

Rejoice,

your
brother
who was
lost
has been
found

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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 11, 2022
The 24th 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

Sunday September 11, 2022
The Gift of Forgiveness
 24th Week in Ordinary Time
 Patriot Day; Grandparents' Day

10:00 AM L/D Holy Name
 2nd Collection: Loose Change

Monday September 12, 2022
The Most Holy Name of Mary

9:00 AM L/D John & Diane Tirabassi

Tuesday September 13, 2022
St. John Chrysostom

9:00 AM Irene Logorda

Wednesday September 14, 2022
The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

9:00 AM Cook family

Thursday September 15, 2022
Our Lady of Sorrows

9:00 AM Joe Ksenick

Friday September 16, 2022
Ss. Cornelius and Cyprian

9:00 AM Irene Logorda

Saturday September 17, 2022
St. Robert Bellarmine; St. Hildegard

9:00 AM L/D Mladen & Karmen Baricevic & family

4:00 PM St. Thomas Parishioners

Sunday September 18, 2022
25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Pre-Baptism Class-2022

September 18-11:30 AM No Class

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

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

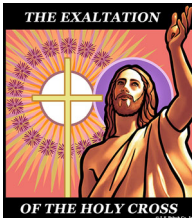
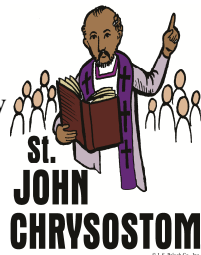
All new, expecting parents are required to attend a Pre-Baptismal Class before scheduling a baptism at the Parish they attend. One of the two Godparents must be an active Catholic with a Sponser Certificate from their church.

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.



Weekly Collection Goal \$5,000.00
 September 4, 2022 \$4,093.00
 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
 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 or contact Ms. Obermiller at 440/288-0106 (ext. 247) or at obermillerk@stanthonylorain.com. For questions, contact David Gray, for further assistance.

No St. Thomas Baptism Class this weekend. Due to time and date conflict. Check the schedule for other dates.

St. Thomas will share a 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.

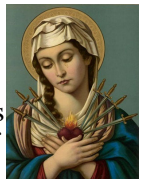
Blessing Blankets Ministry continues to make blankets for the needy. Blankets are available for donation. To donate materials call Justine (440) 830-9990.

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.

The Seven Sorrows of our Blessed Mother included the flight of the Holy Family into Egypt; the loss and finding of the child Jesus in the Temple; Mary's meeting of Jesus on His way to Calvary; Mary's standing at the foot of the cross when our Lord was crucified; her holding of Jesus when He was taken down from the cross; and then our Lord's burial. In all, the prophesy says that a sword would pierce our Blessed Mother's heart was fulfilled in these events. More importantly, each new suffering was received with the courage, love, and trust that echoed her fiat, let it be done unto me according to Thy word, first uttered at the Annunciation.



St. Thomas Church is Kid Friendly

Liturgical Schedule

Saturday-September 10-4:00 PM

C-J Mack L-S Lynch
 EM-P Rieth, R O'Connor, R Zaborski

Sunday-September 11-10:00 AM

C-J Mack L-J Houlihan
 EM-K Mohrbach, D Gray, M Fairweather

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



Thank You

...to Sharon for the nice Autumn decorations.

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Just Look at the Cross

God and Moses come across like a couple of parents deciding whether they should punish their children. (Notice how the Lord says "your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt" and Moses says "your own people." The Lord, points out how bad Israel has been. Moses, points out how good God is, in the promise to make them a great nation. The point is that God relented and forgave the people. In each case, great sins are forgiven. The people of Israel were guilty of idolatry, worshiping the golden calf. Paul was guilty of blasphemy and persecuting Christians. The prodigal son insulted his father by asking for his inheritance while the man was still alive and then squandered it all. Each was forgiven, not because they deserved it, but because they were loved. "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners" not to find the wealthiest people to build his kingdom, or the nicest, or the holiest; he came to save sinners. The Pharisees and scribes did not get this. They thought God wanted them to avoid sinners and to cast them out of the community. So they were scandalized when Jesus would associate with sinners. That was one of the reasons they wanted to kill Jesus. Yet, when they did just that, Jesus' death on the cross brought forgiveness for us all. Remember Abraham bargaining with God not to destroy Sodom if he could find a few good people? Maybe he should have "reminded" God of that divine mercy instead of hoping to find enough good people to spare the town. Sometimes we can't believe that God would love us so much as to forgive any sin. Just look at the cross if you need a reminder.

Treasures from Our Tradition Although New Year's Day is fixed on January 1 for several hundred years, Labor Day has the feel of a great dividing line between leisure and routine. The pace of life has since picked up, and new schedules and commitments crowd us. God calls us to consider the third commandment, still life-giving and binding, to make holy the Lord's Day by worship and rest. Jews see the Sabbath, Saturday, as a day of worship, a day of rest, of renewing friendship with God by delighting in the beauty of creation and the joy of family and friends. A day for contemplating the wonder of God's creation, but not disturbing it. Christians in the first three centuries, the Lord's Day, Sunday, was not for rest, but worship. It was a regular work day. People met before dawn, and after Eucharist hurried off to daily routines. Today we come to Mass, but many hurry off to essential work, not a day of rest. The Lord's Day is not the Sabbath, but we can enhance Sunday's ability to transform us if we embrace some Sabbath values: making room in our lives to open ourselves to holiness of life in Christ.

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

The son returns home, expecting the worst and confesses his sinfulness. His brother has an angry, self-righteous response, but the Father is full of joy and mercy. We hear God say, "You are the one who is important. The perspective of the parent waiting and worrying about their lost child, watching the road and praying for the child's return. If your own family will not accept you, there are many intentional families, friends, and parishes waiting with open arms to welcome you. Or you can offer the same welcome to another returning soul.

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.

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.

Bereavement Loss by Suicide The Marriage and Family Ministry along with Cornerstone of Hope have formed a closed support group for those grieving a loss by suicide. It begins at 6:30PM on Monday, September 12th at St. Albert the Great in North Royalton. Cost is \$30. Contact tyohman@dioceseofcleveland.org

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 for times and dates.

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.loraincountyrighttolife.org under Resources/Issues.

