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TO DONATE



Jesus took Peter, James, and John and led them up a high mountain apart by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white.

Mark 9:2,3

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How Does the Sacrament of Penance Fit Into Lent?

Penance was described by early church writers as a kind of "second baptism." The elect will have their sins washed away in the waters of baptism. For the rest of us, penance is the way that we renew our baptismal grace. The process of reconversion of the ancient Order of Penitents culminated in the season as the penitents journeyed alongside the Elect. They were often formally reconciled on Holy Thursday. We are all called to repentance, so Penance finds its natural home in this season of renewal.

What Special Things Should We Do During Lent?

Many Catholics grew up thinking of Lent as a time to "give something up." What we need to give up, above all, is sin. Giving up other things can help us develop some self-discipline that should enable us to resist temptations to sin. Church law requires fasting on Ash Wednesday. We are also required to fast on Good Friday, which is part of the Eastern Triduum. We are also to abstain from meat on those days and all the Fridays of Lent.

The three traditional pillars of Lent are prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Spending a bit of extra time in prayer each day of Lent will help us draw closer to the Lord. Fasting can also draw us to the Lord if we allow hunger pangs to be a reminder of God's presence. But fasting is also linked with almsgiving. When we fast from food or abstain from meat, we can give what we save to those in need. Since our baptism commits us to serve others as Jesus did, our Lenten practices should also lead us beyond ourselves to serve others.

How Can I Get More Out of Lent?

Perhaps the best thing you can do is to establish links with one or more of the Elect. Ideally, you have gotten to know them through the year: if not, perhaps just pick one of them to be the focus of your prayer and fasting. Walk the journey with that person, offer him or her support, perhaps with a note every week. Remember that all you do in Lent is aimed at renewing your own baptismal commitment at Easter.

Then make sure to come for the Triduum liturgies that follow Lent. The Mass of the Lord's Supper on Thursday evening, the Commemoration of the Passion on Good Friday, and especially the Easter Vigil, bring this whole journey of Lent to its culmination. Sharing these rich and powerful moments with those coming to the sacraments for the first time will allow you to share their joy and their enthusiasm for the Christian life. What more could one ask from Lent?

Thought of the Week

"Do I not destroy my enemies when I make them my friends?" was the Rhetorical question Abraham Lincoln asked.

LENT SCHEDULE

Penance Services

Monday, March 18th
(Religious Ed Families)

6:00 PM St. Thomas the Apostle

Tuesday, March 19

12 PM St. Richards
7 PM St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy

Palm Sunday

March 24th

4:00 PM Mass Saturday
9 AM and 11 AM Mass Sunday

Holy Thursday

March 28th

7:00 PM Mass at St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy
(NO Mass at St. Thomas the Apostle)

Followed by **ADORATION**

Good Friday

March 29th

No 9:00 AM Mass
12:00 PM Divine Mercy
12:30 PM Rosary
1:00 PM Stations of the Cross
1:30 PM The Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday

March 30th

Food Blessing at 11 AM in Church

Easter Vigil Mass at 8:00 PM
(No confessions or 4 PM Mass)

EASTER SUNDAY

March 31st

9:00 AM and 11:00 AM Mass

Stations of the Cross

Fridays during Lent

3:00 PM & 7:00 PM

Fish Fry

Fridays during Lent

(February 16th-March 29th)

4:30—7:00 PM

(or until we run out!)

Perpetual Help Devotion

Every Tuesday after 9 AM Mass

Eucharistic Adoration (one hour)

First Friday of Each Month after 9 AM Mass

St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church

31530 Beechwood Garden City MI 48135

(734) 427-1533 Thomastheapostle.org



This N That by Deacon Skip

One of my walking routes takes me out of Holliday Park and on to Wayne Road. I pass Value City Furniture on my journey. The other day when I was out, I spotted a group of robins in the trees in front of the store. I hesitate to call them a flock because there were not that many, but they were robins nonetheless. Other people have told me they have spotted robins as well. I don't know if this is a harbinger of spring or if the robin internet has as much bad information on it as ours and they headed north too early.

Just like that, we are in the middle of Lent. Traditionally we make a symbolic sacrifice of something during Lent. We "give up" something for Lent. There is nothing wrong with that practice whatsoever, but let me suggest that instead of giving up something, we do our best to take on something. Every one of our parish organizations needs our help. Taking on a new challenge to help out would be a wonderful Lenten practice.

Don't forget. Friday is Fish Fry afternoon. The Fish Fry can use customers and help.

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 soup, chili, beef stew, diced tomatoes, carrots, tuna, can or box mix potatoes, cake mix, laundry soap, razors, deodorant. 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 February 25, 2024

Sunday, February 25, 2024

Second Sunday of Lent

Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19; Rom 8:31b-34; Mk 9:2-10

Monday, February 26, 2024

Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13; Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday, February 27, 2024

Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23; Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday, February 28, 2024

Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16; Mt 20:17-28

Thursday, February 29, 2024

Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Lk 16:19-31

Friday, March 1, 2024

Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday, March 2, 2024

Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12; Mt 5:43-48

Sunday, March 3, 2024

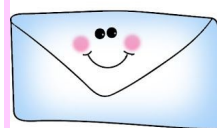
Third Sunday of Lent

Ex 20:1-17 or Ex 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11; 1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25

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.



This week our special collection envelopes support the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. Your donation helps restore the Church and rebuild the future in more than 25 countries still struggling to recover from former communist rule and now the war in Ukraine. Funds from this collection support reconstruction, education, formation and poverty outreach. Thank you for your generous support and God bless you.

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

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| Monday | 9:00 am 12:00 pm | St. Mary, Wayne St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy, Westland (followed by Eucharistic Adoration) |
| Tuesday | 9:00 am 9:00 am | St. Thomas the Apostle, Garden City 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 9:00 am | St. Thomas the Apostle, Garden City St. Mary, Wayne |
| Saturday | 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 |
| Sunday | 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) | | |
| Tuesday | | St. Richard, Westland (after 9 am Mass) |
| Saturday | 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 |

Thanks To You...

We had an awesome first "World Famous Fish Fry" selling 415 dinners! It was so nice seeing all the new faces and new volunteers! Welcome Toni, Mo, Rena, Margarita, Brenda, and Ron! All first-time volunteers at the Fish Fry! We look forward to working with you!

Our Bake Sale was amazing!! Thanks so much for sharing your time and talents by baking a delicious treat for us to sell. **We are in need of baked goods every week during Lent.** If you want to bake a cake in a 9x13" pan, those are always good sellers! We will cut and package it for sale! Thanks.

We're looking for 2 people to help clean the kitchen on Saturday mornings from 7:30-9:30am. If you're willing to make this sacrifice every Saturday, or just a few, please contact the Parish Office for details. 734-427-1533.

Just a reminder...we are sorry, but we don't take credit cards.

See you Friday! God Bless!

Jill Kolpacke and Tom Pociask



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(734) 425-9771

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Music Minister.....Paul Shafer

Maintenance

Rob Walker

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PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

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Knights of Columbus #4513

Grand Knight..... John Galdes

Rosary Altar Sodality

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

| Worship Schedule | | March 2 & 3, 2024 | |
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| 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 | JOHN GALDES | ESMERELLA YUCHASZ DAVID GERSTENBRAND |
| EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST | CORDELIA CHUKWUDI CANDY HENRY VIKKI WOROSZ | GLORY MCGAHAN JOAN PALMER PATRICIA RYAN | JOHN SANREGRET JOE SMITH |
| LECTORS | FRANK TOFIL | DAN LOBB | STEVE KOVALESKI |
| SACRISTAN | CAROL STEC | ROSE CONYER | SALLIE QUINN |
| MASS INTENTIONS | + ALISON & DAVID CANTWELL + DOMENICO CANINI | + MARK HEINDLMAYER + DOMENICO CANINI | + DICK SCHIFFAUER + DIANE ALSON WILLIAM & KATHY MAIN |

Collection Summary

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| Month of : January 2024 | ended in | Totals |
| Registered Contributions: | \$ | 37,596.08 |
| Loose Contributions: | \$ | 3,079.17 |
| Total Monthly Offertory: | # \$ | 40,675.25 |
| Monthly Budgeted amount: | \$ | 46,074.86 |
| Above / Below the Budgeted Amount: | \$ | (5,399.61) |
| Special Collections | | |
| Utility Fund: | \$ | 1,682.00 |
| Processing Fees: | \$ | 24.30 |
| Christmas Collection - Gift to God | \$ | 4,313.00 |
| Holy Days | \$ | 551.00 |
| Christian Services | \$ | 3,145.00 |
| Cath Charities of SE Michigan | \$ | 15.00 |
| Mass Stipend | \$ | 430.00 |
| Easter Flowers | \$ | 10.00 |
| Total Contributions Collected | | \$50,845.55 |

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.



Weekday Masses
February 26-March 1, 2024

Tuesday, February 27
9:00 am.....CHURCH
PARISHIONERS OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

Wednesday, February 28
12:00 pm.....CHURCH

+ VAL GURSKY
CHRISTA & CHARLES
+ FAITH & THOMAS MOTT

Friday, March 1
9:00 am..... CHURCH
+ DOMENICO CANINI

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.

Please Pray For...

Alaska, Shirley
 Batherson, Barbara
 Baumgardner, Patty
 Benninger, Chuck
 Block, Karen
 Burke-Misenar, Jennifer
 Burke, Larry
 Burris, Nikita and Family
 Carbajal-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
 Kushel, Ron
 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

It's never too late to take this Lenten opportunity to be the best version of yourself that you can be. The kids in our Religious Formation program are working hard to make a difference each day. They have a list of 100 Acts of Kindness that they are choosing from. We can be inspired by their actions and try some of these to make our Lenten season that much more meaningful. Here's a list of some of the possibilities...

- Hold the door open for someone.
- Give candy to your bank teller.
- Say hello and smile at everyone you see.
- Write a kind note and sneak it in someone's lunch.
- Give someone a compliment.
- Bring flowers to someone to make their day.
- Call a friend you haven't seen in a while to say hello.
- Buy a coffee for someone in line behind you.
- Send a thank you note to someone who makes a difference in your life.
- Bake dessert for a neighbor.

The best part about Random Acts of Kindness done for others is that EVERYONE feels special, including the good deed doer! Try it, I think you'll like it!



CONGRATULATIONS to our New Elect Savanna Davis. With the support of her sponsor McKenzie Mendez, Savanna officially signed the Book of the Elect at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral last Sunday to continue this journey toward initiation into the Catholic faith. *Blessed the people the Lord has chosen, chosen to be his own.*



Right to Life -
LIFESPAN

Baby Shower

We are participating in the Right to Life drop in baby shower again this year. Over the next several weeks there will be a playpen in the Gathering Space of church. You can put items you'd like to donate into the playpen through the weekend of March 17th. This year they are well stocked with diapers and wipes. These items are **MOST in need**:

Receiving Blankets, Short-Sleeve Onesies (3, 6, 9 months), Lightweight Sleepers (3, 6, 9 months) Crib sheets, Baby towels

They will also gratefully accept items from this list...

NEW Clothing: (only up to 9 months) bibs, and socks

NEW Baby Equipment: car seats, strollers, bassinets, high chairs, Pack & Plays and bathtubs

NEW Bedding: quilts, afghans, towels & cloths

NEW Miscellaneous Items: rattles, pacifiers, bathing supplies, stuffed animals (new only)

Thank you in advance for your generosity!!

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