

St. Thomas the Apostle

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

September 12, 2021 24th 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
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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
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. Gaebelien 1968-1981
+Fr. John J. McCaffrey 1981-1998

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

Mass Schedule

Justice & Mercy
Sunday September 12, 2021
 24th Week in Ordinary Time
 10:00 AM L & D Holy Name
 2nd Collection: Loose Change

Monday September 13, 2021
St. John Chrysostom
 9:00 AM Mary Jane Zinni

Tuesday September 14, 2021
The Exaltation of the Cross
 9:00 AM All Souls

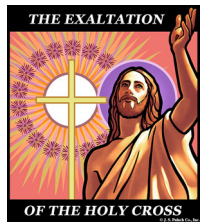
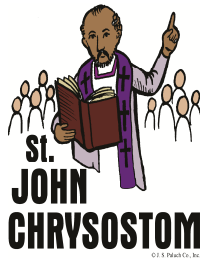
Wednesday September 15, 2021
Our Lady of Sorrows
Yom kippur
 9:00 AM Daniel Hnanicek

Thursday September 16, 2021
Ss. Cornelius & Cyprian
 9:00 AM Diane Trebonik

Friday September 17, 2021
St. Robert Bellarmine
St. Hildegard
 9:00 AM L/D Ken Burkard & Family

Saturday September 18, 2021
 9:00 AM Luke Chang
 4:00 PM Loretta & Eugene McIrwin

Sunday September 19, 2021
 25th Week in Ordinary Time
 10:00 AM L & D Ladies Guild
 2nd Collection: Loose Change
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Weekly Collection Goal \$5,000.00
 September 4, 2021 \$4,311.00
 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

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 wear the masks.

Bible Study A Bible Study will be held starting Tuesday, September 14th from 7-8:30 in Room #1 in Grismer Hall. Contact Penny (4400 949-7548 or the Parish Office.

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 9440) 830-9990.

Ladies Guild Rummage Sale is October 1st 9-4:00, October 2nd 9-12:00. Drop off is Sept.29 & 30 from 2-7 PM in Grismer Hall.

Our Fish Fry Team is planning a Fish Fry dinner Saturday, October 16th from 4 PM-7 PM. Take-out will be available by calling (440) 949-8491. Kids Menu and assorted sides to choose from.

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

Feast of Faith Remembering Offering and Intercessions In this holy moment with the consecrated bread and wine, the Body and Blood of Christ, upon the altar we pray for a share in the fruits of Christ's sacrifice. We offer to God what God has given to us, and we intercede for the Church and the world. We pray for the pope and for all the bishops, and we mention the bishop of our local church by name. We pray for the clergy and for all the people of God. We pray in a special way for those who have died. And we pray for ourselves, that one day, with Mary and all the saints, we may come to that place where Jesus already reigns. These prayers of intercession, like the General Intercessions earlier in the Mass, broaden our focus and remind us that the Eucharist is offered not just for those gathered, but for the salvation of the entire world. The Eucharistic Prayer leads us from an intense focus on Christ, present in the consecrated host in the hands of the priest, to a loving prayer that embraces the world.

Pre-Baptism Class-2021

September 14-7:30 PM St. Mary (440) 934-4212
 October 14-7:30 PM Holy Spirit (440) 934-4212
 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 Sponsor 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>

Liturgical Schedule

Saturday, September 18-4:00 PM

C-MB Riley L-S Riley
 EM-A/J Balmert, S Lynch

Sunday, September 19-10:00 AM

C-B Barelka L-J Ritter
 EM-M Fairweather, K Janosik, B Smith

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



St. Thomas Church is Kid Friendly



Thank You

...to those who serve our Masses.

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time Mark confronts us with the invitation to faith leads us into suffering, pain and shaming from others, as we trust in God. Jesus is blunt about this: "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me." When we embrace faith, we are confronted with our own fears about suffering and losing comfort, status, and control over our lives. Life has plenty of suffering already, so why choose to add to it? Jesus points to a response: avoiding our fears and clinging to illusion and superficial comforts will not give us what we really want from life. Jesus offers a better, deeper life, a life grounded in God's love. It is lived in hope of resurrection and the final triumph of this love.

It's All About Control As we age, we master our own lives, our bodies, and our destiny. Much of this self-mastery involves the avoidance of pain or discomfort, so when we hear things like "take up your cross" and "lose your life," we tend to resist the message. James says that faith without works is dead as well as the part about losing our life to find it, is that faith is a process of more and more openness to God's direction of our lives. It is very hard for us to give up control, but perhaps it is not to become passive and babyish, but to allow God to direct where our self-mastery will lead and accomplish. We are asked to relinquish the need to control the results of our efforts; to risk, as Jesus did, the loss of everything we are working to achieve. Let God take the lead and to control the results, even though we may never see those results.

Treasures from Our Tradition In 335 two churches and a shrine erected by Constantine over the empty grave of Jesus and the place of the crucifixion were dedicated. These were destroyed by the Persians in 614, the Church of the Holy Sepulcher, which still stands, was erected by the Crusaders in 1149. Today also commemorates the discovery of the "true cross" by St. Helena, Constantine's mother, in 326. According to one legend, St. Helena traveled to Jerusalem in search of the true cross. Workers dug through a pagan temple erected on the site of the Crucifixion by Hadrian and found three crosses. A dying woman was brought in, and touched by each cross in succession, the last of which healed her. Helena ordered that this cross be divided in three parts, one in Jerusalem and the other two to Rome and Constantinople. The pieces in Jerusalem and Constantinople were ultimately lost. Slivers were taken from the portion that went to Rome until eventually it was scattered around the world. The significance of the true cross lies not in the wood itself but in the burden that it bore. As a faithful Christian, what crosses do you accept in your life today?

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

Calling ourselves Christian is not sufficient. Allowing Jesus to lead as the Lord is necessary. Instead of praying for and pleading for what we want, sometimes we will need to suffer and take up our crosses in order to find abundant life. May families who are suffering find Christ in their midst, compassion for each other, and support from friends and parish.

Events Around Town

St. Vincent de Paul Annual Blanket Sunday | The 35th Annual Blanket Sunday appeal kicks off October 9-10, 2021. Last year, funds from the appeal were used to purchase 4,500+ new winter blankets that were provided to the homeless and 179 beds/mattresses for low-income individuals and families throughout Northeast Ohio.

Catholic Communications Collection: 25-26 September 2021 The Catholic Communications Campaign provides grants to Catholic organizations that share our experience of faith, worship, and witness through social media sites, podcasts, television, radio, and print media. Please support this important work and be generous in the collection. Your generosity is a direct act of witness in itself, as you facilitate the communication of the Gospel message. The special second collection is scheduled in our parishes for the weekend of 25-26 September 2021.

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>

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 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 or

Catholics Coming Home Thursdays, September 16 – October 28, 7-8:30PM invites non-active Catholics "home" to the Catholic Church and active practice of their faith. Sessions provide a non-threatening, supportive format. No question or concern is off limits! Call Annette DeGidio at 440-250-9028, Dean Brennan at 440-725-3159. Registration is appreciated, but not mandatory.

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.

