

St. Thomas the Apostle

715 Harris Road * Sheffield Lake * Ohio * 44054-1409

January 6, 2019

The Epiphany of the Lord

Masses: Saturday Vigil: 4:00 PM
 Sunday: 9:00 and 11:00 AM
 Monday through Saturday: 9:00 AM

Confession: Saturday: 3:00 to 3:45 PM
 or by appointment

Baptism: Sunday: 12:30 PM
 Parent Pre-Baptismal Class required

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-4:00 PM
 Friday-9:00 AM-1:00 PM
 Information/insert for the bulletin must be in the Parish Office by Wednesday at 4:00 PM to make the following week.

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.

Holy Days of Obligation

The Solemnity of Mary	January 1, 2019
The Assumption of Mary	August 15, 2019
All Saints	November 1, 2019
Immaculate Conception	December 8, 2019
Christmas	December 25, 2019

Diocese of Cleveland

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Parish Staff

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 Mrs. Heather Centifanti.....Office Manager
 Mr. Michael Chutes.....Custodian

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 RCIA/Chris Selent.....440-864-5792
 CYO/Jim O'Connor.....440-949-2631
 Grismer Hall/Gym.....440-949-8491
 Funeral Luncheon/Dave.....440-670-0204

Parish Cluster Contacts

St. Anthony...www.stanthonylorain.parishesonline.com
 1305 East Erie Ave. Lorain 44052 (440) 288-0106
 St. Teresa.....http://www.sttereasparish.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

Weekly Intention: Courage to Evangelize

Sunday January 6, 2019
The Epiphany of the Lord
Blessing of the Home
 9:00 AM St. Thomas Parishioners
 11:00 AM Margaret Pierson
 2nd Collection: Loose Change

Monday January 7, 2019
St. Raymond of Penyafort
 9:00 AM L/D Molly Tibbetts & Family

Tuesday January 8, 2019
 9:00 AM Raymond Breeds

Wednesday January 9, 2019
 9:00 AM Fr. John Newton

Thursday January 10, 2019
 9:00 AM L/D Jacob Wong Family

Friday January 11, 2019
 9:00 AM L/D Patrick & Catherine Walsh and Family

Saturday January 12, 2019
 9:00 AM Special Intentions
 4:00 PM Viola Klosz

Sunday January 13, 2019
The Baptism of the Lord
 9:00 AM L/D Holy Name
 11:00 AM David Perez (Bishop Perez's' Father)
 2nd Collection: Loose Change
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Pre-Baptismal Classes-2019

January 15	St. Joseph-6:30 PM	(440) 933-3152
February 17	St. Thomas-12:30 PM	(440) 949-7744
March 19	St. Mary-6:30 PM	(440) 934-4212
April 11	Holy Spirit-7:30 PM	(440) 933-3777

New and expecting parents are required to attend a class before scheduling a baptism at their church of Worship.



St. Thomas Prayer Lines Call, a friendly voice is on the other end.(440)-865-9387 or (440)-949-7548.

E-mail Bulletins add your e-mail address to your Sunday envelope and get your weekly bulletin by E-mail. Keep up on weekly news and upcoming events.

Bulletin Ad Campaign Our Bulletin Advertising Representative is working on a 2019 Ad Campaign. Call 440-382-2805 to include an AD or recommend a business. The Ad is featured on the back of our bulletin for the year.



St. Thomas the Church is Kid Friendly



Gospels of the Week: Thursday Lk 4:14-22a
 Monday Mt 4: 12-17, 23-25 Friday Lk 5:12-16
 Tuesday Mk 6:34-44 Saturday Jn 3:22-30
 Wednesday Mk 6:45-52 Sunday Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

Weekly Collection

Goal

December 23, 2018

\$5,000.00
 \$3,986.50

Thank you for your generous and continued support. Please remember St. Thomas Parish in your Will.

St. Thomas News/Events

January 1-3 Office Closed
 January 9-Music Club
 January 20-BP/Screening
 January 20- Confirmation Enrollment
 January 23-Finance Meeting



Speak Love on Valentines Day Weekend St. Thomas is proud to present the Family Sowell on Saturday, February 16, 2019. Tickets are \$10.00. Call (440) 670-1931. Food and drinks will be available for purchase.

Epiphany means manifestation. What the Church celebrates today is the manifestation of our Lord to the whole world; after being made known to the shepherds of Bethlehem He is revealed to the Magi who have come from the East to adore Him. Christian tradition has ever seen in the Magi the first fruits of the Gentiles; they lead in their wake all the peoples of the earth, and thus the Epiphany is an affirmation of universal salvation. St. Leo brings out this point admirably in a sermon, read at Matins, in which he shows in the adoration of the Magi the beginnings of Christian faith, the time when the great mass of the heathen sets off to follow the star which summons it to seek its Savior.

Confirmation Enrollment will be on Sunday, January 20th at the 9:00 AM Mass. Students, parents and sponsors sit together in the main pews. Regular class follows the Mass until 11:15 AM.

Liturgical Schedule

Saturday, January 12-4:00 PM

C-J Ritter L-P Dietz
 EM-A & J Balmert, J Ritter
 C-R O'Connor, S Lynch
 S-C & E Balmert

Sunday, January 13-9:00 AM

C-C Kabat L-J Mack
 EM-Holy Name
 C-Holy Name
 S-W Holley, & H Centifanti

Sunday, January 13-11:00 AM

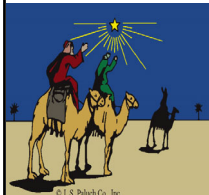
C-J Houlihan L-M Fairweather
 EM-E Moussa, S Helman, K Mohrbach
 C-J Houlihan, L Janis
 S-S Bunner, N Barsan



Thank You

... Dave for the new microphone attachment.
 ...to our Decorating Angels and assistant Angels for the beautiful Christmas decorations.

St. Thomas Church is in need of Lectors, Readers, Eucharist Ministers and Servers. Please consider helping out at the Mass you regularly attend. The feeling of participating deeper into the Mass is so rewarding in many ways.



Finding God The splendid magi, all sparkle and dash and solemnity, march right up off the pages of Matthew's Gospel and into our churches today. Matthew tells us this grand and seductive story so that we might see the light and

know that the child these magi visited is the fulfillment of prophecy, the king of the world that stretches to the magi's home country and beyond, right down the ages to us. We too see and understand anew. Like the magi, our patron saints for this day, we see in the newborn child the king of the universe and light of the world. We find in ourselves a new faith and a new life. We return to our home by a new route. We are asked to come away from this festive season ourselves renewed and awake to the presence of God among us. We are asked to find God where God is to be found, to be attentive and surprised and ready to bow down in adoration and to offer our gifts.

New Year, New You. At least that's the plan most years, right? Usually we plan on making lifestyle changes in exercising or dieting. How many of us consider our "Faith Fitness"? Does your New Year's resolution include making faith a more important part of your lifestyle?

Catholic Radio Stations

1220 AM-WHKW Radio The Word
 1260 AM-The Rock
 1060 AM-Living Bread



<http://www.dioceseofcleveland.org/catholicradio>

'Table Talk' radio show featuring Bishop Perez on AM 1260 The Rock, Cleveland's Catholic radio station. Visit: 1260AMtherock.com for times and dates.

EWTN-Is a Catholic news, television and radio network which offers news from around the world as it happens. www.ewtnnews.com Check EWTN for Mass schedule.

Televised Sunday Mass-Channel 8 at 6:00 AM. For those who can get to church, the TV or online liturgy does not fulfill the Sunday Mass obligation.

Weekly Parish Events

January 6-Confirmation class	Church	9-11:15AM
January 7-PSR	Grismer Hall	6:15-7:30 PM
January 7-Quilt Ministry	Room #2	7-8:30 PM
January 8-Music Club	Church	7-8:00 PM
January 7-11 CYO	Grismer Hall	3:30-9:00 PM
January 12 CYO	Grismer Hall	9-3:30 PM

Family Perspectives

God's mercy is revealed in the face of Jesus. This mercy is for all people as symbolized in the coming of the Magi. We reveal through our families the presence and mercy of God in our lives. Our gift of love, like Christ's, is meant to be shared with everyone,

Events Around Town

Catholic Renewal Ministries Charismatic Mass is Friday, January 18th, at 7:00 PM at St. Peter Parish, 35777 Center Ridge Rd., North Ridgeville 44039. Fr. Bob Franco is the celebrant. Praise and worship is at 7:00 and the liturgy at 7:30. Healing prayer teams will be available after mass for individual prayer, and there will also be a social after mass. Contact Fr. Franco at 440-327-2201. Bring a friend! This will be a time to truly encounter the Lord.

Boxes from Home St. Vincent de Paul sends boxes to our military people. Call Dorothy at 984-2192 with your soldier's information and they will send a box!



Protecting God's Children The Diocese of Cleveland's "Protecting God's Children" program is about the protection of children from sexual abuse. Immediately inform local authorities about inappropriate behavior. Call the Diocesan Response Service at 216-334-2999 or response_services@dioceseofcleveland.org.

West Side Catholic Center- needs volunteers to partner with participants of their Workforce Development Certificate Program assisting an individual as they progress through the work readiness program and into the first months of employment. Training provided. Contact Frank Johaneck at 216-332-2538.

Give the Gift of Time: Volunteer Cornerstone of Hope opportunities ranges from weekly commitments to once a year. Contact Rachel@cornerstoneofhope.org.

Pregnant and in need? call 1-800-712-HELP. Please visit OptionLine.org

Homeless and pregnant? Please call Good Counsel Homes, 1-800-723-8331 or visit www.goodcounselhomes.org.

Hurting from an abortion? Visit us online at www.AbortionForgiveness.com.

Help Protect Life Cleveland Right to Life needs volunteers. Call 216-661-3000. Each life is an indescribably sacred and fragile mystery. Abortion destroys the revealing of God's plan for that child.



Parish Cluster Events

St. Teresa: Eucharist Adoration is every Wednesday from 9 AM-1 PM in the Church.
St. Anthony: Rosary's for Unborn is said the first Saturday of each month from 10 AM-3:30 PM.