

Some who are last will be first,



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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

**August 25, 2019
The 21st Sunday in
Ordinary Time**

Masses: Saturday Vigil: 4:00 PM
Sunday: 9:00 and 11:00 AM
Monday through Saturday: 9:00 AM

Confession: Saturday: 3:00 to 3:45 PM
or by appointment

Baptism: Sunday: 12:30 PM
Parent Pre-Baptismal Class required

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-4:00 PM
Friday-9:00 AM-1:00 PM

Information/insert for the bulletin must be in the Parish Of-
fice by Wednesday at 4:00 PM to make the following week.

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.

Holy Days of Obligation

The Solemnity of Mary January 1, 2019
The Assumption of Mary August 15, 2019
All Saints November 1, 2019
Christmas December 25, 2019
The Solemnity of Mary January 1, 2020

Diocese of Cleveland

Website:.....www.dioceseofcleveland.org
Phone.....800-869-6525
Address.....1404 E. 9th St., Cleveland, Ohio 44114

Mass Schedule

Weekly: Humility & Patience

Sunday August 25, 2019

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 AM St. Thomas Parishioners

11:00 AM Louis Tatsch
2nd Collection:

Monday August 26, 2019

9:00 AM Faithful Departed

Tuesday August 27, 2019

St. Monica

9:00 AM Bayus & Prosek Family

Wednesday August 28, 2019

St. Augustine

9:00 AM Felix Viola Petcavage

Thursday August 29, 2019

Passion of St. John the Baptist

9:00 AM All Souls

Friday August 30, 2019

9:00 AM Patricia Prevoznik

Saturday August 31, 2019

Blessed Virgin Mary

9:00 AM Special Intentions

4:00 PM Krista Plowman

Sunday September 1, 2019

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 AM Jim & Jeanne Lamlein

11:00 AM St. Thomas Parishioners

2nd Collection: Loose Change

Lectionary Year: "C"

Pre-Baptismal Classes-2019

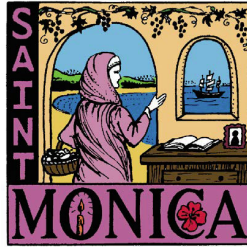
September 17 St. Joseph-6:30 PM (440) 933-3152

October 20 St. Thomas-12:30 PM (440) 949-7744

November 19 St. Mary-7:30 PM (440)934-4212

No December Classes

New and expecting parents are required to attend a class before scheduling a baptism at the Parish you attend. One of the two Godparents must be an active catholic with a letter of good standing from the church they attend.



| Weekly Collection | Goal | \$5,000.00 |
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| August 18, 2019 | | \$5,970.00 |
| Assumption | | \$568.00 |

Thank you for your generous and continued support.
Please remember St. Thomas Parish in your Will.

St. Thomas Church Events

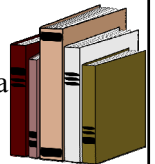
August 26-Parish Council

7-8 PM

With school right around the corner so is the Fall Sessions of PSR, Confirmation and RCIA classes. Watch the bulletin for times and dates.

Ladies Guild Rummage Sale is October 4th & 5th. Set up will be October 2nd & 3rd. Call Karen (440) 949-7714. Time of drop-off to be announced soon.

Little Catholic Library Check out our Catholic Library in the back of Church. Take a book, read it, return. Call Jane (440) 949-7001, for questions or to donate books.



St. Elizabeth Homeless Center St. Thomas prepares Hot Meals twice a month for the overnight shelter. To help cook, or donate food contact Penny (440) 949-7548. Boxes in the Church are marked Shelter for donations.

St. Thomas Prayer Lines A friendly voice is on the other end.(440)-865-9387 or (440)-949-7548.

St. Thomas Church needs Lectors, Readers, Eucharist Ministers and Servers. The feeling of participating deeper into the Mass is rewarding in so many ways.

Mass Intentions are available for 20018/20019 but filling quickly.. To schedule a Mass for a loved one contact the Parish Office. Each Mass is \$10.00.

Protecting God's Children "Protecting God's Children" protects children from sexual abuse. Inform local authorities of inappropriate behavior. Call 216-334-2999 or response_services@dioceseofcleveland.org.

Pro-Life Doctor's List A list of local Pro-life doctors, who do not practice abortion or who support its use.www.loraincountyrighttolife.org Call 440-322-0076 under Resources/Issues tab.

Help Protect Life 1- 216-661-3000 Life is a sacred and fragile mystery. Abortion destroys the revealing of God's plan for that child.



"Spiritual Adoption of the Unborn"

Pray this short prayer every day for nine months to preserve the life of an unborn child.

"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."

Let us continue to pray until Christmas!



**St. Thomas Church
is Kid Friendly**



Liturgical Schedule

Saturday, August 31-4:00 PM

C-J Mack L-M Rozmarynowycz

EM-P Rieth, S Lynch, M Rozmarynowycz

C-A & J Balmert

Sunday, September 1-9:00 AM

C-R Radeff L-B Barelka

EM-K Yatson, R Kirsch, P Blazina

C-H Schremp, H Centifanti

Sunday, September 1-11:00 AM

C-J Ritter L-J Ganobsek

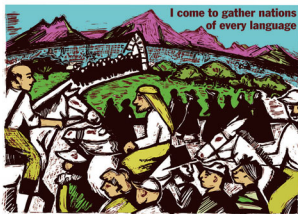
EM-S Helman, M Fairweather, J Ritter

C-J Kelly, K Mohrbach



Thank You

...to our Heavenly Father for the gift of this day.



Welcome the Stranger We have become accustomed to seeing pictures in the media and stories on the news about immigrants from Latin America and refugees from Syria fleeing violence and destruction in their own countries, trying to make their way to a safe place. We have also seen the reactions of people who want to keep them away from their countries, who fail to welcome the stranger and the helpless children. Have we forgotten Jesus' call to comfort the homeless and the stranger? "They shall bring all your brothers and sisters from all the nations . . . to Jerusalem, my holy mountain, says the LORD." In the three readings for this day, we are told that we are to welcome these strangers, to welcome the discipline of the Lord, which leads to peace, and to "strive to enter through the narrow gate" into the glory of God's own homeland, the reign of God.



Treasures from our Traditions The wonderful diversity of life and worship among Roman Catholics of East and West is an example of God writing straight with crooked lines. The steady hand of the villainous Emperor Diocletian drew a line across Europe and Africa that split the empire in two, and for the most part determined how Christians would worship two thousand years later. Italy's heel and the far northern city of Trieste fell on the Eastern side, and have had a form of Eastern liturgy ever since. Constantinople, which soon became the seat of the Roman Empire, became a base for Christianizing the East up to Russia and Poland. Poland was on the Eastern side, but a series of wars and medieval mayhem pushed the religious boundary back to the Ukraine, and Poland remains an outpost of the Latin Church to this day. An old rule of thumb declared that whatever religion was observed by the local prince, the people had to follow. This gave rise to persecution and migration as people sought toleration for their expressions of faith. In the United States, we are accustomed to peaceful collaboration among Christians of East and West, a situation that challenges churches that still feel the pinch of age-old division.

Parish Cluster Events

St. Teresa: Eucharist Adoration is every Wednesday from 9 AM-1 PM in the Church.

St. Anthony: Rosary's for the Unborn are said the first Saturday of each month from 10 AM-3:30 PM.

Family Perspectives

"Those who humble themselves will be exalted." Family life confirms these words of Jesus in today's gospel. Commitment, intimacy, loyalty and love are the rewards of humble service and care for one another. Pope Francis reminds us, "no family drops down from heaven perfectly formed." *The Joy of Love* #325

Events Around Town

First Friday Forum of Lorain on Friday September 6th, 11:30 AM. We will have a compelling forum on the Catholic voice in media in our modern world! Bernadette Boguski is a member of St. Columbkille Parish in Parma, OH,. She's currently the Executive Director of AM 1260 The Rock. Email fflorain@gmail.com to reserve your seat and mail your \$20 check to First Friday Forum Lorain at 320 Middle Ave, Elyria, OH 44035 or call the reservation line at 440-244-0643, by Monday, September 2.

Lorain County Right to Life Help us at our booth or come visit us! Lorain County Fair, Wellington: Sun, Aug 25. Elyria Apple Festival, Elyria: Fri, Sept 20–Sun, Sept 22. To help call 440-322-0076.

Sisters of Notre Dame Annual BBQ Join them on 13000 Auburn Road in Chardon, from Noon-5:00 PM on Sunday, September 29th . Enjoy good food and handcrafts made by the Sisters. Visit www.sndchardon.org

St. Anthony Paduan Travelers MGM Hard Rock Casino...September 18, at 10 AM from St. Anthony's south parking lot. We will leave the casino at 4:30 and arrive home about 5:30. Cost is \$23.00. Interested? Call Virginia Glass at 440-724-9595.

Boxes from Home St. Vincent de Paul sends boxes to our military. Call Dorothy at 984-2192 with your soldier's information and they will send a box! Keep the health and safety of the members of our Armed Forces in your thoughts and prayers.



50th Wedding Anniversary Mass at the Diocese of Cleveland is Saturday, October 12, 2019 at 10:00 AM. Reservation is needed. Call (216) 334-2974.

Chaplain Services are available for Prisons and Jails located in the Diocese of Cleveland at 800-869-6525.

Catholic Radio Stations

1220 AM-WHKW Radio The Word
1260 AM-The Rock
1060 AM-Living Bread



<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.

Treat people with respect, understanding & forgiveness