



# St. Thomas the Apostle

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

**Serving our Community for  
60 years**

**April 24, 2022  
Divine Mercy Sunday**

**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 next 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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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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## 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

**Mass Schedule**

**Rejoice in god's Goodness**

**Sunday April 24, 2022**  
**Divine Mercy Sunday**  
 10:00 AM Joan & George Roth  
 2nd Collection: Loose Change

**Monday April 25, 2022**  
**St. Mark**  
 9:00 AM Banko/Coll families

**Tuesday April 26, 2022**  
 9:00 AM Special Intentions

**Wednesday April 27, 2022**  
 9:00 AM Special Intentions

**Thursday April 28, 2022**  
**St. Peter Chanel**  
**St. Louis Grignion de Montfort**  
**Holocaust Remembrance Day**  
 9:00 AM L/D Janet Ritter family

**Friday April 29, 2022**  
**St. Catherine of Siena**  
**Arbor Day**  
 9:00 AM All Souls

**Saturday April 30, 2022**  
**St. Pius V**  
 9:00 AM Joseph & JoAnne Mielke family  
 4:00 PM Special Intentions

**Sunday May 1, 2022**  
**3rd Sunday of Easter**  
 10:00 AM George Yunis  
 2nd Collection: Loose Change

**Pre-Baptism Class-2022**

May 15-12:30 PM St. Thomas No Class  
 June 14-7:30 PM St. Mary (440) 934-4212  
 July 14-7:30 PM Holy Spirit (440) 934-4212  
 August 16-6:30 PM St. Joseph (440) 933-3152

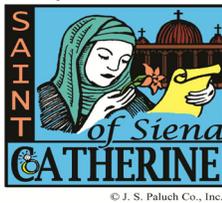
All new, expecting parents are required to attend a Pre-Baptismal Class before scheduling a baptism at the Parish they attend. One of the two Godparents must be an active Catholic with a Sponser Certificate from their church.

**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."

**Musician (s) Needed** for Sunday Masses. Contact Fr. Steve or leave a message at the Parish Office.



<b>Weekly Collection Goal</b>	\$5,000.00
April 17, 2022	\$3,446.00
Holy Thursday-Easter	\$4,611.00

Please increase your offertory so we can reach our goal.

**Online Giving** [www.CatholicCommunity.org/Offertory](http://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**

**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.

**Baptism Class** Due to conflicts our May 15th Baptism Class here at St. Thomas will be cancelled. Contact the Office for more information.

**St. Thomas Mother's Day Buffet** is back Sunday, May 8th from 10 AM-1 PM in Grismer Hall. Adults \$12.00, Kids (4-10) \$8.00, under 3 eat free.

**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.

**Newman Campus Ministry Collection** is May 7/8, 2022. Your generous donation is greatly appreciated as it enables ministries to meet the catechetical needs of so many throughout our diocese and helps form college students in our faith traditions and prepares them to continue as an active Catholic mission disciple.

*My transforming Lord, help me to cling to You in Your Resurrection. Help me to let you transform every cross and burden in my life into joy. Lord, may Your joy fill my life and be my strength in all things. Jesus, I trust in You.*

**Difficulty, Survival and Glory** ohn the Evangelist tells us what we can expect as followers of the risen Jesus: distress, endurance, and a kingdom. Although we are only eight days into our fifty-day Easter feasting, we cannot ignore the distress weighing down our daily lives. Jesus' resurrection does not erase individual suffering, but his glorious triumph over death cultivates endurance in our hearts. We remember that Jesus did not spare himself, and we ask for the strength to endure as he did. Imitating Christ helps us grow as members of God's royal family. As beloved citizens of the Kingdom of God, we recognize our kinship with all people. Peter demonstrates his care for others as he heals multitudes of broken, suffering people. In the Gospel, Thomas accepts his own spiritual healing when Jesus helps him to believe. In times of difficulty, survival, and glory, we borrow Thomas' declaration of faith: "My Lord and my God!"



**Liturgical Schedule**

**Saturday, April 23-4:00 PM**

C-MB Riley L-S Riley  
 EM-A & J Balmert, S Helman

**Sunday, April 24-10:00 AM**

C-J Houlihan L-J Mack  
 EM-d Munro, K Yatson, B Smith

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



**St. Thomas Church**  
**Is Kid Friendly**



**Thank You**

....to all who gave of their time, talents and treasure during our Blessed Holy Week.  
 ....to Shelly for the multipule rose bushes donated and planted at the Church.  
 ....to Mike and the Fish Fry team for the record breaking event this year.

**2nd Sunday of Easter** Today we hear Jesus say three times, "Peace be with you." This was a common greeting, but the disciples were hiding in fear so they needed reassurance. Jesus gives them that reassurance in three ways: his resurrection, forgiveness of sins, and a blessing for future disciples. The disciples had seen Jesus crucified and were afraid any of his followers would be treated the same way. When Jesus appeared to them, he showed them his wounds and let them touch him. He wanted to show them he was not a ghost; he had risen from death and death has no more power over him. They can now take courage and share in the Resurrection themselves. Breathing on them, he bestows the Holy Spirit, source of our courage. That leads to the second reassurance, forgiveness of sins. Jesus died to take away our sins; now he shares that with his disciples. Anyone troubled by guilt can be forgiven. The disciples themselves probably felt that need, since they had deserted Jesus and one even denied knowing him. He now sends his apostles with the mission to free others from sin. We too can forgive others (and ourselves) knowing that God has forgiven them and us. Finally, the story of Thomas and his doubts about Jesus' resurrection gives us some hope. Jesus blesses those who "have not seen and have believed." We usually think the apostles were "more" blessed for having seen and heard Jesus. But Jesus reverses that expectation; we are blessed, even two thousand years after the Resurrection.

**Treasures from Our Tradition** An ancient title for this Sunday is Dominica in Albis, or "Sunday in White." During the Easter Vigil, the newly baptized are invested with a white garment, a sign that they have put on Christ. At one time, the garments were worn for a full week of celebration and reflection, and on this Sunday the newly baptized would appear in their robes again in their new place among the faithful for Eucharist. In later centuries, the energy of new life at Easter was forgotten, and this Sunday was renamed "Quasimodo Sunday," or "Low Sunday." In recent years, with the recovery of the insight that Easter is the privileged time for celebrating and renewing baptism, there is nothing "Low" about this Sunday. The beauty and grace of our Easter celebration is sustained by joyful alleluias, the blessing and sprinkling of holy water, and the comfort of the Lord's presence to us. He is risen, and he summons us together, opening up the scriptures for us, breaking the bread, filling us with new life.



**Prayer of the Week**

God of everlasting mercy, who in the very recurrence of the paschal feast kindle the faith of the people you have made your own, increase, we pray, the grace you have bestowed, that all may grasp and rightly understand in what font they have been washed, by whose Spirit they have been reborn, by whose Blood they have been redeemed. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen!

**Events Around Town**

**50th Jubilee Celebration** Saturday June 25, 2022, 10:00AM| Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist  
 The 50th Anniversary of Marriage Mass is celebrated for couples residing within the Diocese of Cleveland who celebrate 50 years of marriage during the 2022 calendar year (married in 1972). Due to capacity and construction limitations, only bring 2 guests or special support people. Seating is first come first served. Registration opens April 15 and will close May 30. The online form will be available soon on the Marriage & Family website.

**Catholic 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 to respond to those needs. Here's how you can help: <https://support.crs.org/donate/donate-ukraine>.

**Parish Life and Development** April is Child Abuse Prevention Month We highlight this month every year. We can be a part of the solution to provide safe, healthy, and happy environments for our kids! Reports of abuse should also be made to the diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator at (216) 334-2999 Immeditally.

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

**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.

**TV Mass** - The Sunday television Mass may now be viewed at 10 AMon WUAB Channel 43.

**Catholic Radio Stations**

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



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

'Table Talk' [1260AMtherock.com](http://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](mailto:responseservices@dioceseofcleveland.org)

**Pro-Life Doctor's List** Call 440-322-0076 or visit [www.loraincountyrighttolife.org](http://www.loraincountyrighttolife.org) under Resources/Issues.

**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.