

# St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church

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September 19, 2021



**Carnival Rides For All Ages**

## St. Thomas the Apostle Parish FAMILY FESTIVAL [www.thomastheapostle.org](http://www.thomastheapostle.org) September 17, 18, & 19th 2021 **GRAND PRIZE DRAWING \$3,000**

50/50 Drawings Every Hour

FREE Entertainment & Parking



FRIDAY Sept. 17<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 - 11:00 PM

### The Annual Festival Kick Off

Children's Bike Parade at 5:00 PM  
(Get Creative Kids - Prizes Awarded)

Music in the Main Tent

**Dress up to celebrate 80's Night!!!**



(7:00 PM - 11:00 PM)

Indoor Sit Down Dining Featuring:

### Spaghetti Dinner

(6:00 PM - Until Sold Out)

SATURDAY Sept. 18<sup>th</sup> NOON - 11:00 PM

### Custom Car Show

All Afternoon Starting at Noon  
Trophies Awarded at 3:00 PM



Music in the Main Tent

### Fast Eddie Band

Playing your favorite car show tunes.  
(1:00 PM - 5:00 PM)

"Michigan's Official" Rock "n" Roll Band

## Steve King & The Dittilies

(7:00 PM - 11:00 PM)

Indoor Sit Down Dining Featuring:

### Chicken Dinners by Halina

(4:00 PM - Until Sold Out)

SUNDAY Sept. 19<sup>th</sup> NOON - 7:00 PM

### POLKA MASS 11:00 AM

Inside the Church  
Music in the Main Tent

### Robert Kolo and The Misty

### Blues Party Band

Playing your Polka/dance favorites  
(12:30 PM - 3:00 PM)

Polish Alliance Dancers (3:00 - 4:00 PM)

### Robert Kolo and The Misty

### Blues Party Band

Playing legendary Motown, Top 40, Rock &  
Roll, Big Band and Country  
(4:00 PM - 7:00 PM)

Indoor Sit Down Dining Featuring:

Authentic Homemade

### POLISH Dinners By Halina

(NOON - Until Sold Out)

### VEGAS GAMES/Texas Hold'em

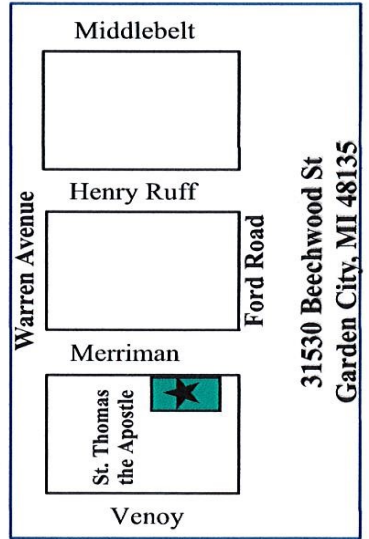
Fri. 7:00 PM - Midnight, Sat. 7:00 PM - Midnight

### BINGO

Fri. 6 PM - 10 PM, Sat. 1 PM - 10 PM, Sun. 1 - 6 PM

### OUTDOOR FOOD BOOTHS

Hamburgers, Hotdogs, Childdogs, Polish Sausage,  
Italian Sausage, Pizza, Fries, Chili Fries, Cheese Sticks,  
Slushies, Hand Dipped Ice Cream,  
BEER & WINE



31530 Beechwood St  
Garden City, MI 48135

**Bottle of Cheer Booth**  
Themed Baskets and other Raffles  
**Delicious Bake Sale**  
Unique Crafts, Doll Booth  
**Pony Rides & Petting Zoo**



## This N That by Deacon Skip

Well, its here. The Festival is under way. Its been a long time coming, Now, we need to get ourselves ready for the parish garage sale. I know a lot of people are eager to drop off things at the parish, but please, please, please, please wait until at least Friday and preferably the weekend to drop off things. It takes longer than we might think to completely take down the festival and store things away. Drop-offs get in the way and risk being damaged or tossed as festival trash.

Here is the list of NO items. Let me say that again: NO

Infant car seats-there are potential serious legal liabilities.

Old computers/CRT-If you are too young to know what a CRT is, you are probably home free. If you do know what a CRT is, don't bring it.

Old TVS-no

Books- they just don't sell, especially encyclopedias and text books.

Large appliances-refrigerators, stoves, washers. dryers and the like. They will not sell, plus we're stuck with getting rid of it.

Furniture-nothing larger than an end table or a night stand.

Clothes- no matter what the heritage or the pedigree. The major charities are swamped with donations. VVA has removed its clothes drop box. SVDP still has a bin in back of MCOOJ.

It doesn't work- If it doesn't work for you, it will not work for anyone else.

Souvenir glasses and plates- I sincerely hope you enjoyed your trip to Branson, Missouri. Unfortunately, there is an extremely limited market for bric-a-brac from tourist attractions.

Items salvaged from home remodeling: toilets, sinks, sections of lead pipe- no.

As always, we thank you for your generosity. Don't forget the food pantry. Stay tuned for adopt a flower day.

## Scripture Readings for the Week of September 19, 2021

**Sunday, September 19, 2021**

**Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Wis 2:12, 17-20; Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6-8;  
Jas 3:16—4:3; Mk 9:30-37

**Monday, September 20, 2021**

**Memorial of Saint Andrew Kim**

**Tae-gŏn, Priest, and Paul Chŏng**

**Ha-Sang, and Companions, Martyrs**

Ezr 1:1-6; Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6;  
Lc 8:16-18

**Tuesday, September 21, 2021**

**Feast of Saint Matthew, Apostle and**

**Evangelist**

Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-3, 4-5;  
Mt 9:9-13

**Wednesday, September 22, 2021**

Ezr 9:5-9; Tb 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8;

Lk 9:1-6

**Thursday, September 23, 2021**

**Memorial of Saint Pius of Pietrelcina,**

**Priest**

Hg 1:1-8; Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b;  
Lk 9:7-9

**Friday, September 24, 2021**

Hg 2:1-9; Ps 43:1, 2, 3, 4; Lk 9:18-22

**Saturday, September 25, 2021**

Zec 2: 5-9, 14-15a; Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13;  
Lk 9:43b-45

**Sunday, September 26, 2021**

**Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Nm 11:25-29; Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14;  
Jas 5:1-6; Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48



## MEN'S RETREAT

**Get away for a weekend.**

**Friday evening October 1 to Sunday  
noon October 3**

Men, sign up for our parish retreat at St. Paul's Retreat Center on the weekend of Friday evening October 1 to Sunday noon October 3. The retreat theme for this year is "Bouncing Back: Living in Hope." With quiet surroundings, spacious grounds, provocative talks you'll return refreshed, perhaps with a whole new outlook. St. Paul Retreat Center is only a short distance away (near Southfield and Telegraph). For more information or to register, call John Krause at 734-765-7161 or Jeff Gorman at 760-390-6573, the Retreat Center at 313-535-9563 or go to [www.stpaulretreat.org](http://www.stpaulretreat.org) to make a reservation.

## Mass Times

Tuesday and Friday  
8:30 am in Church

Wednesday  
12 noon 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



Ministries Center  
(734) 425-9771



Current food pantry needs include: canned tuna; cans of beef stew; brown paper grocery bags; shampoo; laundry soap; shaving cream and razors. Thank you for your continued support.

The food pantry is open every Thursday from 10 am-12pm in the Ministries Building. If you would like to receive items from the food pantry, please call (734) 425-9771.



ALL ARE WELCOME! 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 30**

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 you want to join.

**Beginning Thursday, October 7**

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 at one mass per month 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. Following each choir rehearsal at 5pm, students are invited to stay for a 30 minute group keyboard lessons in the keyboard lab connected to the Activities Center as part of the choir 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.

Cantors-The Cantor program is for soloists to help lead the assembly and encourage active participation in sung prayer. 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 **Music Office: 734 427-1533** or **email: PShafer@thomastheapostle.org**.

Paul Shafer  
Music Minister

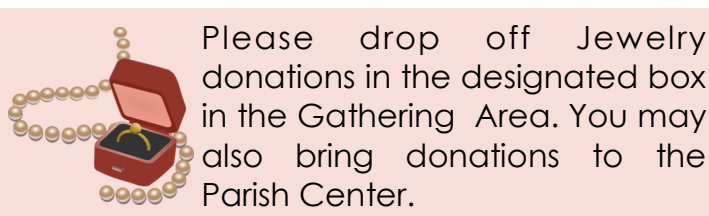


**GARAGE SALE**  
**October 14th, 15th and 16th**

Our parish garage sale will take place October 14th, 15th and 16th.

**We will start taking items for the garage sale starting September 24th after we clean up from the festival.**

Please do not drop any garage items to us before that date as we have no where to store them until after the festival. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.



Please drop off Jewelry donations in the designated box in the Gathering Area. You may also bring donations to the Parish Center.



**CELEBRATION OF BAPTISM**

On Sunday,  
September 12, 2021,  
we welcomed

**Scarlette Reighlynn Butkowski**  
**Peter James Michael**  
**Abigail Joy Ochoa**

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

Worship Schedule		September 25 & 26, 2021	
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	JERRY KOWALCZYK	STEPHANIE GALDES	ASHLEY ASENCIO
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST	DEBBIE SMITT CAROL STEC FRANK TOFIL	GAIL COZZAGLIO TEDDY LUTHER JOAN PALMER	DAVID MESZAROS SALLIE QUINN DENICE BIELSKI
LECTORS	ANGELA MAGGIONCALDA	NANCY DRYJA	STEVE KOVALESKI
SACRISTAN	CAROL STEC	BOB PROKOP	LAURIE ELCHSTEDT
MASS INTENTIONS	+EUGENE FRANCKOWIAK +ANNE WILSON +FORTUNATO BENEDETTINI +ALISON CANTWELL	+MURIEL FERRELL +FORTUNATO BENEDETTINI +IRENE DEWICKI	WALTER KOBYLINSKI +MARGUERITE BOYCE +FORTUNATO BENEDETTINI

Weekly Collection		
	Aug 30-Sept 5	Sept 6-12
Envelope contributions:	\$10,287.00	\$11,081.00
Loose contributions:	\$ 486.20	\$ 652.00
<b>Total Week Offertory</b>	<b>\$10,773.20</b>	<b>\$11,733.00</b>
Budgeted per week	\$10,404.00	\$10,404.00
Above/Below budgeted amt	\$ 369.20	\$ 1,329.00
Total # of envelopes	270	274
Avg envelope contribution	\$ 39.90	\$ 42.83
<b>SPECIAL COLLECTIONS</b>		
Utility	\$ 1,224.00	\$ 246.00
Holy Day	\$ 30.00	\$ 5.00
Assistance to Poland	\$ 35.00	\$ 20.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 1,289.00</b>	<b>\$ 271.00</b>

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

**Weekday Masses**  
September 20-24, 2021

**Tuesday, September 21**  
8:30 am.....CHURCH  
MIKE DESCAVISH  
+FORTUNATO BENEDETTINI

**Wednesday, September 22**  
12:00 pm.....CHURCH  
+FORTUNATO BENEDETTINI

**Friday, September 24**  
8:30 am.....CHURCH  
+FORTUNATO BENEDETTINI  
+TERESA MCNARNEY  
+PEARL DRYJA

**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.

## Please Pray For...

Akwaegbu, Kingsley Ejike  
 Altizer, Brynn  
 Armstrong, Sean  
 Arsenaull, Cathy  
 Arsenaull, Fran  
 Asini, Eloho  
 Asini, Margaret  
 Bargardi, Carl  
 Bargardi, Frances  
 Bartlett, Carol  
 Baumgardner, Patty  
 Boyak, Carolyn  
 Burke, Larry  
 Burrell, Fred  
 Burris, Nikita  
 Burris Family  
 Carol and Ronnie  
 Cepko Family  
 Chicila, Pam  
 Christopoulos, Ellen, Jim

Cowart, Diane  
 Cunningham, John  
 Daughtery, Jeff  
 DeGrande, Colleen  
 DeGrande, Sam  
 DiVitto, Rita  
 Dzendzel, Mary Ann  
 Esson, Pat  
 Farr, Viola  
 Galdes, Julie  
 Gau, Sandy  
 Grant, Donald  
 Hamm, Jo  
 Hayes, Jacqueline  
 Henry, Bernadine  
 Herlihy, Patrick  
 Hrlc, Charlene  
 Hrlc, Charles  
 Humphrey, Dawn  
 Irwin, Mary  
 Jones, Marie  
 Kathan, Joann

Kietur, Deanna  
 Koslosky, Alphonse  
 Kusluski, Walter  
 Larry, Bruce  
 Levoir, Lorraine  
 Luther, Brian  
 Lynn, William  
 Maddix, Erin  
 Malek, Thomas  
 Malish, Rosemary  
 Malone, Della  
 Marchand, Susan  
 Marsh, Bob  
 Mathison, Bonnie  
 Mathison, Jackie  
 Mayfield, Sally  
 McGrath, Jim  
 Maddix, Erin  
 Merritt, Dan  
 Miklousich, Lena  
 Mirabatur, Timmy  
 Mondoux, Andre & Del

Murray, Colleen  
 Nantz, Janice  
 Needham, Jim  
 Newman, Theresa  
 Niemczewski, Gordon  
 and Carol  
 Nizich, Jeff  
 O'Halloran, Alice  
 Palucki, Rachel  
 Pardo, Charel  
 Parker, Sharon  
 Pastula, Shirley  
 Perreira, Dennis  
 Persondek, Cristina  
 Pietszak, Carol  
 Pryce, Mary Ann  
 Radford, Magdalen  
 (Maggie)  
 Rawlings, Therese  
 Robertson, Michael  
 Rodgers, Hiedi  
 Romanowski, Ronald

Saenz, Carlos  
 Sanregret, Anna  
 Schmidt, Joseph  
 Serafini, Loretta  
 Shankin, JoAnne  
 Skorupa, Peter  
 Smitt, Deb  
 Sokol, Dennis J.  
 Stacherski, Ann  
 Staudacher, Jason  
 Summet, Fred  
 Szura, Samantha  
 Tetreau, Audrey  
 Thomas, Michael  
 Tomasi, Jack  
 Vaughn, Kelly  
 Wood, Virginia  
 Woodward, Todd  
 Wysocki, Ken  
 Zonca, Barbara  
 Mike Z.  
 Ziolkowski, Norm

## Pray for the First Saturday Memorial Association from July 2021-June 30, 2022

Deceased members of the Ajlouny & Blaty families  
 In Loving Memory of Charles Batherson  
 Loving Memory of Thomas Bencic  
 Loving Memory of Aunt Loretta Brandt  
 Loving Memory of Sgt. Bryan Burgess  
 In Loving Memory of Walter and Mary Burdis  
 Deceased and Live Members of Butka & Wojtkowiak Families  
 Loving Memory of Coach Dave Cain  
 Special Intention DAK  
 Loving Memory of Robert E. Derda  
 In Loving Memory of Henry and Joan Dudek  
 In Loving Memory of Gorny & Kusnir Families  
 Loving Memory of Jessie & Chester Gugala  
 Kapanke-Omilian Families  
 Deceased Members of the Kattula Family  
 Loving Memory of Ronald R. Kendra  
 Deceased members of the Krempasky & Norris family  
 In Memory of Reynold J. Mirabatur Sr.

In Loving Memory of Audrey Mocadlo  
 In Memory of Jerry Moynahan  
 Deceased members of the Musolino & Wilson Families  
 Angel Dr. Dominic J. Noonan  
 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  
 In Loving Memory of Joseph Potter  
 In Memory of Richard and Eleanore Reed  
 Kathy Rodgers  
 In Memory of Bill and Mae Rose  
 Deceased Members of the Szuba & Balawajder Family  
 Deceased Members of the Ulivi & Preville Family  
 Loving Memory of Sherwood & Carolyn Webber  
 In Loving Memory of Anne Wilson  
 Loving Memory of William E. Wilson

## Pray for those Serving in the Military

Ainsworth, Amber  
 Angelovic, Adrian  
 Ardinger, Stephanie  
 Becker, Justin  
 Brozek, Timothy  
 Canfield, Chaz  
 Cinka, Jonathan  
 Comment, Scott  
 DiCicco, Bill  
 Ellsworth, Justin  
 Gentilia, Anthony  
 Griglio, Matthew  
 Laichalk, Robert  
 Logan, Sean Patrick  
 Masiarak, Luke  
 McCarville, William E.

Ainsworth, Raymond  
 Angelovic, George  
 Baumgardner, AJ  
 Bregand, David  
 Campbell, Mary  
 Chokr, Jamel  
 Coatsworth, Michael  
 Dempsey, Joseph  
 Dwyer, Tyler  
 Fisher, Bob  
 Goudeseune, Russell  
 Kashou, Christopher  
 Logan, Jonathon  
 Logan, Jeff  
 McHale, Sgt. Shawn  
 McGahan, Wade

McGaw, Douglas  
 Miller, Maj. David C.  
 Moody, Samantha  
 Nguyen, Staff Sgt. Truong  
 Pastula, Michael Thomas  
 Porcaro, Jeff  
 Rosa, Brian J.  
 Rousseau, Philip  
 Smith, David  
 Spiczka, Cathy  
 Sparrow, Justin  
 Squires, Derek  
 Tesarz, Ian Michael  
 Webb, Brian  
 Witt, Christopher

Meadows, Erin  
 Mondoux, Ian  
 Murray, Daniel  
 Ohannesian, Brandon  
 Persondek, Michael  
 Preba, Danny  
 Rosa, Douglas J.  
 Sheko, Destiny  
 Smitt, David  
 Spiczka, Greg  
 Spohr, Raymond  
 Szerszen, Michael  
 Waldo, Michael  
 Wiertella, Jonathan



Missy Taylor

Director of Religious Formation & Coordinator of Youth Ministry

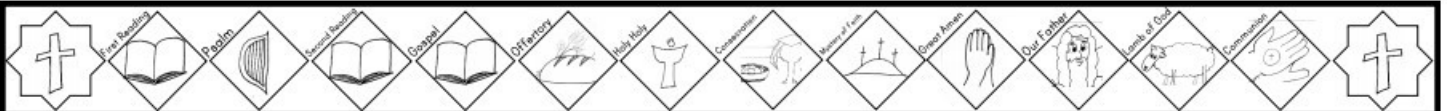
### RELIGIOUS FORMATION

Religious Formation officially kicks off **NEXT WEEK**, Monday, September 27th with a Mass in Church at 6:00pm. If you haven't signed up yet, you may do so that evening. Our program is for children in grades K-8 and runs each Monday evening from 6-7:30pm. We have special catch up classes for those who have not received formation and would like to join us to prepare to receive sacraments. Please contact me if you have any questions or to get more information about our program. I am looking forward to seeing everyone IN-PERSON this year!! 🤗

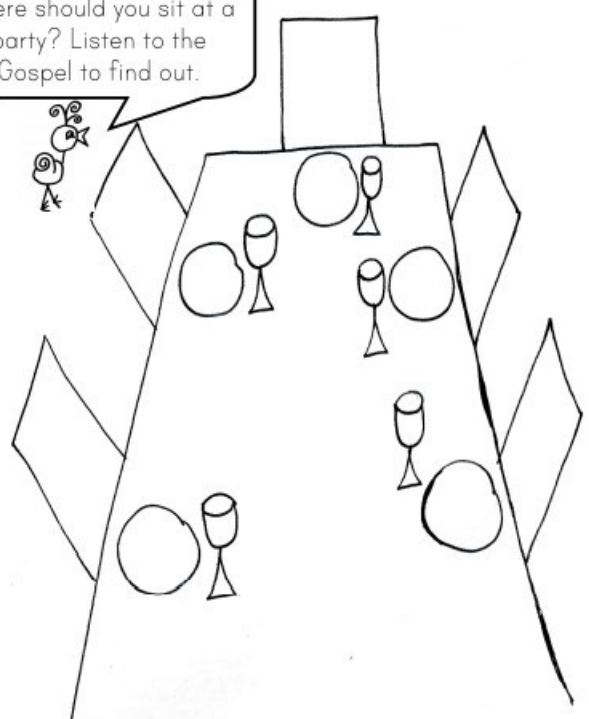
### CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD



**Children's Liturgy of the Word** also begins next week on Sunday, September 26th at the 11am Mass. Each week, children from ages 4-8 are encouraged to join us to hear the scripture in terms that they can understand. Children will be led to the Father Prus Hall after the opening blessing and introduced to the readings and gospel using projects and creativity while helping them learn about the Catholic faith. It's a great introduction to the message of the mass for our youngest disciples! "Let the children come to me, for the kingdom of Heaven belongs to them." - Matthew 19:14



If you are being humble, where should you sit at a party? Listen to the Gospel to find out.



How can you serve your friends and family?

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Jesus asks us to be humble. What does that mean?  
When we think of others and help them, we are being **HUMBLE!**