



St. Thomas the Apostle

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

**December 31, 2023
The Holy Family of
Jesus, Mary and Joseph**

Parish Staff

Father Stephen L. Shields..... Pastor
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Communications

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

Parish Cluster Contacts

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Diocese of Cleveland

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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

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 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.

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

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.

Mass Schedule

Pray for the lonely, sick, hungry, unemployed

Sunday December 31, 2023
The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph
New Year's Eve
 10:00 AM Doyle Ritter
Monday January 1, 2024
Soleminity of Mary
the Holy Mother of God
New Year's Day
 9:00 AM M/M Audrey & Albert Alten
Tuesday January 2, 2024
St. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen
 9:00 AM M/M John & Tracie Craig
Wednesday January 3, 2024
The Most Holy Name of Jesus
 9:00 AM M/M Ryan & Joan Craig
Thursday January 4, 2024
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
 9:00 AM Claude Newman
Friday January 5, 2024
St. John Neumann
 9:00 AM Sr. Bernard Nathanson
Saturday January 6, 2024
 9:00 AM St. Thomas Parishioners
 4:00 PM Aunt Jenny
Sunday January 7, 2024
 10:00 AM M/M Dan Fragassi
 2nd Collection: Loose Change



St. Thomas Parish needs Lectors, Readers, Eucharist 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 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 for your generous and continued support.

Pre-Baptism Class-2024
New Schedule will be posted soon.

All new, expecting parents are required to attend a Pre-Baptismal Class before scheduling a baptism at the Parish they attend. One Godparents must be an active Catholic with a Sponsors Certificate from the Church they attend if they do not belong to St. Thomas.

Jesus, Mary & Joseph pray for all families this year.

Liturgical Schedule

Sunday-December 30-4:00 PM
 C-MB Riley L-S Riley
 EM-P Rieth, A & J Balmert
Monday-December 31-10:00 AM
 C-J Mack L-J Houlihan
 EM-H Centifanti, K Yatson, B Smith
 Please help if needed at the Mass you attend.



Weekly Collection Goal	\$5,000.00
December 17, 2023	\$3,358.50
Saving for Paving/We Give Catholic	
Amount Needed: \$23,000.00	
Amount Donated: \$16,220.00	Thank You



RIP Kenney Chutes. Life has changed not ended. May perpetual Light shine upon him. Pray for the consolation of his family and friends.

St. Thomas Church Events

Saving for Paving We are saving to have all our driveways and parking lots repaired, resurfaced and relined. Donations in addition to our regular contributions can be made by check. In the memo field, write Paving.

Thank You

...to all our Parishioners who helped decorate the Church for Christmas.
 ...to all those who gave to the Giving Tree for the needy.

Events Around Town

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.

The Retrouvaille Program to Strengthen and Heal Your Marriage—Beginning January 26, 2024. Call (216) 509-0301. Visit www.helpourmarriage.org

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 pick-up.

Protecting God's Children from sexual abuse. Call authorities of inappropriate behavior. (216) 334-2999.



St. Thomas Church is Kid Friendly

