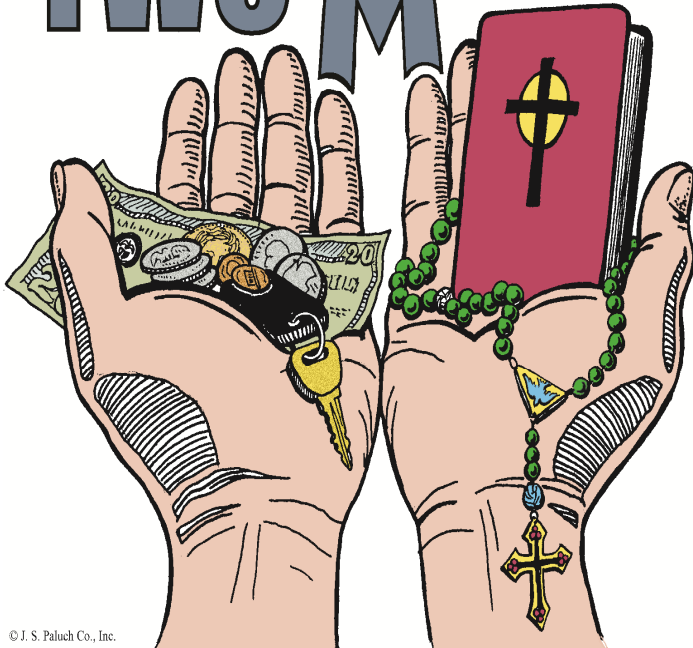


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## Our Honored Former Pastors

+Fr. Raymond J. Grismer 1960-1962  
+Fr. Urban A. Reichlin 1962-1968  
+Fr. Claude J. Gaebelien 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  
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Serving our Community for  
60 years

September 18, 2022

The 25th Sunday in Ordinary  
Time

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.

The Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help is prayed every Monday before Mass.

Baptism: Sunday: 11:30 AM 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.

Diocese of Cleveland

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**Mass Schedule**

**The Gift of Forgiveness**

**Sunday September 18, 2022**  
25th Week in Ordinary Time

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

**Monday September 19, 2022**  
St. Januarius

9:00 AM All Souls

**Tuesday September 20, 2022**  
SS. Andrew Kim Tae-gon & Paul ChongHa-sang

9:00 AM M/M Robert A Mitchell

**Wednesday September 21, 2022**  
St. Matthew

9:00 AM Joseph Andulics

**Thursday September 22, 2022**  
Autumn begins

9:00 AM M/M Robert A Mitchell

**Friday September 23, 2022**  
St. Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)

9:00 AM All Souls

**Saturday September 24, 2022**  
9:00 AM L/D Rivera-Caldwell & Housum family  
4:00 PM Luke Chang

**Sunday September 25, 2022**  
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 AM St. Thomas Parishioners  
2nd Collection: Loose Change

**Pre-Baptism Class-2022**

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

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

No December Classes

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.

**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>.

**St. Thomas Parish** needs Lectors, Readers, Eucharist Ministers & Servers. "Never underestimate the power of the Holy Spirit working in you."

**Mass Intentions** are available for 2022/2023. They are \$10.00 each. Contact the office (440) 949-7744 or drop into the weekly collection. Mark the envelopes Masses.

**Liturgical Schedule**

**Saturday-September 24-4:00 PM**

C-J Mack L-S Lynch

EM-P Rieth, R O'Connor, R Zaborski

**Sunday-September 11-10:00 AM**

C-J Houlihan L-N Olitsky

EM-K Mohrbach, D Gray, M Fairweather

Cup servers removed until further notice.

Fill in (if needed) for Eucharist Ministers at the Mass you



**Weekly Collection Goal**

\$5,000.00

September 11, 2022 \$3,212.00

Please continue to use your envelopes so we can meet our weekly goal. They can be mailed to the office.

**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.

**St. Thomas Church Events**

**\*\*St. Thomas PSR** St. Thomas will not be having PSR classes this year 2022/2023. Any families of students needing continued religious education grades 1-8 can contact our neighbor, St. Anthony. They have Registration on their website at [stanthonylorain.org/our-parish](http://stanthonylorain.org/our-parish) or contact Ms. Obermiller at 440/288-0106 (ext. 247) or at [obermillerk@stanthonylorain.com](mailto:obermillerk@stanthonylorain.com). For questions, contact David Gray, for further assistance.

**St. Thomas Bible Study** is Wednesday evening of Bible Study of Mary, Jesus' Mother and Ours. Session begins 9/28-11-2 from 7-9 PM in room #1 of the school. Please register with form in bulletin and fee ahead of time so we can supply workbooks. Contact Bridget (440) 731-1238.

**St. Thomas Fall Fish Fest** Fall Fish Fest will be Oct 15th 4PM to 7PM. Next year Lenten fish fry will start Feb 24th to March 31 2023. More information will follow.

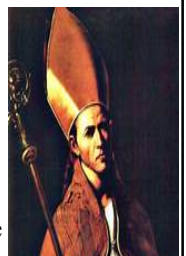
**Blessing Blankets Ministry** continues to make blankets for the needy. Blankets are available for donation. To donate materials call Justine (440) 830-9990.

**Catholic Communication Collection** is September 25th. 50% of the proceeds will remain within those dioceses for communications projects and initiatives and more.

**Homeless Shelter** is served meals every week by our Parish with the hard work of Penny. If you can help or donated food or finances, call (440) 949-7548.

**Virtus Training** <http://www.virtus.org> click training tab. Anyone working with children in our Parish must do this.

**St. Januarius** was born in Italy and was bishop of Benevento during the Emperor Diocletian persecution. Bishop Januarius went to visit two deacons and two laymen in prison. He was then also imprisoned along with his deacon and lector. They were thrown to the wild beasts, but when the animals did not attack them, they were beheaded. What is believed to be Januarius' blood is kept in Naples, as a relic. It liquifies and bubbles when exposed in the cathedral. Scientists have not been able to explain this miracle to date. St. Januarius lived and died around 305 A.D. and his feast day is September 19th.



**St. Thomas Church is Kid Friendly**



**Thank You**

...to Linda for the purchase of several pyx for the Church.  
 ...to Bridgett for teaching our Bible Study.

**25th Sunday in Ordinary Time** When we listen to the scriptures at liturgy, there is kind of an unspoken idea that we will hear something amazing and uplifting, that will stir our hearts into flame and make us better Catholics, better Christians, better people, as we carry the Living Word of God out in our lives. So how surprising is it when so much seems to run counter to our expectations? Amos warns us about cheating and taking away someone's rights. In Paul's first letter to Timothy, he explains we must pray for everyone, no matter what we think of them, even if they are in a place of power and authority. Jesus' praise of the "children of this world" in today's Gospel is really disconcerting!

**Justice For All** When we grasp a better understanding of Amos, it really is a mirror of the Gospel message that we must be good stewards and offer kindness and justice to all. Remember that Jesus is in the midst of speaking through a series of parables. (We left off with the Prodigal Son last week.) When he is speaking of the steward, we can infer that we are to use our goods and our skills wisely and for the betterment of everyone. The steward is praised for his quick thinking and finding a way to resolve the situation. The parable ends with Jesus telling us "You cannot serve God and mammon" and you must make a choice.

**Treasures from Our Tradition** When the Roman Empire turned a favorable eye toward the once-persecuted Christians, among the effects was a population explosion in the baptismal font, as Christian sympathizers stepped from the shadows. With more and more people becoming Christians, laws were passed to protect Sunday as a work-free day. Soon, it became possible to celebrate Mass later in the morning, rather than the older custom of gathering before dawn to celebrate Eucharist. Amazingly, despite the increasing numbers of Christians, there was great resistance to adding to the number of worship events; the Eucharist that began as a few friends around a table soon was transformed into a more formal event with throngs crowding a large hall. All the Christians in a city or town would gather around the bishop for the one Sunday Eucharist, and only when the crowds became unmanageable was there an impulse to divide the assembly by splitting off a new bishop and flock. Sixteen hundred years later, many parishes see a need to trim or combine Mass schedules. Yet our forebears in the faith would see it as a gain: a filling up of the Eucharist with a large and vigorous assembly, a fullness of ministry, an opportunity to make the Church more fully visible and stronger for service.

**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 the Church.

**Living God's Word**

Make a choice. God or money, material things, earthly pleasure. This is what Jesus asks us to do. Jesus knows that "no servant can serve two masters." It is not that wealth is inherently bad, but the pursuit of it to the exclusion of what is good and righteous is. Our faith is meant to guide and shape the way we live. If we are followers of Jesus Christ, we will treat others, especially the poor and vulnerable, fairly and justly. Put God and God's ways first, assured that when we do, everything else will fall into place.

**Events Around Town****No Political Advertising**

Advertising for political candidates is forbidden at any location on parish property.

**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 for more information and to be sure that your IRA Qualified Charitable Distribution gift is made directly from an IRA to our parish. Contact Jean Ann Montagna of the Catholic Community Foundation at 216-696-6525 x [www.catholiccommunity.org/ira](http://www.catholiccommunity.org/ira).

**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 distribution.

**Elyria Catholic Marching Band and Color Guard** are happy to announce that the 2022 Holiday Craft Fair will take place on November 12 from 9-3PM. All crafters are invited to register by September 30. Interested crafters can register at [elyriacatholic.com/2022-holiday-craft-fair](http://elyriacatholic.com/2022-holiday-craft-fair).

**Grief Relief Services** The humanitarian crisis is worsening daily in Ukraine as Russia intensifies its invasion of the country and its bombardment of civilian areas and buildings. Catholic Relief Services is working with Ukraine. <https://support.crs.org/donate/donate-ukraine>.

**Catholic Cemeteries** continues with monthly Grief Support the third week of every month at 3 PM At St. Joseph, Avon, Holy Cross, Brookpark. We meet the 4th Sunday of every month. You don't have to grieve alone.

**TV Mass** The Sunday television Mass may now be viewed at 10 AM on WUAB Channel 43. This does not fulfill your Sunday obligation of Mass.

**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.loraincountyrighettoflight.org](http://www.loraincountyrighettoflight.org) under Resources/Issues.

