

He made a whip out of cords and drove them all out of the temple area. "Take these out of here, and stop making my Father's house a marketplace."

John 2: 15,16



Who Are the Elect?

The Elect are those catechumens who are in their final stage of preparation for the Easter sacraments of initiation: baptism, confirmation, and Eucharist. They have been involved in formation for months or years and have now been judged ready for the sacraments and full membership in the Order of the Faithful, the order of the baptized, and royal priesthood. During Lent they focus on spiritual growth, so Lent is a 40-day retreat for them.

What Are the Rite of Election and the Rite of Sending?

The Rite of Election is the celebration of God's call to the sacraments, usually celebrated on the First Sunday of Lent. Those catechumens judged ready to enter their final period of preparation gather with the bishop who formally chooses (elects) them for the sacraments. Their names are then written in the Book of the Elect.

The Rite of Sending is a special rite designed to be celebrated in the local parish to mark this significant step for the Elect. The parish affirms their readiness and sends them to the bishop for the Rite of Election.

What Are the Scrutinies?

These are rites celebrated with the Elect on the Third, Fourth, and Fifth Sundays of Lent. They are described in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults as rites for self-searching and repentance. They are designed to uncover and then heal whatever is "weak, defective, or sinful in the hearts of the elect" and to bring out and strengthen "all that is upright, strong, and good (141)."

What About the Stations of the Cross?

In praying the stations, we recall the passion and death of the Lord. While this is appropriate on any Friday, Lent focuses on the passions only in the final days of the season. The readings after the fifth Sunday of Lent focus increasingly the opposition to Jesus that led to his death, and the Sixth Sunday of Lent focus increasingly the opposition to Jesus that led to his death, and the Sixth Sunday of Lent is Passion Sunday. Perhaps the best time to pray the stations, then, would be during the last period of Lent, perhaps every day.

Thought of the Week

Author, Daphne Rose Kingma, offers this advice to people who feel guilt: ***"Holding on is believing there is only a past; letting go is knowing there is a future."***

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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

The weather was pretty decent this past week, so I wandered out on to Hines Drive. I went westbound this time to Levan. For those familiar with Hines Drive, there is a lot of work going on at Levan Knoll. I'm not sure what's going down, but there is a lot of activity there.

It turned into an interesting journey. As I was walking along Wayne Road, something in the grass caught my eye. When I looked closer, it turned out to be a credit card case with someone's driver's license. I scooped it up and as soon as I made it back home, I drove it down to the Westland Police Station. The desk sergeant thanked me and told me that her next project would be to see if the department could reunite the cards with the owner. I'm sure there is a story behind the missing cards.

In the spirit of Lent, if anyone is looking for something extra to do, the parish offers Stations of the Cross every Friday at three and at seven. Along the same lines, our Fish Fry can always use help. On the 23rd we had a tidal wave of people come through, and we actually sold out of everything. We were one busy set of people. The volunteer sheet is out in the church gathering area.

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 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 March 3, 2024

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

Monday, March 4, 2024

2 Kgs 5:1-15ab; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4; Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday, March 5, 2024

Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9;
Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday, March 6, 2024

Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20;
Mt 5:17-19

Thursday, March 7, 2024

Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Lk 11:14-23

Friday, March 8, 2024

Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab,
14 and 17; Mk 12:28-34

Saturday, March 9, 2024

Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab;
Lk 18:9-14

Sunday, March 10, 2024

Fourth Sunday of Lent

2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6;
Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21



POSITION
AVAILABLE



JOB OPENING

If anyone is interested or knows of anyone who may be interested in the position of Church

Secretary at St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy, please contact Fr. Sean Bonner at St. Mary, Wayne at (734) 721-8745.

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

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: ALMSGIVING AT LIGHTHOUSE MISSION SATURDAYS 6-10PM

The Lighthouse Mission, located at Palmer and Wildwood Roads in conjunction with the adjoining Full Gospel Temple Church, is providing an overnight warming shelter for local homeless neighbors in need from January 1-March 31 2024.

Volunteers are desperately needed for intake and food service from **6PM-10PM ON SATURDAY NIGHTS**. I am attempting to fill this desperate need by assembling a team from our family of parishes to serve our local homeless neighbors in need on Saturday nights.

What better way to provide almsgiving during Lent. If not now, when? If not us, who?

St. Edith's serves this need each Tuesday night from 6-10pm with a team from their parish and I hope and pray that people from our family of parishes will too on Saturday nights.

Please consider serving on **Saturday nights from 6-10pm** by contacting me with a call, text or email. The more parishioners who volunteer the fewer shifts each of us will have to work. Remember, many hands makes for light work or in this case, Lighthouse work.

Please volunteer for a shift(s) during these final cold winter months and help a homeless local neighbor in need receive the warmth of the shelter and your almsgiving heart.

Thank you for your kind consideration.

Richard Asher
(734) 799-3548

rickasher888@gmail.com

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE WORLD FAMOUS FISH FRY

FRIDAYS DURING LENT
2/16/24 - 3/29/24
4:30 - 7:00 P.M.

**31530 BEECHWOOD
ACTIVITIES BUILDING
(734) 427-1533**

MENU:

Beer Battered Haddock Dinner: \$13

Baked Haddock Dinner: \$13

Fish/Shrimp Combo Dinner: \$13

Shrimp Dinner: \$14

Cheese Pizza/Applesauce: \$4.50

Cheese Sticks w/ Sauce: \$5.50

Mac & Cheese: \$4

Pop & Water: \$1

** ALL dinners include coleslaw, roll and choice of fries/mashed**
** ALL dine-in dinners include coffee, tea or milk at no extra charge**

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AVAILABLE!**

**SAVE ROOM FOR DESSERT
AND VISIT THE BAKE SALE!**

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Garden City

MARCH 9 **2024** **TIX \$20**

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RAFFLES **CASH BAR**

RADCLIFF CENTER
1751 RADCLIFF ST

DOORS OPEN AT 6PM/ RACES START AT 7:30PM
FOR TICKETS
CALL JOHN AT 734-604-0227 OR KIM AT 734-536-0373
LICENSE NUMBER R73137

Worship Schedule		March 9 & 10, 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
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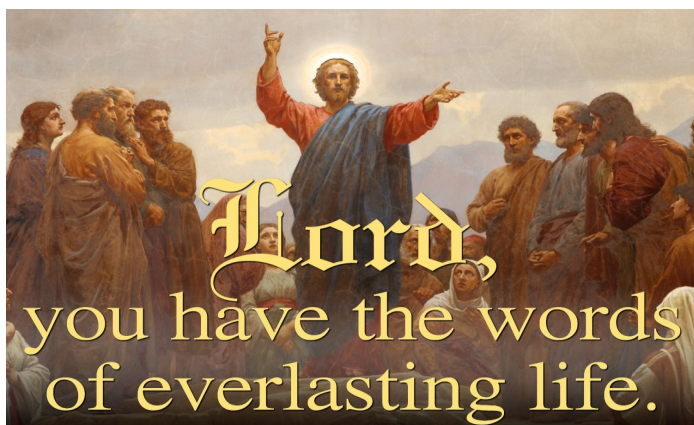
Thank you for your support and may God bless you!

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
March 4-8, 2024

Tuesday, March 5

9:00 am.....CHURCH
+ DOMENICO CANINI

Wednesday, March 6

12:00 pm.....CHURCH
+ MR. & MRS. WILLIAM REISSING
+ DIANE ALSON

Friday, March 8

9:00 am..... CHURCH
+ DOMENICO CANINI

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.

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
 LeVoor, Lorraine
 LeVoor, 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

What an awesome FAMILY NIGHT we had on Monday, February 26th!! We began with Stations of the Cross for Young People and then came to the Activities Center to enjoy some food, fellowship and fun. Families worked their way through 3 stations where they crafted a Crown of Thorns to keep track of good deeds, assembled and colored their own Stations of the Cross booklet for home, and designed and decorated Easter cards for seniors who will receive FISH FRY dinners in a few weeks. GOD IS GOOD!!!



Baby Shower

We are participating in the Right to Life drop in baby shower again this year. Over the next few 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!!

**Married Couples
Happy Hour**

Thursday, March 14, 2024
6:30-8:30 p.m. | Livonia, MI

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