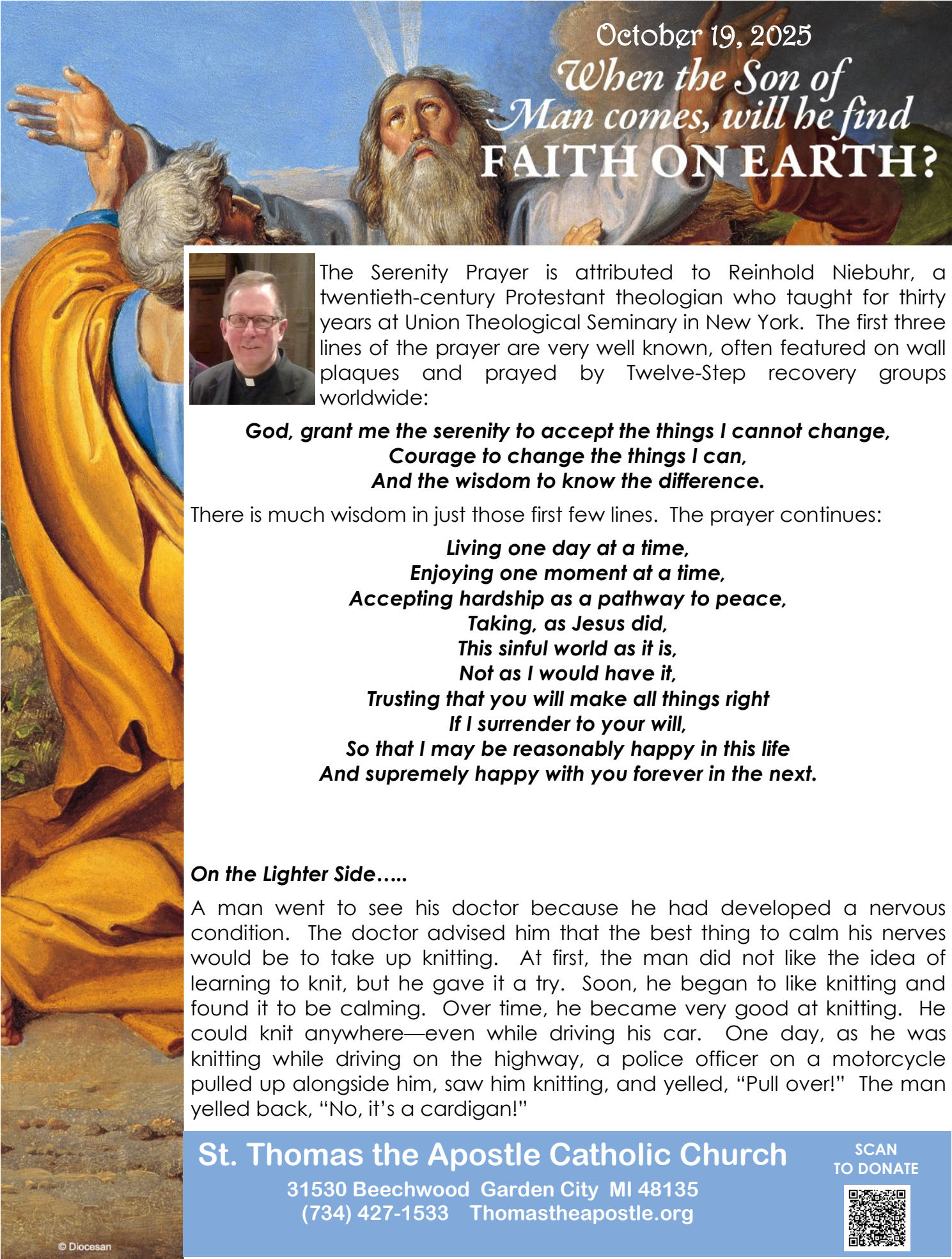




October 19, 2025

*When the Son of
Man comes, will he find*
FAITH ON EARTH?



The Serenity Prayer is attributed to Reinhold Niebuhr, a twentieth-century Protestant theologian who taught for thirty years at Union Theological Seminary in New York. The first three lines of the prayer are very well known, often featured on wall plaques and prayed by Twelve-Step recovery groups worldwide:

***God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change,
Courage to change the things I can,
And the wisdom to know the difference.***

There is much wisdom in just those first few lines. The prayer continues:

***Living one day at a time,
Enjoying one moment at a time,
Accepting hardship as a pathway to peace,
Taking, as Jesus did,
This sinful world as it is,
Not as I would have it,
Trusting that you will make all things right
If I surrender to your will,
So that I may be reasonably happy in this life
And supremely happy with you forever in the next.***

On the Lighter Side.....

A man went to see his doctor because he had developed a nervous condition. The doctor advised him that the best thing to calm his nerves would be to take up knitting. At first, the man did not like the idea of learning to knit, but he gave it a try. Soon, he began to like knitting and found it to be calming. Over time, he became very good at knitting. He could knit anywhere—even while driving his car. One day, as he was knitting while driving on the highway, a police officer on a motorcycle pulled up alongside him, saw him knitting, and yelled, “Pull over!” The man yelled back, “No, it’s a cardigan!”

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This N That by Deacon Skip

In last week's bulletin I spoke of my annual trip to the eye doctor. Someone asked me how long I have worn glasses. That journey began when I was a high school freshman. I was 13 or 14. We lived in Detroit. One day my mother had me go to the store with her. She did not drive, so we were on a DSR bus when we passed the Yellow Pages Building. I glanced up at the sign on the building and said to my mother something along the lines of it must be muggy out. There is a lot of haze around the numbers.

Apparently it was not muggy nor were the numbers hazy because the very next day after supper, I found myself in an eye doctor's office in Lincoln Park. After my eye exam, the doctor declared I needed glasses, probably 4 years earlier. What I do remember the most was wearing the glasses home from the doctor's office a week later. For the first time in a long time, I could see the names on the corner street signs and could see individual leaves on the trees. Glasses have been my companion for over 60 years now.

Just a reminder that we are recruiting Eucharistic Ministers and lectors to bolster our ranks. Call the office, or stop Fr. Larry, Dan Lobb, or me.

Somewhere when I was not paying attention I completed 13 years as a deacon. I became a deacon at age 64. the maximum age is 65, so I sort of snuck under the tent. I have a ways to go to catch up to Fr. Larry's 40 years. For starts I will have to live to 104, which is very iffy.

Don't forget SVDP; don't forget the food pantry.

Ministries Center/SVDP (734) 425-9771



The pantry needs help with our ongoing service to the community. We are most in need of cans of fruit, mixed vegetables, carrots, potatoes, diced tomatoes, tuna, dry spaghetti, oatmeal, pancake mix, syrup, toothpaste, toilet paper, and paper towels.

If you would like to receive items from the pantry, please call (734) 425-9771.

Scripture Readings for the Week of October 19, 2025

Sunday, October 19, 2025

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ex 17:8-13; Ps 121:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8; 2 Tm 3:14-4:2;
Lk 18:1-8

Monday, October 20, 2025

Rom 4:20-25; Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75; Lk 12:13-21

Tuesday, October 21, 2025

Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21; Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9,
10, 17; Lk 12:35-38

Wednesday, October 22, 2025

Rom 6:12-18; Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8; Lk 12:39-48

Thursday, October 23, 2025

Rom 6:19-23; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Lk 12:49-53

Friday, October 24, 2025

Rom 7:18-25a; Ps 119:66, 68, 76, 77, 93, 94;
Lk 12:54-59

Saturday, October 25, 2025

Rom 8:1-11; Ps 24:1b-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Lk 13:1-9

Sunday, October 26, 2025

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sir 35:12-14; 16-18; Ps 34:2-3, 17-18, 19, 23;
2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18; Lk 18:9-14

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Potato & Cheese	Deadline extended	Oct 4 th & 11 th
Kraut		Oct 25 th & Nov 1 st
Potato & Onion		Nov 15 th & Nov 22 nd

To order or for more information, please contact:

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If you would like to be added to our annual pierogi fundraiser email list, just email
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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

Perpetual Help Devotion

Every Tuesday after 9:00 AM Mass

Eucharistic Adoration (one hour)

First Friday of Each Month after 9:00 AM Mass

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.

Mercy In Action—2025

St. Richard 50+ Club:

Continuing until the end of October we are collecting socks for the Homeless. To date, we have collected 1,139 pairs of socks. Please use bins found in the entrances to your church. God Bless and Thank You for your donations.



The International Order of Alhambra

Through charitable programs and projects, the Order of Alhambra, a Catholic Fraternal Organization open to both men and woman, focuses on helping those with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The Order also perpetuates Catholic heritage with its Historical Memorials program, which is one of the founding goals of the Order. We also place strong emphasis on fraternalism and sociability, working to build a community of friends who enjoy working together in support of these worthwhile purposes.

We will be attending all Masses at St. Thomas the Apostle Parish the weekend of October 18th and 19th to introduce ourselves and to have the opportunity to meet you, answer any questions, explain our history, and lastly see if this Ministry of Service to those we love and serve might be something for you.

You will recognize us by our "White Fez." We are often mistaken for the Shriners. Their Fez however is dark red, ours is white. The white that reminds us of our Baptismal Gown and our welcoming into our Catholic Family.

Members of the "Barcelona Caravan" who already meet monthly at St. Thomas and me are excited to "break bread" or at least a donut with you that weekend! We want to thank Fr. Larry, the Parish Staff and especially you, the Parishioners of St. Thomas for allowing us this opportunity! Laus Deo (Praise be to God)

John Michniak, Supreme Director, Order of Alhambra

THE SOLANUS CASEY CENTER PRESENTS
THE VATICAN INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION OF THE

Eucharistic Miracles of the World

Thursday, October 21 - Sunday, October 26
Viewings 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Worship Schedule		October 25 & 26 , 2025	
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	JULIE GALDES	ADAEZE ENWERE CHIAMAKA ENWERE
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST	CORDELIA CHUKWUDI CANDY HENRY FRANK TOFIL	TEDDY LUTHER GLORY MCGAHAN JOAN PALMER	DENISE BIELSKI JOHN SANREGRET JOE SMITH
LECTORS	LINDA LUTKE	GAIL NABOZNY	MIKE WELDON
SACRISTAN	BOB PROKOP	CECILIA NESBITT	LAURIE EICHSTEDT
MASS INTENTIONS	+ MURIEL & DEBROAH FERRELL + MARGUERITE BOYCE + CARLO & EZIO BENEDETTINI + DOROTHY MOSIER RICK HAYES + ROSE PIEKNIK	+ PRISCILLA CIPOLLETTI EVARISTO LOPEZ PALACIOS + ARTHUR & ANN KAPANKE + CLAUDIA MALS + ROSE PIEKNIK + LUCILLE SPENCER + BRIAN LUTHER	+ BETTY & JOE CROYLE + ROBERT DEMPSEY

2025 Quarterly Collection Summary

Month	July	August	September
Registered Contributions:	\$ 39,065.34	41,793.00	47,330.43
Based on # of day in the month	31.00	31.00	30.00
Monthly Budgeted amount:	\$ 43,875.54	39,629.52	43,875.54
Above / Below the Budgeted Amount:	\$ (4,810.20)	2,163.48	3,454.89
Special Collections			
Utility Fund:	\$ 2,781.00	1,053.00	2,219.05
Processing Fees:	\$ 44.00	41.80	36.40
Christian Services	\$ 2,250.00	2,305.00	1,823.00
Missionary Collections	\$ 6,098.09	475.72	120.00
Maintenance Fund	1,387.00	55.00	125.00
1st Saturday Memorial	604.95	225.00	
	\$		
Holy Day Collections	\$ 133.00	1,955.00	35.00
Easter Flowers	\$		
Mass Stipend	\$ 990.00	675.00	580.00
Other:	\$ 381.00	230.00	

Total Quarterly Contributions Collected



Weekday Masses
October 20-24, 2025

Tuesday, October 21

9:00 am.....CHURCH

DOLORES KAPANKE
+ CARLO & EZIO BENEDETTINI

Wednesday, October 22

12:00 PM.....CHURCH

MARGARITA LOPEZ
+ DENNIS PATTOCK
+ ROBERT DAVIS

Friday, October 24

9:00 am.....CHURCH

+ AUGUST PIANCZK
+ TONY SZAREK

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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.

Offertory collection is reported quarterly.

Thank you for your support and may God bless you!

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

Please Pray For...

Alaska, Shirley
Batherson, Barbara
Baumgardner, Patty
Berger, Ron
Block, Karen
Boyak, Carolyn
Bringold, Bonnie
Burgess, Evie
Burke, Larry
Burris, Nikita and Family
Calley, Julie
Carpenter, Mike
Cepko Family
Chop, Nancy Grabel
Cislo, Dan
Cole, Jean

D'Angelo, Rebecca
Dacus, Shirley
Daugherty, Kenny
Decaminada, Mona
DeGrande, Colleen
Dempsey, Sgt Joseph
Dempsey, Michele
Dewey, Thomas
Dial, Philip
Durkin Jr., Gerald Lee
Duval, Chuck
Eichstedt, Laurie
Eves, Debbie
Feiler, Alex Horne
Fichtner, Leanne
Filak, Julianna
Fornasiero, Joseph
Gentilia, Judy

Gozowsky, David
Hagen, Jennifer
Harte, John
Hubbard, Carl
Jachym, Patricia
Kapanke, Dolores
Kathan, Joann
Kathan, Thomas
LeVair, Lorraine
LeVair, Sherry
Lobb, Cindy
Lobb, Jeri
Lowe, Jonathan
Malish, Rosemary
Murawski, Veronica
O'Connell, Evan
Oliverio, Jr., Robert
Paczas, Karen

Pastula, Shirley
Prosser, Cindy
Sanak, Francene
Sanregret, John
Smith, Mary
Smitt, Deb
Smith, Patricia
Soine, Dianna
Stites, Keith
Sutherland, Eleanor

Tennent, Joan
Tsaprazis, Pete
Turcotte, Joshua
Walker, Ian
Whitfield, James
Wielechowski, Kenneth
Wildauer, Mark
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 2025-June 30, 2026

Deceased Members of Ajlouny & Blaty Families
Living & Deceased Members of Barnes & Digregio Families
Deceased & live members of the Batherson Family
In Memory of Bruce Birmingham
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
Deceased Members of Cielma and Niwa Families
In Loving Memory of Tommy Cockrum
Deceased Members of the Darnell Family
Living & Deceased Members of Dooley & Firestone Families
Living & Deceased Members of Duncan & Williams Families
Living & Deceased Members of Gizowski & Sovel Families
Loving Memory of Gorny and Kushnir Families
In Memory of Donald Grant
Loving Memory of Jessie & Chester Gugala
In Loving Memory of Bob and Ann Hoelscher
In Loving Memory of Robert S. Hoffman
In Loving Memory of Eugene Josphe Hynek
My Wife Joanne Who I Love and Miss Very Much
Kapanke-Omilian Family
Deceased Members of the Kattula Family
Living & Deceased Members of Keiller & Marciniak Families

Living & Deceased Members of Kwilos & Stecker Families
Deceased Members of LaMar and Dryja Families
The Malish and Porembiak Families
In Loving Memory of Margaret Mirabitor
In Loving Memory of Reynold Mirabitor Sr.
In Loving Memory of Audrey Mocadlo
Loving Memory of Jerry Moynahan
Living & Deceased Members of Mroz & Rutkowski Families
Angel Dr. Dominic J. Noonan
In Loving Memory of Ben and Phyllis Ornatowski
Deceased members of Pattock & Stuecken families
Angel Danny P. Pepera
My loving wife of 66 years, Mary J. Pepera
For the Prouty Family
Living & Deceased Members of Rand & Vasquez Families
In loving memory of Frances J. Read
In Memory of Richard and Eleanore Reed
Memory of Kathy Rodgers
In Loving Memory of Edward and Helen Romanowski
In Loving Memory of Mark Roy
In Loving Memory of Thomas and Barbara Stempniak
Deceased Members of the Sturm & Preba Families
Deceased Members of the Szuba & Balawajder Families
Martin A. Tofil
In Loving Memory of Edwin L. Wendrick

Pray for those Serving in the Military

Ainsworth, Sgt. Raymond
Angelovic, Adrian
Angelovic, George
Artinger, 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
Julien, Nick
Kapelanski, Isaac
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
Smith, Sgt. Leven
Smitt, David
Spiczka, Cathy
Spiczka, Greg
Sparrow, Justin
Spohr, Raymond
Squires, Zachary
Szerszen, Michael
Waldo, Michael
Waldon, Nathan
Webb, Brian
Wiertella, Jonathan
Witt, Christopher



Missy Taylor

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

SPOOKY VIBES IN NORTHVILLE

Our middle school students had a great time with a record-breaking 377 of our closest friends from neighboring parishes as we ventured to Three Cedars Farm for some Fall Fun!! What a great way to enjoy some fun, fellowship, and make new friends in His name! Our God is SO GOOD!!!



MIDDLE SCHOOLERS

SAVE THE DATE!!!!

Friday, November 7th

We will again be packaging meals for the less fortunate on Friday, November 7th from 6-8pm at Sacred Heart Parish in Dearborn. Our goal is to surpass the 10,000 meals that we packaged last year. Permission slips are in the Gathering Space and available in my office. They are due back on November 3rd. Please call with any questions.

**Kids
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Feeding families around the world...and around the corner.

ANNUAL RAKE 'N RUN

We will be out raking leaves in our annual Rake 'n Run on Sunday, November 9th from 1-4pm. We will meet in the Religious Formation building at 12:30pm for some yummy snacks to build up some energy to head out for some hard work! We are rewarded with pizza and pop after all the work is done. Please let me know if you are in need of assistance with the beautiful foliage that has found its way to the ground. Our team of young people will be happy to help. If you are a young person or family who would like to be part of the clean up crew, please let me know and I'll add you to the list of volunteers. Lots of hands = light work!! **WE ARE ASKING FOR THE PARISH'S HELP WITH DONATIONS OF LAWN BAGS.** Last year we bundled up well over 60 bags of leaves at the homes we cleaned. Thanks in advance for your generosity!!



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