

*Not a hair on your head
will be destroyed*



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Our Honored Former Pastors

+Fr. Raymond J. Grismer 1960-1962
+Fr. Urban A. Reichlin 1962-1968
+Fr. Claude J. Gaebelien 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
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**Serving our Community for
60 years**

**November 13, 2022
The 33rd 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 daily before 9 AM Mass. This includes the weekends.

The Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help is prayed every Monday before 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/insert 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

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Mass Schedule
Our Veterans Past & Present

Sunday November 13, 2022
32nd Week in Ordinary Time
10:00 AM L/D Holy Name
2nd Collection: Loose Change

Monday November 14, 2022
9:00 AM L/D Bridget Marie Kirby & family

Tuesday November 15, 2022
St. Albert the Great
9:00 AM Jane M. Truax

Wednesday November 16, 2022
St. Margaret of Scotland
St. Gertrude
9:00 AM Special Intentions

Thursday November 17, 2022
St. Elizabeth
9:00 AM Roberta Romanini

Friday November 18, 2022
Dedication of the Basilicas
of St. Peter & Paul;
9:00 AM L/D Tony & Teresa Moreno
& family

Saturday November 19, 2022
Blessed Virgin Mary
9:00 AM L/D Steve & Anita Eck & family
4:00 PM George Roth

Sunday November 20, 2022
Our Lord, Jesus Christ
King of the Universe
10:00 AM L/D Ladies Guild
2nd Collection: Loose Change



Pre-Baptism Class-2022

November 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.

Prayer Line In need of prayers? Contact the Sisters of Notre Dame prayer line (440) 279-1163.

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

St. Thomas Parish needs Lectors, Readers, Eucharist Ministers & Servers. "Never underestimate the power of the Holy Spirit working in you."

Mass Intentions are available for 2022/2023. They are \$10.00 each. Contact the office (440) 949-7744 or drop into the weekly collection. Mark the envelopes Masses.

Liturgical Schedule

Saturday-November 12-4:00 PM

C-J Mack L-S Lynch
EM-P Rieth, R Zaborski, R O'Connor

Sunday-November 13-10:00 AM

C-J Mack L-J Houlihan
EM-K Mohrbach, D Gray, M Fairweather

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



Weekly Collection Goal \$5,000.00
November 6, 2022 \$5,213.00
Thank You for your generosity. We made our weekly 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

Catholic Calendars Catholic homes have Catholic Calendars: <https://www.ashbypublishing.com/printed-church-calendars/15/catholic> (800) 413-2220

We Give Catholic: Our parish has a great opportunity on the Tuesday after Thanksgiving!!! One hundred percent of this donation goes directly to St. Thomas, no diocesan fees taken!!! The Parish Council voted to use this money to repair our northeast quadrant of the roof. Our heartfelt plea, since repair costs have increased over last year, is that you increase last year's gift. This would save our piano and the heart of our sound system from water damage/ruin/destruction. Our thanks for your generosity.

St. Elizabeth Homeless Shelter We have served the shelter for over 20 years. Our supplies are running low and we are in need of 8-10" plates, small dessert plates, 12 oz bowls, 8 oz coffee cups, dinnerware, napkins, paper towels, kleenex and toilet paper. Donation boxes are in church. Gift cards or a monetary donation helps with the cost of meals. Contact Penny (440) 949-7548 to help with cooking, delivery or more information.

Small Hall Seasons Our small hall will be open only during the warm seasons of the year.

St. Margaret of Scotland (November 16, 1093-1045) was considered Scottish because her family was rescued by the king of Scotland as they fled William the Conqueror. She married the king and introduced him and his country to a more cultured life. They had six sons and two daughters Margaret tried to improve her adopted country by promoting the arts and education. For religious reform she encouraged synods which tried to correct religious abuses common among priests and laypeople, such as simony, usury, and incestuous marriages. With her husband, she founded several churches. There are two ways to be charitable: the "clean way" and the "messy way." The "clean way" is to give money or clothing to organizations that serve the poor. The "messy way" is dirtying your own hands in personal service to the poor. Margaret's outstanding virtue was her love of the poor. Although very generous with material gifts, Margaret also visited the sick and nursed them with her own hands. She and her husband served orphans and the poor on their knees during Advent and Lent. Like Christ, she was charitable the "messy way."



St. Thomas Church is Kid Friendly



Thank You

...to our Parish Community for time, talent & treasures.

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time It is easy to go through life living the routines of our days and weeks without giving thought to the meaning, purpose, and calling. We know we need to change but put it off, thinking we'll love, serve, and care more in the future. We may face trial personally and be weary of trying to live as we know we should. We witness discord, violence, and division and it may feel that it is the end of the world. Today urges us to put laziness, fear, or distraction aside and get about the work of discipleship with the assurance that the Lord will provide what we need as we do so.

The Sun of Justice Will Arise It seems Jesus is talking directly to us today. While it is always true that the Gospel speaks across time and space, today's message feels appropriate as we near the end of another year that has been filled with pandemic, political division, international tension, and economic concerns. Christ reigns over all these things, and as Christians, we hold firm in the belief that we will as well. We must take the long view of eternity as we meet the challenges of our time. The sun of justice will arise. All will be well.

Not a Hair on Your Head Will Be Destroyed. We face choices every day. How seriously do we take Christ's call to live the truth of the gospel. The choices we face seem inconsequential: will we sit on the sofa every night, or spend time with family or serve in our parish? Will we get up for Mass on Sunday morning ready to praise God, or grumble every step of the way (or not go at all)? Choices are of consequence, because each decision matters, but the patterns we establish in our lives are rooted in the choices we make. We may be called to make harder choices and must be prepared to do so. Jesus tells us to persevere. By doing so, we will secure our lives.

Treasures from Our Tradition We are faced with strong and disturbing readings that hold a certain fascination, since they seem to be blueprints for future inevitable wars and hardship. We hear them at our celebration of the Eucharist, which infuses them with hope and optimism. Rather than dreading the future, today's liturgy assures us that God is with us in all of life's inevitable trials, and that we have a role in shaping the outcome of human history. "Nothing lasts forever." Stars fall from the sky, mountains wash to the sea, human projects and governments collapse with great regularity. Today's liturgy opposes this idea as incomplete, reminding us that Christ has made a permanent change in human history, and that life in him is life forever. Rather than throwing in the towel, today's liturgy strengthens us for acts of goodness and grace in our families, communities, and world.

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 the Church.



Living God's Word

As we prepare for next Sunday's feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, we hear descriptions of dire and catastrophic events. Sometimes it seems as though we ourselves are living in the end times, when life as we currently know it will cease for everyone. In answer to what must have been a fearful question, Jesus does not sugarcoat his foretelling of future days. Nor does the Old Testament prophet Malachi flinch from his pronouncements upon an evil world. Saint Paul, still writing to the Thessalonians, warns them prophetically against succumbing to "The End Is Near" syndrome—indolence in the face of the final days. However, both Jesus and Malachi speak of the recompense for living a just life—healing and vindication. Our Psalm 98, typically associated with Christmastime, helps us to rejoice for the King who is coming to rule with justice.

Events Around Town

No Political Advertising

Advertising for political candidates is forbidden at any location on parish property.

Qualified Charitable Distributions If you are 70 ½ or older, you may make a gift of a Qualified Charitable Distribution from your IRA to help our ministry and reduce your taxable income. Talk to your IRA administrator to be sure that your gift is made directly to our parish. Call Jean Ann Montagna of the Catholic Community Foundation at 216-696-6525 or www.catholiccommunity.org/ira.

Prison Ministry-LEAF-Listening, Encouraging, Assisting Families LEAF ministry serves those with incarcerated loved ones or family members. We provide a safe, welcoming community where you can feel comfortable and accepted without judgement. Visit St. Julie Billiart Catholic Church, 5500 Lear Nagle Rd, North Ridgeville, (440) 327-1978 on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7 PM.

FEST Internship The FEST is looking for motivated college interns for a paid internship this summer! If you are a event, marketing, logistics or theology major and interested in building your resume while getting real-life, hands on experience creating an event for 40,000 people, apply today. Reach out to Caitlin Arbogast: Caitlin@thefest.us

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.

Catholic Cemeteries monthly Grief Support is the third Sunday of the month at 3 PM at St. Joseph, Avon, Holy Cross, Brookpark. You don't have to grieve alone.

Protecting God's Children from sexual abuse. Inform authorities of inappropriate behavior. Call 216-334-2999 responseservices@dioceseofcleveland.org

Pro-Life Doctor's List Call 440-322-0076 or visit www.loraincountyrightrighttolife.org under Resources/Issues.

Holy Days of Obligation 2022

Immaculate Conception December 8th Mass 9AM & PM