

# He Makes the DEAF HEAR & The Mute Speak

September 8, 2024



**Last call for festival sign-ups this weekend.  
Enjoy coffee and donuts after all Masses.**

I am so excited! People are still looking for things to do and are anxiously awaiting the festival. This is my fifth festival and sixth year here at St. Thomas.

## *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

September 13, 14, 15 are the days to come together and enjoy live Bands, delicious Food, a Car Show, Vegas, Bingo, Carnival rides, and much, much more. I hope you can join us.

A festival, especially one of our magnitude, does not just happen. It takes a lot of time, planning, hard work and helping hands. A special thanks to our chairpersons Jill Kolpacke and Tom Pociask. Thanks to the countless volunteers who make it happen. Thanks to all who come to support and enjoy the festival. Thanks to the sponsors and donors. Please support their businesses. We at St. Thomas are very grateful and God will reward you.

\$7,000.00 will be given away in the Grand Raffle. Buy some tickets!

Join me as I lead the way to make our Festival 2024 not only successful but the best ever! St. Thomas is an awesome parish because we work together and enjoy doing it. We get the job done.

Welcome to the festival. You are always welcome to join us here anytime throughout the year.

Have an awesome time and God Bless you and all of your loved ones.



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## **St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church**

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**(734) 427-1533 Thomastheapostle.org**



## This N That by Deacon Skip

I have talked about my two older grandsons. I need to say a word about my granddaughter Chloe. I had to run by the grand kids' house during the week to drive my grandson Levi to soccer practice. I ran into Chloe who was hustling around the house. I asked if she was off to her part-time job. Instead, she was headed to a class on how to read blueprints at Schoolcraft College. She's in the interior design program at her high school. Maybe she will have her own home improvement show someday. Grandpa was impressed.

I have nothing to report on the "unbridge." It was way too hot and humid to walk 6 miles to stare at a hole in the road. Even I have limits. On the other side of the coin, the repair work on Wildwood is marching along. All of the torn-up pavement on the Southbound side of the street has been repaved. Now we wait for the concrete to cure.

SVDP can definitely use our help. The demand is not diminishing. This is not an issue of giving more but of more people giving. Any donation of any size can go a long way. Give them some thought.

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

### 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 September 8, 2024

**Sunday, September 8, 2024**

**Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Is 35:4-7a; Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10; Jas 2:1-5;  
Mk 7:31-37

**Monday, September 9, 2024**

**Memorial of Saint Peter Claver, Priest**

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

**Tuesday, September 10, 2024**

1 Cor 6:1-11; Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b;  
Lk 6:12-19

**Wednesday, September 11, 2024**

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

**Thursday, September 12, 2024**

**Memorial of the Most Holy Name of Mary**

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

**Friday, September 13, 2024**

**Memorial of Saint John Chrysostom, Bishop and  
Doctor of the Church**

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

**Saturday, September 14, 2024**

**Feast of The Exaltation of the Holy Cross**

Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38;  
Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17

**Sunday, September 15, 2024**

**Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Is 50:5-9a; Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9; Jas 2:14-18;  
Mk 8:27-35



### FOOTBALL SQUARES

Detroit Lions football squares are available after all Sunday Masses.

## St Thomas

### MUSIC GROUPS

SEPT 26 2024

Children's Choir  
Adult Choir

4:30pm  
6:30pm

Cantors  
Instrumentalist  
Instrumental  
Ensemble

Resurrection Choir

For more  
Information:  
734 427-1533  
PShafer@  
ThomasTheApostle.org

**COMING  
SOON**  
*Stay Tuned*

**JOIN  
NOW**

## 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. Thank you!**



## Music Ministry

### Music notes

There are many opportunities to lend your talents and gifts in worship and song here at St. Thomas the Apostle Church. Try on a group, you never know, it just might fit! Those who sing pray twice.

**Rehearsals! Rehearsals! Rehearsals!**

#### Thursday, September 26

Adult Choir-The adult choir is open to 9th grade students - adults with a desire to sing and help lead the assembly in sung prayer. Rehearsals are **Thursdays**, 6:30-8:30pm, once a month on **Saturdays** at 3:00pm, and a half hour before liturgies scheduled. The adult choir rotates and sings at one mass per weekend, and special liturgies throughout the year through Pentecost. Please let us know if you want to join.

Children's Choir- is open to all 2nd-8th grade students. Rehearsals are after school **Thursdays**, 4:30-5:30pm in the Father Prus Hall and sing on Christmas Eve, Easter Sunday and as scheduled. During the year, choristers learn singing techniques, music theory, singing techniques, hand chimes, as well as information about the church year. Children's choir is scheduled to sing October through Easter. As part of most rehearsals, students have 20 minutes each of hand chimes, singing, and group piano lesson in the keyboard lab connected to the Activities Center as part of the experience.

Choir with keyboard lab **4:30pm-5:30pm**. Please call or email to sign up, there is a minimum number of students needed to have this group.

#### Other opportunities

Cantors-The Cantor program is for soloists who can take direction and are able to help lead the assembly and encourage active participation in sung prayer. This ministry is not a performance. Rehearsals are as scheduled.

Instrumentalists- Any instrumentalist with a desire to participate in worship, please contact the music office. Rehearsals are as scheduled.

Instrumental Ensemble- A group of instrumentalists that lend their talents to worship every couple of months. Rehearsals are as scheduled.

Resurrection Choir-This chorus is open to all parishioners who wish to sing for funeral or memorial liturgies for those buried from the St. Thomas community. Rehearsals are one half hour before the liturgy begins. Please call and add your name to the list.

If you have any questions, or would like more information, please call the **Parish Office: 734 427-1533**

Paul Shafer, Music Minister  
PShafer@ThomastheApostle.org

Worship Schedule		September 14 & 15, 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	STEPHANIE GALDES	MICHELLE KORIE JOSEPH KORIE CHUKWUMA NDUKWE
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	STEVE KOVALESKI
SACRISTAN	CAROL STEC	ANN MYLES	SALLIE QUINN
MASS INTENTIONS	+ MURIEL & DEBROAH FERRELL + ARTHUR KAPANKE + ROY RICHARDSON	PARISHIONERS OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE	+ EDWARD & DOLORES SULKOWSKI

*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.



*Weekday Masses*  
September 9-13, 2024

**Tuesday, September 10**  
**9:00 am.....CHURCH**  
+ NORBERT & CAROL DANS

**Wednesday, September 11**  
**12:00 pm.....CHURCH**  
PARISHIONERS OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

**Friday, September 13**  
**9:00 am.....CHURCH**  
PARISHIONERS OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

**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  
Cabajal-Christopher, June  
Carpenter, Mike  
Cepko Family  
Chop, Nancy Grabel  
Cockrum, Tommy  
D'Angelo, Rebecca  
Daugherty, Kenny  
Decaminada, Mona

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

LeVair, Lorraine  
LeVair, Sherry  
Lobb, Cindy  
Lobb, Jeri  
Lowe, Jonathan  
McDonald, Margaret  
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  
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 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

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  
Waldo, Michael  
Webb, Brian  
Wiertella, Jonathan  
Witt, Christopher



Missy Taylor

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

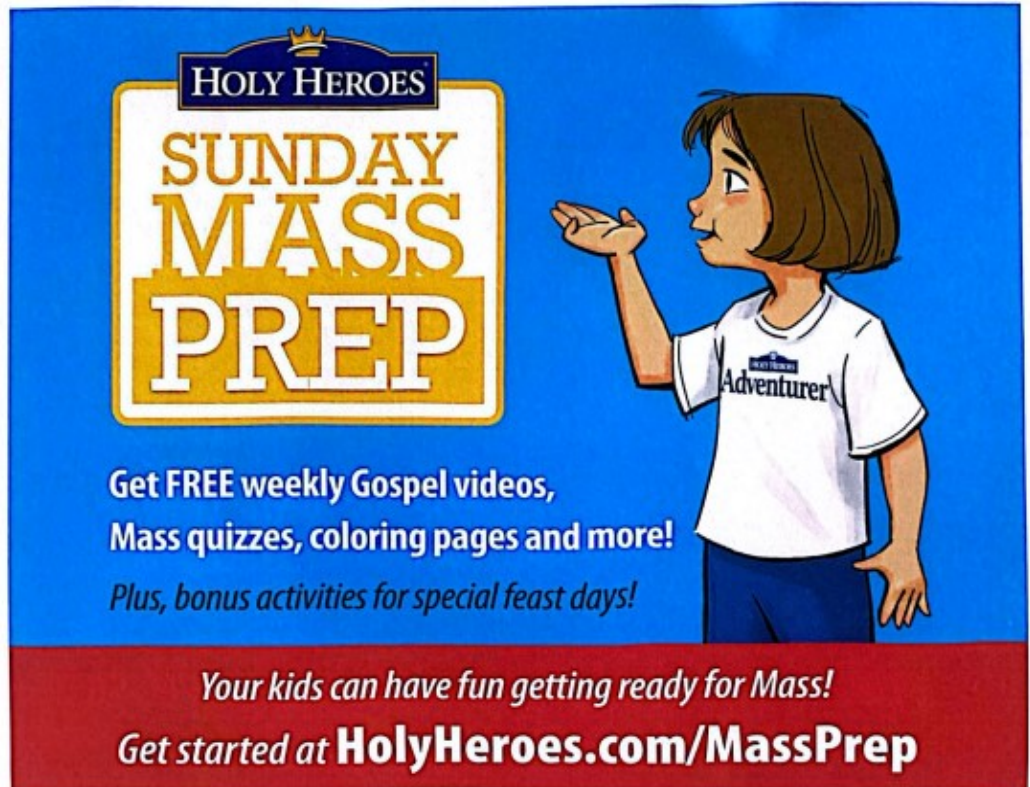
## **RELIGIOUS FORMATION**

### **CAN YOU BELIEVE IT???**

Religious Formation classes begin in just **a few short weeks!!** Please be sure to return your Registration forms that were mailed to you OR contact me if you are a new family to our parish! I will be available after both masses this Sunday, September 8th for in-person registration. It's never too late to begin learning about the wonderful gift of our Catholic Faith. Classes meet each Monday evening from 6-7:30pm. Special classes for HIGH SCHOOL students and young adults seeking CONFIRMATION are available. We also offer scholarships and financial assistance, so please do not let financial hardship deter you. The greatest gift we can give our children is to help them foster a relationship with Jesus and grow in a life rooted in faith. Please call with any questions. I look forward to walking this faith journey with you and your children!



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