

September 20, 2020

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Am I not free to do as I wish with my own money? Are you envious because I am generous? Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

Matthew 20:15-16

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This year has been a year like no other — a time of great challenge but also a time of great grace. For some, this season has brought loss and uncertainty. At the same time, it has provided an opportunity to connect in creative and meaningful ways with those we love and with those in need. Our lives and the lives of our parish communities have been affected in ways we did not anticipate or imagine. But amid new challenges, we continue to hear God's voice speaking to our hearts and telling us that all will be well.

“Rise and be not afraid” (Mt 17:7). These are the words Jesus spoke to his closest companions, Peter, James, and John, at a moment when fear had entered their hearts. I believe these are also words for us to hear today. Jesus, who knows us and loves us, speaks these words of comfort and of action. He tells us not to be afraid because he is with us at all times. He also tells us to rise.

Our mission of sharing Christ's saving Word must continue. In these difficult days, we are called to bring our families, neighborhoods, and workplaces the kind of hope that does not disappoint. We have been sent by Christ to be his light in the world.

Your support helps to continue our mission. It is through your kindness and generosity that we are able to meet the needs of individuals and families in our communities, parishes, and schools. Hundreds of thousands of lives are impacted every year by the programs and ministries sponsored by the Catholic Services Appeal. We must continue to bring Christ to those lives.

Would you prayerfully consider your support and possibly increase it on behalf of those who are not able to do so this year?

May God in his love keep you and your families safe during these times.

Archbishop Vigneron
Archdiocese of Detroit

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

St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church

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This N That by Deacon Skip

In our first reading this weekend, we hear one of my most favorite passages in the whole bible: "My ways are not your ways says the Lord." There is a wonderful song that Frank Sinatra made famous that has the verse, "I'm in the autumn of my years." In the autumn of my years, I can look back to earlier times and see how right the Scripture is.

When I finished high school, I entered a religious order. I thought I would become a Brother of Christian Instruction and mold boys into young men by teaching high school English. I lasted with the order from Labor Day weekend of 1967 until Christmas of that year.

I came home and went to Wayne State, still pursuing a degree in English and a teacher's certificate. After graduation, I made it into a classroom and found out that 1) I didn't like it, and 2) ,much more important, I was not very good at it. I ended up spending my work life dealing with numbers and math, and I hated both in school.

I thought I was destined to spend my life as single person. Almost on a whim I went on a blind date in May of 1974 and ended up married to her in December of that year. Both sets of our parents made it clear that they looked forward to our having babies. It turned out we couldn't.

We turned to adoption, thinking we could adopt an infant. At least at the time, adopting a baby was harder than catching the moon. We ended up adopting an orphan Korean toddler of four, then two years later, a youngster of six. I have five grand kids now.

The orphan toddler's birth parents turned up when he was in his late 20s. That's another article for another day.

I thought I would work into my late 60s. Kathy became quite ill and asked me to retire in my early 60s to stay home with her. I had aspirations of a big blow out of a 50th wedding anniversary party. We made it to 42 years, then Kathy died.

And, oh, somewhere along the line I became a deacon. I think one of the Beatles said something along the lines of life is what we live while we're busy making plans.

Don't forget the food pantry.



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 September 20, 2020

Sunday, September 20, 2020

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 55:6-9; Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18; Phil 1:20c-24, 27a; Mt 20:1-16a

Monday, September 21, 2020

Feast of Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

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

Tuesday, September 22, 2020

Prv 21:1-6, 10-13; Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44; Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday, September 23, 2020

Memorial of Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest

Prv 30:5-9; Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163; Lk 9:1-6

Thursday, September 24, 2020

Eccl 1:2-11; Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17bc; Lk 9:7-9

Friday, September 25, 2020

Eccl 3:1-11; Ps 144:1b and 2abc, 3-4; Lk 9:18-22

Saturday, September 26, 2020

Saints Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs

Eccl 11:9—12:8; Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17; Lk 9:43b-45

Sunday, September 27, 2020

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ez 18:25-28; Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Phil 2:1-11, or Phil 2:1-5; Mt 21:28-32



CELEBRATION OF BAPTISM

On Sunday,
September 13, 2020,
we welcomed

GENTRY MICHALD BECCACCIO

and

OLIVIA CHRISTINA PFEIFER

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



We pray for our beloved deceased parishioners, family and friends who have passed during the months of May–August, 2020

“Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.”

Jeffrey Aula	James Krygier
Julia Bielski	Jozef Mochol
Mary Rose Borges	Doris O'Leary
Caroline Budnick	Cynthia Parsell
Carolyn Cassell (February)	Judith Severin
Rita Chateaufvert (April)	John Spohr
James Coatsworth, Jr.	Patricia Stewart (April)
Gary DeMoss	Johnnie Stivers
Vincent Donetti	Sandra Strzalkowski
Paulette Fischer	Dolores Sulkowski
Raul Garcia	Shirley Tankersley
George Goy	Theresa Taraskavage
Donald Jeziorski	Jerome Tesarz

**Ministries Center
(734) 425-9771**



Please help fill our shelves so that we can continue to help our community. Current Food Pantry needs include Kleenex, cereal, dry pasta/spaghetti, small bags of rice, syrup, jelly,

and the following canned items: potatoes, ravioli, Manwich, beef stew, no-bean chili, and anything else you can share. Cash or checks also gratefully accepted. Please make sure your non-food offering is clearly marked "Food Pantry." Items may be dropped off at the church when you attend mass; or, at the Ministries Building any Thursday from 10am-12pm.

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

Polka Mass and Polish Dinner, Tak!

It's time to hear some Polka music! We are having our traditional Polka Mass this year! Not only 1 Polka Mass but 2 Polka Masses!! Dzieki Bogu! (Thank God!)



On October 4th we will celebrate mass Polish style at the 9am AND the 11am masses! We will also be serving our FESTIVAL'S POLISH DINNER after both masses! Hey, pierogis are the breakfast of champions so see you there!

Please fill out the order form if you would like to join us for dinner or at least pick up a couple to take home. We are asking you to fill out the form to help us prepare to serve as many people as possible. You can call the Parish Office at 734-427-1533 and leave your name, phone number, and order on the answering service if you'd like. You can pay when you pick up your dinner. Sorry no credit cards.

We will be practicing social distancing in the Activities Building and, in the tent outside for your safety and pleasure of enjoying this great Polish meal! You will need to wear a mask to enter.

This event is a FUNDRAISER so please help support our parish and join us for this day of friendship and building community together.

Dziękuję! (Thank you) and God Bless!

Jill Kolpacke jillkolpacke@gmail.com
Tom Pociask thomas.pociask@us.mahle.com

**POLISH DINNER on 10/4
RESERVATION FORM**

In order to properly plan for this event, please reserve your food order by completing this form and return to the Parish Office by dropping in the mail slot located to the left of the Parish Office door or in the offertory basket at Church. You may also call the office at (734) 427-1533 and leave a message with your name, phone number and your order.

NO MONEY IS DUE AT THIS TIME. You will pay when you arrive. Cash or check ONLY.

Combo Dinners are \$14.00 each (No Substitutions)

Combo Dinner #1 **QUANTITY** _____
(2)City Chicken, (1)Stuffed Cabbage, (3)Potato Pierogi

Combo Dinner #2 **QUANTITY** _____
(1)Kielbasa & Kraut, (2) City Chicken, (3) Potato Pierogi

Combo Dinner #3 **QUANTITY** _____
(2)Stuffed Cabbage, (1)Kielbasa & Kraut, (3) Potato Pierogi

Side of Potato Pierogi (3) \$6.00 **QUANTITY** _____

NAME: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

DINE IN _____ **CARRY OUT** _____

Orders must be received by September 20th

Worship Schedule		September 26 & 27, 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	JERRY KOWALCZYK	JOHN GALDES	RON BERGER
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST	DEBBIE SMITT FRANK TOFIL VIKKI WOROSZ	BELEN DIMAGUILA DEBBIE FULAN TEDDY LUTHER	TEREZE AULA DAVID MESZAROS SALLIE QUINN
LECTORS			
SACRISTAN	KATHY GENAW	BOB PROKOP	TEREZE AULA
MASS INTENTIONS	+BERNARD A. FOX +ALISON CANTWELL +ROSE KNAPP +THOMAS WALING	+MARINO & ANNA GIOVAGNOLI	+JEFF AULA

Weekday Masses

September 21-25, 2020

Tuesday, September 22

8:30 am.....CHURCH
+MARINO AND ANNA GIOVAGNOLI

Friday, September 25

8:30 am.....CHURCH
+MARINO & ANNA GIOVAGNOLI
+GENEVIEVE MIICHALOWSKI

Weekend Collection

September 12 & 13, 2020

Envelope contributions: \$8,715.00
Loose contributions: 335.00

Total Sunday Offertory \$9,050.00

Budgeted per week \$10,404.00
Below the budgeted amount **-1,354.00**
Total # of envelopes 174
Average envelope contribution \$52.00

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

Easter \$ 60.00
Holy Day \$ 70.00
Utility \$ 425.00

TOTAL \$ 555.00

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.

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.

Please Pray For...

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

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

Deceased members of the Ajlouny & Blaty families	Angel Dr. Dominic J. Noonan
Loving memory of Aunt Loretta Brandt	Angel Danny P. Pepera
In Loving Memory of Walter and Mary Burdis	My loving wife of 66 years, Mary J. Pepera
Memory of Sgt. Bryan Burgess	In loving memory of Joseph Potter
Deceased and live members of the Butka & Wojtkowiak family	Deceased members of Pattock & Stuecken families
Loving memory of Coach Dave Cain	In Memory of Richard & Eleanor Reed
Loving Memory of Herman Cain	In loving memory of Kathy Rodgers
Special Intention DAK	In loving memory of Edward and Helen Romanowski
In loving memory of Gorny & Kushnir family	Deceased members of Szuba-Balawajder family
Loving memory of Jessie & Chester Gugala	In loving memory of Jerome Tesarz
In loving memory of Bob & Ann Hoelscher	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	

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	



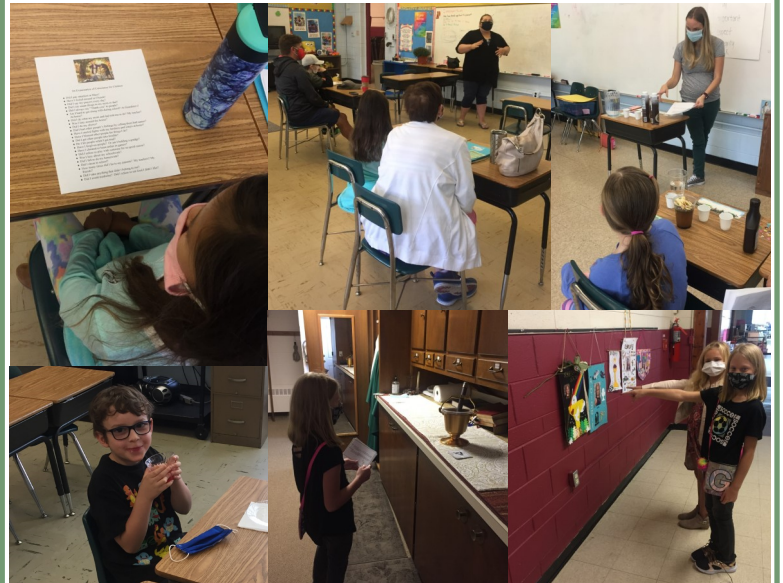
Missy Taylor
 Director of Religious Formation & Coordinator of Youth Ministry

CLASSES BEGIN NEXT WEEK!!
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.

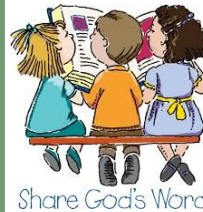
SACRAMENT UPDATE

Congratulations to our young people who were able to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time last week. Check out these pictures of our socially-distanced retreat where we discussed both the Sacrament of Reconciliation and the Eucharist, which they will receive for the first time this coming Saturday. Please pray for them and our Confirmation students who will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit this Thursday, conferred upon them by Bishop Battersby.



CHILDREN'S RESOURCES

Please remember to grab the **Catholic Kids Bulletin!** located in the Gathering Space outside the Father Prus Hall. It's a great way to help your child learn about the reading's from the Liturgy with some fun activities. **Also make sure you check out** our Children's Lending Library located just outside the Usher's Room in the Gathering Space. This spot is FILLED with Arch books describing great stories from Scripture in a format that is easy for children to understand. We also offer many materials for adults. Take a peek and see what valuable things we have!



Share God's Word

CONTACT INFORMATION

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