



The Lord is risen, alleluia!  
He is risen indeed, alleluia!



There is no way any parish can celebrate Holy Week and Easter with only a few people. It takes many hands and hearts to make it happen and to do it well. Many people have commented how beautiful everything turned out this year. The ceremonies, the participation, the choir, the decorations, the spirit—all contributed to making it a truly moving experience of our faith. Let's continue the joy and celebration throughout the 50-day season.

I would like to thank everyone who helped to make the services run so smoothly and beautifully. A lot of planning, preparation and work goes on that is often taken for granted. To each of you, I am deeply grateful. May the Risen Lord return to you the blessings you have given to the parish.

Thanks to Paul Shafer, the choir and the musicians for doing a superb job. Their hard work and dedication certainly paid off.

Thanks to all who helped to clean and decorate the church. Everything looked very beautiful.

We are blessed to have the Empty Tomb and the statue of the Risen Christ. As we love the Baby Jesus in the manger at Christmas, so may the empty tomb renew and invigorate our faith, hope and love.

For the 40 days of Lent, we had the opportunity to sacrifice and do penance in preparation for Easter. The Church gives us 50 days to celebrate the Easter Season which concludes on Pentecost Sunday. We will need all 50 days to reflect on the meaning of Easter in our lives.

**Taxing Fact**

Did you ever notice when you combine "THE" and "IRS," they spell "THEIRS"?

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## This N That by Deacon Skip

There has been an interesting development with mother duck. She laid a batch of eggs then abandoned ship. No one knows if she got bored and wandered off to find something better to do, or if she got tired of all the in and out traffic at the parish center, or if some neighborhood cat on night patrol stumbled on a midnight snack.

A couple of times each week I get out early for my morning walk. At this time of the year it is still dark. I've noticed that just before sun-up there is a giant symphony of bird calls. I've lost my ability to identify the bird by its call, but a month ago there were maybe two or three distinct calls. Now there are well over a dozen different bird calls. Our feathered friends are back in force. What's really interesting is that as soon as the eastern sky begins to have light, the calling stops, which makes me wonder if the birds really do wake up the sun.

There has been a big garage construction project in the sub south of me. I initially thought it was a re-shingle, but the crew went at it for a week. I suspect some sort of repair or remodel. A re-shingle would have been done in a day. It reminded me of growing up in Detroit on Memorial Street, The houses were not built with garages. Owners would contract that job separately. Part of our summer entertainment was to watch a construction job. 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 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 14, 2024

### Sunday, April 14, 2024

#### Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9;  
1 Jn 2:1-5a; Lk 24:35-48

### Monday, April 15, 2024

Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30;  
Jn 6:22-29

### Tuesday, April 16, 2024

Acts 7:51—8:1a; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b  
and 8a, 17 and 21ab; Jn 6:30-35

### Wednesday, April 17, 2024

Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a;  
Jn 6:35-40

### Thursday, April 18, 2024

Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20;  
Jn 6:51; Jn 6:44-51

### Friday, April 19, 2024

Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59

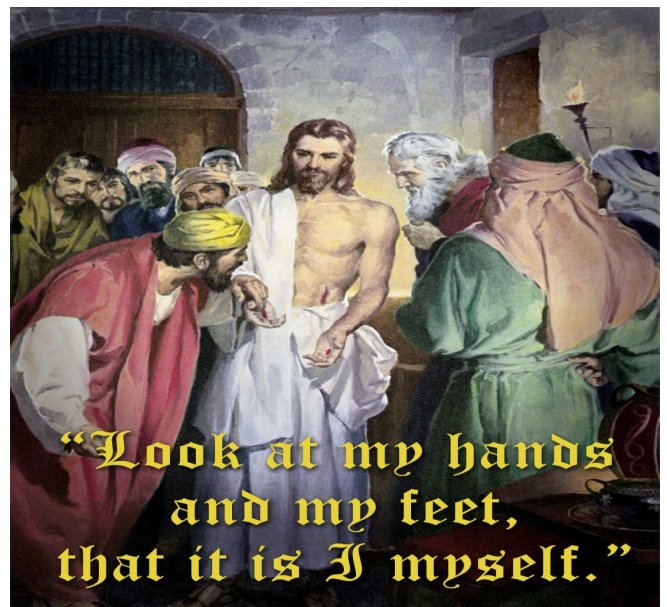
### Saturday, April 20, 2024

Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17;  
Jn 6:60-69

### Sunday, April 21, 2024

#### Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:8-12; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28,  
29; 1 Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18





# 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	St. Mary, Wayne
	12:00 pm	St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy, Westland (followed by Eucharistic Adoration)
<b>Tuesday</b>	9:00 am	St. Thomas the Apostle, Garden City
	9:00 am	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	St. Thomas the Apostle, Garden City
	9:00 am	St. Mary, Wayne
<b>Saturday</b>	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
<b>Sunday</b>	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)
<b>Confessions (also by appointment)</b>		
<b>Tuesday</b>		St. Richard, Westland (after 9 am Mass)
<b>Saturday</b>	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

## St. Mary of Wayne Fundraiser



**May 4, 2024**

5:30-10PM

Adults \$30, Kids (up to 10) \$15, Under 4 Free

Great Food, Cash Bar, 50/50, Music, Dance  
Contest, Grito Contest And So Much More!

Tickets Available For Purchase After All  
Masses And In The Parish Office

34530 W Michigan Ave, Wayne, MI 48184  
Contact Yanira Duque For More  
Information 734-721-8745



### Perpetual Help Devotion

Every Tuesday after 9:00 AM Mass

### Eucharistic Adoration (one hour)

First Friday of Each Month after 9:00 AM Mass

### WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Let your marriage bloom!

APPLY TODAY AT [WWME.ORG](http://WWME.ORG)



Let your marriage bloom this spring at a  
Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience!

#### Attend in-person

June 11-13 Maryville Retreat Center – Holly  
For in-person, apply today at [wwme.org](http://wwme.org) or call  
Chris and Darla Vinton at 517-667-0433.

OR a Virtual Experience via Zoom scheduled to  
run for 7 sessions once a week on Thursday  
evenings beginning April 11 and concluding on  
May 23, 2024.

Virtual sessions last approximately 2 - 2 1/2  
hours and starts at 7:00 p.m. EST.

For virtual, call Chuck & Mary Jane Young at  
646-642-7463.



### CELEBRATION OF BAPTISM

On Sunday,  
April 7, 2024,  
we welcomed

**Matthew Raymond Wildey**

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

Worship Schedule		April 20 & 21, 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	STEPHANIE GALDES	MICHELLE KORIE JOSEPH KORIE CHUKWUMA NDUKWE
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST	CORDELIA CHUKWUDI FRANK TOFIL VIKKI WOROSZ	TEDDY LUTHER GLORY MCGAHAN JOAN PALMER	EVIE BURGESS SALIE QUINN MISSY TAYLOR
LECTORS	JEANNE PYONK	TOM WILHELM	STEVE KOVALESKI
SACRISTAN	CAROL STEC	CECILIA NESBITT	SALLIE QUINN
MASS INTENTIONS	+ BERNADINE KONOPKA + MILDRED LUECKENHOFF + ENRICO & IDA CANINI	+ CLARE BIANCHI + ADOLPH KARWAN + MARTIN "RED" HALLORAN	+ ISABEL BATES + ENRICO & IDA CANINI

*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 15-19, 2024

**Tuesday, April 16**  
 9:00 am.....CHURCH  
 + ENRICO & IDA CANINI

**Wednesday, April 17**  
 12:00 pm.....CHURCH  
 + THOMAS WALIGORA  
 + ENRICO & IDA CANINI

**Friday, April 19**  
 9:00 am.....CHURCH  
 + MARILYN LELEK  
 + ENRICO & IDA CANINI

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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  
 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  
 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  
 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 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. 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

Our Religious Formation year is quickly drawing to a close. Please see the schedule below for the upcoming dates that will finish the year. Please note that our year wraps up with a May Crowning/Living Rosary on Monday, May 6th. We have our students and our RAS members participate, but we would also **love** to have parishioners be a part of this wonderful celebration. If you think you'd like to lead a prayer in the Rosary, give me a call and I'll add your name to the list! Thank you in advance!!

### 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. Roses will be placed near the altar in front of the Blessed Mother statue on Mother's Day, May 12th accompanied by a list of those we are remembering and honoring. **FORMS ARE IN THE GATHERING SPACE.** Simply complete the form, listing the special ladies in your life and return it in an envelope marked **MOTHER'S DAY ROSES.** Order by May 5th. Contact Missy with any questions...

## Saint George

Saint George was a brave soldier in the Roman army. The Emperor, Diocletian, hated Christians! Saint George stood up to him and told Diocletian that he was wrong.

Saint George was brave enough to stand up to an evil ruler, so he is usually drawn fighting a dragon. Add a dragon to this picture.

Year B: Third Sunday of Easter

### RELIGIOUS FORMATION CALENDAR UPDATES

- Monday, April 15** Formation classes @6pm
- Monday, April 22** Formation classes@6pm
- Friday, April 26** Practice for First Communion 6:30 in church
- Saturday, April 27** FIRST COMMUNION 10am in CHURCH
- 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

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