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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 1981-1998

St. Thomas the Apostle Church is fully accessible
No Steps, No Stairs, No Ramps

St. Thomas the Apostle

715 Harris Road * Sheffield Lake * Ohio *
44054-1409
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May 2, 2021 5th Sunday of Easter

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

Website:.....www.dioceseofcleveland.org

Phone.....800-869-6525

Address.....1404 E. 9th St., Cleveland, Ohio 44114

Mass Schedule

Pray for our 1st Communions

Sunday May 2, 2021
5th Sunday of Easter

10:00 AM Lonnie Chutes

Monday May 3, 2021
Ss. Phillip & James

9:00 AM Katie Cook

Tuesday May 4, 2021
 9:00 AM Valerie Stefanick

Wednesday May 5, 2021
Cinco de Mayo

9:00 AM JoAnn Grau

Thursday May 6, 2021
National day of Prayer

9:00 AM Michael & Carla Rock & family

Friday May 7, 2021
1st Friday

9:00 AM All Souls

Saturday May 8, 2021

9:00 AM Dorothy & Michael Pundzak

4:00 PM Anna Nedrich

Sunday May 9, 2021
6th Sunday of Easter
Mother's Day

10:00 AM L/D Holy Name
 Lectionary Year: "B"



Weekly Collection Goal \$5,000.00
 April 25, 2021 \$2,605.50
 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.



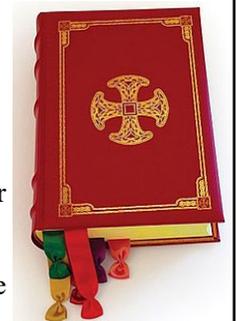
Easter Memorials Thank you to everyone who purchased Easter Memorial Flowers. As we remember and pray for our loved ones and one another we continue to lift them up in prayer with love that comes from our hearts and our relationship with God.

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.

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 Homily

The ambo, or pulpit, is a special place—it is the place for God's word. That is why it is not used for all the spoken words of the Mass, even important words like the collects and the blessing. The ambo is only used for the scripture readings, and for the homily and the prayer of the faithful. The homily is part of the Liturgy of the Word. It flows from the readings we have just heard, and helps us to understand the way in which God is speaking to us today. The homily is not a lecture, a catechism lesson, or a speech. It is more like an exhortation; it has an urgency about it, for it calls us to find ourselves in the scripture, to live the faith we profess, to see our world by the light of the Gospel. The homily, in itself a response to God's word, demands a response from us. There are many styles of preaching and many ways to respond to the scriptures. But whether the homily is weak or strong, an open ear and an open heart can find in it an abundance of spiritual nourishment.



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 8-4:00 PM

C-MB Riley L-S Riley
 EM-A & J Balmert, S Lynch

Sunday, May 9-10:00 AM

C-J Houlihan L-J Mack
 EM-H Centifanti, D Gray, B Smith



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



St. Thomas Church
is Kid Friendly



Thank You

...to everyone who donated to our Easter Memorial Easter Flowers.

Vines, Branches & Fruit Few activities are as disappointing as cultivating garden plants, watering them, and ensuring that they receive sunlight and nutrients, only to receive one or two vegetables or flowers to show for all the effort. Jesus uses the metaphor of the vine and branches to describe how closely we are called to remain with him so close that we bear the fruit of his life and love in the way we live. When we do this we give glory to God the Father, which Jesus did perfectly through his life, passion, death, and resurrection. Like plants that rely on the sun and nutrients from the soil, we rely on the Lord Jesus through whom we can do all for which we are called. Without the Lord, we can do nothing.

Bearing Fruit Few of us, even when we meditate on the image of the vine and branches, stop to really think about how God “prunes” us. For some there is the danger of thinking that we are already producing fruit for the kingdom, in deed and truth perhaps raising a family, being active in our parish, and so on. Even those branches which are bearing fruit, the Gospel tells us, can be pruned to produce still more. Today Saul, freshly “pruned” by his conversion, arrives in Jerusalem and meets resistance. Since he had been persecuting Christians, this was only natural. But even after he is accepted and begins to bear fruit, he meets further adversity, and his letters are filled with many accounts of how his trials “pruned” him to produce greater fruit for the kingdom. Like him, as long as we remain in Christ we will continue to bear fruit and, when the will of the Father determines it is time to prune us, the strength of the true vine must enable us to endure it.

Treasures from Our Tradition The season of First Communions is here, and invitations pour in as the new communicants, mostly seven years old, gather extended families for their first reception of the Eucharist. Recently, the celebrations are often on Sundays, in the regular gatherings of the faith community. There, it becomes clear that First Communion is meant to initiate a regular pattern of reception. Eastern Catholics and Orthodox children follow a different plan, since they are given a taste of the consecrated wine at their baptism as infants. Western Christians delay until “the age of reason,” but many years ago, Communion was not for children at all. Twelve to fourteen was the typical time for Roman Catholics to receive for the first time, and in those days this was a transition into the adult world of work and marriage. The custom did not begin to shift to childhood until reforms set in place by Pope St. Pius X began in the 1920s. If you are going to a First Communion, you can give thanks that the table of the Lord is today open so much more lavishly than before.

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

Last week we pondered the image of Jesus as the Good Shepherd who tenderly cares for his sheep. This week we are given a new image in order to explore our relationship with the Lord, that of a vine and branches. Today’s gospel, the command to “remain” in Jesus is issued more than the exhortation to “bear fruit.” What spiritual practices help you to “remain” rooted on the true vine in your family life?

Events Around Town

Sheffield –Sheffield Lake City School Food Pantry Distributions is behind Brookside High School on the 3rd Wednesday of each month from 4-5:30 PM. You don’t have to have a child in the school system or proof of residence, just a clean empty trunk. Visit outreach@sslcs.org

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

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.

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

Diocese of Cleveland Sunday Mass is at 10 AM on WUAB Channel 43, the CW43, WUAB Channel 43 is accessible without cable. The Mass is produced by the Cleveland Diocese in The Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist. www.dioceseofcleveland.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.”



The Diocese of Cleveland Sunday Mass is at 10 AM on WUAB Channel 43, the CW43, WUAB Channel 43 is accessible even without cable TV.

Pro-Life Doctor’s List Pro-Call 440-322-0076. www.loraincountyrighttolife.org under Resources/Issues tab. Abortion destroys God’s plan for the life of that child.

Our Cathedral's YouTube Channel has the [Stations of the Cross](#), the [Rosary](#), and various tracks of the [Cathedral Choir](#). Visit [Cleveland Cathedral YouTube channel](#)

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.

