

*The just shall shine
like the stars*



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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

St. Thomas the Apostle

715 Harris Road * Sheffield Lake * Ohio *
44054-1409
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November 14, 2021 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses: Saturday Vigil: 4:00
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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Mass Schedule

Thanksgiving for all Blessings

Sunday	November 14, 2021 333rd Week in Ordinary Time	
10:00 AM	L/D Holy Name 2nd Collection: Loose Change	
Monday	November 15, 2021 St. Albert the Great	
9:00 AM	L & D Beth Carandang & family	
Tuesday	November 16, 2021 St. Margaret of Scotland; St. Gertrude	
9:00 AM	L & D Audrey Aldrete & family	
Wednesday	November 17, 2021 St. Elizabeth of Hungry	
9:00 AM	L & D Kathy Metzgar & family	
Thursday	November 18, 2021 Dedication of the Basilicas of Ss Peter & Paul St. Rose Philippine Duchesne	
9:00 AM	L & D Stacy Walker & family	
Friday	November 19, 2021	
9:00 AM	All Souls	
Saturday	November 20, 2021	
9:00 AM	George Roth	
4:00 PM	Joseph Andulics	
Sunday	November 21, 2021 Jesus Christ King of the Universe	
10:00 AM	L/D Ladies Guild 2nd Collection: LooseChange Lectionary Year: "B"	

Pre-Baptism Class-2021

November 16-6:30 PM St. Joseph (440) 933-3152
No December Class

January 16,-11:30 AM St. Thomas (440) 949-7744
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.

St. Thomas needs Lectors, Readers, Eucharist Ministers & Servers. No Experience needed. "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.

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>

Liturgical Schedule

Saturday, November 20-4:00 PM

C-L Prokay L-M Rozmarynowycz
EM-R O'Connor, K Mack, S Helman

Sunday, November 21-10:00 AM

C-B Bearlka L-J Ritter
EM-B Smith, K Janosik, M Fairweather

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



Weekly Collection Goal

\$5,000.00

November 7, 2021 \$4,086.00

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

weGiveCatholic In the Spirit of Thanksgiving You heard about Black Friday and Cyber Monday, now you can share your blessings on Tuesday, November 30: Giving Tuesday. The Diocese of Cleveland asks you to be part of Northeast Ohio's Online Day of #weGiveCatholic, which allows you to contribute to programs and sites, ministries, and other Catholic nonprofits in Northeast Ohio. Simply use your computer or smartphone on Tuesday, November 30 from 12 AM-11:59 PM go to www.weGiveCatholic.org, search St. Thomas the Apostle and donate. In the spirit of the season of gratitude, remember to Give Catholic.

Missalette Party will be Saturday, November 27th at 9:30AM. We need volunteers to help us distribute them and get us ready for the 1st Sunday of Advent.

Church Decorating Party is Sunday, December 19th at 11AM. We need help decorating and preparing the Church for the Christmas Season.

Parish Council meets the 4th Monday of the month at 6:30 PM. (Note time change)

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.

Virtus Training <http://www.virtus.org> click training tab. Anyone working with children in our Parish must do this.

Musician Need for Sunday Masses. Contact Fr. Steve.

Feast of Faith; Blessing and Dismissal

At the beginning of Mass, the priest made the sign of the cross with us. At the conclusion of Mass, he makes the sign of the cross over us, a sign of blessing. We are then dismissed, sent forth with a mission "to love and serve the Lord." Just as Jesus blessed his disciples as he ascended to heaven, so this leave-taking is joined to a blessing, a prayer for God's continuing protection. As we leave the church, we bear the invisible sign of the Master whom we follow. In the words of a letter to Diognetus, "Christians are indistinguishable from other people either by nationality, language, or customs. They do not inhabit separate cities of their own, or speak a strange dialect, or follow an outlandish way of life, yet, there is something extraordinary about their lives." We are ordinary people sent forth to live extraordinary lives like Christpouring ourselves out for others in prayer, service, and love.



St. Thomas Church
is Kid Friendly



Thank You

...to Andy for helping to check out the Air Conditioner at Church.

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time; God's Reign

By pointing to the end times, today's readings speak to the coming reign of God, when God will make all things new. In Christ, this time has already begun. We can further God's reign. We can heal broken hearts, free captives, spread the Good News. The reign of God will not be complete without the second coming of Christ. Our weekly Eucharistic gathering is a sign of the fullness of the end times. At Mass we join to recall and to claim the story of Jesus as our own. Together we give thanks to God for the many gifts bestowed upon us. We receive nourishment in the simple but profound meal. And our weak and weary selves are invigorated and transformed by the power of Christ, so that we ourselves might become effective signs of God's reign present and to come.

Lisening with Joyful Hope If the end is near or at least coming for certain, Someone else is even nearer, indeed with us already! For one thing, today's Hebrews reading offers us this blessed assurance: "by one offering (Jesus) has made perfect forever those who are being consecrated." So, by the all-sufficient sacrifice of Christ, forgiveness is ours, our "consecration" having begun in Baptism. Christ's sacrifice, offered once and for all on the cross, is now made ever present in the Church's Eucharistic Sacrifice, the Mass. But even before we hear Hebrews proclaim such Good News, we need to listen with joyful hope to Daniel. For, at that very time Daniel declares "unsurpassed in distress," Daniel promises "at that time your people shall escape, everyone who is found written in the book." Recalling Hebrews again, the writing of Daniel's "book," namely the Book of Life, begins when our names are inscribed on the day of our baptism.

Treasures from Our Tradition This week might be a good time to stock our spiritual cupboard along with our kitchen cupboard in preparation for our celebration of Thanksgiving. Before there was a Thanksgiving Day, even before there were Pilgrims, the Roman Catholic Church celebrated Ember Days ("change-of-season days") as periods of thanksgiving for seasonal harvests. This means it is a customary Catholic way to give thanks to God through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. In the 1969 reformed calendar it was left up to the national conferences of bishops to set dates for Ember Days. However, tucked within Catholic Household Blessings and Prayers the three days before Thanksgiving as days of prayer, charity, and fasting. Why wait for an official proclamation? Why not undertake to observe those three days in that way in your parish, or even in your family? What could be more natural at this time of year?

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

Today's gospel speaks about the end of time. Our lives are filled with endings and they usually come before we are ready for them. All of these small endings are preparing us for the final ending of our life on earth. Let's be thankful for the present moment and embrace it. Yet we must also be ready to let go, for only when we do are we able to embrace the next. And give some thought and prayer to the final ending of our lives so we are ready for the Lord when He comes.

Events Around Town

USCCB "Receiving the COVID-19 vaccines ought to be considered an act of love, charity and safety toward members of our community, our neighbor and part of our moral responsibility for the common good," Visit <http://usccb.org/moral-considerations-covid-vaccines>

Qualified Charitable Distributions If you are 70 ½ or older, you may be able to make a gift of a Qualified Charitable Distribution from your IRA that will help us in our ministry and reduce your taxable income. Talk to your advisors and IRA administrator to be sure that your gift is made directly from an IRA to a qualified charity such as our parish. Questions? Contact Mary Lou Ozimek of the Catholic Community Foundation at 216-225-9120.

Masks Our Bishop Edward recommends that we wear masks for Mass and other indoor parish gatherings, while maintaining patience and charity for those who choose not to get vaccinated or wear the masks.

Brookside High School Mobile Food Pantry is the 3rd Wednesday of each month from 4:30 PM-6:00 PM. The next event is November 17th. Make sure your trunk is clean out. If you arrive early, park in Severts stadium parking lot due to school dismissals. No early pick-up.

Catholic Campaign for Human Development Collection: November 20-21-22, 2021. Many American families are struggling to make ends meet, but the struggle is even more difficult for those living in poverty. Parishes and organizations in the Diocese of Cleveland are using the funds to help people in poverty break this cycle. Help us continue this good work by supporting CCHD.

NET (National Evangelization Teams) Ministries is a Catholic retreat ministry whose mission is to "Challenge young Catholics to love Christ and embrace the life of the Church." Members travel the country in vans doing retreats for junior high and high school aged youth. visit www.netusa.org/retreats

Catholic Radio Stations

1220 AM-WHKW Radio The Word

1260 AM-The Rock

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

'Table Talk' 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

Pro-Life Doctor's List Call 440-322-0076 or visit www.loraincountyrighttolife.org under Resources/Issues.

