

*Jesus
was transfigured
before them*

St. Thomas the Apostle

715 Harris Road * Sheffield Lake * Ohio * 44054-1409

February 25, 2018
Second Sunday of Lent

PARISH INFORMATION

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

CONFESSIONS: Saturday: 3:00 to 3:45 PM
or by appointment.

BAPTISM: Sundays: 12:30 PM
Parent Pre-Baptismal Class required

MARRIAGE: Contact the Office at least six months
before the tentative date is set.

HOME COMMUNION: Anyone desiring Communion at
home should notify the Parish Office.

FUNERALS: Arrangements with the Parish Office must be
made before publication.

MEMBERSHIP: New members are welcome. Call the Office
when you arrive. If you are moving, or turn 18 years of age
contact us to keep our files updated.

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
Any information/insert included in the bulletin must be in the
Parish Office by Wednesday at 4:00 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.

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

The Assumption of Mary	August 15, 2018
All Saints	November 1, 2018
Immaculate Conception	December 8, 2018
Christmas	December 25, 2018

DIOCESE OF CLEVELAND

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PARISH STAFF

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PARISH CLUSTER CONTACTS

St. Anthony...www.stanthonylorain.parishesonline.com
1305 East Erie Ave. Lorain 44052 (440) 288-0106
St. Teresa.....<http://www.stterearparish.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. 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 Intention: The Gift of Forgiveness

Sunday February 25, 2018
2nd Sunday of Lent
 9:00 AM Albert Janosik
 11:00 AM Jeannie M. Lamlein
 2nd Collection: Loose Change

Monday February 26, 2018
 9:00 AM All Souls

Tuesday February 27, 2018
 9:00 AM Special Intentions

Wednesday February 28, 2018
 9:00 AM Special Intentions

Thursday March 1, 2018
 9:00 AM Joan Capiccioni

Friday March 2, 2018
World Day of Prayer
Abstinence
 9:00 AM L/D of the Sean Kuga family
 4:00 PM Stations of the Cross

Saturday March 3, 2018
St. Katharine Drexel
 9:00 AM All Souls
 4:00 PM Agnes Wiemels

Sunday March 4, 2018
3rd Sunday of Lent
 9:00 AM St. Thomas Parishioners
 11:00 AM Denise & Katie Cook
 2nd Collection: Loose Change
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Pre-Baptismal Classes-2018

March 15 Holy Spirit-7:30 PM (440) 933-3777
 April 17 St. Joseph-6:30 PM (440) 933-3152
 New and expecting parents are required to attend a class before scheduling a baptism at their church of Worship.

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

What are You Giving Up for Lent? Unfortunately, the practice of entering into the Lenten season has often been reduced to this question. This is a fine question, but it only takes us so far. The *real* question of the Lenten season is: How will I repent and return to God with all my heart? This begs an even deeper question: Where in my life have I gotten away from God and what are the disciplines that will enable me to find my way back?

St. Thomas the Apostle Church is Kid Friendly

Gospels for the Week: Thursday Lk 16:19-31
 Monday Lk 6:36-38 Friday Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
 Tuesday Mt 23:1-12 Saturday Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
 Wednesday Mt 20:17-28 Sunday Jn 2:13-25

Weekly Collection	Goal
February 18, 2018	\$5,000.00
Offertory	\$4,627.50
	-\$372.50
Black & Indian Missions	\$247.00
Ash Wednesday	\$720.00

St. Thomas News/Events

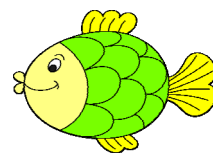
- 2/28-Evening of Confessions 5-8 PM
- 3/2-Stations 4 PM
- Fish Fry 4-7 PM
- 3/11-Holy Name Coffee & Donuts 10 AM
- Confirmation 11 AM
- 3/18-BP/Sugar Screening 10 AM
- Communal Penance 2 PM
- 3/25-Easter Egg Hunt Noon



Communal Penance for Lent is 2 PM at St. Anthony Church on Sunday, March 18th.

St. Thomas Fish Fry is every Friday until March 23rd from 4-7 PM. Check out our new menu. Raffles to win a 39" TV or a \$100.00 Apples Grocery Gift Card, and a \$25.00 Lottery Ticket. We are collecting pop, water and bakery. Drop off on Fridays in the gym. Take-out available, call (440) 949-8491. Enter to **WIN** a free Perch Dinner. Congratulations to Kevin Boll the first winner.

Easter Candy is being collected for our Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday, March 25th at Noon in Grismer Hall. Leave in boxes in Church marked candy.



St. Thomas Fish Fry

\$1.00 off Dinner

Expires 3/2/2018

Side dishes excluded from coupon

Liturgical Schedule

Saturday, March 3-4:00 PM

- C-MB Riley L-S Riley
- EM-A & J Balmert, R Zaborski
- C-R O'Connor, S Lynch
- S-C & E Balmert

Sunday, March 4-9:00 AM

- C-J Houlihan L-J Houlihan
- EM-D & R Arena, J Houlihan
- C-R Kirsch, K Janosik
- S-J & X Centifanti, W Holley

Sunday, March 4-11:00 AM

- C-M Fairweather L-J Ritter
- EM-J Kelly, D Munro, M Fairweather
- C-E Moussa, S Helman
- S-S Bunner

Looking for new Servers, Lectors, Commentators or Eucharist Ministers, call the Parish Office at 949-7744.



Thank You

...to Fr. Dan & Fr. Lawrence for filling in for Fr. Steve.



The Obedience of Abraham and Jesus God tested Abraham by asking not for an ordinary sacrifice, which would have been a partial burning with the meat divided between God and the people and eaten by those who sacrificed, but for a holocaust, a total burning of the sacrificial animal. This type of sacrifice consecrated the entire offering to God alone. This is what God was asking of Abraham in offering his only son, Isaac. When Abraham demonstrated his obedience, that was enough. This story from today's scriptures foretells the completion of the blood sacrifices of the old covenant in the new covenant: the blood of God's own Son, offered to us on the cross and in the Eucharist. Abraham's obedience foreshadows the obedience of Jesus to God's promise of salvation. The obedience of Abraham is rewarded in the birth to him, through Isaac, of many nations. The obedience of Jesus is rewarded in the salvation of all people for all time.

Catholic Radio Stations

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



<http://www.dioceseofcleveland.org/catholicradio>

EWTN-Is a Catholic news, television and radio network which offers news from around the world as it happens. www.ewtnnews.com Check EWTN's for Mass schedule. Televised Sunday Mass-Channel 8 at 6:00 AM.

Pregnant and in need? Visit OptionLine.org or call 1-800-712-HELP.

Homeless and pregnant? Call Good Counsel Homes, 1-800-723-8331 or visit www.goodcounselhomes.org.

Hurting from an abortion? Visit us online at www.AbortionForgiveness.com.

Pro-Life Doctors List A list of local Pro-life doctors, who do not practice abortion nor support its use, is available. Visit www.loraincountyrighttolife.org under the Resources and Issues tab or call 440-322-0076.

Family Perspectives

When Jesus was transfigured, the apostles saw Him as they never had seen Him before and they were frightened. When we experience change in a person we love, we frequently resist it because it often means we must change our way of relating to that person. Take a closer look at Jesus and your relationship. What changes do you need to make this Lent that will reflect the glory of God? Pray and ask God for the grace to change.

Events Around Town

Traditional Seder Meal is Wednesday, March 28, 2018 from 7 - 9 PM in St. Teresa's Parish Life Center. This ritual meal is the foundation of the Catholic Mass. Everyone is welcome to come, see, eat and learn! Event is free - a Free Will Offering will be taken. RSVP to the church office at 440-934-4227 by March 20, 2018.

Lenten Soup Supper- St. Anthony of Padua Marian Guild invites everyone to a "Soup Supper" on March 19, 2018 at 6 PM. The evening will begin with a Prayer Service in the church lead by Deacon Paul Heiser, followed by the Soup Supper. Deacon Paul will deliver a message after dinner. RSVP to Denise at 714-4761.

St. Anthony Pierogi Time! Pierogi will be sold all Fridays during Lent from 10 AM-6PM Pre-order by calling Patty at 934-4482. Baked goods available as well. Pierogi: frozen \$7/dz and cooked \$8/dz. Cabbage & Noodles, Mac & Cheese, and Pierogi dinners.

Chaplain Services are available for Prisons and Jails located in the Diocese of Cleveland. If you have a loved one incarcerated and would like a priest, deacon or one of our lay volunteer ministers visit with them, call the Parish Life Office at 800-869-6525 or 216-696-6525 x 3500.

St. Anthony of Padua Parish School is now accepting applications for the 2018-2019 school year. The process is simple! Go to www.stanthonylorain.org and click on enroll online in the top right corner. or call 440-288-2155.

Grief Support Group "Hopeful Hearts" is for grieving seniors 60 and over. It meets the 4th Tuesday of each month from 1 - 2:30 p.m. in the Holy Spirit Parish Family Center, 410 Lear Road, Avon Lake, Ohio. The next meeting is March 27th. Join us, don't grieve alone.

Parish Events this Week

Feb 25-Confirmation Class	Church/Grismer Hall	9-11AM
Feb 26-PSR	Grismer Hall	6:15-7:30 PM
Parish Council	Room #1	7-8 PM
Feb 26-28-CYO	Grismer Hall	3:30-9 PM
Feb-28 Confessions	Church	5-8 PM
March 1-Fish Fry/set up	Grismer Hall	9AM-9PM
CYO	Grismer Hall	3:30-9 PM
March 2-Fish Fry	Grismer Hall	9AM-9PM
March 3-CYO	Grismer Hall	9-4 PM

3 Parish Cluster Events

- St. Thomas:** Music Club invites all singers and musicians to join us. Contact Roger (440)346-3022.
- St. Teresa:** Eucharist Adoration is every Wednesday from 9 AM-1 PM in the Church.
- St. Anthony:** Our Perpetual Adoration Chapel is open 24/7 behind the Church.