



# St. Thomas the Apostle

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

## September 15, 2019 The 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Confession: Saturday: 3:00 to 3:45 PM  
or by appointment

Baptism: Sunday: 12:30 PM  
Parent Pre-Baptismal Class required

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-4:00 PM  
Friday-9:00 AM-1:00 PM  
Information/insert for the bulletin must be in the Parish Of-  
fice by Wednesday at 4:00 PM to make the following week.

**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

All Saints	November 1, 2019
Christmas	December 25, 2019
The Solemnity of Mary	January 1, 2020
The Assumption of Mary	August 15, 2020

### 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-Chris Selent.....440-864-5792  
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.....http://www.sttereasparish.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: The Gift of Forgiveness

**Sunday September 15, 2019**  
**24th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 9:00 AM L & D members of the Ladies Guild  
 11:00 AM Betty Savinsky  
 2nd Collection: Loose Change

**Monday September 16, 2019**  
**St. Cornelius & Cyprian**  
 9:00 AM L & D John A. Retar Family

**Tuesday September 17, 2019**  
**St. Robert Bellarmine**  
 9:00 AM All Souls

**Wednesday September 18, 2019**  
 9:00 AM Joseph Andulics

**Thursday September 19, 2019**  
**St. Januarius**  
 9:00 AM Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Preisler

**Friday September 20, 2019**  
**Ss. Andrew Kim Tae-gon & Paul Chong**  
**Ha-sang & Companions**

9:00 AM Bob & Jean Markovich  
**Saturday September 21, 2019**  
**St. Matthew**

9:00 AM John "Jack" Walsh  
 4:00 PM Joseph Andulics

**Sunday September 22, 2019**  
**25th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:00 AM Bayus & Prosek Family  
 11:00 AM Doyle E. Ritter  
 2nd Collection: Loose Change  
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### Pre-Baptismal Classes-2019

September 17 St. Joseph-6:30 PM (440) 933-3152  
 October 20 St. Thomas-12:30 PM (440) 949-7744  
 November 19 St. Mary-7:30 PM (440)934-4212

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 letter of good standing from their church.



St. Robert Bellarmine



St. Matthew  
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Weekly Collection	Goal	\$5,000.00
September 8, 2019		\$2,989.50

Thank you for your generous and continued support.  
 Please remember St. Thomas Parish in your Will.

### St. Thomas Church Events

September 15-BP Screening 9:30-12:30 PM  
 September 23-Parish Council 7-8 PM  
 September 24-27 Office Closed  
 October 13 Anointing of the Sick Mass 11 AM

**PSR Classes** began Mondays for K-7th grade, from 6:15-7:30 PM in Grismer Hall. Information available in hall.

**Quilt Ministry** is every Monday at 7 PM in Grismer Hall. Call Justine for more information (440) 830-9990.

**Ladies Guild Rummage Sale** is October 4th & 5th. Set up will be October 2nd & 3rd. Call Karen (440) 949-7714. Time of drop-off is Oct 2-3 from 2-7 PM.

**Little Catholic Library** Our Catholic Library in the back of Church. Take a book, read it, return it. Call Jane (440) 949-7001.



**St. Elizabeth Homeless Center** St. Thomas prepares Hot Meals twice a month for the overnight shelter. To help cook, or donate food contact Penny (440) 949-7548. Boxes in the Church are marked Shelter for donations.

**St. Thomas Church** needs Lectors, Readers, Eucharist Ministers and Servers. The feeling of participating deeper into the Mass is rewarding in so many ways.

**Mass Intentions** are available for 2019/2020. To schedule a Mass contact the Parish Office. Each Mass is \$10.00.

**Protecting God's Children** "Protecting God's Children" protects children from sexual abuse. Inform local authorities of inappropriate behavior. Call 216-334-2999 or [response\\_services@dioceseofcleveland.org](mailto:response_services@dioceseofcleveland.org).



**Pro-Life Doctor's List** A list of local Pro-life doctors, who don't practice abortion or support its use. [www.loraincountyrighttolife.org](http://www.loraincountyrighttolife.org) Call 440-322-0076 under Resources/Issues tab. Abortion destroys God's plan for that child.

### "Spiritual Adoption of the Unborn"

Pray this short prayer every day for nine months to preserve the life of an unborn child.

*"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."*  
*Let us continue to pray until Christmas!*

### Liturgical Schedule

**Saturday, September 21-4:00 PM**  
 C-MB Riley L-S Riley  
 EM-E Fabanich, MB Riley, R O'Connor  
 C-L & M Wenzel

**Sunday, September 22-9:00 AM**  
 C-J Houlihan L-C Kabat  
 EM-K Janosik, J Houlihan, B Smith  
 C-R Arena, D Munro

**Sunday, September 22-11:00 AM**  
 C-L Prokay L-AM Woltman  
 EM-D Gray, L Janis, N Olitsky  
 C-S Brunkow, E Moussa



**St. Thomas Church**  
**is Kid Friendly**



**Thank You**

...to Kathy for doing the Church laundry every week.



**Lost & Found** Welcome to “Lost and Found Sunday”! Just in case being in church makes us proudly consider ourselves especially religious, today’s Gospel suggests that we’d be wiser to admit that we’re sometimes lost. Then we’ll eventually be happily counted among Jesus’

“found,” because today Jesus focuses on a lost sheep, lost coin, lost son. Jesus does so because the Pharisees and scribes, proudly considering themselves especially religious, “began to complain” that Jesus “welcomes sinners and eats with them.” So Jesus warns them—and us—to stop judging others. Marvel instead that God’s amazing grace has found us! Indeed, we should become Jesus’ friends lovingly trying to find others. So Exodus asks, if God “relented in punishment” and pardoned us, shouldn’t we forgive fellow sinners graciously? Even Paul admits his “arrogance” as “foremost among sinners.” We too, happy at being “mercifully treated,” should share with everyone else Jesus’ unflinching patience.



**Treasures from our Traditions** Although New Year’s Day has been fixed firmly on January 1 for several hundred years, Labor Day has the feel of a great dividing line between leisure and routine. The pace of life has since picked up, and new schedules and commitments crowd us. In the background is God’s call to consider the third commandment, still life giving and binding, to make holy the Lord’s Day by worship and rest. Jews see the Sabbath, Saturday, not so much as a day of worship, but as a day of rest, a day of renewing friendship with God by delighting in the beauty of creation and the joy of family and friends. It is a day for contemplating the wonder of God’s creation, but not disturbing it. For Christians in the first three centuries, the Lord’s Day, Sunday, was not for rest, but worship. It was a regular work day. People met before dawn, and after Eucharist hurried off to daily routines. Today we come to Mass, but many hurry off to essential work, not a day of rest. The Lord’s Day is not the Sabbath, but we can enhance Sunday’s ability to transform us if we consider embracing some Sabbath values: having a family meal, going for a walk in a beautiful place, making room in our lives to open ourselves more fully to holiness of life in Christ.

**Parish Cluster Events**

**St. Teresa:** Eucharist Adoration is every Wednesday from 9 AM-1 PM in the Church.  
**St. Anthony:** Rosary's for the Unborn are said the first Saturday of each month from 10 AM-3:30 PM.

**Family Perspectives**

The older brother in today’s Gospel parable resented the second chance his prodigal brother received from their father and missed out on the party. Is your heart held captive by resentment toward any family member preventing you from receiving God’s blessings? If so, pray for the grace to forgive and become merciful like the Father.

**Events Around Town**

**St. Thomas Christmas Concert & Dinner** with Kim Robins & 40 Years Late with Acoustic Age is Saturday, December 7th at 6 PM. Advanced tickets are \$25. Contact Michelle (440) 670-1931.

**Mexican Imagery of Our Lady of Guadalupe** The Oberlin Heritage Center will host this exhibit from September 5-21, at various times. It is presented by the Lorain Museum of Hispanic & Latino Cultures. For information on tour times, fee, registrations, and directions visit [www.oberlinheritagecenter.org](http://www.oberlinheritagecenter.org) or call 440-774-1700.

**Lorain County Right to Life** Help us at our booth or come visit us! Elyria Apple Festival, Elyria: Fri, Sept 20–Sun, Sept 22. To help call 440-322-0076.

**Sisters of Notre Dame Annual BBQ** Join them on 13000 Auburn Road in Chardon, from Noon-5:00 PM on Sunday, September 29th . Enjoy good food and handcrafts made by the Sisters. Visit [www.sndchardon.org](http://www.sndchardon.org)

**St. Anthony Paduan Travelers** MGM Hard Rock Casino...September 18, at 10 AM from St. Anthony’s south parking lot. Leaving 4:30 to arrive home about 5:30. Cost is \$23.00. Call Virginia Glass at 440-724-9595.

**Boxes from Home** St. Vincent de Paul sends boxes to our military. Call Dorothy at 984-2192 with your soldier's information and they will send a box! Keep the health and safety of the members of our Armed Forces in your thoughts and prayers.



**50th Wedding Anniversary Mass** at the Diocese of Cleveland is Saturday, October 12, 2019 at 10:00 AM. Reservation is needed. Call (216) 334-2974.

**Chaplain Services** are available for Prisons and Jails located in the Diocese of Cleveland at 800-869-6525.

**Catholic Radio Stations**

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

*Treat people with respect, understanding & forgiveness*