



LENT

St. Thomas the Apostle

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

March 15, 2020 3rd Sunday of Lent

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

Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help:
prayed before 9 AM Mass every Monday.

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-4:00 PM
Friday-9:00 AM-1:00 PM
Information/insert for the bulletin must be in the Parish Office by Wednesday at 4:00 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.

Holy Days of Obligation

The Solemnity of Mary January 1, 2020
Christmas December 25, 2020

Diocese of Cleveland

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Parish Staff

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Mrs. Heather Centifanti.....Office Manager
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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: Holy Lenten Season

Sunday March 15, 2020
3rd Sunday of Lent
 9:00 AM L/D Ladies Guild
 11:00 AM Timothy Smith
 2nd Collection: Eastern Europe

Monday March 16, 2020
 9:00 AM Desiree Rivera

Tuesday March 17, 2020
St. Patrick
 9:00 AM Mr. & Mrs. Joe Preisler

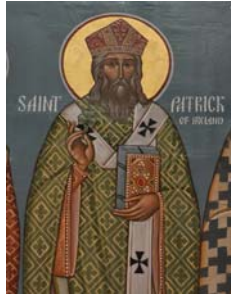
Wednesday March 18, 2020
St. Cyril
 9:00 AM John Baran

Thursday March 19, 2020
St. Joseph
Spouse of the Virgin Mary
 9:00 AM Monica Piskura

Friday March 20, 2020
(Abstinence)
 9:00 AM Viola Petcavage
 4:00 PM Stations

Saturday March 21, 2020
 9:00 AM St. Thomas Parishioners
 4:00 PM Joseph Andulics

Sunday March 22, 2020
4th Sunday of Lent
 9:00 AM Kathleen Klejka
 11:00 AM Ted Linn
 2nd Collection: Loose Change
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Pre-Baptismal Classes-2020

March 15 St. Thomas-12:30 PM (440) 949-7744
 April 21 St. Mary-7:30 PM (440) 934-4212
 May 21 Holy Spirit-7:30 PM (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 letter of good standing from their church.

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

Liturgical Schedule

Saturday, March 21-4:00 PM
 C-M Rozmarynowycz L-J Mack
 EM-RjZaborski, L & M Wenzel
 C-M Rozmarynowycz, S Lynch

Sunday, March 22-9:00 AM
 C-B Bearlka L-R Radeff
 EM-K Yatson, H Centifanti, H Schremp
 C-R Radeff, P Blazina

Sunday, March 22-11:00 AM
 C-M Fairweather L-J Houlihan
 EM-J Kelly, D Gray, D Munro
 C-S Brunkow, M Fairweather



Weekly Collection	Goal	\$5,000.00
March 8, 2020		\$3,109.00

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

St. Thomas Church Events

March 15-1st Reconciliation	12-1:00 PM
March 15-BP/Sugar	9:30 AM-12 PM
March 15-Baptism Class	12:30-1:00 PM
March 20-Fish Fry	4-7:00 PM
March 29-Communal Penance (St. Anthony)	2-4:00 PM

St. Joseph, Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary

March 19 Joseph was the perfect husband: the only major character in Jesus' story who never utters a word! The Gospel recounts and the liturgy celebrates his silent witness of faith-filled deeds: "With a husband's love he cherished Mary, the Virgin Mother of God; with fatherly care he watched over Jesus." Catholic devotion hails him as patron-protector of the universal Church. Some cultures set a festive "Saint Joseph's Table," welcoming the poor and strangers to feast with family and friends. Tradition keeps today as the anniversary of his death, which we presume was peaceful, with Jesus and Mary present. Catholics invoke Joseph as Patron of a Happy Death. Descended from David's house, which God finished "building" through Joseph's provision of a home for Mary and Jesus, he was a carpenter by trade, a patron of workers. Spring, begins between his feast and Annunciation appropriately, since Joseph's silent obedience and Mary's "Let it be done to me according to your word" usher in humanity's spiritual rebirth.

St. Thomas Fish Fry Serving in Grismer hall 4 PM-7 PM every Friday until April 3rd. Menu choices of Perch, Cod, Schrimp, Pierogi, Vegetable Lasagna Dinners. Sides include salad bar, pizza, mac & cheese, fries & cabbage & noodles. We now take Credit Cards.

Christmas Eve Night Mass Our Parish Council is considering a change in the Christmas Eve Night Mass from 10PM to 8PM. The other Christmas Masses would remain the same: 4PM Christmas Eve and 10AM Christmas Day.

Protecting God's Children "Protecting God's Children" protects children from sexual abuse. Inform local authorities of inappropriate behavior. Call 216-334-2999 responseservices@dioceseofcleveland.org

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.



Thank You

...to Koltin for cleaning up trash by the dumpsters.

Thirst Each time today's Gospel story is read, I can't help but think of the many television commercials I've seen of athletes lifting a beverage to their lips while the scorching sun beats down on them. Our culture has definite ideas about how to quench thirst. Today, those ideas are turned upside down. The Samaritan woman operates on the TV commercial level. She asks Jesus for the flowing water so that she will not have to keep coming to the well. Jesus then talks about what real thirst is, and how he alone, can quench that thirst. Lent calls us to find those places deep within ourselves where we thirst. In our thirst we cry out to God asking for springs of living water. Deep down we know that only the Lord can satisfy these thirsts.

Treasures from our Tradition We make transitions along life's journey, and search for meaning. Watch an infant take those first wobbly steps. Inevitably they are toward the arms of a dear one, and the gleeful smile and wordless laughter let us know that the baby understands that the whole world is renewed in an instant. Parents may see that wide-eyed smile again some years later as they flip car keys in the teenager's direction, and by God's grace at in-between moments of forgiveness and affirmation. Sacraments open a window to the blessings of everyday life and help us claim their deep meaning. A voice from a fiery bush warned Moses to take off his shoes because he stood on "holy ground." Your first steps, your first word, taking your place at the family table, stirring to new love, forgiving and being forgiven: all of this is holy, laden with meaning, full of possibilities. Sacraments are not escape pods from the realities of the everyday; rather they invest us ever more deeply in life and recruit us for the kingdom inaugurated by Jesus. We take baby steps all our life long. They are always directed toward the arms of a loving God, and always on the common holy ground of a community's life.


Water for Others The story of Jesus and the Samaritan woman speaks of tired and thirsty people. Jesus is tired and thirsty from his journey. The Samaritan woman is not only tired of the difficult chore of obtaining water, but is thirsty for something more. Jesus presents himself as living water for her, able to satisfy a deeper thirst in her heart. Through his patience and compassion, he opens a new wellspring of God's sustenance for her. How might we be water for others in our thirsty world? Jesus crossed boundaries of gender, ethnicity, and religious division. Jesus began in vulnerability, in need of hospitality from a stranger. His was a non-threatening, compassionate presence. Jesus did not begin by speaking about himself or God, but entered into ordinary conversation with her. Perhaps we have opportunities to follow Jesus' example.

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

Family Perspective
 It's Jesus' time, men and women did not converse; Samaritans and Jews hated each other. In today's Gospel, Jesus was able to change the life of a woman at the well because he was willing to break down the barriers of hatred and misunderstanding. Whenever we break the barriers of misunderstanding and mend tattered relationships in our own families, we too discover the "gift of God" in our midst.

Events Around Town
St. Elizabeth Homeless Center St. Thomas prepares Hot Meals twice a month for the overnight shelter. To help cook, or donate food contact Penny (440) 949-7548. Use boxes marked Shelter for donations.
Mass Intentions are available for 2020/2021. Cost is \$10.00 each. Contact the Parish Office to schedule.
Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help is prayed before 9 AM Mass every Monday.
The Rosary is prayed daily before 9 AM Mass. This includes the weekends.
Help the Hospital Visiting the sick is one of the corporal works of mercy. Among the patients at St. John Medical Center, in Westlake, are many Catholics, and often they hunger for spiritual nourishment as they contend with illness. If you are an EM at your parish and would like to help contact Fr. Dan Fickes at 440-827-5248. We can accommodate your schedule.
Catholic Cemeteries Association Monthly Grief Support Groups: God has seen your tears and heard your prayers. Don't walk this journey of grief alone. Join us at 3:00 PM on the 3rd Sunday of each month St. Joseph Cemetery, Avon. Next meeting is March 15th. Contact Rhonda at rabrams@clecem.org or 216-930-4866.
First Friday Forum Lorain County Spitzer Conference Center is April 3rd. Luncheon: 11:30 AM • Speaker: Sr. Melannie Svoboda, SND from 12:00 – 1:00 PM \$20.00 per reservation. Reservation Deadline: 6:00 PM, Monday, March 30th. Pay at the door or mail check to: First Friday Forum of Lorain County, 320 Middle Avenue, Elyria, OH 44035 Call 440-244-0643 or fflorain@gmail.com
Welcome to our Parish Community Jack Farris, Colten Farris, Dominic Bunner and Addison Bunner. God Bless the children and parents on this faith journey together.

Catholic Radio Stations
 1220 AM-WHKW Radio The Word
 1260 AM-The Rock
 1060 AM-Living Bread
<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.

 **\$1.00 Off**
Fish Fry Dinner
3/13/2020