	1981-1997

**St. Thomas the Apostle Church is fully accessible  
No Steps, No Stairs, No Ramps.**

### Parish Information

**Mass Times:** 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 every day before Mass. This includes the weekends.

**The Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help** is prayed every Monday before 9:00 AM Mass.

**Baptism:** Sunday: 11:30 AM A Pre-Baptismal Class is required. One Sponsor must be an active Catholic. If not from St. Thomas the Apostle Parish they need a Sponsor Letter from the Parish they attend. Call the Office to Schedule.

**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.

**Parish Office Hours:** Monday-Closed  
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday-9:00 AM-3:00 PM  
Friday-9:00 AM-1:00 PM

**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.

**Remember St. Thomas the Apostle Church  
in your will.**

**Mass Schedule**

**Pray for Thanksgiving**  
**Sunday November 3, 2024**  
**31st Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 10:00 AM St. Thomas Parishioners  
**Monday November 4, 2024**  
**St. Charles**  
 9:00 AM Frank Szalay Jr  
**Tuesday November 5, 2024**  
 9:00 AM Steven Ambler  
**Wednesday November 6, 2024**  
 9:00 AM All Souls  
**Thursday November 7, 2024**  
 9:00 AM Elenore Fragassi  
**Friday November 8, 2024**  
 9:00 AM All Souls  
**Saturday November 9, 2024**  
**Dedication of the Lateran Basilica**  
 9:00 AM John R. Stowe  
 4:00 PM Maria Andrasik  
**Sunday November 10, 2024**  
**32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 10:00 AM L/D Holy Name  
 2nd Collection: Loose Change



**St. Thomas Parish** needs Lectors, Readers, Eucharistic Ministers & Servers. 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.

**Mass Intentions** are available for 2024/2025 for \$10.00 each. Contact the office (440) 949-7744.

**Weekly Offering** Please increase your Offering so we may meet our weekly financial goals. Thank you.

**Pre-Baptism Class-2024**  
 Watch Bulletin for 2025 dates. Will post when available. All new, expecting parents are required to attend a Pre-Baptismal Class before scheduling a baptism. One Godparent must be an active Catholic with a Sponsors Certificate from the Church they attend if they don't belong to St. Thomas. Call the Office to schedule.

**"Invitation Back"** Parishes have parishioners we haven't seen at Church. Like the Good Shepherd, let us I invite those we know to come back.

**Churches cannot take part in Political Campaigns. No flyers or signs are to be placed anywhere on Vehicles, Grismer Hall, Parish House, or Church property.**

**Weekly Collection Goal** \$5,000.00  
 October 27, 2024 \$3,016.00  
 Please increase your weekly Offering so we can meet our weekly goals.  
**Thank you to all our generous donors.**

**St. Thomas Church Events**

**November Paper Drive** November Paper Drive for the Homeless is this month. This is an overnight facility that provides food, shelter, showers, and laundry. We feed up to 120 persons a month with breakfast, lunch and dinner. We will be collecting plates, plastic ware, cups, coffee napkins, toilet paper, paper towels and Kleenex. Help out those in most need. Drop into Shelter marked boxes. Contact Penny (440) 949-7548 for more information

**Hurricane Relief-** Catholic Charities USA, the official disaster relief agency of the Catholic Church, is providing support and assistance throughout the regions impacted by hurricanes. Catholic Charities USA is accepting donations via this form to provide humanitarian relief. <https://tinyurl.com/CC-Hurricane2024>

**The Homeless Ministry** We need help feeding the homeless. We need donations of Food, Time and Treasures to continue this ministry. Contact Penny (440) 949-7548 for more information on how you can help.

**Thank You**

...to Dave for the many video cameras that watch our properties day and night.

**Events Around Town.**

**Jubilee Year of Hope** The Vatican has released Mass texts for the Jubilee Year of Hope. The year begins on Christmas Eve at the Vatican and on the Feast of the Holy Family (Sunday, December 29, 2024) in dioceses around the world. More information will be forthcoming. [Mass for the Holy Year | USCCB](#)

**#weGIVECATHOLIC - Northeast Ohio's Online Day of Catholic Giving** Give Back, Give Catholic. More than 230 Catholic organizations are participating in Northeast Ohio's Online Day of Catholic Giving, #weGIVECATHOLIC, on Tuesday, December 3. Powered by the Catholic Community Foundation,

**Qualified Charitable Distributions** If you are age 70 1/2 or older, you may make a gift of a Qualified Charitable Distribution. Talk to your IRA administrator to make your gift directly to our parish. Call Marylou Ozimek (216) 696-6525 x4070.

**Protecting God's Children** from sexual abuse. Call authorities of inappropriate behavior. (216) 334-2999) or [responservices@dioceseofcleveland.org](mailto:responservices@dioceseofcleveland.org)

*Pray for the needs of our Community.*



**St. Thomas Church is**



**Liturgical Schedule**

**Saturday-November 2-4:00 PM**  
 C-R Radeff L-S Lynch  
 EM-M Markoski, R O'Connor, R Zaborski  
**Sunday-November 3-10:00 AM**  
 C-B Barelka L-N Olitsky  
 EM-K Yatson, B Smith, E Knoblauch  
 Please help if needed at the Mass you attend.

