



September 27, 2020

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



Next weekend is Polish Day right here at St. Thomas the Apostle Parish! Join us on October 4 for our Polish Fundraiser. We will have Polka Masses at the 9:00 am and the 11:00 am Mass. Music will be provided by the Misty Blues Orchestra: Great Polish Meals will be served in the Activities Building after both Masses. Pre-Order cutoff for the meals was last Sunday. However, come and join us for Mass. This is an annual tradition you don't want to miss.

This past Thursday, Bishop Battersby was here to confer the Sacrament of Confirmation to 15 of our young adults during a 6:00 pm Mass. Pray that the Holy Spirit will guide them and strengthen them everyday of their lives. Hopefully, they will take an active role in our parish as they live their faith. Please keep them in your prayers and support them in the ministries they will get involved with.

Yesterday, September 26, our second grade class received their 1st Holy Communion at a 10:00 am Mass. Please keep them and their families in your prayers as they continue to grow in their faith.

Tomorrow, September 28, our religious education classes will resume. The format will be different this year because of COVID-19. However, there is an excellent plan in place to guide our youngsters to continue their faith journey both at home and in the classroom. Please pray that our students take advantage of the opportunities they will have to continue their religious education in a new way.

Life is good and always exciting at St. Thomas the Apostle Parish!



Beginning Friday, October 2, St. Thomas the Apostle will have a one-hour Eucharistic Adoration following the 8:30 a.m. Mass and will continue it every Friday during October—the month of the Holy Rosary.

During the hour, we will have a recitation of the Rosary and also the Divine Praises.

According to the Poor Clares of Perpetual Adoration (pages 37-38):

"The most powerful thing we can do on this earth with our time is to spend it in Eucharistic adoration. Nothing can do more to change the world, to bring about peace, to convert hearts, to make reparation for the many evils committed.

"By visiting Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, we take up the best weapon for the battles of our age and contribute to the healing of our culture. Cultivating a Eucharistic life of adoration also bears tremendous fruit in our own hearts and lives. We cannot spend time in the rays of His Eucharistic Presence without receiving His grace, His love, His mercy, His peace."

Please join us every Friday in October following the 8:30 a.m. Mass.

26th
Sunday
in
Ordinary
Time

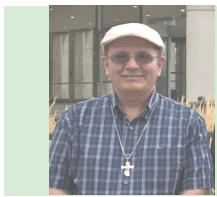
"Amen, I say you,
tax collectors and
prostitutes are
entering the
kingdom of God
before you."

Matthew 21:31

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This N That by Deacon Skip

We survived another garage sale. It was a two week marathon putting it together. It took over a week alone to clear the garages and move goods to the gym and tent along with constant sorting and reorganizing to put together a present ale sale. Dolly Morrow worked her magic again and like clockwork we were ready to rock and roll for the start of the sale.

I spent the majority of my sale time in the tent. One of the fun things was to see a little one pull mom or dad to the area where we had the scooters and tricycles and things and point very hard at a treasure. There were some very happy youngsters at the festival.

I was quite surprised by the turnout. I had fears of people staying far away, but they came out in droves. I don't know the official dollar amount for the sale yet, but I can say that we moved a lot more material than I thought we would. That's always a good thing.

Thank you to everyone who contributed items to the sale. Thank you to all who put in their time and effort to make the sale happen. We literally had to unload two complete garages filled from side to side and front to back with material and turn it into a local Meijer, minus the grocery section.

No big adventures walking to report. Getting ready for the sale and the sale itself put a hefty damper on that activity but I did manage to walk 20 miles each week. I'll have to get back into movement mode. Judging by the number of geese in my neighborhood, winter is close at hand.



Interested?

Would you like to become Catholic? Perhaps you have not been baptized. Perhaps you would like 1st Communion and Confirmation. Perhaps you simply want to find out more about the faith or are looking for a refresher course. There will be an introductory meeting on Wednesday, September 30 at 6:00 pm in Room 116 in the school building across from the church. Come and see. Bring a friend.

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.

Scripture Readings for the Week of September 27, 2020

Sunday, September 27, 2020

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ez 18:25-28; Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14; Phil 2:1-11, or Phil 2:1-5; Mt 21:28-32

Monday, September 28, 2020

Saint Wenceslaus, Martyr; Saint Lawrence Ruiz and Companions, Martyrs

Jb 1:6-22; Ps 17:1bcd, 2-3, 6-7; Lk 9:46-50

Tuesday, September 29, 2020

Feast of Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a; Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5; Jn 1:47-51

Wednesday, September 30, 2020

Memorial of Saint Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Jb 9:1-12, 14-16; Ps 88:10bc-11, 12-13, 14-15; Lk 9:57-62

Thursday, October 1, 2020

Memorial of Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

Jb 19:21-27; Ps 27:7-8a, 8b-9abc, 13-14; Lk 10:1-12

Friday, October 2, 2020

Memorial of the Holy Guardian Angels

Jb 38:1, 12-21; Jb 40:3-5; Ps 139:1-3, 7-8, 9-10, 13-14ab; Mt 18:1-5, 10

Saturday, October 3, 2020

Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Ps 119:66, 71, 75, 91, 125, 130; Lk 10:17-24

Sunday, October 4, 2020

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 5:1-7; Ps 80:9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20; Phil 4:6-9; Mt 21:33-43

TATRY DANCERS Traditional Polish Dance
For More Information, please contact Gail Esker, Director at (248) 255 - 9336
geesker@hotmail.com Tatry Dancers, P . R . C . U . A . <https://tatrydancedearborn.wixsite.com/website>
Now Accepting New Members! Polish Folk Dance for Ages 3 to 18 Traditional, Regional and American Polish Dance Along with Jazz and Modern Dance Meeting every Thursday Evening at St. Sebastian's Catholic Church 20710 Colgate St. Dearborn Heights, MI 48125.



WHAT A WEEKEND!!

We had beautiful weather for what would have been our parish Festival this weekend. Our Garage Sale was well organized and ready to greet our guests on Thursday. It was so nice to see the people lined up all the way to the church to get in. Some people shopped and others enjoyed a hot dog while outside in the sunshine. Were you able to make it on Saturday? We had an awesome car show, music, and friends! Thank you to our Garage Sale chair people, Dolly Morrow and Deacon Skip, and our Jewelry chair people Mary Krempansky and Tina Aquilina; Great Job! A special thanks to our Grand Knight Phil Bustos and all the Knights that took care of the food and drinks. The Galdes family took care of the Car Show and music! Thank you for that!! We couldn't have had such a successful weekend without all of our wonderful volunteers that make each and every event happen at our parish! GOD BLESS ALL OF YOU!

Jill Kolpacke
Tom Pociask

THANK YOU

WE HAVE A WINNER!!!



Thank you for selling or buying all of your Raffle tickets this year. Things are a little more challenging right now but we got it done! Fr. Larry pulled the winning tickets on Sunday and the winners are as follows:

\$3000.00 Grand Prize – Giovannini. \$100.00 seller prize – Giovannini
\$1000.00 Second Prize – Becky Willis
\$500.00 Third Prize – Charles Babel
\$500.00 Fourth Prize – Helen Olkowski

See you at the Polka Mass and Polish Dinner on October 4th!

Ministries Center

(734) 425-9771



Please help fill our shelves so that we can continue to help our community. Current Food Pantry needs include paper towels, Kleenex, cereal, rice sides packages, jelly, and the following

canned items: potatoes, ravioli, Manwich, beef stew, no-bean chili, and anything else you care to 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 attending mass; or, at the Ministries Building any Thursday from 10am-12pm.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

There are many Bible passages which refer to the importance of feeding the hungry. Jesus included this in his teaching regarding the final judgment, where He turned away the goats who did not give any food to the "least of these" (Matthew 25:31-46). Feeding the hungry is a basic tenet of being a Christian, one of the Corporal Works of Mercy. If you have an hour or two to spare, please stop by the pantry any Thursday between 10am—12pm and lend a helping hand.

If you would like to receive items from the pantry, please call (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 until we run out! You will still have to get in line to pay for your dinner as usual. The reason for the reservation was to help us with ordering the food (thank-you for filling out the form). We will have extra dinners available if you did not fill out a reservation so come on over and enjoy some great Polish food!

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.

Dziekuje! (Thank you) and God Bless!
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Tom Pociask thomas.pociask@us.mahle.com

| Worship Schedule | | October 3 & 4, 2020 | |
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| 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 | MACKENZIE JORDAN | STEPHANIE GALDES | JOEY MCKISSICK |
| EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST | CANDY HENRY BOB PAUL CAROL STEC | GAIL COZZAGLIO JOAN PALMER PATRICIA RYAN | DENICE BIELSKI EVIE BURGESS MISSY TAYLOR |
| LECTORS | | | |
| SACRISTAN | BOB PAUL | IRENE PATTOCK | LAURIE ELCHSTEDT |
| MASS INTENTIONS | +ANN POPEK | +FRANK & ELEANOR ZURAWSKI +ADOLPH KARWAN +WALTER POJASK +KARI SUE LABADIE FOR MEMBERS, FAMILIES, RELATIVES & FRIENDS OF RAS LADIES | +DOLORES SULKOWSKI +JULIA BIELSKI +MARGIE DESJARDIN +MICHAEL PACE |

Weekday Masses - September 28-October 2, 2020

Tuesday, September 29
8:30 am.....CHURCH
 +RITA FELCZAK
 +MARINO & ANNA GIOVAGNOLI
 +CONNIE MONTELEONE

Friday, October 2
8:30 am.....CHURCH
 +FRANCES HORVAT
 BARBARA SANTINI
 MARGARET BOYAK
 +MARIE DEVEREUX

Weekend Collection

September 19 & 20, 2020

Envelope contributions: \$9,549.00
 Loose contributions: 277.00

Total Sunday Offertory \$9,826.00

Budgeted per week \$10,404.00
 Below the budgeted amount - **578.00**
 Total # of envelopes 201
 Average envelope contribution \$48.89

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

Holy Day \$ 45.00
 Utility \$ 521.00

TOTAL \$ 566.00

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.

Please Pray For...

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

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

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| Deceased members of the Ajlouny & Batty 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

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| 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
TOMORROW!!**



The packets are stuffed and the prayer service is ready to go!!! Families, please join us with your children in the church Monday, September 28th at 6pm as we kick off our Religious Formation year!! After our prayer service, the children will be called to the Father Prus Hall by grade where they will pick up their learning materials. This is a great opportunity for family catechesis as the parents will then share their faith with their children in the safety of their own homes, with online support and ZOOM meetings throughout that month. 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!!** 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.

Congratulations to our young people who celebrated the sacrament of Confirmation with Bishop Battersby on Thursday, September 24th! May the joy you experience through receiving the fruits and gifts of the Holy Spirit fill your hearts and ignite that desire for closeness with Him as you continue this journey of faith!

David Anderson
Molly Baker
Jennifer Cassell
Paul Cybulski
Rebecca Fitch
Abigail Hodge
Joslyn Kamm
Kyla Kamm
Catherine Kelly
Nicole Masterman
Wyatt Pace
James Shupe
Victor Villalobos
Anthony Woodward
Alena Ziola

CHILDREN'S RESOURCES



Share God's Word

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 readings 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!

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