



# St. Thomas the Apostle

715 Harris Road Sheffield Lake Ohio

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**Serving our Community  
for over 60 years**

**January 21, 2024  
3rd Sunday in Ordinary  
Time**



## Parish Staff

Father Stephen L. Shields..... Pastor  
Mrs. Heather Centifanti.....Office Manager  
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## Communications

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Funeral Luncheon-Dave Johnston.....(440) 670-0204

## Parish Cluster Contacts

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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 A Pre-Baptismal Class is required. One Sponsor must be an active Catholic. If not from St. Thomas the Apostle Parish they need a Sponsor Letter from the Parish 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**

Be the Light!!!

**Sunday January 21, 2024**  
**3rd Week in Ordinary Time**

10:00 AM L/D Ladies Guild

**Monday January 22, 2024**  
**Day of Prayer for Unborn**

**Children**

9:00 AM Joseph Andulics

**Tuesday January 23, 2024**  
**St. Vincent; St. Marianne Cope**

9:00 AM Krista Plowman

**Wednesday January 24, 2024**  
**St. Francis de Sales**

9:00 AM Michael Kilarsky

**Thursday January 25, 2024**  
**The Conversion of St. Paul**

9:00 AM Ray Arena

**Friday January 26, 2024**  
**St. Timothy; St. Titus**

9:00 AM Charlotte Kowalski

**Saturday January 27, 2024**  
**St. Angela Merici**

9:00 AM All Souls

4:00 PM Ray Arena

**Sunday January 28, 2024**  
**4th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

10:00 AM Elenore Fragassi  
 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.

**Weekly Offering** Please increase your Offering so we may meet our weekly financial goals. Thank you for your generous and continued support.

Offertory Statements for 2023 are available by calling the Parish Office. They are by Mail Only.

**Pre-Baptism Class-2024****New Schedule will be posted soon.**

All new, expecting parents are required to attend a Pre-Baptismal Class before scheduling a baptism at the Parish they attend. One Godparents must be an active

**Weekly Collection Goal**

\$5,000.00

January 14, 2024

\$2,876..50

**Saving for Paving-We Give Catholic**

Amount Needed: \$23,000.00 (October 2023)

Amount Donated: \$17,490.00

**Thank You**

Catholic with a Sponsors Certificate from the Church they attend if they don't belong to St. Thomas.

**St. Thomas Church Events**

**Saving for Paving** We are saving to have all our driveways and parking lots repaired, resurfaced and relined. Donations in addition to our regular contributions can be made by check. In the memo field, write Paving.

**BP/Sugar Screening** There will be no BP/Sugar Screening in the Month of January. Watch Bulletin for next date in February.

**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

**Thank You**

...to everyone donating to our Saving for Paving, we are getting there!!!

the needy. Blankets are available for donation. To donate materials or finances contact Justine (440) 830-9990.

**Events Around Town**

**Ash Wednesday** is February 14, 2024. Ash Wednesday is a day of universal fast and abstinence in the Church. Since February 14 is celebrated as St. Valentine Day, parishioners are reminded of fasting and abstinence from meat since no dispensation will be given for this day which marks the solemn beginning of Lent.

**Free In-Office and Virtual Monthly Grief Support:**

Catholic Cemeteries Association continues to offer free monthly in-office and virtual grief support groups. In a comfortable and supportive environment, you'll find a warm fellowship of people with similar grief experiences. Join by computer or phone. To register to receive login instructions to download the handout materials, contact Rhonda (216) 930-4866.

**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 make your gift directly to our parish. Call MaryLou Ozimek (216) 696-6525 x4070.

**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 pick-up.

**Protecting God's**

**Children** from sexual abuse. Call

**Liturgical Schedule**

**Saturday-January 20-4:00 PM**

C-MB Riley L-S Riley

EM-A & J Balmert, P Rieth

**Sunday-January 21-10:00 AM**

C-N Olitsky L-B Barelka

EM-K Yatson, B Smith, H Centifanti

Please help if needed at the Mass you attend.

