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# St. Thomas the Apostle

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

## April 18, 2021 3rd Sunday of Easter

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.

Baptism: Sunday: 11:30 AM

Parent 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 next 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  
Phone.....800-869-6525  
Address.....1404 E. 9th St., Cleveland, Ohio 44114

### Parish Staff

Father Stephen L. Shields..... Pastor  
Mrs. Heather Centifanti.....Office Manager  
Mr. Michael Chutes.....Custodian

### Communications

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PSR-Kim & David Gray.....440-714-4007  
Confirmation-John & Kathy Mack.....440-242-8683  
RCIA.....440-949-7744  
CYO-Jim O'Connor.....440-949-2631  
Grismer Hall/Gym.....440-949-8491  
Funeral Luncheon-Dave Johnston.....440-670-0204  
Music/Choir-Roger Brooks.....440-346-3022

### Parish Cluster Contacts

St. Anthony...www.stanthonylorain.parishesonline.com  
1305 East Erie Ave. Lorain 44052 (440) 288-0106  
St. Teresa.....office@stteresaparish.com  
1878 Abbe Rd. Sheffield Village 44054 (440) 934-4227

### Our Honored Former Pastors

+Fr. Raymond J. Grismer 1960-1962  
+Fr. Urban A. Reichlin 1962-1968  
+Fr. Claude J. Gaebelin 1968-1981  
+Fr. John J. McCaffrey 1981-1998

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

# Mass Schedule

## The Gift of Faith

**Sunday April 18, 2021**  
**3rd Sunday of Easter**  
 10:00 AM L/D Ladies Guild  
**Monday April 19, 2021**  
 9:00 AM Fred Rock  
**Tuesday April 20, 2021**  
 9:00 AM Fred Rock  
**Wednesday April 21, 2021**  
**St. Anselm**  
 9:00 AM Joseph Andulics  
**Thursday April 22, 2021**  
**Earth Day**  
 9:00 AM All Souls  
**Friday April 23, 2021**  
**St. George; St. Adalbert**  
 9:00 AM Luke Chang  
**Saturday April 24, 2021**  
**St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen**  
 9:00 AM All Souls  
 4:00 PM St. Thomas Parishioners  
**Sunday April 25, 2021**  
**4th Sunday of Easter**  
 10:00 AM Frank Szalay Jr.  
 Lectionary Year: "B"



St. Anselm



### Pre-Baptism Class-2021

April 18-11:30 AM St. Thomas (440) 949-7744  
 May 18-7:30 PM St. Mary (440) 934-4212  
 June 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.

**St. Thomas** needs Lectors, Readers, Eucharist Ministers & Servers. No Experience needed. "Never underestimate the power of the Holy Spirit working in you."

**Holy Water** To get Holy Water blessed bring water in a container and Fr. Steve will bless it after any Mass.

**St. Thomas has a new Facebook address:**  
<https://m.facebook.com/thomas.church.39142> Send an e-mail address to the Parish Office and receive the bulletin electronically each week.

**Mass Intention** are available for 2021/2022 for \$10.00 each. Drop requests into the collection, call or stop by the Office. (440) 949-7744.

### Liturgical Schedule

**Saturday, April 24-4:00 PM**  
 C-P Rieth L-M Rozmarynowycz  
 EM-S Lynch, L & M Wenzel  
**Sunday, April 25-10:00 AM**  
 C-L Prokay L-R Radeff  
 EM-L Janis, D Gray, B Smith



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

**Weekly Collection Goal** \$5,000.00  
 April 11, 2021 \$4,078.50

Please increase your offering so we can meet our goal.

**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

**Eucharist Ministers** Lisa Prokay (440) 258-1810, is updating EM phone numbers so all EM can have an updated list. Call her for questions or share information.

**From our Bishop** As we pull ourselves together and move forward with the faith, generosity and charity that is expected from disciples of Jesus Christ, I wish to thank those who made adjustments and changes during this difficult time of Covid. The health and safety of everyone is of extreme importance. The dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass remains in effect until further notice. As we look ahead, may we be one in our commitment to remain faithful to the Lord and each other.

**1st Communion Class** pray for our 2021 Communion Class, Dominic Bunner, Haylee Carmack, Jack Kodys and Luke Waldman as they prepare 1st Communion on Sunday, May 2nd.

### 3rd Sunday of Easter Fault or Fate?

Peter is tough on his listeners. He says they handed Jesus over, denied him before Pilate, asked for a murderer to be released in his place, and put Jesus to death. They must have thought they were doomed. He tells them they were just ignorant. God planned all this long ago. So is Jesus' death their fault, or fate? It's everyone's fault. Our sins are the reason Jesus died. We deny Jesus when we choose to be selfish instead of loving. We hand him over when we tell ourselves we are too busy to pray. We ask for Barabbas instead of Jesus when we insist on doing things our own way rather than God's way. We crucify Jesus when we follow the crowd instead of following the Lord. It is only "fate" in the sense that our sins needed to be forgiven through Jesus' death and resurrection. Did our sins cause something in the past to happen? There were sinners long before Jesus' time and there would be sinners after that. God also planned to forgive anyone who repented their sins. Jesus died for those who deserved to be punished for sin, and those who would deserve punishment in the future. He rose from the dead to show that God's forgiveness raises us up to a new life. God planned all this to show how much he loved us. Our response should be one of joy that we are forgiven because of that love. All we have to do is tell God we are sorry, mean it, and start living our response of love. Sins may be our fault, but Love is our fate.



**St. Thomas Church is Kid Friendly**



**Thank You**

...to our Nursing Team Angels.

**Third Sunday of Easter** Peter saw Jesus after the Resurrection. He listened as Jesus told the disciples all that had been written about him in the scriptures, all that he had said and done when he was ministering among them. Peter heard how Jesus had fulfilled all in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms. Jesus, the Messiah, had come to be among them to bring them peace, to offer forgiveness of their sins. Peter shared this Good News with the crowds who gathered to hear him tell the sacred story, the story of God’s love, poured out in Jesus the Christ and offered to the whole world. All who hear and believe are offered new life, life in which God’s love is perfected in them. Are you listening? Are you ready to share in this abundant new life?

**Not what was Expected** Have you ever waited for something for so long you began to think it might never happen? Your graduation day, or the day of your marriage, or the birth of a child, perhaps. The Israelites had waited for centuries for the coming of the Messiah. Yet when Jesus, the long-awaited Anointed One came, many failed to believe in him. He wasn’t what they expected. The Messiah was supposed to be a strong, powerful commander of armies, not humble, compassionate, and suffering. After his resurrection, Jesus appeared to the disciples and explained all that he had said in his time with them, opening their minds to what had been written in the scriptures so that they could accept his suffering and death and rejoice in his resurrection.

**Treasures from Our Tradition** The month of May has not only good weather, but an interesting pedigree. It is named after the Roman goddess Maia, said to be the mother of Hermes, or Mercury. The Romans saw it as “love’s month,” while in England, more practical farmers called it “Three Milks,” since the cows grazing on springtime’s bounty could produce at a phenomenal rate. Old customs die hard, and Christians have never made peace with Maytime frolics. No wonder that popular tradition dedicated the month’s prayers and devotions to Mary, although we cannot lose sight of the fact that the liturgy always has Easter at the center of celebration. Recent developments have enriched Mary’s place in a cycle of feast days woven through the whole year, dedicated Saturday as a weekly day for devotion, and highlighted Mary’s role in the Advent story. In fact, every day of the year Evening Prayer centers on the singing of Mary’s Canticle of Praise. The fifty days of Easter culminate on Pentecost with Mary, present of course for Christ’s birth, waiting in the upper room for the birth of the church.

**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 Church.

**Family Perspectives**

Jesus’s work is not complete even after he has risen from the dead. At the time of his dying and rising, his disciples had scattered, their faith crushed and their spirits despairing. In Jesus’s resurrection, he conquered death in his own being, but his great desire was not to keep this life for himself but to share it with all. This past year, in the middle of COVID-19, it has been easy for us to have “faith crushed and our spirits shattered,” due to the hardships our family life may have experienced. How have you as a family continued to be a “witness of the Good News” in the midst of hardship during the pandemic?

**Events Around Town**

**Sheffield –Sheffield Lake City School Food Pantry Distributions** is behind Brookside High School on the 3rd Wednesday of each month from 4-5:30 PM. You don’t have to have a child in the school system or proof of residence, just a clean empty trunk. Visit [outreach@sslcs.org](mailto:outreach@sslcs.org)

**Virtus Training** <http://www.virtus.org> click training tab.

**Summer Camp Employment** Catholic Charities Disability Services’ Camp Happiness is hiring college students and young professionals to work this summer in Wickliffe and Parma. Camp Happiness is June 14-July 30, 2021 from 9:00AM-3:00PM (includes a week of training and six weeks of camp). Call Lauren Mailey 216-334-2963.

**Homeless Shelter** to donate paper products, food, time or finances, call Penny (440) 949-7548. We serve all year.

**Pro-Life Doctor’s List** Pro-Call 440-322-0076. [www.loraincountyrighttolife.org](http://www.loraincountyrighttolife.org) under Resources/Issues tab. Abortion destroys God’s plan for the life of that child.

**Our Cathedral’s YouTube Channel** has the Stations of the Cross, the Rosary, and various tracks of the Cathedral Choir. Visit Cleveland Cathedral YouTube channel

**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.

**EWTN**-[www.ewtnnews.com](http://www.ewtnnews.com) TV or online liturgy does not fulfill the Sunday Mass obligation.

**Diocese of Cleveland Sunday Mass** is at 10 AM on WUAB Channel 43, the CW43, WUAB Channel 43 is accessible without cable. The Mass is produced by the Cleveland Diocese in The Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist. [www.dioceseofcleveland.org](http://www.dioceseofcleveland.org)

**Protecting God’s Children** “Protecting God’s Children” protects children from sexual abuse. Inform authorities of inappropriate behavior. Call 216-334-2999 [responseservices@dioceseofcleveland.org](mailto:responseservices@dioceseofcleveland.org) “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.”

