



St. Thomas the Apostle

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

December 27, 2020 Holy Family, Jesus, Mary & Joseph

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

NEW SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Starting January 1, 2021 we will have one Mass on Sunday at 10:00 AM. The rest of our Mass schedule for the weekend and weekdays will remain the same.

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

The Rosary: Prayed daily before 9 AM Mass. This includes weekends.

Baptism: Sunday: 12:30 PM
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

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PSR-Kim & David Gray.....440-714-4007
Confirmation-John & Kathy Mack.....440-242-8683
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
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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

Mass Schedule

WEEKLY: Pray for Our Families

Sunday December 27, 2020
Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

9:00 AM Mr. & Mrs. William F. Lasby
 11:00 AM St. Thomas Parishioners

Monday December 28, 2020
Holy Innocents

9:00 AM Mr. Cook Sr.
Tuesday December 29, 2020
St. Thomas Becket

9:00 AM Kathlen Klejka
Wednesday December 30, 2020

9:00 AM Katie Cook
Thursday December 31, 2020
St. Sylvester I

9:00 AM Denise Cook
Friday January 1, 2021
New Year's Day

10:00 AM St. Thomas Parishioners
Saturday January 2, 2021
St. Basil the Great &
St. Gregory Nazianzen

9:00 AM All Souls
 4:00 PM Jim Fairweather family
Sunday January 3, 2021
Epiphany of the Lord

10:00 AM All Souls
 Lectionary Year: "B"

PRE-BAPTISM CLASS-2021
No December Class

January 19-7:30 PM St. Mary (440) 934-4212
 February 18-7:30 PM Holy Spirit (440) 933-9777

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.

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St. Thomas has a new Facebook address:
<https://m.facebook.com/thomas.church.39142>

Send in your e-mail address on your weekly envelope to receive the bulletin electronically.

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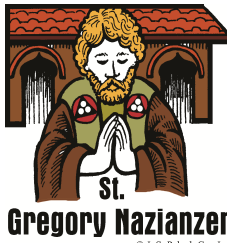
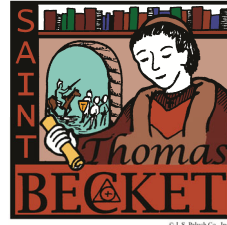
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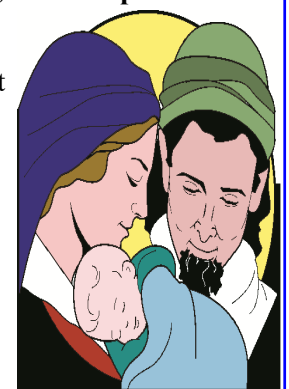
WEEKLY COLLECTION Goal \$5,000.00
 December 6, 2020 \$3,557.00
 December 13, 2020 \$4,194.50
 Please increase your Offering so that we can meet our goal.
Online Giving www.CatholicCommunity.org/Offertory.
 Please continue to support St. Thomas by mailing in your weekly envelopes.
 Thank you for your generous and continued support.

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ST. THOMAS CHURCH EVENTS
Holy Water If you would like Holy Water blessed bring some in your provided container and Fr. Steve will bless it after any Mass.
Virtus Training <http://www.virtus.org> click training tab.
Blessing Blanket Ministry will meet every Monday from 1-5 PM in Room #2 in Grismer Hall after the holidays. If you wish to drop off material or completed blankets call Justine (440) 830-9990. Thanks for all the support.

Act of Spiritual Communion My Jesus, believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph
 On this feast of the Holy Family, we want to offer all families blessings. "Family" may have a lot of different connotations these days. In the United States, the "father, mother, child" family is less common now, and large Catholic families are not as common as they once were. The concept of family is more fluid with many forms of blended families due to second marriages, multigenerational households, and other living arrangements. In a recent survey by the Pew research center, four in ten babies are born to single mothers. Other children are being raised by grandparents or foster parents. In today's Genesis story, Abraham was ready to concede to another form of family, making the child of one of his servants his heir. The reading from Hebrews reiterates the story of Genesis, and "your descendants will be more numerous than the stars." The Gospel relates the story of the presentation in the temple.



LITURGICAL SCHEDULE
Saturday, January 2, 2021-4:00 PM
 C-MB Riley L-S Riley
 EM-A & J Balmert, S Duffy
Sunday, January 3, 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 you attend.



St. Thomas Church is Kid Friendly



THANK YOU

...to the Decorating Angels for the nice Christmas Decorations.



We are God's Holy Family The scriptures of Israel are filled with stories of barren couples who were miraculously granted the gift of children by God. The best known is the miraculous birth of John the Baptist to Zechariah and Elizabeth, and the more miraculous birth of Jesus to Mary and Joseph. In each instance, we are given examples or role models of those who trusted in God. They abandoned their own presuppositions and prejudices about the workings of the world and turned their lives over to believe in a God who can make life grow where none ought to; a God who can turn death around into a new and unimagined life; a God who can, today, take a tiny child of humble parents in an insignificant town and make him into a light of the world. As God's holy family, we are called each day: to trust not in ourselves and the way we think things should be, but to open ourselves and surrender ourselves in faith to a God of endless promise.

Feast of Faith Why does the liturgy begin with a procession? The procession is a powerful sign of who we are as Christian people. Our procession leads us to the altar, a sign of Christ's presence in our midst. We process, because we recognize our need for what Christ is preparing for us at that table. We go forward eagerly, because we are hungry for that heavenly food. The procession is an image of the hierarchical structure of the Church. It is an image of unity in diversity. We are all on a journey to the heavenly city, but each of us is clothed with different gifts. We all receive the call to service, but not in the same way. Only by coming together in all our wonderful variety can we achieve the work of the kingdom. .

Treasures from Our Tradition In the last century, a few new feasts were blended into the Church year, including today's. After World War I, the chaos of daily life in Europe made its impact felt on the family structure. Partly to offer Christians an image of hope and holiness in married family life, and also to promote the welfare of children, today's feast was "invented" in 1921. In 1969, it became a feast of Christmas. The prayers today remind us not only of family life, but of life in the community of faith. We ponder the mystery of a God who loves us dearly enough to embrace the struggles, joys, and daily sorrows of family life. The message of Christmas shines through: God-with-us is available to us in the ordinary patterns of our lives and commitments. The lives of people who raise their children in difficult circumstances, and of people who remain faithful to life in the Church in spite of some of their own family struggles, occupy a special place in our hearts today in prayer.

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.

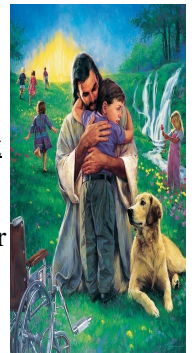
FAMILY PERSPECTIVES

We come to know Jesus through both word and sacrament. The words of the Bible illuminate our minds and lift our spirits to consider things not as human beings do but from the perspective of our divine and heavenly God: God the Creator, Jesus the Redeemer and the Holy Spirit. In considering the life of the Holy Family in Nazareth, we might ponder: How can we also look at the events of our days as a constant living with the word of God? How do we make room and space for this word to dwell within us richly? How do we experience Jesus as consolation and comfort?

EVENTS AROUND TOWN

St. Thomas is still providing food for the Homeless Shelter. Call Penny (440) 949-7548 to make a financial donation, donate food or help prepare or deliver meals. We supply & deliver meals year round.

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 adopted 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 Mass will be at 10 AM on WUAB Channel 43, the CW43. WUAB Channel 43 is an over-the-air station that is accessible even without cable TV. Those with cable TV need to check their local cable listings to locate WUAB. The weekly TV Mass is produced by the Diocese of Cleveland and originates from the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist in Cleveland. This Mass has been a staple of religious programming on Northeast Ohio airwaves for decades, cultivating a dedicated and faithful following. We hope that viewers will continue to tune in at this convenient time.