

*Anyone who wishes to be first*



*must be the servant of all*

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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

## St. Thomas the Apostle

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

# September 23, 2018 The Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Parish Information

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: 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

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 weeks  
bulletin publication.

**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, 2018  
Immaculate Conception December 8, 2018  
Christmas December 25, 2018  
The Solemnity of Mary January 1, 2019  
The Assumption of Mary August 15, 2019

### Diocese of Cleveland

Website:.....www.dioceseofcleveland.org

Phone.....800-869-6525

Address.....1404 E. 9th St., Cleveland, Ohio 44114

## Mass Schedule

### Weekly Intention: Grace to be Humble

**Sunday September 23, 2018**  
**25th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Autumn begins**  
 9:00 AM St. Thomas Parishioners  
 11:00 AM Charlie Kelly  
 2nd Collection: Loose Change

**Monday September 24, 2018**  
 9:00 AM Helen & Leroy Kilbane

**Tuesday September 25, 2018**  
 9:00 AM L & D Ramon Romero family

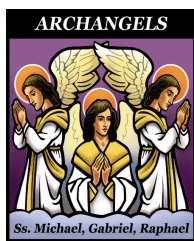
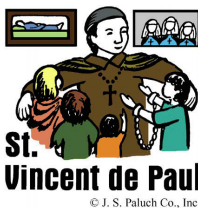
**Wednesday September 26, 2018**  
**Ss. Cosmas & Damian**  
 9:00 AM All Souls

**Thursday September 27, 2018**  
**St. Vincent de Paul**  
 9:00 AM Special Intentions

**Friday September 28, 2018**  
**St. Lawrence Ruiz & Companions**  
**St. Wenceslaus**  
 9:00 AM Charlie Kelly

**Saturday September 29, 2018**  
**Ss. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael**  
 9:00 AM All Souls  
 4:00 PM Loretta & Eugene McIrvin

**Sunday September 30, 2018**  
**25th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 9:00 AM Thomas Judge  
 11:00 AM St. Thomas Parishioners  
 2nd Collection: Catholic Communications  
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### Pre-Baptismal Classes-2018

October 16 St. Mary-7:30 PM (440) 934-4212  
 November 15 Holy Spirit-7:30 PM (440) 933-3777  
 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.

**Help Protect Life** Cleveland Right to Life needs volunteers. Call 216-661-3000.

**E-mail Bulletins** get Parish Bulletins by e-mail, write your e-mail address on your Sunday envelope. Keep up to date on weekly, upcoming events and breaking news.



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

**Gospels of the Week:** Thursday Lk 9:7-9  
 Monday Lk 8:16-18 Friday Lk 9:18-22  
 Tuesday Lk 8:19-21 Saturday Jn 1:47-51  
 Wednesday Lk 9:1-6 Sunday Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

### Weekly Collection

### Goal

September 16, 2018 \$5,000.00  
 \$4,266.00

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

### St. Thomas News/Events

September 23-BP/Sugar Screening  
 September 24-PSR Class  
 September 26-Music Club

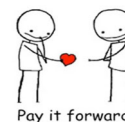


**Country Christmas Concert & Dinner** is Saturday December 8th in Grismer Hall featuring Allie Colleen. Advanced Tickets on sale by calling Michelle (440)670-1931 or the Parish Office. Cost is \$25.00 until October 12th, after cost is \$30.00

**St. Thomas PSR** is on Mondays, from 6:15-7:30 PM in Grismer Hall for 1st-7th grade. **Confirmation** information will be available at a later date. Classes will begin in November. Confirmation in April.

**Ladies Guild Rummage Sale** will be October 5th & 6th in Grismer Hall. Items can be dropped off on October 3rd & 4th in the School gym. Contact Karen 949-7714. Volunteers are needed to set-up and tear-down.

**The Homeless Shelter** We provide meals each month. Collecting instant potatoes, can veggies, rice, noodles, meal items. Drop in box marked shelter. Help feed the hungry.



**2019 Mass Intentions** We are currently scheduling Mass Intentions for 2019! If you have any questions, contact the Parish Office, 440-949-7744. Intentions may be dropped into the weekly collection. Mark envelope Masses.

**October is Baby Bottle Month** take a baby bottle, fill it with your donation and return it to the Altar. All donations go to Cornerstone Among Women.

### Liturgical Schedule

#### Saturday, September 29-4:00 PM

C-MB Riley L-J Ritter  
 EM-R Zaborski, B Kirtos, E Fabanich  
 C-J Kirtos, R O'Connor  
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#### Sunday, September 30-9:00 AM

C-R Radeff L-J Houlihan  
 EM-H Schremp, B Smith  
 C-R Arena, K Janosik  
 S-X & J Centifanti

#### Sunday, September 30-11:00 AM

C-J Ritter L-M Fairweather  
 EM-S Helman, K Mohrbach, D Munro  
 C-N Olitsky, D Gray  
 S-s Bunner, N Barsan

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



### Thank You

...to the collection counter Angels.

**Respect Life Sunday** A Mass for those who have suffered miscarriage, infertility or neo-natal death is Sunday, October 7 - 5:30PM at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist, in Cleveland. Bishop Nelson J. Perez, will be the celebrant reflecting on the problematic events at fertility clinics this year, this Mass is for those who suffer the silent sorrow. May Gods comfort and compassion provide strength and hope for those who grieve.



### How Do We Treat The Messenger?

Let's not be too hasty in defining who is "the wicked one" and who (namely us) is just! We are very quick to label others as evil, because we tend to label ourselves as good guys. We don't like it when we are brought up short by a prophetic voice that brings us some bad news about our own behavior. We don't like to be reproached for transgressions of the law or charged with violations of our training. We may condemn and abuse those who bring us up against these truths about ourselves when, if we were really good, we would thank them for helping to keep us on the right path. This is the way they treated the prophets and the way they treated Jesus. Is this also the way we treat those whose message we don't like?

### Catholic Radio Stations

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



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

'Table Talk' radio show featuring Bishop Perez on AM 1260 The Rock, Cleveland's Catholic radio station.

Visit: [1260AMtherock.com](http://1260AMtherock.com) for times and dates.

**EWTN**-Is a Catholic news, television and radio network which offers news from around the world as it happens. [www.ewtnnews.com](http://www.ewtnnews.com) Check EWTN for Mass schedule.

Televised Sunday Mass-Channel 8 at 6:00 AM. For those who can get to church, the TV or online liturgy does not fulfill the Sunday Mass obligation.

**Pregnant and in need?** call 1-800-712-HELP. Visit [OptionLine.org](http://OptionLine.org)

**Homeless and pregnant?** Call Good Counsel Homes, 1-800-723-8331 or visit [www.goodcounselhomes.org](http://www.goodcounselhomes.org).

**Hurting from an abortion?** Visit us online at [www.AbortionForgiveness.com](http://www.AbortionForgiveness.com).



### Family Perspectives

Jesus tells us "whoever welcomes a child, welcomes me." Pope Francis reminds us of the importance of families for children. "The family is important, and it is necessary for the survival of humanity. Without family, the cultural survival of the human race would be at risk. The family, whether we like it or not, is the foundation.

### Events Around Town

**Catholic Communication Collection** will be September 29/30th. It provides faith, worship and witness through social media sites, podcasts, television, radio and print. Please support this important work and be generous in the collection and help communication of the gospel message.



**Extraordinary Ministry of Holy Communion Fall Sessions** is Saturday, September 29 St. Joseph Parish, Avon Lake: 9 AM-11:30 AM. To become an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion call the office. We can register you for classes. There is no fee.

**Rosary Coast to Coast** Join Us! Sunday, October 7th for Outdoor Rosary at 4 PM at St. Joseph Parish, Avon Lake. Bring a chair if you cannot stand. St. Joseph Parish hosts this event; a co-operative effort which includes the Knights of Columbus, Holy Trinity Adult Faith Formation, and neighboring parishes in conjunction with a national effort called Rosary Coast to Coast. Call Jim Brady, Knights of Columbus, 440-865-9668.

**Chaplain Services for Prisons and Jails** located in the Diocese of Cleveland. Call the Parish Life Office at 800-869-6525 or 216-696-6525 x 3500. The Diocesan Ministry to the Incarcerated has a presence in the three state prisons, the county jails and the juvenile facilities located within our diocese we would be glad to visit with them.

**Boxes from Home** St. Vincent de Paul sends boxes to our military people. Call Dorothy at 984-2192 with your soldier's information and they will send a box!



**Pray the Rosary of the Unborn** with us at St. Anthony of Padua, in the Eucharistic Chapel Lorain, on Saturday, September 1, 2018. Rosaries are prayed the first Saturday of every month, every half hour, on the hour, from 10:00 AM until 3:30 PM--- for an end to abortion within our nation and throughout the world. (The last rosary is said at 3:30, prayed in St. Anthony Church, before 4:00 PM Mass.) or contact Dr. Hilaire Tavenner, (440) 288-0416.

### Weekly Parish Events

September 23-BP/Sugar Screening	Library	12:30-1:30 PM
September 24-PSR	Grismer Hall	6:15-7:30 PM
September 24-Parish Council	Room #1	7-8:00 PM
September 24-Quilt Club	Room #2	5-7:00 PM
September 26-Music Club	Church	7-8:30 PM

### Parish Cluster Events

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