

March 31, 2024

# Christ my hope is Risen



A happy and blessed Easter to everyone! Jesus suffered, died and rose from the dead. He is now preparing a place for each one of us for all eternity. He is with us until the end of time. We, indeed, have much to be grateful for and to rejoice about.

The emphasis today, as it should be everyday of our lives, is the joy we have as Christians. Just imagine what those first disciples experienced when they encountered the Risen Lord. How great their joy must have been! Defeat was turned into victory. Death was turned into life...eternal life. What joy must have filled their hearts.

Today we are reminded that each one of us is called to live that joy. However, it is a joy that does not come easily. There is no victory without struggle. No ecstasy without agony. We cannot have rising without first having died. We cannot expect happiness to come cheaply or easily. It takes work and faith.

A happy and blessed Easter Season is my wish and prayer for each of you. I do not want this wish to be the equivalent of "Have a nice day." Rather, I want you to experience and to live your life in the joy and the power of the Risen Lord. Despite all the sufferings and trials in life, we can already get a glimpse of the eternal life and happiness that Easter reminds us of. St. Augustine once said in the fourth century, "We are an Easter people and Alleluia is our song." The three greatest words are: HE IS RISEN! The greatest privilege and command is also only three words: GO AND TELL!

This is Easter day. It is the beginning of the 50 day season of celebration. Tell your story. Share your faith. Let joy radiate from all you say and do. Proclaim it to all you meet; Christ is Risen. He is Risen, indeed. Alleluia!!

May our lives, full of joy and love of the Risen Lord, announce His resurrection to all we meet!



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## This N That by Deacon Skip

When I wasn't looking it became Easter. I remember as a boy growing up on Memorial somehow it evolved into being my job that every Holy Saturday I would carry a basket of food down to St. Christopher's for the Easter Blessing. My mother had a special basket for the occasion which she would line with our best linen napkins and fill the basket with items for our Easter meals. What stands in my mind are the salt and pepper shakers; they were crystal with silver tops. She also always included a butter lamb and a couple of small loaves of pumpernickel bread. I can't remember the rest-I'm sure dyed eggs were in the basket.

The other thing I remember is that on Easter morning there would be a basket of candy for each of us kids. The basket would somehow come no matter what our financial condition was at the time. I always looked forward to the basket. I would save my favorite candy for last, working my way through the less important stuff.

When I was out this past week, I spotted my first tree with a green haze to it. I could not identify the type of tree, but it clearly thought it was spring time. Before long the nature preserve behind me will be turning green as well, The year is marching on.

Don't forget SVDP; don't forget the food pantry.

### Ministries Center/SVDP (734) 425-9771



Here are the current items needed for the pantry: cans/box mix potatoes; cans soup, tuna, beef stew or Manwich, mixed vegetables, pancake mix, syrup, dish soap, laundry soap, toilet paper, brown paper grocery bags. Any and all donations are always appreciated!

The food pantry is open every Thursday from 10am-12pm in the Ministries Building. If you would like to receive items from the pantry, please call (734) 425-9771.

## Scripture Readings for the Week of March 31, 2024

### Sunday, March 31, 2024

#### The Resurrection of the Lord

Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9

### Monday, April 1, 2024

Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11; Mt 28:8-15

### Tuesday, April 2, 2024

Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22; Jn 20:11-18

### Wednesday, April 3, 2024

Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9; Lk 24:13-35

### Thursday, April 4, 2024

Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9; Lk 24:35-48

### Friday, April 5, 2024

Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2 and 4, 22-24, 25-27a; Jn 21:1-14

### Saturday, April 6, 2024

Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21; Mk 16:9-15

### Sunday, April 7, 2024

#### Sunday of Divine Mercy

Acts 4:32-35; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; 1 Jn 5:1-6; Jn 20:19-31

#### Perpetual Help Devotion

Every Tuesday after 9:00 AM Mass

#### Eucharistic Adoration (one hour)

First Friday of Each Month after 9:00 AM Mass





# Nankin Family of Parishes



## Mass Schedule

**St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy (734) 425-4421**  
8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland  
**St. Mary, Wayne (734) 721-8745**  
34530 Michigan Avenue, Wayne  
**St. Richard (734) 729-2240**  
35851 Cherry Hill Road, Westland  
**St. Thomas the Apostle (734) 427-1533**  
31530 Beechwood Street, Garden City

<b>Monday</b>	9:00 am 12:00 pm	St. Mary, Wayne St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy, Westland (followed by Eucharistic Adoration)
<b>Tuesday</b>	9:00 am 9:00 am	St. Thomas the Apostle, Garden City St. Richard, Westland
<b>Wednesday</b>	12:00 pm	St. Thomas the Apostle, Garden City
<b>Thursday</b>	9:00 am	St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy, Westland
<b>Friday</b>	9:00 am 9:00 am	St. Thomas the Apostle, Garden City St. Mary, Wayne
<b>Saturday</b>	4:00 pm 4:00 pm 5:30 pm	St. Thomas the Apostle, Garden City St. Mary, Wayne St. Mary Cause of Our Joy, Westland
<b>Sunday</b>	8:30 am 9:00 am  10:00 am 11:00 am  11:30 am 2:00 pm	St. Mary, Wayne St. Thomas the Apostle, Garden City St. Mary Cause of Our Joy, Westland St. Richard, Westland St. Thomas the Apostle, Garden City St. Mary Cause of Our Joy, Westland St. Mary, Wayne St. Mary, Wayne (SPANISH)

### Confessions (also by appointment)

<b>Tuesday</b>		St. Richard, Westland (after 9 am Mass)
<b>Saturday</b>	3:00 pm 3:00 pm 6:30 pm	St. Thomas the Apostle, Garden City St. Mary, Wayne St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy, Westland

**CASINO BUS TRIP**

**THURSDAY, APRIL 18, 2024** **\$45**

**ONE DAY OF FUN!**

FOR \$45 YOU RECEIVE:  
 > \$20 FREE SLOT PLAY  
 > \$5 IN POINTS (FOR FOOD, DRINK, MERCHANDISE, ADDITIONAL FREE SLOT PLAY)  
 > RAFFLES & PRIZES

MUST BE 21 TO PARTICIPATE

BUS DEPARTS FROM ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CHURCH PARKING LOT AT 9:00 AM AND RETURNS BY 6:00 PM.

JOIN US ON A FUN-FILLED DAY TRIP TO FIREKEEPERS CASINO!

**TICKETS NOW ON SALE IN PARISH OFFICE**

## Parish Staff & Services

### Pastor

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Rev. Mr. Leon Rodgers

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**Music Minister.....** Paul Shafer

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Rob Walker

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 Frank Tofil

#### Knights of Columbus #4513

Grand Knight..... John Galdes


#### Rosary Altar Sodality

President..... Missy Taylor  
 (734) 425-5550

Worship Schedule		April 6 & 7, 2024	
MINISTERS	SAT 8:00 PM	SUN 9:00 AM	SUN 11:00 AM
CELEBRANT	FATHER LAWRENCE ZURAWSKI	FATHER LAWRENCE ZURAWSKI	FATHER LAWRENCE ZURAWSKI
ALTAR SERVERS	JERRY KOWALCZYK	JULIE GALDES	ADAEZE ENWERE CHIMAKA ENWERE
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST	CORDELIA CHUKWUDI CANDY HENRY VIKKI WOROSZ	GLORY MCGAHAN JOAN PALMER PATRICIA RYAN	EVIE BURGESS SALLIE QUINN MISSY TAYLOR
LECTORS	FRANK TOFIL	TRACY CONYER	MIKE WELDON
SACRISTAN	CAROL STEC	MARGARITA LOPEZ	SALLIE QUINN
MASS INTENTIONS	+ THOMAS J. MALONEY + CRAIG WELKENBACH	+ EDWARD THOMAS AND CHILDREN	THE DEMPSEY FAMILY + PATRICIA POUPARD

*Offertory collection is reported monthly.*  
 Thank you for your support and may God bless you!  
 Please remember St. Thomas the Apostle when writing your will.

**ARE YOU REGISTERED AT ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE?**  
 If you have been looking for a new parish we would appreciate you considering St. Thomas the Apostle as your parish. Stop by the Parish Center and fill out a registration form or download one from our website [www.thomastheapostle.org](http://www.thomastheapostle.org).  
 You can stop by the office, or put it in the collection basket at Mass. Young adults over 18 should be registered on their own registration form.



*Weekday Masses*  
 April 1 - 5, 2024

**Tuesday, April 2**  
 9:00 am.....CHURCH  
 PARISHIONERS OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

**Wednesday, April 3**  
 12:00 pm.....CHURCH  
 + ADAM & CAROLINE DRYJA  
 + DIANE ALSON

**Friday, April 5**  
 9:00 am.....CHURCH  
 KAPANKE-OMILIAN FAMILIES  
 + CAROL HILL

**Bulletin Editor**  
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Bulletin article deadline is Monday before the issue date by 8:00 a.m. During holidays, articles must be submitted two Mondays before issue. All articles and submissions are subject to approval and editing.

*Rejoice!*  
 He Is Risen!

## Please Pray For...

Alaska, Shirley  
Batherson, Barbara  
Baumgardner, Patty  
Benninger, Chuck  
Block, Karen  
Brunelle, Nola  
Burke-Misencar, Jennifer  
Burke, Larry  
Burris, Nikita and Family  
Cabajal-Christopher, June  
Cepko Family  
Chop, Nancy Grabel  
Cockrum, Tommy  
D'Angelo, Rebecca  
Decaminada, Mona  
DeGrande, Colleen  
DeGrande, Sam

Dempsey, Bob  
Dempsey, Joe  
Dempsey, Sgt Joseph  
Dempsey, Michele  
Dewey, Thomas  
Durkin Jr., Gerald Lee  
Fornasiero, Joseph  
Gozowsky, David  
Harte, John  
Kapanke, Dolores  
Keesee, Cheryl  
Kinnelly, Kathy  
LeVoir, Lorraine  
LeVoir, Sherry  
Lobb, Cindy  
Lobb, Jeri  
Lowe, Jonathan  
Malish, Rosemary  
O'Connell, Evan

Paczas, Karen  
Pastula, Shirley  
Prosser, Cindy  
Sanak, Francene  
Sanregret, John  
Soine, Dianna  
Stites, Keith  
Sutherland, Eleanor  
Taggart, Denise  
Tatro, Mary Jean  
Tsaprazis, Pete  
Turcotte, Joshua  
Vitale, Vito  
Wildauer, Mark  
Wurtz, Lorraine  
Zarzycki, Stanley



Prayer list requests can be made only with the knowledge and permission

of the person being added. Please do not add anybody without their permission. To add, keep a person on the prayer list, or to remove a name, please call the parish office at (734) 427-1533. Thank you!

## Pray for the First Saturday Memorial Association from July 2023-June 30, 2024

Deceased members of Ajlouny & Blaty families  
Deceased & Live Members of The Batherson Family  
Loving Memory of Thomas Bencic  
Loving Memory of Aunt Loretta Brandt  
In Loving Memory of Walter & Mary Burdis  
Loving Memory of Sgt. Bryan K. Burgess  
Loving Memory of Coach Dave Cain  
Family & Friends of Tommy/Barbara Cockrum  
In Loving Memory of Robert Edward Derda  
In Loving Memory of Gorny & Kushnir Families  
In Loving Memory of My Husband Donald Grant  
Loving Memory of Jessie & Chester Gugala  
In Loving Memory of Robert S. Hoffman  
In Loving Memory of Bob and Ann Hoelscher  
Loving Memory of Eugene Hynek  
Kapanke-Omilian Family  
Deceased Members of the Kattula Family  
Deceased Members of LaMar and Dryja Families  
For my mom: Irene Maksimczyk  
The Malish and Porembiak Families

In Loving Memory for Reynold Mirabitor, Sr.  
In Loving Memory of Audrey Mocadlo  
Loving Memory of Jerry Moynahan  
Deceased Members of the Niwa and Cielma Families  
Angel Dr. Dominic J. Noonan  
In Loving Memory of Ben and Phyllis Ornatowski  
Deceased members of Pattock & Stuecken families  
In loving memory of Anthony and Rosemary Pawlak  
Angel Danny P. Pepera  
My loving wife of 66 years, Mary J. Pepera  
In Loving Memory of Frances Jean Read  
In Memory of Richard and Elenore Reed  
In Loving and Grateful Memory of My Wife Joanne Shankin  
In Loving Memory of Thomas Stempniak  
Deceased Members of the Sturm & Preba Families  
Deceased Members of the Szuba & Balawajder Families  
In Loving Memory of Leigh Tesarz  
Deceased Members of the Ulivi and Preville Families  
In Loving Memory of Sherwood & Carolyn Webber

## Pray for those Serving in the Military

Ainsworth, Sgt. Amber  
Ainsworth, Sgt. Raymond  
Angelovic, Adrian  
Angelovic, George  
Ardinger, Stephanie  
Baumgardner, AJ  
Becker, Justin  
Bregand, David  
Brozek, Timothy  
Burris, Peter  
Campbell, Mary  
Canfield, Chaz  
Chokr, Jamel  
Cinka, Jonathan  
Coatsworth, Michael

Comment, Scott  
DiCicco, Bill  
Dwyer, Tyler  
Ellsworth, Justin  
Fisher, Bob  
Gentilia, Anthony  
Hunter, Cassidy  
Kashou, Christopher  
Laichalk, Robert  
Logan, Jonathon  
Logan, Sean Patrick  
Logan, Jeff  
Lowe, Jonathan  
Masiarak, Luke  
McHale, Sgt. Shawn

McCarville, William E.  
McGahan, Wade  
McGaw, Douglas  
Meadows, Erin  
Moody, Samantha  
Murray, Daniel  
Nguyen, Staff Sgt. Truong  
Ohannesian, Brandon  
Pastula, Michael Thomas  
Porcaro, Jeff  
Preba, Danny  
Rosa, Brian J.  
Rosa, Douglas J.  
Rousseau, Philip  
Sheko, Destiny

Smith, David  
Smitt, David  
Spiczka, Cathy  
Spiczka, Greg  
Sparrow, Justin  
Spohr, Raymond  
Squires, Zachary  
Szerszen, Michael  
Tesarz, Ian Michael  
Waldo, Michael  
Webb, Brian  
Wiertella, Jonathan  
Witt, Christopher



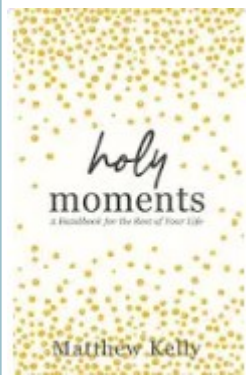


Missy Taylor

Director of Religious Formation / Coordinator of Youth and Young Adult Ministry

### RELIGIOUS FORMATION

Wishing you all the joy that the resurrected Jesus brings to this very special Easter season. He is our Hope! He is our Savior! He is our Promise! May we always remember the sacrifice that he made for us that speaks to just how much **He loves us**. Please don't let the end of Lent be the end of our time for praying, for almsgiving, and for making a difference in this world. That should



become for us, a way of life. Perhaps we could help to make this world a nicer place...My Lenten Resolution of creating Holy Moments will continue on a daily basis. What can you do to make this the best Easter season ever? I have a few more copies of Matthew Kelly's "Holy Moments." Please

check for free copies in the Gathering Space! **Happy Easter!** Go out and rejoice for He has risen! **ALLELUIA!!**



Right to Life - LIFESPAN

**THANK YOU !  
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Through your **VERY GENEROUS** donations, we were able to provide invaluable help and support to Wee Care, an outreach program of Right to Life-LIFESPAN and the Image of God Crisis Pregnancy Center. Each week I had to empty the play pen, as the donations were so plentiful!! Thanks to your generosity, there are MANY grateful babies and families! May God bless you all abundantly!



CYT Presents...

# Zoo Scavenger Hunt

**When:** Saturday, April 20, 2024  
10am-1:30pm  
(Arrive by 9:45am!)

**Where:** Detroit Zoo

**Who:** Middle School Students

**Cost:** \$20

Lions and Tigers and Bears...OH MY!!  
Join other youth for a day at the Zoo!  
We will split into teams and participate in a fun scavenger hunt and gather afterwards for prizes and picnic lunch (please bring a bagged lunch)

Please RSVP to MISSY by Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup>

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