

St. Thomas the Apostle

715 Harris Road Sheffield Lake Ohio

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**Serving our Community
for over 60 years**

**December 3, 2023
1st Sunday of Advent**



Parish Staff

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Communications

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Parish Cluster Contacts

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1305 East Erie Ave. Lorain 44052 (440) 288-0106
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Diocese of Cleveland

Website:.....www.dioceseofcleveland.org
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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	1981-1997

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

Parish Information

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 every day before Mass. This includes the weekends.

The Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help
is prayed every Monday before 9:00 AM Mass.

Baptism: Sunday: 11:30 AM A Pre-Baptismal Class is required. One Sponsor must be an active Catholic. If not from St. Thomas the Apostle Parish they need a Sponsor Letter from the Parish 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

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.

Mass Schedule

Pray for the lonely, sick, hungry, unemployed

Sunday	December 3, 2023 1st Sunday of Advent
10:00 AM	Dan & Eleonore Fragassi 2nd Collection: Loose Change
Monday	December 4, 2023 St. John Damascene
9:00 AM	Eleonore Fragassi
Tuesday	December 5, 2023
9:00 AM	John DuRell
Wednesday	December 6, 2023 St. Nicholas
9:00 AM	All Souls
Thursday	December 7, 2023 St. Ambrose
9:00 AM	Eleonore Fragassi
Friday	December 8, 2023 Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary
9:00 AM	M/M Robert A. Mitchell
7:00 PM	Mary DuRell
Saturday	December 9, 2023 St. Juan Diego
9:00 AM	All Souls
4:00 PM	John Stowe
Sunday	December 10, 2023 2nd Sunday of Advent
10:00 AM	L/D Holy Name 2nd Collection: Loose Change



St. Thomas Parish needs Lectors, Readers, Eucharist Ministers & Servers. "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.

Mass Intentions are available for 2024 for \$10.00 each. Contact the office (440) 949-7744.

Weekly Offering Please increase your Offering so we may meet our weekly financial goals. Thank you for your generous and continued support. Remember St. Thomas the Apostle Church in your Will.

Pre-Baptism Class-2023

December 3-1:30 PM St. Raphael (440) 871-1100

December 19-6:30 PM St. Joseph (440) 933-3152

All new, expecting parents are required to attend a Pre-Baptismal Class before scheduling a baptism at the Parish they attend. One Godparents must be an active Catholic with a Sponsors Certificate from the Church they attend if they do not belong to St. Thomas.

Liturgical Schedule

Saturday-December 2-4:00 PM

C-MB Riley L-S Riley

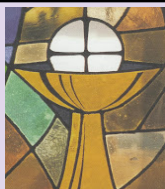
EM-A & J Balmert, P Rieth

Sunday-December 3-10:00 AM

C-B Barelka L-N Olitsky

EM-K Yatson, B Smith, O Sobon

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



Weekly Collection Goal	\$5,000.00
November 26, 2023	\$2,860.50
Saving for Paving/We Give Catholic	
Amount Needed: \$23,000.00	
Amount Donated: \$5,075.00	Thank You

St. Thomas Church Events

Saving for Paving Our We Give Catholic capital campaign this year is called Saving for Paving. We are saving to have all our driveways and parking lots repaired, resurfaced and relined. Work will be done during the warm weather. Donations in addition to our regular contributions can be made by check. In the memo field, write Paving. Thanks to all of us who are donating.

St. Thomas Giving Tree Our giving Tree is up and loaded with tags. Just pick a tag, purchase the gift, wrap it, place tag on gift and return it to the Giving Tree by December 17th so they can be distributed for Christmas.

St. Thomas Christmas Memorial forms are located at all the doors of the church. Print the Name clearly. Cost is \$5.00 each. Money due by December 17/2023.

Immaculate Conception is Friday, December 8th, a Holy Day of Obligation with Masses at 9 AM and 7 PM

The Homeless Ministry We need help feeding the homeless. We need donations of Food, Time and Treasures to continue this ministry. Contact Penny (440) 949-7548 for more information on how you can help.

Our Blanket Ministry continues to make blankets for the needy. Blankets are available for donation. To donate materials or finances contact Justine (440) 830-9990.

Thank You
...to Kathy and friends for setting up the Giving Tree in church.

Events Around Town

Qualified Charitable Distributions If you are age 70 1/2 or older, you may make a gift of a Qualified Charitable Distribution. Talk to your IRA administrator to make your gift directly to our parish. Call MaryLou Ozimek of the Catholic Community Foundation (216) 696-6525 x4070.

Catholic Calendars Catholic homes have Catholic calendars, <https://www.ashbypublishing.com/printed-church-calendars/15/catholic> or call (800) 413-2220.

The Retrouvaille Program to Strengthen and Heal Your Marriage—Beginning January 26, 2024. Call (216) 509-0301. Visit www.helpourmarriage.org

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.

Protecting God's Children from sexual abuse. Inform authorities of inappropriate behavior. Call (216) 334-2999.



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