

St. Thomas the Apostle

715 Harris Road * Sheffield Lake * Ohio *

44054-1409

(440) 949-7744

October 4, 2020

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

The Rosary: Prayed daily before 9 AM Mass. This includes weekends.

Baptism: Sunday: 12:30 PM

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 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.

Holy Days of Obligation

The Solemnity of Mary January 1, 2021

Immaculate Conception December 8, 2020

Christmas December 25, 2020

Diocese of Cleveland

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Parish Staff

Father Stephen L. Shields..... Pastor

Mrs. Heather Centifanti.....Office Manager

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PSR-Kim & David Gray.....440-714-4007

Confirmation-John & Kathy Mack.....440-242-8683

RCIA.....440-949-7744

CYO-Jim O'Connor.....440-949-2631

Grismer Hall/Gym.....440-949-8491

Funeral Luncheon-Dave Johnston.....440-670-0204

Music/Choir-Roger Brooks.....440-346-3022

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. 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: Justice & Compassion

Sunday October 4, 2020
 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Respect Life Sunday
 St. Francis of Assisi

9:00 AM Mr & Mrs Earl Holley
 11:00 AM Michelle Rock & family

Monday October 5, 2020
 Bl. Francis Xavier Seelos
 9:00 AM Margaret Young

Tuesday October 6, 2020
 St. Bruno
 Bl. Marie Rose Durocher

9:00 AM Special Intentions
Wednesday October 7, 2020
 Our Lady of the Rosary

9:00 AM Melisa Munro & family

Thursday October 8, 2020
 9:00 AM Marsha DeAngelis & family

Friday October 9, 2020
 St. Denis & companions
 St. John Leonardi

9:00 AM Special Intentions

Saturday October 10, 2020
 9:00 AM St. Thomas Parishioners
 4:00 PM Poor Souls

Sunday October 11, 2020
 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 AM L & D Holy Name
 11:00 AM St. Thomas Parishioners
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PRE-BAPTISM CLASS-2020

October 20 St. Joseph-6:30 PM (440) 933-3152
 November 15 St. Thomas-12:30 PM (440) 949-7744
 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.

St. Thomas needs Lectors, Readers, Eucharist Ministers & Servers. No Experience needed. "Never underestimate the power of the Holy Spirit working in you."

Blanket Sunday is October 11th, Cash Only

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Saturday, October 10-4:00 PM
 C-MB Riley L-S Riley

EM-A & J Balmert, S Duffy
Sunday, October 11-9:00 AM
 C-J Houlihan L-J Mack

EM-P Blazina, H Schremp, K Janosik
Sunday, October 11-11:00 AM
 C-L Prokay L-M Fairweather
 EM-D Gray, J Kelly, D Munro

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



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WEEKLY COLLECTION GOAL \$5,000.00

September 27, 2020 \$2,853.16

Please increase your Offering so that 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.

NEW SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Starting 1 January 2021 we will have one Mass on Sunday at 10:00 AM. The rest of our Mass schedule for the weekend and weekdays will remain the same.

ST. THOMAS CHURCH EVENTS

St. Thomas has a new Facebook address:
<https://m.facebook.com/thomas.church.39142>

Thanks Rocky. This will keep you up to date on current events both upcoming and attended.

PSR St. Thomas PSR will begin Sunday, October 11th from 10-10:45 AM. Registration forms are located by all the Church doors. We will do everything to protect the students attending. Covid-19 rules will be followed.

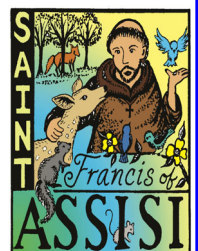
Virtus Training <http://www.virtus.org> click training tab.

Blessing Blanket Ministry will meet on Mondays starting Sept. 24th from 1-5 PM in Room #2 in Grismer Hall. If you wish to drop off material or completed blankets do so on Mondays. We have blessed 102 People. Thanks for all the support. Justine (440) 830-9990.

ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI (1182-1226)

October 4

When Franco Zeffirelli's Brother Sun, Sister Moon was released (1972), people were shocked by the movie's graphic nudity in the dramatic conversion scene. Son of a wealthy merchant, Francis' aimless adolescence ended when a failed military expedition led to his imprisonment and complete breakdown. Once home, Francis rediscovered God in the beauty of nature and the ugliness of human suffering, caring for lepers, praying in the little church of San Damiano, whose crucified Jesus he heard calling, "Repair my house, Francis, which is falling into ruins." Francis sold his and his father's possessions to fulfill this command. When his father objected, Francis disobeyed: "I return the clothes, your name, and all you gave me: God alone is my Father now." Later, the pope would dream of a ragged friar stretching forth a single hand to prop up the crumbling papal Cathedral of Saint John Lateran. Francis indeed helped rebuild the universal Church, founding the Friars Minor (Franciscans), dying at a young forty-four, bearing the stigmata of the Christ whose living icon he remains in the Church and far beyond it.



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St. Thomas Church is Kid Friendly



THANK YOU

...to our Fish Fry Angels for the great dinner.
 ...to Elaine for the new Altar Cloth.
 ...to the decorating Angels for the Fall Foliage.
 ...to Elaine for the new Chasuble.

AMAZED BY INNOVATION What Jesus does next surprises his audience. He adds a new twist to Isaiah’s well-known words, adding a new character, the landowner’s very own son. Adding this innovation shows that Jesus confirms the prophet’s warning—that God longs for “his cherished plant” to grow according to the divine plan. The narrative twist also allows Jesus to reveal the fullness of God’s plan in a way his audience can understand. Like a master teacher, Jesus respects the knowledge and faithfulness of the chief priests and elders, and then builds on what they know. By adding the landowner’s son to the parable of the vineyard, Jesus gently expresses his own mission as the Son of God. Matthew’s Gospel often depicts the chief priests and elders as oppositional; they worry that Jesus will abolish the law and foment rebellion. As the Lord said earlier in Matthew’s Gospel, however, “Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets. I have come not to abolish but to fulfill” (Matthew 5:17). Jesus’ audience is skeptical about him, horrified at the thought of a mere human being claiming that he is the Son of God. Jesus’ masterful approach provides an opportunity for his audience to give him the benefit of the doubt. In this way, Jesus proposes—not imposes—his kingship, inviting us all to follow him.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITIONS The confessional is a familiar setting in literature and drama. Everyone from Doestoevsky and Shakespeare down the line to Seinfeld has used the sacrament to tragic or comic effect or to reveal aspects of character otherwise hidden. All of this theater, from world classics to slapstick, has had a numbing effect on our own expectations, and has skewed how the culture looks at us and our struggle with sin and forgiveness, hope and healing. Yet the artists are on to something. The reconciliation room is a place where hearts are laid bare, where honesty is the watchword, and people confess their deepest needs. It is a place of rebirth, or at least realignment. It is, like the baptismal font, a place where something dies, and where something else is born. Today, although literature has barely caught up, the place is usually not the dark and gloomy cabinet of old; rather it is a room that speaks of peace, serenity, and the comfort of a welcome home. People in one parish were astonished recently to see their children skipping with delight as they left the place of their first confession. We have to wait a bit for world literature to catch up with this reality, but at least we can experience the joy of penance, the thrill of a new beginning, the assurance of God’s love.

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.

CONNECTED TO TRADITION

Today the Church presents the Old Testament and Gospel readings together. We delight in the symmetry of the two passages. Jesus, who is the Word of God, knows the Hebrew scriptures and intends for his parable to echo Isaiah. As Jesus begins speaking, he summons the words of Isaiah, knowing his learned audience of chief priests and elders will feel comfortable with a familiar scripture passage. The scholars recognize immediately that Jesus is referring to a prophetic passage about sin, about the chosen people’s tendency to turn away from God and grow “wild.”

EVENTS AROUND TOWN

St. Thomas is still providing food for the Homeless Shelter. Call Penny (440) 949-7548 to make a financial donation, donate food or help prepare or deliver meals. We supply meals year round.

Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Our Cathedral's YouTube Channel features the Stations of the Cross and the Rosary, in addition to various tracks of the Cathedral Choir. Consider visiting and subscribing to Cleveland Cathedral YouTube channel

Catholic Radio Stations

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



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

'Table Talk' 1260AMtherock.com for times and dates.

EWTN-www.ewtnnews.com TV or online liturgy does not fulfill the Sunday Mass obligation.

Catholic Cemetery Grief Support has limited seating for social distancing. We meet on the 3rd Sunday from 3:00 –4:00 PM at St. Joseph Cemetery, Avon (NEW office). Contact Rhonda 216-930-4866 rabrams@clecem.org, or view our calendar at clecem.org.

Protecting God’s Children “Protecting God’s Children” protects children from sexual abuse. Inform authorities of inappropriate behavior. Call 216-334-2999

responseservices@dioceseofcleveland.org
 “Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I love you very much. I beg you to spare the life of the unborn baby that I have spiritually adopted who is in danger of abortion.”

Pro-Life Doctor’s List Pro-life doctors, who don’t practice abortion or support its use. Call 440-322-0076.

www.loraincountyrighttolife.org under Resources/Issues tab. Abortion destroys God’s plan for the life of that child.

