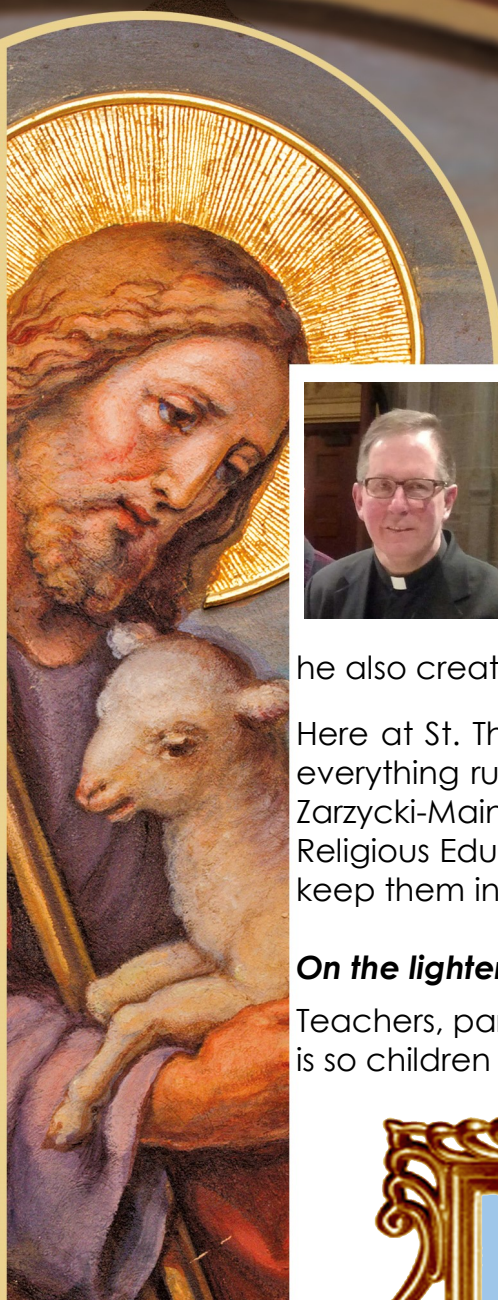


# The Good Shepherd

April 21, 2024



This Wednesday, April 24, is Secretary's Day or Administrative Professionals Day. This day was created in 1952 through the work of Harry F. Klemfuss. He recognized the importance and value of the position to a company or business. His goal was to encourage more women to become secretaries. Using his skill and experience in public relations, Klemfuss promoted the value and importance of the job of secretaries. In doing so, he also created the holiday in recognition of the importance of secretaries.

Here at St. Thomas we are blessed with three wonderful women who keep everything running smoothly. Sandy Mulcahy is our Parish Secretary. Kathy Zarzycki-Main is our Administrative Assistant. Missy Taylor is our Director of Religious Education. I am grateful for everything they do all year long. Let's keep them in our prayers and share a word of gratitude with them.

### ***On the lighter side....***

Teachers, parents, and kids all know that the sole purpose of a middle name is so children can tell when they're in deep trouble.

*A Good Shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.*

SCAN TO DONATE



Jesus the Good Shepherd  
Josef Kastner, 1906-1911

St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church

### Mission Statement

*We, as St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Parish, recognize that we are the Body of Christ. Our purpose is to honor God and grow as one in Jesus Christ. Under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we strive to serve others through Christian Service, Prayer and Worship, Education and Evangelization. We keep within our hearts and minds the statement of faith and conviction of our patron St. Thomas the Apostle,*

***"My Lord and my God."***

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## This N That by Deacon Skip

I passed a couple of milestones a week or so back. On the 9th I turned 75, I can't claim a whole lot of credit for that, other than somehow I survived that long. The day I was born Harry Truman was president; Pius XII was Pope; George VI was king of England (for those who saw King's Speech, it was Berty). There were a lot of historical events in my lifetime. The one that really stands out was the assassination of John Kennedy. I often wonder how the world would be today, if he had not been murdered. On the other hand, I've seen the Tigers win the World Series, the Red Wings win the Stanley Cup, and the Pistons take the Championship. I am also one of the few people who can say that in my lifetime the Lions won the National Football League Championship.

The 10th marked the 7th anniversary of Kathy passing away. It's hard to believe she's been gone that long already. On one hand I can't say I lost her on the 10th; she will always be a part of me in one form or another. In another sense, I lost her well before the 10th. When she developed Parkinson's disease, I lost her about 5 years earlier. I saw a physically active woman go from a tennis player to the occupant of a wheelchair, an articulate woman reduced to someone who spoke gibberish.

I can add to the confusion over the Merriman Road bridge. I heard another reason the completion of the bridge has taken so long. To the list of soil instability, a surprise electric cable, and an unexpected sewer line, we can add that somehow the contractor miscalculated the length of the steel beams needed, and a new set had to be ordered. Whatever the reason, we will be looking at Fall if we're lucky before we can use Merriman. The bridge in Baltimore Harbor will probably be replaced before ours.

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 21, 2024

### 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

### Monday, April 22, 2024

Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4; Jn 10:1-10

### Tuesday, April 23, 2024

Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7; Jn 10:22-30

### Wednesday, April 24, 2024

Acts 12:24 — 13:5a; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8; Jn 12:44-50

### Thursday, April 25, 2024

#### Feast of Saint Mark, Evangelist

1 Pt 5:5b-14; Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17; Mk 16:15-20

### Friday, April 26, 2024

Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab; Jn 14:1-6

### Saturday, April 27, 2024

Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Jn 14:7-14

### 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



The Polish Dance Group is holding their Annual 61st Polish Dance Recital on Sunday, April 21, 2024 at OL Smith Middle School at 2:00 pm. Tickets may be purchased on Saturday, April 20 in the St. Thomas

Activities Center, from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. Or call 734-674-7352.



# 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

### 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 14, 2024,  
we welcomed

**Brodie James Lakatos**  
**Callen Joseph Vert**

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

## PRAYER SERVICE FOR HEALING

**Friday, May 3, 2024**



Join us for a monthly prayer service for healing at the  
**Church of the Divine Child located at**  
**1055 N. Silvery Lane in Dearborn**  
every first Friday of the month at 7 p.m.

The prayer service will include communal prayer with praise and worship music  
and Eucharistic exposition, followed by opportunities to be prayed over individually  
by prayer teams. Come and encounter the God who answers prayer, who heals us,  
and who gives us strength!

All are welcome - especially anyone sick or hurting! No religious affiliation is  
required; we are happy to pray with and for absolutely anyone!

*Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened,  
and I will give you rest.*

**MATT 11:28**

## Couples' Brunch &

## Mini Retreat



St. Paul of the Cross  
Passionist Retreat Center

Sunday, May 19

12:00-3:00 PM

\$55/couple

includes Mass, brunch,  
time for reflection and  
time to be with each other

### Bulletin Editor

**[Sandy.Mulcahy@thomastheapostle.org](mailto:Sandy.Mulcahy@thomastheapostle.org)**

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.

Worship Schedule		April 27 & 28, 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	CATIE KELLY	JOHN GALDES	ESMERELLA YUCHASZ DAVID GERSTENBRAND
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST	CANDY HENRY FRANK TOFIL VIKKI WOROSZ	TEDDY LUTHER GLORY MCGAHAN JOAN PALMER	DENISE BIELSKI JOHN SANREGRET JOE SMITH
LECTORS	CORDELIA CHUKWUDI	DAN LOBB	MIKE WELDON
SACRISTAN	BOB PROKOP	GLORY MCGAHAN	LAURIE EICHSTEDT
MASS INTENTIONS	+ DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE JOSEPH HUGHES FAMILY + MURIEL & DEBORAH FERRELL + TED GEBAUER	+ JERRY & ROSE URBANSKI + THOMAS STEMPNIAK	+ RUDI BENZINGER + ENRICO & IDA CANINI

### Collection Summary

	Totals
Month of : March 2024	
Registered Contributions:	\$ 38,567.17
Loose Contributions:	\$ 5,064.67
Total Monthly Offertory:	\$ 43,631.84
Monthly Budgeted amount:	\$ 46,074.86
Above / Below the Budgeted Amount:	\$ (2,443.02)
	Special Collections
Utility Fund:	\$ 1,618.00
Processing Fees:	\$ 34.10
Christian Services	\$ 2,805.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$ 693.00
Missionary Sunday	\$ 100.00
Easter Collection	\$ 2,011.50
Easter Flowers	\$ 1,236.00
Mass Stipend	\$ 535.00
Aid for Church in Central & Eastern Europe	\$ 134.00

**Total Contributions Collected**  
**\$52,798.44**

*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 April 22-26, 2024

#### Tuesday, April 23

**9:00 am.....CHURCH**  
 + NETTIE PIANCZK  
 + ENRICO & IDA CANINI

#### Wednesday, April 24

**12:00 pm.....CHURCH**  
 + MR. & MRS. MERLE STRASSER  
 + ENRICO & IDA CANINI

#### Friday, April 26

**9:00 am.....CHURCH**  
 + ENRICO & IDA 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](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.

## 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  
 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 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. 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 is so hard to believe that we have just a few short weeks left in our Religious Formation year. Registration forms for next years' classes are available in the Gathering Space. **PLEASE NOTE:** There are potential discounts available for **EARLY REGISTRATION** as well as offering to help in the program. **NEW FAMILIES** looking to register their family for the next school year, please feel free to reach out to me! New students are always welcome and can join the program at **any age**. We work with all families on an individual basis.

We are still looking for parishioners to assist us in praying the **LIVING ROSARY** on Monday, May 6th at 6pm. The Religious Formation children make up the bulk of the prayers, but there's always room for more. Please contact me if you'd like to take part in this **WONDERFUL** event honoring our Blessed Mother. You might even be rewarded 😊 for your participation with an ice cream treat!



### 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...

Circle the 3 sheep that match.

**Gospel** Jesus said, "I am the gate for the sheep...whoever enters through me will be saved."