



# St. Thomas the Apostle

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

## September 19, 2021 25th 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

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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Grismer Hall/Gym.....440-949-8491  
Funeral Luncheon-Dave Johnston.....440-670-0204

### 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

+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

## Wisdom & Compassion

**Sunday September 19, 2021**  
25th Week in Ordinary Time

10:00 AM L & D Ladies Guild  
2nd Collection: Loose Change

**Monday September 20, 2021**  
St. Andrew Kim Tae-gon & Companions  
St. Paul Chong Ha-sang & Companions

9:00 AM St. Thomas Parishioners

**Tuesday September 21, 2021**  
St. Matthew

9:00 AM Joseph Andulics

**Wednesday September 22, 2021**  
Autumn begins

9:00 AM All Souls

**Thursday September 23, 2021**  
St. Padre Pio

9:00 AM Maureen & Christopher Walsh

**Friday September 24, 2021**

9:00 AM Irene Lynn Schindley & family

**Saturday September 25, 2021**

9:00 AM L/D Irene Schindley family

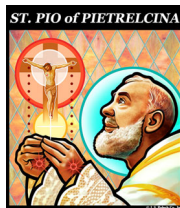
4:00 PM Loretta & Eugene McIrvin

**Sunday September 26, 2021**  
26th Week in Ordinary Time

10:00 AM St. Thomas Parishioners  
2nd Collection: Loose Change  
Lectionary Year: "B"



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### Pre-Baptism Class-2021

October 14-7:30 PM Holy Spirit (440) 934-4212

November 16-6:30 PM St. Joseph (440) 933-3152

No December Class

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."

**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 25-4:00 PM**

C-L Prokay L-M Rozmarynowycz

EM-R O'Connor, K Mack, S Helman

**Sunday, September 26-10:00 AM**

C-J Mack L-J Houlihan

EM-N Olitsky, R Zaborski, J Kelly

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 12, 2021 \$3,635.50

Mission Co-op \$760.00

Please increase your offering so we can meet our goal.

**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.

### 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 Sept.29-2-7 PM & Sept.30 2-4 PM in Grismer Hall. We need volunteers for set-up, sale days.

**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 Doxology and Amen** "Doxology" comes from a Greek word meaning "words of praise." The Eucharistic Prayer ends with a doxology addressed to the triune God: "Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever." It is an exclamation of praise, honor, and glory to God, reminding us that we receive everything from God through the Son, in the power of the Spirit. At the consecration, the priest held up the host and then the chalice for us to see and adore. During the doxology, the host and chalice are held up again, but this time they are held up and offered to God the Father. With the doxology ends with praise addressed to the Father: truly, it is right and just to give God praise, and we assent to this in our whole-hearted acclamation, "Amen." This "Amen," sometimes and fittingly called "the great Amen," is our response to the entire Eucharistic Prayer.

**St. Thomas Church**  
is Kid Friendly



**Thank You**

...to Janet for Intersessions & Intentions of the week..

**25th Sunday in Ordinary Time The Meaning of Discipleship**

The geography of today’s Gospel is significant. Jesus is completing his ministry in Galilee and beginning his journey to Jerusalem, where he will meet both death and resurrection. The prediction of his death placed here is an important teaching on the part of Jesus. That lesson is tied to the need for his disciples to embrace a ministry of service and link the words “child” and “servant,” turning Jesus’ gesture into an understanding of himself as the Servant of the Lord. It is this awareness of the meaning of ministry that Jesus wishes to instill in the disciples. Theirs must be a ministry of service if they are to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. That service might require that they be “handed over” to death. What would have been in the culture of Jesus’ day an ordinary discussion of social status (“who is the greatest”) a key insight into the meaning of discipleship for the disciples and for us.

**Who is Honored** Today’s Gospel has two parts: Jesus’ announcement of his coming suffering and death, and a scene with the disciples arguing about who is the “greatest.” Mark emphasizes the disciples’ failure to understand. Their petty argument was opposite of the way to follow Jesus. The disciples were following the common understanding of group status: to honor the influential and those who contributed the most. Jesus points to the opposite: he honors the vulnerable, the “least” in the community; a child. He honors those who welcome the child. Mark was addressing the early Church, those seeking to learn how to live their faith. His questions may be important for us too. Who is honored in our faith community, and why? How do we honor those whom we set as examples? Who benefits from this different kind of “greatness”?

**Treasures from Our Tradition** On the Byzantine calendar, September 23 is the feast of the Conception of John the Baptist. The Roman and Byzantine calendars have in common the dates of solemnities: December 25, March 25, and June 24. Scholars see strong evidence in the writings of the early Church Fathers for the fixing of these dates from the imagined “anniversary” of Gabriel’s appearance to Zechariah at Yom Kippur, which was thought to have coincided with the equinox as a day of “at-onement” between light and darkness. The annunciation to Zechariah then set the date six months later for Mary’s conception of Jesus (March 25), and then for the dates of the births of John (June 24) and Jesus (December 25). Is this “liturgical trivia?” It’s also the best explanation of dating the most important festivals on our calendar. Even though the Roman Church doesn’t observe the Conception of John the Baptist, yesterday’s equinox can remind us of how our salvation history is attuned to God’s creation.

**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**

Today, Jesus tells us “who ever welcomes a child, welcomes me.” Pope Francis reminds us of the importance of families for children, “The family is important, and it is necessary for the survival of humanity. With out the family, the cultural survival of the human race would be at risk. The family, whether we like it or not, is the foundation.” As we celebrate the Year of the Family, let us remember to provide supportive communities where families with children can grow.

**Events Around Town**

**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.

**First Friday Forum** October 1st presents Ms Meg McIntyre. Join us at LCCC, in the Spitzer Center at 11:30 for lunch. The program is 12- 1:00 PM. Cost is \$20. Reservations are required by the Monday prior to the event. Call 440-244-0643 or [fflorain@gmail.com](mailto:fflorain@gmail.com).

**St. Vincent de Paul Annual Blanket Sunday** |The 35<sup>th</sup> 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 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>

**Catholic Radio Stations**

1220 AM-WHKW Radio The Word

1260 AM-The Rock

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

'Table Talk' [1260AMtherock.com](http://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](mailto:responseservices@dioceseofcleveland.org)

**Pro-Life Doctor’s List** Call 440-322-0076 or visit [www.loraincountyrighttolife.org](http://www.loraincountyrighttolife.org) under Resources/Issues.

