



August 30, 2020

Mass Times

Tuesday and Friday
8:30 am in Church

Saturday
4:30 pm in Church

Sunday
9:00 am and 11:00
am in Church

Confessions will be
heard every
Saturday at 3:30 pm
in Church



These last six months have been life-changing. During this pandemic, we watched normalcy as we knew it just slip by. Who would have ever imagined a time in which our churches would be closed, parking lots would be empty on Sundays, and priests would be unable, or at the very least, restricted from doing what we are ordained to do. Who could even fathom that the main staple of our faith—the holy Eucharist— would be unavailable to our faithful for such an extended time?

Now that most of our churches have reopened, we can take heart in being with the faithful again and experiencing that powerful sense of community. Nevertheless, this experience is very different as there are masks, social distancing and fewer people, empty holy water fonts, no hymnals or choir, no offertory procession or baskets being passed for the collection, and no sense of touch with the sign of peace.

I don't know about you, but I have found two real changes in my prayer life. First, I have come to see, like never before, that I am not in control in any way. As a consequence, my prayer consistently in these months has been one of deep surrender. I find myself saying what we say every night at prayer, "Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit." I also find myself echoing the prayer of St. Ignatius of Loyola asking God to receive my "memory, understanding and will" and bestow upon me his "love and grace," for that is all I need.

Second, my prayer in these painstaking months has become all the more about gratitude. As we watch how the virus has claimed so many lives worldwide, it is all the more clear to me that every moment, every day, is a gift, and that one of the take-aways in all of this is that we simply and humbly need to behold the now and gratefully live in the present moment.

**22nd
Sunday
in
Ordinary
Time**

Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me."

Matthew 16:24

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**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH
31530 BEECHWOOD GARDEN CITY 48135**

**Garage Sale & Car Show
Fundraiser**

SEPTEMBER 17, 18, & 19th

ON THE PARISH CAMPUS

THURS. 9am - 5pm FRI. 9am - 5pm

SAT. 9am - 3pm Car Show 12-3pm

Hot Dogs, Pop, & Chips will be sold! We will be practicing social distancing so bring your mask! Contactless temperatures will be taken and gloves will be provided. One way aisles will guide you through all the rows of treasures inside and outside!

This is a fundraiser so bring a friend!

\$1.00 admission will be charged.

St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church

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This N That by Deacon Skip

A week or so ago, on one of my walking journeys, I wandered into a cemetery on Ann Arbor Trail near Levan. I was quite surprised to see that many of the dates of death on the tombstones went back to the time before the Civil War and many of those people were born in the 1700s. This triggered a trip to the Garden City Historical Society where I received a packet of maps of the territory.

The first map dated back to the 1700s. The part of Garden City north of what became Ford Rd was considered heavily timbered. This suggests a logging operation. South of Ford and East of Merriman was considered heavily forested and West of Merriman was considered marshy and wet. The area was listed as populated with deer, bears, and wolves, which is a far cry from skunks, possums, and raccoons that Kathy and I knew when we lived in Garden City.

To the north was a path described as an Indian Trail. Cowan sort of follows that path. There was a community of sorts along Merriman and North of Warren called Perrinville, about where Hawthorne Valley used to be. Perrinville would become the city that never happened. Several cities sprang up around, but Perrinville never made it to being an independent municipality.

A subsequent map shows a series of land grants made by President Andrew Jackson before Michigan became a state. The most prominent family name that jumps out is Lathers. Andy Jackson had nothing to do whatsoever with the founding of St. Thomas the Apostle, but the parish property sits on what was a farm built on one of those land grants, probably belonging to the Fowlen family.

I was quite surprised to see how far back the area went. I had assumed that the area was 1900s farm land that eventually was developed into subdivisions to accommodate the GI's returning from WWII. Instead we are history.

The garage sale is still taking donations.

Don't forget the food pantry. They publish an article in the bulletin weekly listing their needs. The food basket is still available in the gathering area of the church and the pantry is open for receiving donations on Thursday morning at 10.



We are looking for a volunteer to coordinate Christian Service activities in the parish. This is a part-time position. If you are interested in overseeing one activity or several, there are many volunteers who are willing to help. If you are interested please call the parish office for more information. (734) 427-1533. Thank you.

Scripture Readings for the Week of August 30, 2020

Sunday, August 30, 2020

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jer 20:7-9; Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9; Rom 12:1-2; Mt 16:21-27

Monday, August 31, 2020

1 Cor 2:1-5; Ps 119:97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102; Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday, September 1, 2020

1 Cor 2:10b-16; Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13ab, 13cd-14; Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday, September 2, 2020

1 Cor 3:1-9; Ps 33:12-13, 14-15, 20-21; Lk 4:38-44

Thursday, September 3, 2020

Memorial of Saint Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church

1 Cor 3:18-23; Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Lk 5:1-11

Friday, September 4, 2020

1 Cor 4:1-5; Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 27-28, 39-40; Lk 5:33-39

Saturday, September 5, 2020

1 Cor 4:6b-15; Ps 145:17-18, 19-20, 21; Lk 6:1-5

Sunday, September 6, 2020

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ez 33:7-9; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Rom 13:8-10; Mt 18:15-20

Bulletin Editor

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Bulletin article deadline is Monday before the issue date by 12:00 p.m. During holidays articles must be submitted two Mondays before issue. All articles and submissions are subject to approval and editing.



RAFFLE TICKET & GARAGE SALE NEWS

Thank you to everyone who picked up Raffle Tickets for yourself, family, and friends these past few weeks! By this time the tickets have already been mailed. Please return any SOLD and UNSOLD tickets by putting them in an envelope and dropping them in the collection basket or taking them to the Parish Office. It is extremely important this year that you sell all of your tickets. This fundraiser is needed to help our parish with day to day expenses. We will be selling Raffle tickets after all masses through September 20th. The drawing will take place on September 20th at 7pm.



A special thank you to all volunteers that helped get this Raffle off the ground and are still helping to see it through. Teddy Luther, Carol Romanowski, Elesa Contesso, Jacqui Kristy-Wilhelm, Terri Wellday, Carrol Muglia, and the awesome group that stuffed the envelopes and recorded the numbers! Great job!



The Garage Sale is coming soon! We need donations! No clothes. Please encourage your family and friends to donate their treasures and drop them off at the Parish Center garage. No clothes. Sign-Up sheets are available this weekend if you can help with any area of the Garage Sale. Please stop by and take a look to see where you can help. We need to support each other and our parish by helping to make this event successful! Thank you!



God Bless!

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Ministries Center (734) 425-9771



The Ministries Building will be open EVERY Thursday from 10am-1pm to drop off donations for the pantry. Cash or check offerings for the pantry should be clearly marked as

such. Please enter using the side doors facing the parking lot across from the Parish Office Building. At this time, we are in great need of items to help the hungry in our community. Items needed are canned corn, chicken noodle soup, cake mix, spaghetti, Chef Boyardee products, peanut butter, jelly, instant mashed potatoes, pasta sides and rice sides.

Many of these items can be purchased at your local Dollar Store. These times are only for dropping off donations. Anyone wanting to receive items from the pantry needs to call to schedule an appointment at (734) 425-9771.



An update on the Avalanche.....

After two months of returning, we have passed a milestone in the Food Pantry Can & Bottle Drive. The garage is empty! Thank you to all who have donated, sorted, helped return, and cashed in bottle tickets. So far, we have processed over 47,000 cans! This means over \$4,700 for the pantry! Stay tuned as we continue to return the bottles behind the garage.



Worship Schedule		September 5 & 6, 2020	
MINISTERS	SAT 4:30 PM	SUN 9:00 AM	SUN 11:00 AM
CELEBRANT	FATHER LAWRENCE ZURAWSKI	FATHER LAWRENCE ZURAWSKI	FATHER LAWRENCE ZURAWSKI
ALTAR SERVERS	JENNIFER CASSELL	MOLLY BAKER	ANTHONY WOODWARD
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST	CANDY HENRY BOB PAUL VIKKI WOROSZ	GAIL COZZAGLIO JOAN PALMER PATRICIA RYAN	DENICE BIELSKI EVIE BURGESS MISSY TAYLOR
LECTORS			
SACRISTAN	BOB PAUL	BOB PROKOP	LAURIE ELCHSTEDT
MASS INTENTIONS	+ANN POPEK +MARIE MEIER	+MARINO & ANNA GIOVAGNOLI	+CAROLINE BUDNICK +JAMES & EVELYN LANDRUM

Weekday Masses

August 31-September 4, 2020

Tuesday, September 1

8:30 am.....CHURCH

+MARINO & ANNA GIOVAGNOLI

Thursday, September 3

+BERNARD A. FOX

Friday, September 4

8:30 am.....CHURCH

+EVELYN LANDRUM

Sanctuary Candle

FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 30-SEPT. 5, 2020

Jerome Tesarz

Acts of Spiritual Communion

It has long been a Catholic understanding that when circumstances prevent one from receiving Holy Communion, it is possible to make an Act of Spiritual Communion which is a source of grace. Spiritual Communion means uniting one's self in prayer with Christ's sacrifice and worshipping him in his Body and Blood. The most common reason for making an Act of Spiritual Communion is when a person cannot attend Mass. Acts of Spiritual Communion increase our desire to receive sacramental Communion and help us avoid the sins that would make us unable to receive Holy Communion worthily.

A prayer for Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love you above all things and I desire to receive you in my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally,

Come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace you as if you were already there

And unite myself wholly to you.

Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

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.

Weekend Collection

August 22 & 23, 2020

Envelope contributions: \$3,981.00

Loose contributions: 322.81

Total Sunday Offertory \$4,303.81

Budgeted per week \$10,404.00

Below the budgeted amount **-6,100.19**

Total # of envelopes 143

Average envelope contribution \$30.10

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

Holy Day \$ 236.00

Utility \$ 110.00

TOTAL \$ 346.00

Thank you for your support and may God bless you! Please remember St. Thomas the Apostle when writing your will.

Please Pray For...

Ainsworth, Karen	Cunningham, John	Levoir, Lorraine	Pastula, Shirley	Thomas, Michael
Ainsworth, Ron	Daughtery, Jeff	Luther, Brian	Persondek, Cristin	Tomasi, Jack
Akwaegbu, Kingsley Ejike	DeGrande, Colleen	Malish, Rosemary	Pietszak, Carol	Vaughn, Kelly
Altizer, Brynn	DeGrande, Sam	Malone, Della	Pryce, Mary Ann	Woodward, Todd
Arsenault, Cathy	DiVitto, Rita	Marchand, Susan	Radford, Magdalen	Wysocki, Ken
Arsenault, Fran	Esson, Pat	Mathison, Bonnie	(Maggie)	Zonca, Barbara
Asini, Eloho	Farr, Viola	Mathison, Jackie	Rawlings, Therese	Ziolkowski, Norm
Asini, Margaret	Gau, Sandy	Mayfield, Sally	Robertson, Michael	
Bargardi, Carl	Gorsuch, Eric	McGrath, Jim	Rodgers, Hiedi	
Bargardi, Frances	Hamm, Jo	Merritt, Dan	Romanowski, Ronald	
Bartlett, Carol	Hayes, Jacqueline	Miklousich, Lena	Saenz, Carlos	
Boyak, Carolyn	Henry, Bernadine	Mirabitor, Timmy	Sanregret, Anna	
Bufalini, Rose	Herlihy, Patrick	Mocadlo, Audrey	Serafini, Loreta	
Burdis, Cathy	Hrlac, Betty	Mocadlo, Jim, Sr.	Shankin, JoAnne	
Burke, Larry	Irwin, Mary	Mocadlo, Jimmy	Skorupa, Peter	
Burrell, Fred	Jones, Marie	Murray, Colleen	Stacherski, Ann	
Burris, Nikita	Kietur, Deanna	Nantz, Janice	Staudacher, Jason	
Burris Family	Kleczynski, Richard	Needham, Jim	Sulkowski, Karen	
Chicila, Pam	Koslosky, Alphonse	Newman, Theresa	Summet, Fred	
	Kusluski, Walter	Niemczewski, Gordon	Szura, Samantha	
	Larry, Bruce	Parker, Sharon	Tetreau, Audrey	

Pray for the First Saturday Memorial Association from July 2020-June 30, 2021

Deceased members of the Ajlouny & Blaty families	In loving memory of Joseph Potter
Loving memory of Aunt Loretta Brandt	Deceased members of Pattock & Stuecken families
In Loving Memory of Walter and Mary Burdis	In Memory of Richard & Eleanor Reed
Memory of Sgt. Bryan Burgess	In loving memory of Kathy Rodgers
Deceased and live members of the Butka & Wojtkowiak family	In loving memory of Edward and Helen Romanowski
Loving memory of Coach Dave Cain	Deceased members of Szuba-Balawajder family
Loving Memory of Herman Cain	In loving memory of Jerome Tesarz
Special Intention DAK	Deceased members of the Ulivi & Preville family
In loving memory of Gorny & Kushnir family	Memory of Bob, Millie, Judy, Collette Warner
Loving memory of Jessie & Chester Gugala	Loving Memory of Sherwood & Carolyn Webber
Kapanke-Omilian Families	In loving memory of William E. Wilson
Deceased Members of the Kattula Family	Loving Memory of Mitchel Yount
In memory of Madeline, Frank & Michael Mangold	In loving memory of Mary Zarzycki
In Loving Memory of John R. Mondro	
Loving Memory of Jerry Moynahan	
Angel Dr. Dominic J. Noonan	
Angel Danny P. Pepera	
My loving wife of 66 years, Mary J. Pepera	

Pray for those Serving in the Military

Ainsworth, Amber	Ainsworth, Raymond	McGaw, Douglas	Meadows, Erin
Angelovic, Adrian	Angelovic, George	Miller, Maj. David C.	Mondoux, Ian
Ardinger, Stephanie	Baumgardner, AJ	Moody, Samantha	Murray, Daniel
Becker, Justin	Bregand, David	Nguyen, Staff Sgt. Truong	Ohannesian, Brandon
Brozek, Timothy	Campbell, Mary	Pastula, Michael Thomas	Persondek, Michael
Canfield, Chaz	Chokr, Jamel	Porcaro, Jeff	Preba, Danny
Cinka, Jonathan	Coatsworth, Michael	Rosa, Brian J.	Rosa, Douglas J.
Comment, Scott	Dempsey, Joseph	Rousseau, Philip	Sheko, Destiny
DiCicco, Bill	Dwyer, Tyler	Smith, David	Smitt, David
Ellsworth, Justin	Fisher, Bob	Spiczka, Cathy	Spiczka, Greg
Gentilia, Anthony	Goudeseune, Russell	Sparrow, Justin	Spohr, Raymond
Griglio, Matthew	Kashou, Christopher	Squires, Derek	Szerszen, Michael
Laichalk, Robert	Logan, Jonathon	Steenburg, Patrick	Waldo, Michael
Logan, Sean Patrick	Logan, Jeff	Tesarz, Ian Michael	Wiertella, Jonathan
Masiarak, Luke	McHale, Sgt. Shawn	Webb, Brian	
McCarville, William E.	McGahan, Wade	Witt, Christopher	



NEW FORMAT FOR RELIGIOUS FORMATION!!

We hold the safety and health of our families as our single most important priority. With this in mind, I am excited to announce a new style of learning to begin the Religious Formation year insuring the well being of all as we continue our faith journey! We will be having a HYBRID style formation through at least the end of the year. **HOW WILL THIS WORK?** Families are asked to join with their children in a prayer service and materials pick-up once a month in the church. They will receive all materials needed to share their faith with their children in the safety of their own homes, with online support and ZOOM meetings throughout that month. Our currently scheduled date to return is Monday, September 28th at 6:00pm. We will have a brief prayer service and a staggered releasing of children by grades into the Father Prus Hall for material pick up. We are doing everything we can to insure that everyone feels safe with the plan to implement our return to learning. With that said, we are still accepting registrations for the upcoming Religious Formation year. Forms have been mailed to our existing families who had students enrolled in the program this past school year. The forms are also available on our website, and in the Gathering Space of the Church. I can always send them by email to those interested as well. Please remember it is NEVER too late to sign children up for this program. We have catch-up classes for those who have not had previous catechesis. We look at each case on an individual basis. We look forward to working with our families who continue to be the first catechists for their children within the domestic church. Please do not hesitate to call me if you have any questions or concerns.



I would like to congratulate Joseph McKissick and Jonathan Turner, who are recipients of this year's Timothy Award. They are both altar servers in our parish and donate their time to help out in our Religious Formation program. They have been part of youth events with our youth group and are quick to offer a helping hand with VBS, fish fries and other parish activities. They are excited about their faith and willingly share it with others both in word and deed. They set a great example for our youth!!

The Timothy Award stems from the biblical letters written by the Apostle Paul to his disciple, Timothy. In them, Paul encouraged the young man to nurture his spiritual gifts and be confident in sharing them with others.

DON'T LET ANYONE
LOOK DOWN ON YOU
BECAUSE YOU ARE YOUNG,
BUT SET AN EXAMPLE
FOR THE BELIEVERS IN SPEECH,
IN CONDUCT, IN LOVE,
IN FAITH
AND IN PURITY.

1 Timothy 4:12

The Timothy Youth Appreciation Awards reflect those words of St. Paul as they echo the message to ALL young people to proudly share their faith through word and action regardless of critics who might think them too young to "make a difference." As we all know one word or one action can make a world of difference and you're never too young or too old to be the person who brings that to others. God bless these boys for being such awesome disciples of Jesus. Our parish is blessed to have them!!

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