

# St. Thomas the Apostle

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

## September 13, 2020 24th 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

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| The Solemnity of Mary | January 1, 2021   |
| Immaculate Conception | December 8, 2020  |
| Christmas             | December 25, 2020 |

### Diocese of Cleveland

Website:.....www.dioceseofcleveland.org  
Phone.....800-869-6525  
Address.....1404 E. 9th St., Cleveland, Ohio 44114

### Parish Staff

Father Stephen L. Shields..... Pastor  
Mrs. Heather Centifanti.....Office Manager  
Mr. Michael Chutes.....Custodian

### Communications

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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

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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

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| +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: Rejoice in God's Love

**Sunday** September 13, 2020  
 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
 Grandparents Day

9:00 AM L/D Holy Name

11:00 AM Howard Collins

**Monday** September 14, 2020

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

9:00 AM Xavier Munro

**Tuesday** September 15, 2020  
 Our Lady of Sorrows

9:00 AM All Souls

**Wednesday** September 16, 2020  
 Ss Cornelius & Cyprian

9:00 AM Michael Rock

**Thursday** September 17, 2020  
 St. Robert Bellarmine

9:00 AM Sam DeAngelis

**Friday** September 18, 2020  
 Rosh Hashanah

9:00 AM M/M Elias Thomas

**Saturday** September 19, 2020  
 St. Januarius

9:00 AM Fr. Arthur B. Egan

4:00 PM St. Thomas Parishioners

**Sunday** September 20, 2020  
 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 AM L/D Ladies Guild

11:00 AM St. Thopmas Parishioners  
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### Pre-Baptismal Classes-2020

September 17 Holy Spirit-7:30 PM (440) 933-3777

October 20 St. Joseph-6:30 PM (440) 933-3152

November 15 St. Thomas-12:30 PM (440) 949-7744

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.

*Dost thou wish to receive mercy? Show mercy to thy neighbor*

### Liturgical Schedule

**Saturday, September 19-4:00 PM**

C-MB Riley L-S Riley

EM-A & J Balmert, S Duffy

**Sunday, September 20-9:00 AM**

C-R Radeff L-B Barelka

EM-K Yatson, H Centifanti, B Smith

**Sunday, September 20-11:00 AM**

C-J Ganobsek L-J Ritter

EM-S Helman, L Janis, K Mohrbach

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



### Weekly Collection

Goal

\$5,000.00

September 6, 2020

\$4549.00

**Online Giving** [www.CatholicCommunity.org/Offertory](http://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 1/1/2021

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 Fish Fry** St Thomas is having the final fish fry of 2020 on September 26th 4 pm -7 pm. It will be a limited menu/while supplies last. Perch, Shrimp and Cod Dinners. Sides will be Fresh Cut Fries or Pierogies. Donations of Pop, Water and Desserts will be accepted on Thursday 24th and Friday 25th at the school between 10:00 am - 2:00 pm. Donation are greatly appreciated. We will follow all Cov19 regulations. Credit Cards Accepted.

**St. Thomas has a new Facebook address:**

<https://m.facebook.com/thomas.church.39142>

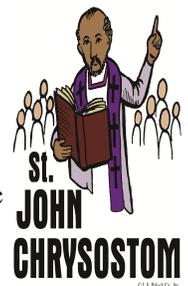
Thanks Rocky. This will keep you up to date on currant events both upcoming and attended.

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

### SAINT JOHN CHRYSOSTOM (c. 344-407)

#### September 13

"Speaking truth to power" may have become just another cliché, but doing precisely that cost John "the Golden Mouth" (Chrysostom) his diocese and, after exile and a forced march, his health and life. "Renowned for eloquence, heroic in suffering" (Sacramentary), John's scriptural insights still comfort and challenge. Mystical theologian, he bids Eastern Christians, whose principal Divine Liturgy bears his name, to lift up their hearts to "God ineffable, beyond comprehension, invisible, beyond understanding, existing forever, always the same." Model pastor, he warns Roman Catholics in the Liturgy of the Hours not to neglect God-in-the-flesh: "Would you honor Christ's body? Do not scorn his nakedness, honoring him here in church with silken robes, while neglecting him cold and naked outside. What use to burden Christ's altar with golden chalices, while Christ himself starves to death? What use dressing the altar with gold-woven cloths, while denying the shivering Christ the clothes he needs? Do not adorn the church while ignoring your needy brother: he is the most precious temple of all!"



St. Thomas Church  
 is Kid Friendly



**Thank You**

...to those who serve with time, talent, & treasures.

**Forgiveness** You missed the point,” we might be tempted to shout at the servant in today’s Gospel. His master had just forgiven a huge debt when he cried for mercy, and yet, when given the opportunity to show mercy himself, he acted violently with retribution toward a fellow servant. He had missed the point of his master’s merciful actions toward him, and suffered the consequences. He missed the point. He is not alone, however. We all “miss the point” sometimes—we miss the point of God’s enduring covenant of love, and miss the mark in our call to live as though we are the Lord’s, for this is who we are.

**Becoming More Like Christ** When Peter asked Jesus how many times he must forgive, he was probably stunned at Jesus’ response. Peter asked, “As many as seven times?” Seven being the perfect number, surely this is enough forgiveness, Peter thought. Jesus’ response seems lavish beyond proportion. “I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times.” Jesus understands the fullness of God’s mercy and teaches that disciples are called to this same lavish outpouring of mercy. God showers compassion on humanity, beyond what might seem sensible or wise, yet we are called to “remember the Most High’s covenant, and overlook faults,” to give others the benefit of the doubt, knowing God does this and more each and every day. As recipients of God’s compassion, we must extend forgiveness and care beyond what might seem reasonable, because God’s love is beyond human reason.

**Treasures from our Tradition** Our memory will keep September 11 holy for generations to come, as we remember the innocent dead. Memories of the attack on our nation are intertwined with memories of how we are natural symbol-makers. In one parish, as a candlelight vigil ended, the assembly, without being instructed, took their candles and stood shoulder to shoulder, down the steps and along the city streets for a quarter mile. People came out of their houses bearing tapers and candles. In the first hours of crisis, we stood vigil, we prayed from the heart, and we celebrated the human ability to draw light out of terrible darkness. Stories of that terrible day necessarily drift to tales of heroism, courage, dignity, faith, solidarity, hope, community. The church learned long ago through hard experience that “the blood of the martyrs is the seed of the church.” Perhaps the victims of 9/11 have gifts to bring that we are only just discovering as believers in a just and loving God. They are teaching us still, and today is a day for lighting candles at the table and being silent for a moment before the abundance of God’s gifts. Today reminds us that we are capable of acts of indescribable beauty even in the face of great evil.

**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.

**FORGIVENESS**  
 Nearly ten years before, a son and father had parted ways when the business they shared went bankrupt. The son blamed the father. Then the father became seriously ill. The mother called the son and told him he had better come soon. The son walked sheepishly into the hospital room. The father motioned his son to him and whispered: “Did you ever think you could do anything that would keep me from loving you?” Resentment and anger are foul things. Remember the last things. Stop hating. Live by the commandments. As St. Paul writes to the Romans, we are to live for the Lord and die for the Lord. Jesus’ parable in today’s Gospel reminds us of God’s compassion. The immense sin of humanity has been forgiven and stricken from the record. We are to forgive others in the same way.

**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](http://1260AMtherock.com) for times and dates.  
**EWTN**-[www.ewtnnews.com](http://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 3:00 PM – 4:00 PM at Saint Joseph Cemetery, Avon (NEW office). Contact Rhonda 216-930-4866 [rabrams@clecem.org](mailto:rabrams@clecem.org), or view our calendar at [clecem.org](http://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](mailto: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.