

# GOD LOOKED AT ALL HE HAD MADE, & FOUND IT VERY GOOD.

GENESIS 1:31

August 25, 2024



## What is the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) and what does it have to do with you?

The RCIA is a journey — a process of conversion both for a person who is interested in becoming Catholic and those who already are.

Most Catholics experienced the process of becoming Catholic in a gradual way: Baptized as an infant, we grew up in Catholic homes, with a Catholic education, and came to share in the Sacramental life of the Church as we grew up. The RCIA becomes an opportunity to ask ourselves what the real meaning of our faith is — and how we share that faith with others.

Others come to the Catholic Church as adults. Some are already Baptized Catholic, but without religious formation; some Baptized in another faith tradition; and some having never been Baptized.

Adults interested in the Catholic Church come to us because they were invited by a spouse, a fiancée, friend, neighbor or parishioner. Some are reluctant to take the first step — to approach the priest, or deacon, or call the rectory. But often they do come when someone is willing to take the risk and INVITE them.

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

A group of forty-year-old girlfriends discussed where they should go for dinner. They agreed to meet at the ocean-view restaurant because the waiters there were attractive.

- Ten years later, at fifty years old, the group once again discussed where they should go for dinner. They agreed to go to the ocean-view restaurant because the food and wine were good.
- Ten years later, at sixty, the group once again discussed where they should go for dinner. They agreed to meet at the ocean-view restaurant because they could eat in peace and enjoy a beautiful view of the ocean.
- Ten years later, at seventy, the group once again discussed where they should go for dinner. They agreed to go to the ocean-view restaurant because it was wheelchair accessible and had an elevator.
- Ten years later, at eighty years old, the group once again discussed where they should meet for dinner. Finally, it was agreed they should dine at the ocean-view restaurant because they had never been there before.



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## This N That by Deacon Skip

The Merriman Road "unbridge" made the local TV news. Unfortunately when I went to watch the news, my cable system went down, and I spent over an hour on the phone with a determined young gentleman who ultimately got my service back. The problem was that by the time we were done and operational the news was over. Old age is deadly.

I did go to the respective Channel 4 and Channel 7 websites to see what they said. One channel said the problem was unanticipated underground problems that caused a redesign of the bridge. The other channel said that the problem was caused by an abandoned sewer line that ran along side Merriman. It was interesting to see that various neighborhood individuals who were interviewed did not put a lot of confidence in either explanation. Bottom line: it will remain an "unbridge" until late this year.

In related news, I live near Wildwood street in Westland. Earlier this week, a city truck dropped off a load of orange barrels and traffic cones in a lot along Wildwood. A couple of days later, I watched a couple of men draw arrows and lines along Wildwood. Apparently, the street is getting an uplift. Unfortunately, school starts in a couple of weeks, and Wildwood is a major school bus route. Timing is everything.

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 of soup, diced tomatoes, chili, beef stew, dry spaghetti, pancake mix, syrup, bags of rice, strawberry or grape jelly, dish soap, laundry soap. 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 August 25, 2024

### Sunday, August 25, 2024

#### Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b; Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21; Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32; Jn 6:60-69

### Monday, August 26, 2024

2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12; Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 4-5; Mt 23:13-22

### Tuesday, August 27, 2024

#### Memorial of Saint Monica

2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17; Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13; Mt 23:23-26

### Wednesday, August 28, 2024

#### Memorial of Saint Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18; Ps 128:1-2, 4-5; Mt 23:27-32

### Thursday, August 29, 2024

#### Memorial of The Passion of Saint John the Baptist

1 Cor 1:1-9; Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Mk 6:17-29

### Friday, August 30, 2024

1 Cor 1:17-25; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11; Mt 25:1-13

### Saturday, August 31, 2024

1 Cor 1:26-31; Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20-21; Mt 25:14-30

### Sunday, September 1, 2024

#### Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dt 4:1-2, 6-8; Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5; Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27; Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

#### Perpetual Help Devotion

Every Tuesday after 9:00 AM Mass

#### Eucharistic Adoration (one hour)

First Friday of Each Month after 9:00 AM Mass



#### FOOTBALL SQUARES

Detroit Lions football squares are available after all Sunday Masses.



## 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

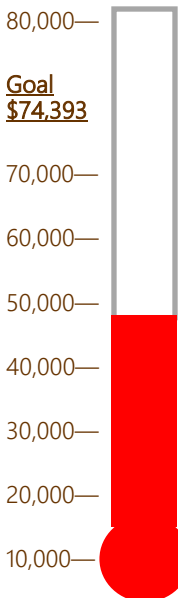
St. Richard (734) 729-2240  
35851 Cherry Hill Road, Westland

St. Thomas the Apostle (734) 427-1533  
31530 Beechwood Street, Garden City

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

<b>Tuesday</b>		St. Richard, Westland (after 9 am Mass)
<b>Saturday</b>	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



### CSA 2024 DONATIONS

Goal  
\$74,393

CSA Donations are being accepted through the mail, collection basket, or dropping off at the parish office. We have pledges totaling **\$48,027.00** and **as of August 15, 2024.**

St. Thomas the Apostle's CSA Goal is **\$74,393.00.**

Your participation is necessary to make this a success.

Thank you and **God bless you!**



## FESTIVAL VOLUNTEERS AND ITEMS STILL NEEDED!

### AROUND THE TOWN RAFFLE

Gas Grill/Power Tools/ Kitchen Appliances. Scratch off lottery tickets and gift cards to restaurants. Cash. Please drop off at the Parish Office.

### BAKE SALE

Homemade cookies, brownies, cupcakes, breads and pies to be dropped off in the gym the weekend of the Festival in the bake sale section. Please keep in mind that we have limited access to refrigeration. It would be much appreciated if cookies and brownies could be packaged to sell for \$1 per bag (usually 2 cookies per bag, 1 brownie per bag). Donations not packaged are still greatly appreciated. Any questions, please contact Jeanne at 734-564-2803.

### BOUTIQUE

Knitted or crocheted items, creations made from wood, sewn, or crafted in any way.

Hand-crafted, full-size quilt for the raffle.

Please drop items off at the Parish Office.

### CASINO DEALERS

Black Jack and Let It Ride Dealers are needed. Please contact Dave Marlett at 734-657-1341 or Deb Marlett at 734-674-4619.

### CRAFT VENDORS

Seeking Crafters, Vendors, Artisans, Businesses to join our craft show. Please email Alyssagarlandpink@gmail.com or call/text 734-334-3853 for more information.

### JEWELRY BOOTH

Gently used jewelry. Place in the decorated box in the back of the church or drop off at the Parish Office.

### SUCKER PULL

NEW games, toys, dolls, and stuffed animals for prizes. Please drop items off at the Parish Office or call Kathy at 734-776-2739 for pick up.

### VOLUNTEERS

Please call the Parish Office at (734) 427-1533. We are also looking for volunteers for our Garage Sale which will take place on October 3rd, 4th and 5th.

*As always, thank you in advance for your generosity and continued support.*

**If you are unable to sell some or all of your raffle tickets, please return them.**

Worship Schedule		August 31 & September 1, 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 DAVID GERSTENBRAND
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST	CORDELIA CHUKWUDI CANDY HENRY JEANNE PYONK	DAN LOBB JOAN PALMER PATRICIA RYAN	DENISE BIELSKI JOHN SANREGRET JOE SMITH
LECTORS	LINDA LUDTKE	TRACY CONYER	MIKE WELDON
SACRISTAN	CAROL STEC	ROSE CONYER	SALLIE QUINN
MASS INTENTIONS	+ JOSEPH MEIER + DIANA RODEN + ANTHONY PAWLAK BARBARA SONNENFELD	PARISHIONERS OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE	+ GLENDA WASHINGTON ARISTIDES LOPEZ

*Offertory collection is reported monthly.*

Thank you for your support and may God bless you!

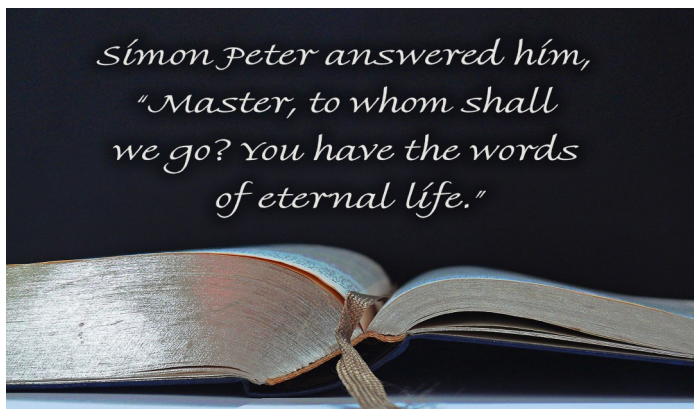
Please remember St. Thomas the Apostle when writing your will.

#### 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.

*Simon Peter answered him,  
"Master, to whom shall  
we go? You have the words  
of eternal life."*



*Weekday Masses*  
*August 26-30, 2024*

**Tuesday, August 27**  
**9:00 am.....CHURCH**  
+ FRANK LUBINSKI

**Wednesday, August 28**  
**12:00 pm.....CHURCH**  
+ ANN KAPANKE

**Friday, August 30**  
**9:00 am.....CHURCH**  
+ DON JACOB

**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  
 Bringold, Bonnie  
 Brunelle, Nola  
 Burke-Misener, Jennifer  
 Burke, Larry  
 Burris, Nikita and Family  
 Carbajal-Christopher, June  
 Carpenter, Mike  
 Cepko Family  
 Chop, Nancy Grabel  
 Cockrum, Tommy  
 D'Angelo, Rebecca  
 Decaminada, Mona  
 DeGrande, Colleen

DeGrande, Sam  
 Dempsey, Sgt Joseph  
 Dempsey, Michele  
 Dewey, Thomas  
 Durkin Jr., Gerald Lee  
 Eichstedt, Laurie  
 Feiler, Alex Horne  
 Fornasiero, Joseph  
 Gozowsky, David  
 Hagen, Jennifer  
 Hamblin, Angelina  
 Harte, John  
 Hubbard, Carl  
 Kapanke, Dolores  
 Kathan, Joann  
 Kathan, Thomas  
 Keesee, Cheryl  
 Kinnelly, Kathy  
 LeVoor, Lorraine  
 LeVoor, Sherry

Lobb, Cindy  
 Lobb, Jeri  
 Lowe, Jonathan  
 McDonald, Margaret  
 McGovern, Gail  
 Malish, Rosemary  
 O'Connell, Evan  
 Paczas, Karen  
 Pastula, Shirley  
 Prosser, Cindy  
 Sanak, Francene  
 Sanregret, John  
 Smitt, Deb  
 Soine, Dianna  
 Stempniak, Barbara  
 Stewart, Joan  
 Stites, Keith  
 Sutherland, Eleanor  
 Taggart, Denise  
 Tsaprazis, Pete

Turcotte, Joshua  
 Wildauer, Mark



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!

Wolf, Dominick  
 Zarzycki, Stanley

## Pray for the First Saturday Memorial Association from July 2024-June 30, 2025

Deceased Members of Ajlouny & Blaty Families  
 Deceased & Live Members of The Batherson Family  
 Loving Memory of Thomas Bencic  
 Loving Memory of Aunt Loretta Brandt  
 Deceased and Live Members of Butka & Wojtkowiak families  
 In Loving Memory of Walter & Mary Burdis  
 Loving Memory of Sgt. Bryan K. Burgess  
 Loving Memory of Coach Dave Cain  
 Loving Memory of Gorny & Kushnir Families  
 In Memory of Donald Grant  
 Loving Memory of Jessie & Chester Gugala  
 In Loving Memory of My Wife Joanne Whom I Will Always Miss  
 Kapanke-Omilian Family  
 Deceased Members of the Kattula Family  
 Deceased Members of LaMar and Dryja Families  
 The Malish and Porembiak Families  
 In Loving Memory for Reynold Mirabitor Sr.

In Loving Memory of Audrey Mocadlo  
 Loving Memory of Jerry Moynahan  
 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  
 Prouty Family  
 In loving memory of Frances J. Read  
 In Memory of Richard and Eleanore Reed  
 Memory of Kathy Rodgers  
 In Loving Memory of Thomas Stempniak  
 Deceased Members of the Sturm & Preba Families  
 Deceased Members of the Szuba & Balawajder Families  
 In Loving Memory of Edwin L. Wendrick

## Pray for those Serving in the Military

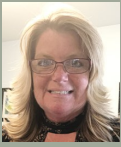
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 Angelovic, Adrian  
 Angelovic, George  
 Ardinger, Stephanie  
 Baumgardner, AJ  
 Becker, Justin  
 Bregand, David  
 Brozek, Timothy  
 Burris, Peter  
 Campbell, Mary  
 Canfield, Chaz  
 Chokr, Jamel  
 Cinka, Jonathan  
 Coatsworth, Michael  
 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  
 Waldo, Michael  
 Webb, Brian  
 Wiertella, Jonathan  
 Witt, Christopher





Missy Taylor

Director of Religious Formation / Coordinator of Youth and Young Adult Ministry

HELP YOUR  
CHILDREN  
MEET THEIR  
**BEST  
FRIEND**



## RELIGIOUS FORMATION

I am so happy that so many families took advantage of the early tuition discount and are already signed up for the new Religious Formation year! Classes for our young people in Grades K-8 will begin this fall on Monday, September 23rd. We welcome back our returning students and hope to see many new faces this year. We offer a class for students who have had no prior catechesis and would like to catch up! Every family's needs are different and we are more than happy to work with you on your children's faith journey! There are **many discounts** available such as **HALF OFF** discounts for families who refer NEW families to our program AND for families who volunteer their time in our program on Monday evenings. Registration forms are available in the church and online. **Please call with any questions.**



As the school season slowly approaches and the summer months draw to a close, it is the time of year when our local schools need our support. Along with the other parishes in our Family we will be hosting a Back to School Drive from August

25th to September 8th to support the Wayne Westland School District. Please support our community schools by donating: **Pencils** (yellow and mechanical), **Pens** (Blue, Black, and Red), **Crayons** (Crayola), **Markers**, **Colored Pencils**, **Scissors**, **Glue Sticks** (Elmers), **Erasers** (medium size and pencil top), **Pencil cases/Pencil Boxes**, **Binders** (one inch), **Calculators**, **Folders**, **Loose Leaf Filler Paper**, **Rulers**, **Backpacks** for Students (larger size preferred). Your kindness can shine through making sure students have supplies and everything they need to learn. Your kind gifts will also help struggling parents breathe a sigh of relief. Please drop your generous donations at the box at each Church entrance or at the Parish office.



## LENDING LIBRARIES

A few weeks ago, I spoke about our Children's Lending Library. We have many resources for our children available on the shelves directly next to the Usher's Room in the Gathering Space. These items can help to keep our youngest disciples focused in church and can go home for extended sharing time. We simply ask that you return it to church the following week for others to be able to enjoy.

With that said, our Children's Library is part of a much bigger collection of many resources for all ages. We have a variety of materials, from pamphlets to books all speaking on topics regarding our Catholic faith. Please feel free to peruse the collection and take something for yourself or to share with a friend. We just ask that when you are finished that you return the materials so that others may share.

You will also notice a basket on the lower shelf. This contains free religious articles that have been donated to our parish. From prayer cards and rosaries to jewelry and pendants. Again, take what you'd like for yourself or to share with others.

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