

April 28, 2024

I AM THE WAY & THE TRUTH & THE LIFE

5th Sunday of Easter



"Peter, do you love me?" Being a fisherman of few words, Peter answers. "Yes." That does not feel quite right to Jesus, so he persists: *"I said, do you love me?"* Peter gets suspicious and replies, *"Don't you remember? I'm the one who first recognized you as the Messiah; I'm the one who almost drowned running to you on water. You know that I love you."* Jesus senses that they are getting close, so he presses on: *"I know that you love me but I want you to say it."* Peter sighs and confesses, *"You know how much I love you."*

That seems like a lot of work for a simple question. Some people do not realize how difficult it is for other people to say those three little words. It is especially difficult for some men.

Dostoevsky wrote: *"Love in dreams is a beautiful thing; but love in reality is a harsh and dreadful thing."*

Why are we so hesitant to say how we feel? It is because love is so basic and so radical. To love engages our total essence. To choose to love is a crucial decision. Nothing forces us to love. There are no convincing reasons that love makes sense, or works or is not harmful. Without always knowing why, we choose to love, having no knowledge of its consequences. No wonder it is frightening.

When we love, we do not offer part of ourselves, a fragment of our interest or a piece of who we are. When we love someone, we offer all that we are and all that we will ever have. We commit ourselves into the future and into eternity. That is why love is divine, that is why God is love and we must love God in return.

It only takes a moment, but it is our most crucial choice. In our busy lives, it is easy to neglect our relationship with God. God does not need our love. Yet God wants to know we love him and to hear the words, *"I love you."* So, don't say that you keep God's commandments; that you are a good person or that you want to get to heaven. That's all very good—but it's only a sign of your love.

Jesus asks each one of us today and everyday, *"Do you love me?"* Don't quibble, don't clutch, don't use excuses or put it off. Just clear your throat and say it, *"I love you, Lord,"* and then let everyone know by the way you live.

This week would be a great time to express our love to the people we love. Do it by using the words Jesus wants to hear: *"I love you."*

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This N That by Deacon Skip

This weekend's Gospel is another example of Jesus using an everyday event to explain His principles. The reference in the gospel is to the issues involved in maintaining a vineyard, an everyday event. It reminds me of my Dad when we lived on Littlefield in Detroit.

Dad did not have a vineyard; he made his own wine. He would buy a couple of bushels of grapes, crush them, then store the remains in big crocks in our basement. It would sit in the crocks until deemed to be ready for bottling. He even built his own grape crusher. It also generated a fair number of fruit flies which drove my mother nuts.

Crushing grapes is integral to making wine. It releases the juice from the grapes. At the same time it puts the pulp of the grapes in contact with the skin of the grapes. This contact causes a chemical reaction we call fermentation-it puts the alcohol into wine.

Eventually we moved off Littlefield to a house on Outer Drive, and his wine making stopped. My parents were very proud and pleased with his wine. I'm not a wine connoisseur by any stretch of the imagination. Looking back I would give this wine a rating of take it or leave it.

Spring has exploded into view this year. Every tree in the neighborhood has at least the signs of buds on them. The flowering trees have been quite vivid. Even the dandelions are having a bumper crop this year. It must have been the right kind of winter.

My curiosity got the better of me, and I checked on the Merriman Road bridge. There is some level of work going on, but there is still no visible construction on the bridge itself. There are huge steel barriers on both sides of the river, but nothing connects north to south. It will definitely be a while before we drive between Warren and Ann Arbor Trail.

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

Ministries Center/SVDP (734) 425-9771



Here are the current items needed for the pantry: cans potatoes, mixed vegetables, cans fruit (no apple sauce needed); any soup except chicken noodle; cereal, pancake mix, syrup, spaghetti sauce, bags rice, dish soap, laundry soap, deodorant, 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 April 28, 2024

Sunday, April 28, 2024

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 9:26-31; Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32;
1 Jn 3:18-24; Jn 15:1-8

Monday, April 29, 2024

**Memorial of Saint Catherine of Siena,
Virgin and Doctor of the Church**

Acts 14:5-18; Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16;
Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday, April 30, 2024

Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21;
Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday, May 1, 2024

Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5;
Jn 15:1-8

Thursday, May 2, 2024

**Memorial of Saint Athanasius, Bishop
and Doctor of the Church**

Acts 15:7-21; Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10;
Jn 15:9-11

Friday, May 3, 2024

**Feast of Saints Philip and James,
Apostles**

1 Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19:2-3, 4-5; Jn 14:6-14

Saturday, May 4, 2024

Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5; Jn 15:18-21

Sunday, May 5, 2024

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48; Ps 98:1, 2-3,
3-4; 1 Jn 4:7-10; Jn 15:9-17



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

Monday	9:00 am	St. Mary, Wayne
	12:00 pm	St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy, Westland <i>(followed by Eucharistic Adoration)</i>
Tuesday	9:00 am	St. Thomas the Apostle, Garden City
	9:00 am	St. Richard, Westland
Wednesday	12:00 pm	St. Thomas the Apostle, Garden City
Thursday	9:00 am	St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy, Westland
Friday	9:00 am	St. Thomas the Apostle, Garden City
	9:00 am	St. Mary, Wayne
Saturday	4:00 pm	St. Thomas the Apostle, Garden City
	4:00 pm	St. Mary, Wayne
	5:30 pm	St. Mary Cause of Our Joy, Westland
Sunday	8:30 am	St. Mary, Wayne
	9:00 am	St. Thomas the Apostle, Garden City
	10:00 am	St. Mary Cause of Our Joy, Westland
	11:00 am	St. Richard, Westland
	11:30 am	St. Thomas the Apostle, Garden City
	2:00 pm	St. Mary Cause of Our Joy, Westland
Confessions (also by appointment)		
Tuesday		St. Richard, Westland (after 9 am Mass)
Saturday	3:00 pm	St. Thomas the Apostle, Garden City
	3:00 pm	St. Mary, Wayne
	6:30 pm	St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy, Westland

Perpetual Help Devotion

Every Tuesday after 9:00 AM Mass

Eucharistic Adoration (one hour)

First Friday of Each Month after 9:00 AM Mass



CELEBRATION OF BAPTISM

On Sunday,
April 21, 2024,
we welcomed

Nora RoseMary Noel

into the St. Thomas the Apostle Church by the
Sacrament of Holy Baptism.



Widowed Friends

Every Friday through May 24 at 2:00 PM – The Widowed Friends 9 Pin No Tap Bowling League will continue its 10-week spring session at Westland Bowl

5940 N. Wayne Rd., Westland. \$8.00 fee covers two games of bowling, awards and banquet at end of season. There is a one-time fee of \$5.00 to cover secretarial cost. We do stop for dinner after. Call Gerry to save a spot for you on a team or if you have any questions, 734-259-5024.

Thursday, May 2, 1:30PM – Art & Jake's Sports Bar & Grill, 39715 Six Mile Rd. near Haggerty Rd., Northville RSVP Host Mary Ann to make a reservation 734-667-3770.

Sunday, May 5 - Church tour of local parishes in the area, at St. Gerald Catholic Church, 21300 Farmington Rd, Farmington. Morning Mass at 10:15 with breakfast in the church hall sponsored by Knights of Columbus. "Free will" donation for breakfast. Please RSVP to Tom, 586-216-1454.

Monday, May 6, 12 noon – 4:00PM – Double Deck Pinochle at Carol's. \$3 covers prizes and snacks, bring your own drinks. Contact Host Carol to RSVP and get directions, 313-562-3080.

Tues, May 7, 10AM – "First Tuesday of the Month Club Breakfast", Senate Coney Island & Restaurant, 34359 Plymouth Rd. at Stark, Livonia. RSVP to Tom, 586-216-1454.

Thursday, May 9, 9AM – Men Only Breakfast, Steve's Family Restaurant (recurring 2nd & 4th Thursday of every month), 15800 Middlebelt Rd, Livonia. The Widowed Men's Group invites you to meet with other widowed men for breakfast. Contact Host Marcel at 313-510-0638.

Wed, May 15, 5-9 PM – The American Legion Stitt Post, 23850 Military, Dearborn Hgts. \$25 (correct change please) for a full Polish buffet dinner which includes beer & wine. Games and Conversation. RSVP Carol, 313-562-3080, by May 11th. We need 50 people, call early.

Tues, May 21, 1:00 – 4:00PM – Euchre in the Afternoon at Villa Marie Center 15131 Newburgh Rd. Livonia, 48154 (behind St. Edith's) All player levels invited to come join the fun & challenges. Call Host Gerry 734-259-5024 to reserve a seat at a table!

Worship Schedule		May 4 & 5, 2024	
MINISTERS	SAT 4:00 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 CHIAMAKA ENWERE
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST	CANDY HENRY JEANNE PYONK VIKKI WOROSZ	TEDDY LUTHER JOAN PALMER PATRICIA RYAN	EVIE BURGESS SALLIE QUINN MISSY TAYLOR
LECTORS	FRANK TOFIL	NANCY DRYJA	VICTORIA A.
SACRISTAN	CAROL STEC	MARGARITA LOPEZ	SALLIE QUINN
MASS INTENTIONS	+ ED SNYDER + MARY PEPERA + LORETTA BRANDT	+ RICHARD CYBULSKI + ROSE SAID + THOMAS STEMPNIAK + MARY JEAN TATRO	PARISHIONERS OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

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.
 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 29–May 3, 2024

Tuesday, April 30
 9:00 am.....CHURCH
 + ENRICO & IDA CANINI

Wednesday, May 1
 12:00 pm.....CHURCH
 + DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE STUART BRADLEY FAMILY

Friday, May 3
 9:00 am.....CHURCH
 + DIANE ALSON

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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.

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
Eichstedt, Laurie
Fornasiero, Joseph
Gozowsky, David
Hamblin, Angelina
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
Smitt, Deb
Soine, Dianna
Stites, Keith
Sutherland, Eleanor
Taggart, Denise
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 Mirabatur, 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. Raymond
Angelovic, Adrian
Angelovic, George
Ardingner, 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 CALENDAR

Monday, April 29 Formation classes @6pm w/May Crowning Practice 6:45pm(dismiss from CHURCH)

Wednesday, May 1 CONFIRMATION 6:30pm at St. Mary Cause of our Joy

Monday, May 6 MAY CROWNING/LIVING ROSARY @ 6pm in CHURCH PLEASE JOIN US!!



MOTHER'S DAY ROSES

This Mother's Day, remember all mothers or those who have been like a mother in your life. Roses may be purchased for \$5 in memory of (deceased) or in honor of (living) those special ladies who have touched your lives. ... FORMS ARE IN THE GATHERING SPACE. ...

Mary, Mother of God

Mary is in Heaven with God. We can ask her to pray for us!

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou amongst women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen



Year B: Fifth Sunday of Easter



ATTENTION ALL GRADUATES!

If you are graduating high school or college in 2024, we would like to celebrate you at our Baccalaureate Mass on Sunday, June 9th at 11:00AM. Please call to add your name to the list or pick up a registration form in the Gathering Space!

It is important that you pre-register!!



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