

Quiet Time



St. Thomas the Apostle

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

February 28, 2021 2nd Sunday of Lent

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.

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

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Mrs. Heather Centifanti.....Office Manager
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Communications

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RCIA.....440-949-7744
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

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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. 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 February 28, 2021
2nd Sunday of Lent
10:00 AM Frank Salazy Jr.

Monday March 1, 2021
9:00 AM All Souls

Tuesday March 2, 2021
9:00 AM Harry Schular Jr.

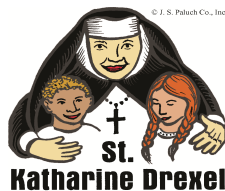
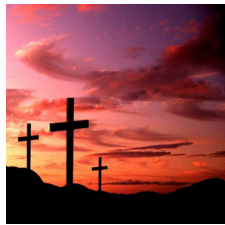
Wednesday March 3, 2021
9:00 AM **St. Katherine Drexel**
John Roberts & Family

Thursday March 4, 2021
9:00 AM **St. Casimir**
Special Intentions

Friday March 5, 2021
9:00 AM **World Day of Prayer**
4:00 PM **Abstinence**
All Souls

Saturday March 6, 2021
9:00 AM **First Saturday**
Antoinette Skchostek

Sunday March 6, 2021
10:00 AM **3rd Sunday of Lent**
St. Thomas Parishioners
Lectionary Year: "B"



Pre-Baptism Class-2021

March 16-6:30 PM St. Joseph (440) 933-3152
April 18-11:30 AM St. Thomas (440) 949-7744
May 18-7:30 PM St. Mary (440) 934-4212
June 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 Sponsor Certificate from their church.

St. Thomas needs Lectors, Readers, Eucharist Ministers & Servers. No Experience needed. "Never underestimate the power of the Holy Spirit working in you."

Holy Water If you would like Holy Water blessed bring some in your provided container and Fr. Steve will bless it after any Mass.

St. Thomas has a new Facebook address:

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

Liturgical Schedule

Saturday, March 6-4:00 PM
C-MB Riley L-S Riley
EM-A & J Balmert, S Duffy

Sunday, March 7-10:00 AM
C-L Prokay L-R Radeff
EM-L Janis, D Gray, B Smith



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

Weekly Collection Goal

February 21, 2021 \$4,363.00

Please increase your offering so we can meet our 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

Fish Fry We will be collecting donations of Baked Goods, Water and Soda Pop. Donations can be dropped at Grismer Hall every Thursday 10-2 and Friday 9-3 until March 26th. Dine-in available, Take-Out available (440) 949-8491. Credit Cards accepted. Covid requirements followed by the Health Dept. Masks required.

Stations of the Cross will be celebrated at St. Thomas every Friday of Lent at 4 PM. Good Friday at 12:00 PM.

Blessing Blanket Ministry will not meet until further notice. If you wish to donate material, finished quilts, or have any questions, call Justine (440) 830-9990

Mass Intentions are available for 2021/2022. Each intention is \$10:00. Call the Office to schedule.

Homeless Shelter Call Penny (440) 949-7548 to make a financial donation, donate food & paper products, or help prepare or deliver meals. We supply & deliver meals all year. Please place donations in boxes marked Shelter.

Virtus Training <http://www.virtus.org> click training tab.

Everybody thinks of changing humanity; nobody thinks of changing themselves.

Feast of Faith

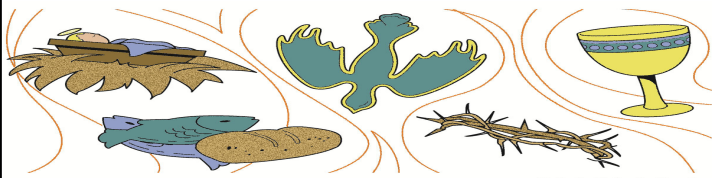
The Opening Prayer At the conclusion of the Introductory Rites of the Mass, the presider says or chants the words "Let us pray," followed by the Opening Prayer. This prayer is also called a "collect" because it gathers or "collects" the prayers of the entire assembly into one. The Roman collects that we pray in our liturgy noted for the brevity, clarity, and conciseness of the Latin originals date from a variety of periods. Some are quite new; others reach back more than a thousand years. They are truly treasures of our tradition. The Opening Prayer can be divided into four main parts: 1) the invitation, or "Let us pray"; 2) the silence that follows, during which each member of the assembly lifts up before God his or her own prayers; 3) the collect itself, spoken or sung by the priest; 4) and finally the Amen, by which the assembly says, "yes," "may it be so," making the prayer their own. The collect itself follows the same pattern. It begins with an invocation to God. A petition follows, usually very general. We ask for health, strength, wisdom, grace, faith forgiveness, awareness. Every collect concludes by offering the prayer to God through Jesus Christ. With the Amen of the assembly, the Introductory Rites of the Mass come to an end.

St. Thomas Church
is Kid Friendly



Thank You

...to Kathy for arranging the Catholic Charities envelopes.
...to Larry our Cathoolic Charity Angel.
...to Justine for helping at the Funneral Luncheon.



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History of Salvation The first reading today continues the “history of salvation” narrative that we hear throughout Lent this year. Today’s story was among the best-loved in the Jewish tradition (surely Joseph told the story to young Jesus as he formed him in the ways of their faith); the early fathers of the Church were fond of it as a means of explaining the sacrifice of Christ on the cross. The overall tone of the first reading, psalm, and second reading seems a little incongruous with the dazzling Gospel, until we remember that the Transfiguration was placed as the Gospel for this Sunday precisely to remind us of the glory that awaits those who live faithfully and obediently to the will of God. In the life of Jesus, it is a preview of the glory of his resurrection; for us it is a glimpse of the destiny of those who continue, as we heard in last week, to repent and believe in the Good News.

Treasures from Our Tradition The basis of Abraham’s test in the first reading is the fact that his neighbors followed a religious system that demanded human sacrifice. In offering Isaac’s life on an altar of sacrifice, he is following long-accustomed religious practice. Ancient people accepted this because they thought that life was an ever-renewing circle: what had been lost would be restored in time. But here, God springs this trap and gives Abraham, Isaac, and you and me, a future. From now on, God will provide the sacrifice. From this point on, our lives have a direction, a purpose, a goal. The faithful following of Lent and its consoling, challenging scriptures strengthens and prepares us to remember the Lord’s passion and resurrection. Today, many parishes welcome home the elect, men and women chosen on the First Sunday of Lent for the Easter sacraments, from a celebration with the bishop. The scriptures today are chosen with them in mind, to steady their steps, to clear their vision, to strengthen their resolve: “If God is for us, who can be against us?”



\$1.00 off Fish Fry Dinner
March 5, 2021
1 Meal, 1per Customer

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.

Family Perspectives

The transfiguration takes place only a few days after Jesus makes his first passion prediction to the disciples, telling them how “the Son of Man must suffer greatly and be rejected by elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and rise after three days.” The disciples had to question what rising from the dead meant and listen to Jesus. How do you take time in prayer not only to talk as a family, but also to listen to Jesus?

Events Around Town

Sheffield –Sheffield Lake City School Food Pantry Distributions is behind Brookside High School on the 3rd Wednesday of each month from 4-5:30 PM. You don’t have to have a child in the school system or proof of residence, just a clean empty trunk. For more information or a Proxy Form visit outreach@sslcs.org

Protecting God’s Children “Protecting God’s Children” protects children from sexual abuse. Inform authorities of inappropriate behavior. Call 216-334-2999 responseservices@dioceseofcleveland.org “Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I love you very much. I beg you to spare the life of the unborn baby that I have spiritually adopter who is in danger of abortion.”



Pro-Life Doctor’s List Pro-life doctors, who don’t practice abortion or support its use. Call 440-322-0076. www.loraincountyrighttolife.org under Resources/Issues tab. Abortion destroys God’s plan for the life of that child.

Our Cathedral's YouTube Channel features the Stations of the Cross and the Rosary, in addition to various tracks of the Cathedral Choir. Consider visiting and subscribing to Cleveland Cathedral YouTube channel

Catholic Radio Stations

- 1220 AM-WHKW Radio The Word
- 1260 AM-The Rock
- 1060 AM-Living Bread
- 1330 AM-WINT



<http://www.dioceseofcleveland.org/catholicradio>
'Table Talk' 1260AMtherock.com for times and dates.
EWTN-www.ewtnnews.com TV or online liturgy does not fulfill the Sunday Mass obligation.

The Diocese of Cleveland Sunday Mass is at 10 AM on WUAB Channel 43, the CW43, WUAB Channel 43 is accessible even without cable TV. Check local listings to locate WUAB. The weekly TV Mass is produced by the Diocese of Cleveland from the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist. This Mass has been a staple of religious programming for decades. Information is on the Diocese website at www.dioceseofcleveland.org