



6th Sunday of Easter

May 5, 2024



Last Saturday, April 27, thirteen of our youngsters made their First Holy Communion. This past Wednesday, May 1, six of our students were confirmed by Bishop Monforton at St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy with the other students from our Nankin Family of Parishes. Our young children are growing physically and spiritually. May they always remember their special day and the importance of living their Catholic faith with joy and enthusiasm.

Images of the Blessed Virgin Mary have been revered by Christians from the early days of the Church. The reverence for the image is directed to the person it represents. Crowning a statue of the Lord's Mother is symbolic of the honor we give her as the one chosen by God to bear His Son, our Salvation.

During the month of May, a month dedicated to Mary, Catholics have long honored her by placing a crown on her image. The tradition in the United States and many other countries has been for the parish and/or school children to have a "May Crowning" ceremony, with a procession and a wreath of fresh flowers to place on the statue. Songs like "On This Day O Beautiful Mother," "Bring Flowers of the Fairest" and "Holy Mary Now We Crown You" and others have been familiar favorites for generations.

The Church recognizes in the Blessed Virgin Mary a perfect example of a Christian way of life, filled with deep faith and true love for all people. The Mother of God will guide us and support us, enabling us to meet and overcome the challenges of the times in which, through God's will, we live on this earth.

Everyone is invited to our annual Parish May Crowning on Monday, May 8th at 6:00 pm in the evening. Please plan on attending.

Have a Blessed Mother statue in a place of honor in your home. Let it be a place of prayer and devotion for you and for the children.

Pray the Hail Mary. The children may want to color a picture of Mary and hang it up in their room or on the refrigerator as a reminder to pray.

Pray the rosary with the family or alone. You may want to start with one decade before dinner.

Pray the Angelus.

Whatever prayer or devotion you choose, it should deepen your faith and lead you closer to God.

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This N That by Deacon Skip

This is a cautionary tale. A couple of Saturdays ago, in the afternoon mail, I received a shut-off warning. It seems I had not paid my electric bill for a number of months. It wasn't that I could not afford to pay the bill, it was because I didn't know I owed a bill.

It took some detective work of sorts, but apparently Kathy had set up auto-pay from her Yahoo account under an existing credit card. One of two things happened, or maybe both. Either the credit card was closed or Kathy's Yahoo account was closed for lack of use. Either way, DTE did not get paid.

I'm back in the good graces of DTE. The bill was paid rapidly, and auto-pay was re-established with the correct card. The caution to the story is that if a loved one passes away beware of a situation like mine, where a bill is being paid under their internet account and their credit card. The challenge is a big one. It's easy to forget about bills when they are on auto-pay, and it is hard to remember who is on auto-pay and who is not.

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 tomato or vegetable soup, cans mixed fruit, peaches, or pears; spaghetti sauce; peanut butter; pancake mix, syrup, toilet paper 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 May 5, 2024

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

Monday, May 6, 2024

Acts 16:11-15; Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b; Jn 15:26 — 16:4a

Tuesday, May 7, 2024

Acts 16:22-34; Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8; Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday, May 8, 2024

Acts 17:15, 22 — 18:1; Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14; Jn 16:12-15

Thursday, May 9, 2024

Ascension of the Lord

Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9; Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13; Mk 16:15-20

Friday, May 10, 2024

Acts 18:9-18; Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Jn 16:20-23

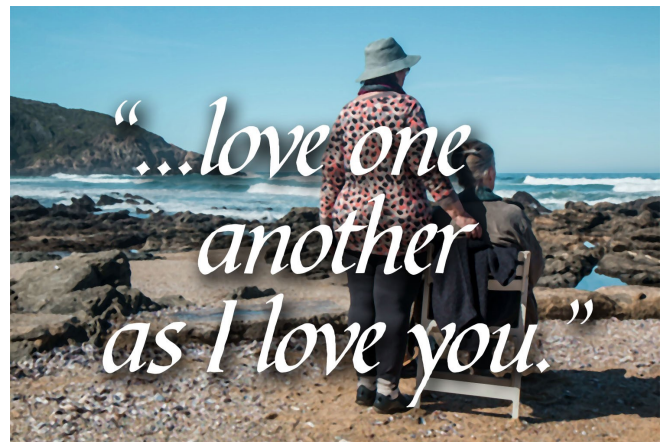
Saturday, May 11, 2024

Acts 18:23-28; Ps 47:2-3, 8-9, 10; Jn 16:23b-28

Sunday, May 12, 2024

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9; Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13; Mk 16:15-20



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
(followed by Eucharistic Adoration)

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
St. Mary Cause of Our Joy, Westland
10:00 am St. Richard, Westland
11:00 am St. Thomas the Apostle, Garden City
St. Mary Cause of Our Joy, Westland
11:30 am St. Mary, Wayne
2:00 pm St. Mary, Wayne (SPANISH)

Confessions (also by appointment)

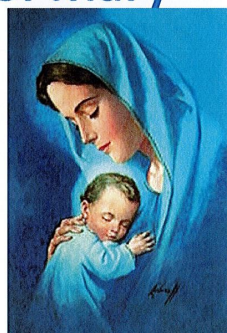
Tuesday St. Richard, Westland (after 9 am Mass)

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

May is the Month of Mary

There Will Be Recitation of the Rosary

Every Wednesday in May
Following the 12 Noon Mass
at St. Thomas the Apostle Parish--Garden City



Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen



NPM Detroit Presents

Jam Session

For the sheer joy
of making music!

Friday,
May 17, 2024
7 PM

St Andrew Catholic Church
1400 Ingelwood Ave
Rochester, MI 48307

All are welcome to come and share Sacred music from all eras and styles (Chant to Praise and Worship). Bring your voices/instruments. No registration required.

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Mother's Day



Sunday, May 12th

After 9am and 11am Masses

Sponsored by Knights of Columbus and Alhambra
Free Will Donation

Perpetual Help Devotion

Every Tuesday after 9:00 AM Mass


Eucharistic Adoration (one hour)

First Friday of Each Month after 9:00 AM Mass

Worship Schedule		May 11 & 12, 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	ISABELLA POWELL	GUNNER LILEY	JULIA HEDRICK NOAH HEDRICK
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST	CORDELIA CHUKWUDI CANDY HENRY FRANK TOFIL	TEDDY LUTHER GLORY MCGAHAN JOAN PALMER	DENISE BIELSKI JOHN SANREGRET JOE SMITH
LECTORS	JEANNE PYONK	TRACY CONYER	STEVE KOVALESKI
SACRISTAN	BOB PROKOP	ANN MYLES	LAURIE EICHSTEDT
MASS INTENTIONS	+ CRAIG WELKENBACH + DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE DARNELL FAMILY CATHLEEN MOTT SUSIE & MICHAEL YATES + JOANNE SHANKIN + KENNY DAUPHINAIS + CHARLES DAUPHINAIS CAROLINA LOPEZ	+ CLARE BIANCHI + BERNICE KARWAN + RAPACKI FAMILY	+ HELEN ARASIN + ROSE KNAPP

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
 May 6-10, 2024

Tuesday, May 7
 9:00 am.....CHURCH
 PARISHIONERS OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

Wednesday, May 8
 12:00 pm.....CHURCH
 + JIM SARB
 + ROBERTO CORDOVA BARRETO

Friday, May 10
 9:00 am.....CHURCH
 + SAM VITALE

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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

A great big **CONGRATULATIONS** to our students who received the gift of Jesus in First Holy Communion Saturday, April 27th. May the joy you experience through receiving our Lord's body fill your heart and ignite that desire for closeness with Him as you continue this journey of faith!



Annaleigh Barnes

Corbyn Davis

Samson Davis

AvaAnn Eichstedt

Ekene Enwere

Natasha Graham

Christian Krappitz

Raymond Opalewski

Madilyn Ray

Dominic Sypolt

Sophia Sypolt

Lucy Vert

Austin Zavala

Prayer for a Child's First Communion

Lord Jesus,

Bless the children coming forward to receive Holy Communion for the first time. May this day be an initial step into a life-long love of the Eucharist. Give them a hunger for this sacred food so that they turn to You for comfort, guidance, and wisdom as they grow into full discipleship. Thank you for their innocence and goodness. May their eagerness to receive Your Body and Blood inspire all of us to cherish this Sacred Sacrament.

Amen.

