

St. Thomas the Apostle

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

**Serving our Community for
60 years**

July 31, 2022

**The 18th 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
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 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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Parish Staff

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

Communications

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RCIA.....440-949-7744
CYO-Jim O'Connor.....440-949-2631
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Funeral Luncheon-Dave Johnston.....440-670-0204

Parish Cluster Contacts

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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. Gaebelien 1968-1981
+Fr. John J. McCaffrey 1981-1998

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

Mass Schedule
Peace & Generosity

Sunday July 31, 2022
18th Week in Ordinary Time
10:00 AM Shirley Kliner
2nd Collection: Loose Change

Monday August 1, 2022
St. Alphonsus Liguori
9:00 AM L/D Reid Havemann & family

Tuesday August 2, 2022
St. Eusebius of Vercelli
St. Peter Julian Eymard
9:00 AM Anniversary of Fr. Steve's Ordination

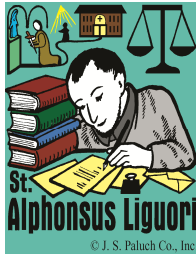
Wednesday August 3, 2022
9:00 AM Shirley Kliner

Thursday August 4, 2022
St. John Vianney
9:00 AM All Souls

Friday August 5, 2022
Dedication of St. Mary Major Basilica
9:00 AM All Souls

Saturday August 6, 2022
Transfiguration of the Lord
9:00 AM Nathaniel & Lauren Kuga & family
4:00 PM L/D Hector & Rose Romero & family

Sunday August 7, 2022
19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
10:00 AM St. Thomas Parishioners
2nd Collection: Loose Change



Pre-Baptism Class-2022

August 16 6:30 PM St. Joseph (440) 933-3152
September 18-11:30 AM St. Thomas (440) 949-7744
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-August 6-4:00 PM
C-S Riley L-J Ritter
EM-P Rieth, M Rozmarynowycz, S Helman

Sunday-August 7-10:00 AM
C-A Hicks L-R Radeff
EM-D Munro, K Janosik, K Mohrbach
Cup servers removed until further notice.
Fill in (if needed) for Eucharist Ministers at the Mass you



Weekly Collection Goal \$5,000.00
July 24, 2022 \$2,875.50

Please continue to use your envelopes so we can meet our weekly goal. They can be mailed to the office.

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

Cleveland Retrouvaille Weekend August 26-28, this Lifeline for Marriages is supported by the Diocese of Cleveland but open to all faiths. This program is the weekend with six weeks follow up. Cost \$200.00
Call (440) 357-6580 or online www.helpourmarriage.org

St. Thomas Rummage Sale The Ladies Guild will not have a Rummage Sale this year.

Homeless Shelter To donate paper products, food, time or finances, call Penny (440) 949-7548. We serve all year to a full shelter. Help us to help others.

Blessing Blankets Ministry continues to make blankets for the needy. Blankets are available for donation. To donate materials call Justine (440) 830-9990.

Virtus Training <http://www.virtus.org> click training tab. Anyone working with children in our Parish must do this.

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. Park in Sevits stadium parking lot due to school busses and cars at dismissals.

St. Thomas Fall Fish Fest Fall Fish Fest will be Oct 15th 4PM to 7PM. Next year Lenten fish fry will start Feb 24th to March 31 2023. More information will follow on both events as the dates become closer. Watch the Bulletin throughout the summer months.



Whatever happened on Mount Tabor within the hearts of Peter, James and John, we will never know. The experience was more than words can describe. But certainly, the three Apostles had an experience of the glory of Jesus, the Son of God. Despite the importance of this event, the Feast of the Transfiguration was not among the earliest of feasts celebrated by Christians. It was first celebrated in Asia starting in the fourth or fifth century and spread throughout the Christian East in the centuries following.

The Catholic Encyclopedia notes that it wasn't commonly celebrated in the West until the tenth century. Pope Callixtus III elevated the Transfiguration to a feast of the universal Church and established August 6 as the date of its celebration.



St. Thomas Church
Is Kid Friendly



Thank You

...to our Garden Angels for all the hard work.

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time “Teach us to number our days aright.” Is there a more wise and prudent prayer for people of all ages than this verse. As we savor the lovely but limited days of summer we are reminded that nothing lasts forever. In today’s first reading, the master teacher (Qoheleth) asserts “All things are vanity!” while the Gospel of Luke describes the ease with which our possessions can possess us. The second reading makes the point as well: “Think of what is above, not of what is on earth.” We see the problem of wealth from both sides today from the viewpoint of the wealthy person who inevitably has to leave his riches to someone else and from the perspective of the potential inheritor who is at odds with his brother over how to divide their inheritance. The problem is clear; the wisdom is also.

You can’t Take it with You! Stephen Covey, in his book *The Seven Habits of Highly Effective People*, lists as his second habit: Begin with the end in mind. Is that not the point of our scripture reflections today? We know we will die. We know we “can’t take it with us.” If you’ve ever been tasked with cleaning out the home of a deceased person, you know how easily once-treasured items simply become another burden to deal with. Or you may have experienced how quickly the joy of owning the latest smart phone becomes as outdated as the model itself. So how do we think about all the stuff that we buy, accumulate, fret over where to store, and pay taxes on? Heaven forbid if we ever have to move

Treasures from Our Tradition When Pope Pius XII died in 1958, there was the usual buzz of speculation about likely successors. Cardinal Agagianian, Patriarch of the Armenians, was highly thought of as a likely choice. This took many Catholics by surprise, since he had never celebrated the same liturgy as Pope Pius, but followed ancient Armenian customs according to the Eastern Church, which veils the Eucharistic liturgy from sight by a series of curtains, and in which the priest kneels while the people stand for Communion. In the years that followed, the Second Vatican Council would affirm the dignity and independence of the Eastern Churches, in complete union with Rome, yet different in patterns of life and worship. We have the same faith, the same sacraments, and the same pope. Yet everywhere in the world our separate Churches are combined into families held together by the ministry of bishops. All of this serves as warning: If you ever say, “But we’ve always done it this way,” you are on very thin ice indeed!

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.



Living God’s Word

Christians have a great treasure in Jesus Christ, who personified for us the loving kindness of God. Whenever we feel overwhelmed by our vulnerability we can turn in hope to the life and love that flow from his cross.

Events Around Town

September First Friday Forum will present Fr. Joe Koopman from St. Mary Seminary speaking about morals. The luncheon will be held Friday, September 2 with lunch served at 11:30 and speaker from 12:00 to 1:00. The Forum takes place at the Spitzer Conference Center of Lorain County Community College, 1005 N. Abbe Rd. in Elyria. Please call in your reservations at 440-213-2132 or email fflorain@gmail.com by 6:00 pm August 29. Cost is \$25:

The FEST is August 7, 2022 If you have any questions, please email Caitlin@theFEST.us or call The FEST office at 216.202.3040. Please also check out The FEST website to download these announcements and logos electronically. Thank you for your support of The FEST! God Bless!

Have you been to Confession lately? - Reconciliation is a healing remedy for our sinfulness. Confession, one part of the Sacrament, calls us to discover the struggles that cause sinful acts and present them to God in the presence of the priest. All Catholics should consider this sacrament at least twice a year, especially during Advent and Lent. Although serious matters should be brought before the priest, our lesser sins are healed through the celebration of Mass or with sincere contrition and any good work.

Grief Relief Services The humanitarian crisis is worsening daily in Ukraine as Russia intensifies its invasion of the country and its bombardment of civilian areas and buildings. Catholic Relief Services is working with Ukraine. <https://support.crs.org/donate/donate-ukraine>.

Catholic Cemeteries continues with monthly Grief Support the third week of every month at 3 PM At St. Joseph, Avon, Holy Cross, Brookpark. We meet the 4th Sunday of every month. You don’t have to grieve alone.

TV Mass The Sunday television Mass may now be viewed at 10 AM on WUAB Channel 43. This does not fulfill your Sunday obligation of Mass.

Catholic Radio Stations

1220 AM-WHKW Radio The Word
1260 AM-The Rock

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

'Table Talk' 1260AMtherock.com for times and dates.



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.loraincountyrighttolife.org under Resources/Issues.