



*Where two or more are gathered in my name, there I am in the midst of them.*

### Parish Staff

Father Stephen L. Shields..... Pastor  
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### Communications

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### Parish Cluster Contacts

St. Anthony...[www.stanthonylorain.parishesonline.com](http://www.stanthonylorain.parishesonline.com)  
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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.

# St. Thomas the Apostle

715 Harris Road Sheffield Lake Ohio  
44054-1409  
(440) 949-7744

## Serving our Community for over 60 years September 10, 2023 The 23rd 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 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 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 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

Website:.....[www.dioceseofcleveland.org](http://www.dioceseofcleveland.org)  
Phone.....(800) 869-6525  
Address.....1404 E. 9th St., Cleveland, Ohio 44114

**Mass Schedule**  
**Offer Worship & Prayers**

**Sunday September 10, 2023**  
**23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
10:00 AM L/D Holy Name  
2nd Collection: Loose Change

**Monday September 11, 2023**  
**Patriots Day**

9:00 AM Michelle Elwer & family

**Tuesday September 12, 2023**  
**Most Holy Name of Mary**  
9:00 AM Michael Rock & family

**Wednesday September 13, 2023**  
**St. John Chrysostom**  
9:00 AM Melissa Munro & family

**Thursday September 14, 2023**  
**Exaltation of the Cross**  
9:00 AM Marsha DeAngelis & family

**Friday September 15, 2023**  
**Our Lady of Sorrows**  
9:00 AM All Popes, Priests & Clergy

**Saturday September 16, 2023**  
**St. Cornelius**  
9:00 AM Charlotte Elizabeth Craig  
4:00 PM St. Thomas Parishioners

**Sunday September 17, 2023**  
**24th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
10:00 AM L/D Ladies Guild  
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.

**Pre-Baptism Class-2023**

September 19-6:30 PM St. Joseph (440) 933-3152  
October 1-1:30 PM St. Raphael (440) 871-1100  
October 15-11:30 AM St. Thomas (440) 949-7744  
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 Sponsor Certificate from the Church they attend.

**No Political Advertising** Advertising for political candidates of any kind is forbidden on all St. Thomas Parish property.

**Liturgical Schedule**

**Saturday-September 9-4:00 PM**  
C-MB Riley L-S Riley  
EM-A & J Balmert, P Rieth

**Sunday-September 10-10:00 AM**  
C-J Mack L-J Houlihan  
EM-K Mohrbach, D Gray, H Centifanti  
Cup servers removed until further notice. Fill in (if needed) for Eucharist Ministers at the Mass you attend.



**Weekly Collection Goal** \$5,000.00  
September 3, 2023 \$4,279.00  
Please increase your Offering so we may meet our weekly financial goals.  
Thank you for your generous and continued support.  
Remember St. Thomas in your Will.

**St. Thomas Church Events**

**PSR Registration** ALL PSR is at St. Anthony. Classes are Mondays from 6:15-7:30 PM. Call (440) 288-0106 or locate forms [www.stanthonylorain.org/our-parish/psr](http://www.stanthonylorain.org/our-parish/psr)  
Classes begin September 11, 2023.

**Conformation Classes** contact St. Anthony Parish Office (440) 288-0106, for any questions.

**St. Thomas Shirts** Official St. Thomas shirts are now available for sale. Be the first one on your block to get the new Official Shirt. Big Frog Custom Shirts, 35878 Detroit Road, Avon. (440) 723-3393.

**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.

*Pray for those of our Parish Community sick, lonely or hurting.*

**Thank You**

...to Sharon and the decorating Angels for the beautiful Autumn colors.

**Events Around Town**

**A Unique Program** to Strengthen and Heal Your Marriage – September 22-24, 2023. The Retrouvaille program (which means re-discovery) helps married couples improved ways of communicating and relating to each other to overcome challenges which have left them feeling frustrated, hurt, distant, or even hopeless. We are supported by the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland, but is open to couples of all faiths. Call Shelly or Rob at 216.509.0301 or 440.836.4810. [www.helpourmarriage.org](http://www.helpourmarriage.org)

**Single Catholic Women 20-35:** Franciscan Sisters invite you to in-person and on-line Discernment Events designed for you. Discover your calling and purpose. Visit <https://fsc-calledtobe.org> or Sr. Julie Ann 920-323-9632.

**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. [responservices@dioceseofcleveland.org](mailto:responservices@dioceseofcleveland.org)



**St. Thomas Church is Kid Friendly**

