



St. Thomas the Apostle

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

February 21, 2021 1st Sunday of Lent

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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Twitter.....Stthomas715
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
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Our Honored Former Pastors

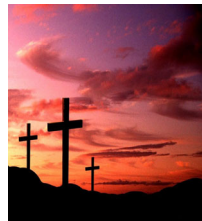
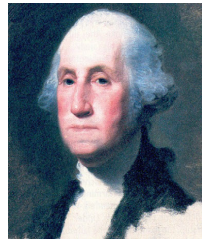
+Fr. Raymond J. Grismer 1960-1962
+Fr. Urban A. Reichlin 1962-1968
+Fr. Claude J. Gaebelein 1968-1981
+Fr. John J. McCaffrey 1981-1998

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

Mass Schedule

Weekly: Holy Lenten Season

Sunday February 21, 2021
1st Sunday of Lent
 10:00 AM L/D Ladies Guild
Monday February 22, 2021
Washington's Birthday
 9:00 AM Linda Hunt
Tuesday February 23, 2021
St. Polycarp
 9:00 AM Michael & Carla Rock & Family
Wednesday February 24, 2021
 9:00 AM Jack & Monica Piskura
Thursday February 25, 2021
 9:00 AM Rose Preisler & Family
Friday February 26, 2021
Abstinence
 9:00 AM All Souls
 4:00 PM Stations
Saturday February 27, 2021
St. Gregory of Narek
 9:00 AM Jay Aruri
 4:00 PM Agnes Wiemels
Sunday February 28, 2021
2nd Sunday of Lent
 10:00 AM Frank Salazy Jr.
 Lectionary Year: "B"



Pre-Baptism Class-2021

March 16-6:30 PM St. Joseph (440) 933-3152
 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 If you would like Holy Water blessed bring some in your provided 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..

Liturgical Schedule

Saturday, February 27-4:00 PM
 C-P Rieth L-M Rozmarynowycz
 EM-L & M Wenzel, S Lynch
Sunday, February 28-10:00 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

Weekly Collection Goal \$5,000.00

February 14, 2021 \$2,288.00

Please increase your offering so we can meet our goal.

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

Fish Fry begins on Friday, February 19th from 4-7 PM. We will be collectiong donatins of Baked Goods, Water and Soda Pop. Donatins can be dropped at Grismer Hall every Friday until March 26th by 3 PM. Take-Out available (440) 949-8491. Credit Cards accepted.

Stations of the Cross will be celebrated at St. Thomas every Friday of Lent at 4 PM. Good Friday at 12:00 PM.

Blessing Blanket Minisry will not meet until further notice. If you wish to donate material ,finished quilts, or have any questions, call Justine (440) 830-9990

Mass Intentions are available for 2021/2022. Each intention is \$10:00. Call the Office to schedule.

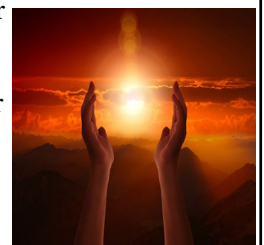
BP/Sugar Screening will be Sunday, February 21 after the 10:00 AM Mass. This Health Screening is free with immediate results.

Homeless Shelter Call Penny (440) 949-7548 to make a financial donation, donate food & paper products, or help prepare or deliver meals. We supply & deliver meals all year. Please place donations in boxes marked Shelter.

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

Feast of Faith Seasonal Changes for the Liturgies of Lent.

Today is the First Sunday of Lent. During this season of preparation for Easter, our churches look stark and simple no flowers at the altar, no festive banners or decorations. Our liturgies feel different, too. The organ is quiet except to accompany the singing of the assembly. The Gloria, our Sunday song of rejoicing, is not heard except on solemnities, and we will not sing the Alleluia, our joyful acclamation of praise, until the Easter Vigil. "Alleluia cannot always / Be our song while here below," says an eleventh-century hymn. "Alleluia our transgressions / We forego for a while ; / For the solemn time is coming / When our tears for sins must flow." These changes in the liturgy will catch our attention, and make us eager for the festive outpouring of joy that will return with Easter. This year, may the stripped-away liturgies of Lent remind us to strip away what is not essential in our lives to make space for the crucified and risen One, and thus to be ready to sing "Alleluia" once again when Easter returns.



St. Thomas Church
 is Kid Friendly



Thank You

...to our Fish Fry team.
...to the Parishioners who give of their time, talents and treasures.

Clear Conscience Today's reading talk about Noah and the ark, where the few good people were saved by going through the water. Peter compares that to the waters of Baptism, in which we are saved by God. Just as God washed away the evil of the world in the waters of the flood, so the waters of Baptism made us into a new people who have clear consciences, because God has forgiven our sins and we promise to follow only Him. That leads to where Jesus is tempted by Satan. Jesus does not fall to the temptations. He comes out of the desert, telling us to repent and believe in the good news. That means we have a choice to make: Do we accept this kingdom and repent, or do we ignore our baptism and do what we want? Do we still have a clear conscience when we think of how much time we spend getting to know Jesus? Ever pray or read the Bible outside of church? Do we spend near as much on the poor, as we do for our entertainment? Next time you see a rainbow, think about the covenant that God made with Noah. Just as God's promises get better till the coming of Jesus, we are challenged to be more like Him. Are you satisfied with just a promise that God won't destroy us all in a flood? Or are you ready to live the New Covenant that Jesus promises to those who follow him?

Treasures from Our Tradition By the First Sunday of Lent, many people have given up on "giving up." We do not embrace fasting as individuals, but rather as the community's way of life in this season. Sometimes it helps to see Sunday as an oasis in the Lenten desert, a place where fasting is not as strictly observed. If we count the days of Lent, starting backward from the end of Lent on Holy Thursday, many are surprised to learn that the Sundays are counted as part of Lent, but are not counted in tallying the forty days of the Lenten fast. For that, we count the fast backward into last week, beginning on Ash Wednesday. So, until today we have been in the Lenten fast, days that function as a kind of overture to a symphony of conversion. Lent solemnly begins, marked in many places by the sending of catechumens and candidates to the bishop for the call to the Easter sacraments. Tomorrow with them, we embrace the Lenten fast again. Today we are exactly forty days from the opening of the Paschal Triduum on Holy Thursday.



\$1.00 off Fish Fry Dinner
February 19, 2021
1 Meal, 1per Customer

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.

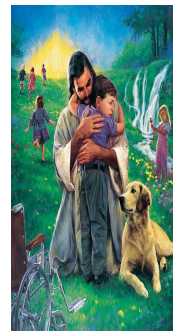
Family Perspectives

Before his public ministry begins, Jesus spends forty days alone with wild beasts and angels. For the people of Israel, the desert hearkened back to the time of the Exodus when God led them in the wilderness, feeding them with manna, and finally revealing himself to them on the top of Mount Sinai. How will we, as a family unit, spend time in the "desert" this Lenten season? How will we journey with one another in the "wilderness?"

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. For more information or a Proxy Form visit outreach@sslcs.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 "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."



Pro-Life Doctor's List Pro-life doctors, who don't practice abortion or support its use. Call 440-322-0076. www.loraincountyrighttolife.org under Resources/Issues tab. Abortion destroys God's plan for the life of that child.

Our Cathedral's YouTube Channel features the Stations of the Cross and the Rosary, in addition to various tracks of the Cathedral Choir. Consider visiting and subscribing to Cleveland Cathedral YouTube channel

Catholic Radio Stations

- 1220 AM-WHKW Radio The Word
- 1260 AM-The Rock
- 1060 AM-Living Bread
- 1330 AM-WINT



<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.

The Diocese of Cleveland's Sunday Mass is at 10 AM on WUAB Channel 43, the CW43, WUAB Channel 43 is accessible even without cable TV. Check local listings to locate WUAB. The weekly TV Mass is produced by the Diocese of Cleveland from the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist. This Mass has been a staple of religious programming for decades. Information is on the Diocese website at www.dioceseofcleveland.org