



# St. Thomas the Apostle

715 Harris Road Sheffield Lake Ohio  
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**Serving our Community  
for over 60 years**

**November 5, 2023  
The 31st Sunday in  
Ordinary Time**



## Parish Staff

Father Stephen L. Shields..... Pastor  
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Mr. Michael Chutes.....Property Manager

## Communications

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CYO-Jim O'Connor.....(440) 949-2631  
Grismer Hall/Gym.....(440) 949-8491  
Funeral Luncheon-Dave Johnston.....(440) 670-0204

## Parish Cluster Contacts

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Website:.....[www.dioceseofcleveland.org](http://www.dioceseofcleveland.org)  
Phone.....(800) 869-6525  
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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 1981-1997

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

## Parish Information

**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 every day before Mass. This includes the weekends.

**The Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help** is prayed every Monday before 9:00 AM Mass.

**Baptism:** Sunday: 11:30 AM 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

**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.

**Mass Schedule**

Pray for the lonely, sick, unemployed

**Sunday November 5, 2023**  
**31st Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Daylight Savings Time Ends**

10:00 AM Steven Ambler  
 2nd Collection: Loose Change

**Monday November 6, 2023**

9:00 AM JoMarie Chutes

**Tuesday November 7, 2023**

9:00 AM L/D McIrvin family

**Wednesday November 8, 2023**

9:00 AM Ray A. Cartier

**Thursday November 9, 2023**

**Dedication of the Lateran Basilica**

9:00 AM Herm Kelling

**Friday November 10, 2023**

**St. Leo the Great**

9:00 AM Rebecca Minter & family

**Saturday November 11, 2023**

**St. Martin of Tours**

9:00 AM Tyler Cupar & family

4:00 PM Marcia Andrasik

**Sunday November 12, 2023**

**32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Stewardship Sunday**

10:00 AM L/D Holy Name

2nd Collection: Loose Change

**St. Thomas Parish** needs Lectors, Readers, Eucharist Ministers & Servers. "Never underestimate the power of the Holy Spirit working in you.

**Prayer Line** In need of prayers? Contact the Sisters of Notre Dame prayer line (440) 279-1163.

**Mass Intentions** are available for 2024 for \$10.00 each. Contact the office (440) 949-7744.

**Pre-Baptism Class-2023**

November 5-1:30 PM St. Raphael (440) 871-1100

November 14-7:30 PM St. Mary (440) 934-4212

November 21-6:30 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 the Church they attend.

*RIP JoAnna Shlapack Life has changed not ended. Pray for the consolation of his family and friends.*



**Weekly Collection Goal** \$5,000.00  
 October 29, 2023 \$2,819.50  
 Please increase your Offering so we may meet our weekly financial goals.  
 Thank you for your generous and continued support.  
 Remember St. Thomas in your Will.

**St. Thomas Church Events**

**Human Development Sunday** is November 18/19th. Please be generous with your donations.

**St. Thomas Shirts** Official St. Thomas shirts are now available for sale. Big Frog Custom Shirts, 35878 Detroit Road, Avon. (440) 723-3393.

**We Give Catholic** This year's We Give Catholic starts November 28 for our next capital project. Details soon.

**The Homeless Ministry** We need help feeding the homeless. We need donations of Food, Time and Treasures to continue this ministry. Contact Penny (440) 949-7548 for more information on how you can help.

**Our Blanket Ministry** continues to make blankets for the needy. Blankets are available for donation. To donate materials or finances contact Justine (440) 830-9990.

**November Styrofoam and Paper Products Drive** We are collecting 8-10" plates, dessert plates, 8oz coffee and drink cups, plasticware, 12oz bowls, napkins, toilet paper, paper towels, kleenex and napkins for the Shelter. This collection is for the entire year. Please help us!

**Political Advertising** for any political candidates is forbidden on St. Thomas Parish property. Solicitation of any kind is forbidden in the parish parking lots.

**Thank You**  
 ....to Dan for the yellow curbs.  
 .....to Ed & Laura for the new Cross.

**Events Around Town**

**Qualified Charitable Distributions** If you are age 70 1/2 or older, you may make a gift of a Qualified Charitable Distribution. Talk to your IRA administrator to be sure that your gift is made directly to our parish. Call MaryLou Ozimek of the Catholic Community Foundation (216) 696-6525 x4070 for more information.

**Catholic Calendars** Catholic homes have Catholic calendars, <https://www.ashbypublishing.com/printed-churchcalendars/15/catholic> or call (800) 413-2220.

**Vote NO on Issue #1**

**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. No early distribution.

**Protecting God's Children** from sexual abuse. Inform authorities of inappropriate behavior. Call (216) 334-2999. [responseservices@dioceseofcleveland.org](mailto:responseservices@dioceseofcleveland.org).

**Liturgical Schedule**

**Saturday-November 4-4:00 PM**

C-MB Riley L-S Riley

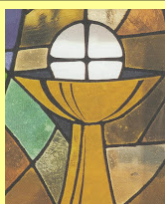
EM-A & J Balmert, P Rieth

**Sunday-November 5-10:00 AM**

C-B Barelka L-N Olitsky

EM-K Yatson, B Smith, O Sobon

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



**St. Thomas Church is Kid Friendly**

