



"The one who plants and the one who waters are equal, and each will receive wages in proportion to his labor.

For we are God's co-workers, you are God's field, God's building."

September 6, 2020

1 Cor 3:8-9



CSA begins next weekend!

This past week, parishioners began receiving the appeal letters from the Archdiocese of Detroit. Included in the mailing, donors will receive a letter from Archbishop Vigneron inviting you to make a gift this year in support of the many ministries, programs, and evangelization efforts funded by the Archdiocese of Detroit through the CSA. Included also is an inspiring letter from our regional bishop, Bishop Gerard Battersby. Also, you will find a pledge card included in the mailing.

This year's letters and materials are an attempt to explain what a difference your donation makes. It is hoped that these mailings will help everyone to understand the great impact the CSA has, how gifts are used, and inspire continued support, especially this year when your support is so much more needed.

This year, donors are encouraged to make their gifts/pledges online. It is easy and secure. Donors can make a gift/pledge any time by visiting www.givecsa.org or you can make a gift by phone: 888-331-8695. Of course, as usual, we will be happy to accept your gift/pledge at the parish office, in the mail or in the collection basket.

Finally, on Thursday, September 24, there will be a first-ever Giving Day. This online program is an exciting opportunity to introduce or reintroduce the work of the CSA to everyone in the Archdiocese of Detroit, with a focus on inviting new donors to support the mission. Promotion of Giving Day will begin after Labor Day.

This is a year like no other. Thank you for the support you continue to give to the parish. In this past year, my first year here at St. Thomas, I have experienced your love for God and the mission we share. I'm blessed to be your pastor and to serve Christ and the Church with you. Let us continue to see the face of Jesus in every person we assist through our generosity to the Catholic Services Appeal.

Please continue to pray for God's blessings upon us all and for a generous and joyous response to the CSA appeal this year.

If you are unable to attend church at this time, please watch mass from St. Thomas online. Feel free to wave "Hello" when you see me on the computer!

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

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This N That by Deacon Skip

I've been thinking about it for some time now and I finally went and did it. I went hiking in the western most section of the Holliday Nature Preserve. Every section has a unique feature. This section's feature is forest primeval. I walked in some of the densest forest I've ever hiked in. There were dense woods at the camp where I worked in college, but the woods were predominantly pine trees, mostly hemlocks. This area was predominantly hardwood. Everything was big and tall. The next challenge is to walk the entire preserve from end to end in one trip. That will take some planning. And preferably cooler weather.

I made it out on one of my normal routes after all the rain and was literally forced out of the woods and into Hines Drive. The creek and the Rouge were both very much over their banks. I found out why its necessary to close down Hines Drive after heavy rain or the spring thaw. The only path down the road in some sections was the yellow divider line between traffic lanes on the road. I have read that one of the major ideas behind Hines Drive was to prevent people from building houses and businesses along the Rouge River, which floods with abandon. I can attest to the flooding.

By accident, I did find an animal skull while I was out on one of my journeys. Skulls in the woods do not come with name tags, so I can only guess what it came from. It was way too small for a deer and way too big for a chipmunk or a squirrel. Since it had teeth, I could rule out big bird. My guess is that it was a skunk, a possum, or a rabbit. The shape of the teeth suggest rabbit. I gave it to my grandson Levi. Mom approved.

I'll be taking Levi hiking this week. Levi has become quite burdened by the pandemic and has been looking for something exciting to do. Mom has been eager to provide him with an opportunity to experience an alternative environment, which translates out to getting him out of the house and giving everyone else some peace and quiet. I texted the suggestion of the hike to my d-in-law and got an affirmative response faster than I sent the suggestion. I'll be spending quality time with a ten year old. I'll keep everyone posted.

The big story up at my Dad's is that one of the government agencies was out surveying the coastline for water erosion. He lives up near Sleeping Bear territory. The level of Lake Michigan is unusually high and has been causing property damage. An eagle in the area spotted the drone and apparently defined it either as food or as an intruder and attacked. The eagle won.

Don't forget our food pantry. They are open for receiving food donations every Thursday morning about 10 A.M and the food baskets are still at the doors of the church. Every Sunday the pantry publishes an article listing their current needs.

Scripture Readings for the Week of September 6, 2020

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

Monday, September 7, 2020

Labor Day

1 Cor 5:1-8; Ps 5:5-6, 7, 12; Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday, September 8, 2020

**Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed
Virgin Mary**

Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13:6ab, 6c;
Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or Mt 1:18-23

Wednesday, September 9, 2020

Memorial of Saint Peter Claver, Priest

1 Cor 7:25-31; Ps 45:11-12, 14-15, 16-17;
Lk 6:20-26

Thursday, September 10, 2020

1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13; Ps 139:1b-3,
13-14ab, 23-24; Lk 6:27-38

Friday, September 11, 2020

1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27; Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6, 12;
Lk 6:39-42

Saturday, September 12, 2020

The Most Holy Name of Mary

1 Cor 10:14-22; Ps 116:12-13, 17-18;
Lk 6:43-49

Sunday, September 13, 2020

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sir 27:30—28:7; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10,
11-12; Rom 14:7-9; Mt 18:21-35

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.



St. Thomas the Apostle Strong!

Wow! What a team! Mailing out those Raffle tickets is a big expense for our parish. I sent an email to all the Festival chairpeople and asked for help to hand deliver the tickets to the homes of parishioners and you delivered, literally!! We sectioned off the city and assigned the volunteers to areas near and around their homes. It took 3 days and the tickets were distributed! I have been a part of this parish since 1990 and I'm still impressed with the dedication and hard work of the volunteers we have here. Thank you!!

Garage Sale set up happens this week! "Don't miss the fun! We are #1"

Enjoy this Labor Day weekend!

Jill Kolpacke
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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.

Ministries Center
(734) 425-9771



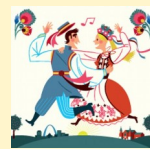
The Ministries Building will be open EVERY Thursday from 10am-1pm to drop off donations for the pantry. Cash or check offerings for the pantry should be clearly marked as

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.



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.



COMING SOON.....

Polka Mass and Polish Dinner
details coming soon.



CELEBRATION OF BAPTISM

On Sunday, August 9, 2020, we welcomed

AUSTIN PORCARO

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

Worship Schedule		September 12 & 13, 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	ISABELLA POWELL	TOM WILHELM	JONATHAN TURNER
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST	DEBBIE SMITT CAROL STEC FRANK TOFIL	BELEN DIMAGUILA DEBBIE FULAN TEDDY LUTHER	TEREZE AULA DAVID MESZAROS SALLIE QUINN
LECTORS			
SACRISTAN	CAROL STEC	IRENE PATTOCK	TEREZE AULA
MASS INTENTIONS	+DR. DOMINIC NOONAN +JEFF AULA +MARIA DILUCIA	+BILL & MAE ROSE +JOSEPH HUGHES +THERESA LAURIN +PETER, MARY & AGNES KATTULA	+TOM MOLESKI +DOLORES SULKOWSKI +MARINO & ANNA GIOVAGNOLI

Weekday Masses

September 7-11, 2020

Monday, September 7

MARY LEE

Tuesday, September 8

8:30 am.....CHURCH

+JOANNE CROSKY

Friday, September 11

8:30 am.....CHURCH

+MARINO & ANNA GIOVAGNOLI

Weekend Collection
August 29 & 30, 2020

Envelope contributions: \$5,767.00
Loose contributions: 395.00

Total Sunday Offertory \$6,162.00

Budgeted per week \$10,404.00
Below the budgeted amount **-4,242.00**
Total # of envelopes 160
Average envelope contribution \$38.51

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

Holy Day \$ 25.00
Utility \$ 137.00
Kroger Fundraiser \$ 187.99

TOTAL \$ 349.99

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

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.

Please Pray For...

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

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

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

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	



Missy Taylor
 Director of Religious Formation & Coordinator of Youth Ministry

CLASSES BEGIN IN 3 WEEKS!!
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 again like to congratulate Joseph McKissick and Jonathan Turner, who are the recipients of this year's Timothy Award. God bless these boys for being such awesome disciples of Jesus. Our parish is blessed to have them!!



WE NEED YOU!!!!

We will be holding another Altar Server training event this fall. Children who have completed the third grade and older are eligible to participate in this honorable way to serve our parish. We are also seeking adult servers to serve with our young people. If this is something that interests you, it might just be God calling you to His service. Please pray on this wonderful opportunity! Simply call my office to let me know that you'd like to be added to the list! May God bless you!



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