

St. Thomas the Apostle

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

May 9, 2021 6th Sunday of Easter

Love
one another as I love you

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 daily before 9 AM Mass. This includes the weekends.

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

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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

Pray for All Mothers

Sunday May 9, 2021
6th Sunday of Easter
 10:00 AM L/D Holy Name
Monday May 10, 2021
St. Damien de Veuster
St. John DeAvila



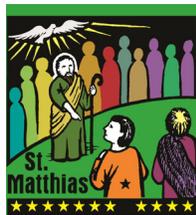
9:00 AM Anne Szalay
Tuesday May 11, 2021
 9:00 AM Michelle & Bill Elwer & Family

Wednesday May 12, 2021
Ss. Nereus & Achilleus
St. Pancras



9:00 AM John Baran
Thursday May 13, 2021
Our Lady of Fatima

9:00 AM Daniel Hnanicek
Friday May 14, 2021
St. Matthias



9:00 AM Melissa & Duncan Munro & Family
Saturday May 15, 2021

9:00 AM All Souls
 4:00 PM Harry Shuler Jr.
Sunday May 16, 2021

Ascension of the Lord
 10:00 AM L/D Ladies Guild
 Lectionary Year: "B"

Pre-Baptism Class-2021

May 18-7:30 PM St. Mary (440) 934-4212

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

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."

Holy Water To get Holy Water blessed bring water in a container and Fr. Steve will bless it after any Mass.

St. Thomas has a new Facebook address:

<https://m.facebook.com/thomas.church.39142> Send an e-mail address to the Parish Office and receive the bulletin electronically each week.

Mass Intention are available for 2021/2022 for \$10.00 each. Drop requests into the collection or call the office.

Liturgical Schedule

Saturday, May 15-4:00 PM

C-J Mack L-M Rozmarnowycz

EM-MB Riley, S Lynch, J Krilly

Sunday, May 16-10:00 AM

C-B Barelka L-R Radeff

EM-L Janis, H Schremp, P Blazina

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



Weekly Collection Goal \$5,000.00

May 2, 2021 \$3,614.50

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

Month of May is for Mary

The Blessed Virgin Mary is the Mother of the Church and therefore the example, as well as the guide and inspiration, of everyone who, in and through the Church, seeks to be the servant of God and man and the obedient agent of the promptings of the Holy Spirit.



Hail Mary Full of Grace.



Happy Mother's Day

For all your love and every care, for all your smiles and every prayer, for all your faith and your tender way, God Bless you Mom on Mother's Day.

Homeless Shelter To donate paper products, food, time or finances, call Penny (440) 949-7548. We serve all year.

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

Second Harvest Food Distribution will be May 19th at the Brookside High School parking lot from 4-5:30 PM.. No documentation required at registration. Please make sure your trunk is clean. Masks required. For more info visit outreach@ssles.org

Eucharist Ministers Lisa Prokay (440) 258-1810, is updating EM phone numbers so all EM can have an updated list. Call her for questions or share information.

Feast of Faith -The Creed

The Creed is a solemn statement of belief, a "rule of faith" It states the core of what we believe about God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. The language of the Creed is difficult at times, because its purpose is to express with precision what we believe about God. The Creed that we pray most often, is the Nicene Creed. It originated in a time of controversy about the divinity of Christ, and thus the longest section of the Creed relates to Christ, truly human and truly God. The Creed is both communal and personal: it is "we," but it is also "I." In the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, it is only after listening to the teaching of the Church and professing faith in the Holy Trinity that the candidate is admitted to the sacraments. So it is every Sunday. We listen to the word, we profess our faith, and then we come to the altar.



Thank You

...to David & Lydia for the 1st Communion Mass.
 ...to Roger & Andrea for the music and singing.

The Presence of the Holy Spirit We have a unique episode in the Acts of the Apostles today. A whole roomful of people are baptized with the Holy Spirit before they are baptized with water! The verb used “the Holy Spirit ‘fell’ on them” is characteristic of the way the Spirit works powerful and surprising. Though this “baptism” is not the normative way the New Testament describes baptism, it is still a good reminder today that the Holy Spirit is not controlled by whether or not we pour water, but rather that our sacramental signs reveal the presence of the Spirit at work among us. It is love, self-sacrificing and self-giving love, that manifests the Spirit of Jesus in our midst. It is love that is the greatest of commandments. The Spirit is manifested equally through those who live in that love.

The Joy of Love Following the Lord calls us to sacrifice for the sake of others, giving our attention, time, and resources in order to share Christ’s care and compassion. Jesus shows us that giving of self, pouring ourselves out in love for another, is a joy-filled way of life. Joy is more than a feeling and is deeper than happiness. Joy comes with the assurance that Christ is with us when our lives mirror the life and way of our Master. Joy is a sense of fulfillment in knowing and sharing Christ’s love. When we reach out in love, Christ’s joy fills our hearts. Strengthened by the power of the Holy Spirit, we find the grace to follow Jesus’ command to love one another

Treasures from Our Tradition Just as the origins of Lent have to do with accompanying people in the final stages of preparation for baptism at Eastertime, so does the structure of the Easter season help the newly received Catholics take root in the community. This is the season of “mystagogy,” “reflection on the mysteries.” This means that new Catholics are remembering the sacraments by which they become one with us, and are sorting out the implications for their everyday life. They can understand the excitement of Cornelius and his family in the first reading, filled with the Holy Spirit, and so eager to begin their new life that they overwhelm St. Peter. The second reading and the Gospel today likewise help our new brothers and sisters explore their new life as an experience of God’s tender love. Long ago, our tradition named these newly baptized adults and children the “neophytes,” from Greek words meaning “newly planted.” Newly planted in the garden of faith, they look to us to provide the fertile soil in which their new life can take root and grow. You can help. If you have “neophytes” in your parish, a card or note of welcome, or warm words of congratulation, are still timely. It’s Easter!

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’s gospel comes from Jesus’s discourse at the Last Supper in John’s gospel. Last Sunday we pondered the first half of the parable of the True Vine, and this week we contemplate the second part. In the gospel, Jesus expresses his desire that “may joy may be in you / and your joy might be complete.” Where do you find your greatest joy at this moment in your family life?

Events Around Town

Catholic Cemeteries Association continues with free monthly grief support groups on May 16th in two formats: In-Office(3pm) and Virtually(5pm) on Zoom at <http://bit.ly/ccavirtualgriefsupportgroup>. If you are not yet able to talk about your grief, come and listen and be in the presence of those who understand. The May topics are “Grief and Mental Health” and “Father’s Day Grief.” Groups meet the 3rd Sunday of every month, except June where we meet on the 4th Sunday. Contact Rhonda at rabrams@clecem.org or 216-930-4866.

Summer Camp Employment Catholic Charities Disability Services’ Camp Happiness is hiring college students and young professionals to work this summer in Wickliffe and Parma. Camp Happiness is June 14-July 30, 2021 from 9:00AM-3:00PM (includes a week of training and six weeks of camp). Call Lauren Mailey 216-334-2963.

Elyria Catholic High School invites 7th graders to register for the Pre-HSPT on Saturday, May 15. Get a head start for this fall. Register at elyriacatholic.com.

The FEST!! is Sunday, August 8 from 12:00pm - 10:00pm We are working hard to create a virtual and in-person event to ensure as many people as possible will be able to experience. Over the following months we will be monitoring the CDC guidelines and recommendations from the state and will go from there. Thank you so much for your continued support! Follow us on social media for inspiring messages of faith and hope!

Sunday Mass at The Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist, is at 10 AM on WUAB Channel 43, CW43 (no cable required) www.dioceseofcleveland.org

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.loraincountyrightrighttolife.org under Resources/Issues.

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

