



The Christian Pumpkin

I am a Jack-O-Lantern
My lights will shine so bright
for I am a Christian Pumpkin
My symbols show what's right

The story starts at Christmas
My eyes are like a star
That shone on baby Jesus
And wise men from afar

My nose is like a cross
On which our savior died
To set us free from sin
We need no longer hide

My mouth is like a fish
The whole world wide to show
A Christian lives within this house
And loves their Savior so

My color, it is orange
Just like the big bright sun
That rose on Easter day
Along with God's own Son

And so on Halloween
Lets set our pumpkins out
And tell the trick or treaters
What God's love is all about

Beginning the weekend of October 31/November 1,
our Sunday Mass schedule will be:
9:00 at St. Thomas the Apostle and St. Richard
11:00 at St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy and St. Mary in Wayne
2:00 at St. Mary in Wayne (in Spanish)

The Saturday schedule will remain the same–
4:00 at St. Thomas the Apostle and St. Mary in Wayne,
and 5:30 at St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy.

If you have requested a Mass Intention for one of the Masses that will be eliminated, unless you direct otherwise, that Mass Intention will be transferred to the remaining Sunday morning Mass that same day. If you would prefer another time, please contact the parish office.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE FOR INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES

This weekend the Knights of Columbus will hold their annual Tootsie Roll Drive! The donations from this charitable drive go 100% to support services and programs for our brothers and sisters in our area who have intellectual and developmental disabilities. Stop by and see our Knights of Columbus members after any of this weekend's Masses! Thank you in advance for your generosity!

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Today's answer provided by Catholic.com's Mary Beth Kremski

Why do Catholics depict Christ on the Cross (Crucifix)?

What does it stir in a heart that loves Jesus to look upon the crucifix? Faith and confidence to trust in such a God as this. Hope—in the knowledge that salvation is firmly founded on this one perfect sacrifice. And love—a desire to return love for love. Giorgio Tiepolo writes, "Anyone who does not fall in love with God by looking at Jesus dead upon the cross will never fall in love".

And love refuses to forget the suffering of the Beloved. Why would we want to dismiss from our minds what he went through for us? We memorialize the sacrifice of our war veterans. And Holocaust survivors implore us to "never forget." Why? Because love remembers.

Does focusing on the crucifix cause the resurrection to slip from view? On the contrary, it brings to mind the great gift that the slain Lamb of God gained for all who believe—life everlasting. We fall victim to a false dichotomy if we think the crucifix is an offense to the resurrected Lord. The Catholic Church teaches that the crucifixion and resurrection are part of one whole: the paschal mystery.

When we look at a crucifix, it is never without the awareness that Christ's suffering ended in the victory of the resurrection. And when we rejoice in the resurrection, we are to be always mindful of the fact that it sprang from the perfect sacrifice of our Lord on Calvary.

When I look at Christ crucified, I don't see weakness and defeat but "the power of God and the wisdom of God" (1 Cor. 1: 23–24)—the holy wisdom of divine love. And I hear "Love one another as I have loved you" (John 15:12).

Scripture Readings for the Week of October 25, 2026

Sunday, October 25, 2026
Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Ex 22:20-26; Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51;
1 Thes 1:5c-10; Mt 22:34-40

Monday, October 26, 2026
Eph 4:32-5:8; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6; Lk 13:10-17

Tuesday, October 27, 2026
Eph 5:21-33; Ps 128: 1-2, 3, 4-5; Lk 13:18-21

Wednesday, October 28, 2026
Feast of Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles
Eph 2:19-22; Ps 19:2-3, 4-5; Lk 6:12-16

Thursday, October 29, 2026
Eph 6:10-20; Ps 114:1b, 2, 9-10; Lk 13:31-35

Friday, October 30, 2026
Phil 1:1-11; Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Lk 14:1-6

Saturday, October 31, 2026
Phil 1:18b-26; Ps 42:2, 3, 5cdef; Lk 14:1, 7-11

Sunday, November 1, 2026
Solemnity of All Saints
Rev 7:2-4, 9-14; Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6;
1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a



WEST SIDE DETROIT POLISH AMERICAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY (WSDPAHS)
Cordially Invites Our Members, Family & Friends to Our
18th ANNUAL ALL SAINTS'/ ALL SOULS' PILGRIMAGE, PRAYER SERVICE & WYPOMINKI (REMEMBRANCE/NAMING)
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2026
MAUSOLEUM of ST. HEDWIG CEMETERY (walker/wheelchair accessible)
23755 MILITARY ROAD, DEARBORN HEIGHTS, MI 48127
Luncheon Immediately Following at DeLuca's Restaurant,
27424 W. Warren Ave., Westland, MI 48185 (directly west on W. Warren from St. Hedwig Cemetery)

12:00 PM-12:30 PM:	GATHERING IN MAUSOLEUM of ST. HEDWIG CEMETERY
12:30 PM-1:15 PM:	PRAYER SERVICE AND WYPOMINKI (NAMING) REV. GARY MICHALIK, PRESIDENT, WSDPAHS REV. LAWRENCE ZURAWSKI, DIRECTOR, WSDPAHS REV. CANON WALTER J. PTAK, DIRECTOR, WSDPAHS "WYPOMINKI & READING OF NAMES": ALL deceased Society Members. Then, *at specified time, guests will be invited to read aloud names of departed loved ones.*
1:15 PM-2:15 PM:	SOLEMN INSPIRATION & CEMETERY INFORMATION: "Rebuilding the house of God today" *"I have done what is my part to do, may Christ show you yours." Saint Francis of Assisi* "New Section of St. Hedwig Cemetery" *"Upright Headstones" & "Floral Placement Program"* presented by Mr. Rick Davis, General Manager, St. Hedwig Cemetery
2:15 PM-3:15 PM:	LIGHTING OF REMEMBRANCE CANDLES AT VARIOUS GRAVES
3:30 PM-6:00 PM:	LUNCHEON (optional) at DELUCA'S RESTAURANT (order from menu and pay individually; walker/wheelchair accessible)

For More Info/Questions and to RSVP for Luncheon/DeLuca's Restaurant:
CALL: 1-855-POLONIA (1-855-765-6642) or EMAIL: WSDPAHS@GMAIL.COM
BY FRIDAY, 10/30/2026 with questions, your name, return phone number and headcount.
"Thank you for your continued commitment to the Society" — *DZIĘKUJEMY!*
WSDPAHS is a 501(c)(3) non-profit historical society
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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	9:00 am	St. Thomas the Apostle, Garden City
	9:00 am	St. Richard, Westland
	11:00 am	*St. Mary, Wayne*
	11:00 am	St. Mary Cause of Our Joy, Westland
	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



THANKSGIVING BASKETS

We have our boards up, please take a feather of your choice!

All food and gift cards **must** be returned by **Sunday, November 8, 2026.**

NPM Detroit Chapter
Toledo Chapter



AN AFTERNOON WITH AMERICAN SAINTS

Sunday, October 25 4pm

at St. Therese Senior Living Community
IHM Motherhouse Chapel

FREE!



- Musical Prayer Service, featuring American Saints
- Tour the beautiful chapel and learn about the IHM Community
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St. Thomas the Apostle, 31530 Beechwood St. Garden City, MI 48135
(just north of Ford Road on west side of Merriman)

Pierogi:	Order/Pre-pay by:	Pick-up on:
Potato & Cheese	Oct 24th	Oct 31th & Nov 7th
Kraut	Oct 31st	Nov 7th & Nov 14th
Potato & Onion	Nov 7th	Nov 21st

To order or for more information, please contact:
Natalia Jackson, Director – 734-674-7352 or polaniedetroit96@gmail.com
Teresa Jedruszko, Asst. Director, Fundraising - 734-306-7351 OR Facebook OR teresaj63@aol.com
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Please make check payable to: POLANIE SONG & DANCE ENSEMBLE

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If you would like to be added to our annual pierogi fundraiser email list, just email polaniedetroit96@gmail.com

Worship Schedule — October 31 & Nov. 1, 2026

MINISTERS	SAT 4:00PM	SUN 9:00AM
CELEBRANT	FATHER LAWRENCE ZURAWSKI	FATHER LAWRENCE ZURAWSKI
ALTAR SERVERS	JERRY KOWALCZYK NATASHA GRAHAM ANNALEIGH BARNES	JOHN GALDES STEPHANIE GALDES
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LECTORS	JEFF GORMAN	GEORGETTE KATTULA
SACRISTAN	CAROL STEC	ROSE CONYER
MASS INTENTIONS	+ MURIEL & DEBORAH FERRELL + GERRY KOLPACKE + MARGUERITE & DICK BOYCE	+ DELIA EVELYN SUAREZ + MEMBERS OF CAMPOS FAMILY + KATHY HOFFMAN + MADELYN & LEONARD OLSZEWSKI & FAMILY + TONY SCHILLACI + CARMEN CALLEJA + THOMAS TAUBE

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 form.

BULLETIN EDITOR

Sandy.Mulcahy@thomastheapostle.org

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.

All Souls' Day Mass will be on Monday, November 2, 2026 at 7 pm

MASS INTENTIONS

Weekday Masses
October 26-30, 2026

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2026
9:00 AM
PARISHIONERS OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2026
12:00 PM
THOSE SUFFERING WITH A CANCER DIAGNOSIS

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2026
9:00 AM
+ ERNIE & AUDREY MAJESTIC

Offertory collection is reported quarterly.

Thank you for your support and may God bless you!

Please remember St. Thomas the Apostle when writing your will.

St. Thomas the Apostle
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Please pray for...

Alaska, Shirley
Anderson, Helen
Bassett, Jaclyn
Baumgardner, Patty
Benninger, Barbara
Berger, Ron
Beuer, Donna
Blasik, Ann
Block, Karen
Boyak, Carolyn
Bringold, Bonnie
Bryant, Linda
Burgess, Evie
Burris, Nikita and Family
Calley, Julie
Carpenter, Mike
Cervantes, Vicki
Chichila, Pam
Chop, Nancy Grabel
Cielma, Genevieve
Cislo, Dan
Cockrum, Noah William
Cole, Jean
D'Angelo, Rebecca
Dacus, Shirley
Daugherty, Kenny
DeGrande, Colleen
Dempsey, Sgt Joseph
Descavish, Joella
Dewey, Thomas
Dial, Phillip
Durkin, Gerald Lee Jr.
Duval, Chuck
Dzendzel, Mary Ann
Eichstedt, Laurie
Eroh, Kade
Eves, Debbie
Felieir, Alex Horne
Fichtner, Leanne
Fick, Colton
Filak, Julianna
Fornasiero, Joseph
Gackiewicz, Jo Ann
Gentilila, Judy
Ghamlouche, Bellamy
Gozowsky, David
Hagen, Jennifer
Harte, John
Hubbard, Carl
Kapanke, Dolores
Kirby, Barbara
Kirby, Steve
LeVoir, Lorraine
LeVoir, Sherry
Linn, Cathy
Lobb, Cindy
Lowe, Jannette
Lowe, Jonathan
Malish, Rosemary
Markey, Ken
Matfin, Kathy
Mathison, Bonnie
Murawski, Veronica
Myshock, Bernadette
O'Connell, Evan
Palmer, Joan
Palmer, Kent
Pastula, Shirley
Pattenaude, Eric
Prokop, Bob
Prosser, Cindy
Romanek, Virginia (Pat)
Sanak, Francene
Sanregret, John
Skluzak, Judy
Smith, Mary
Smith, Patricia
Smitt, Deb
Soine, Dianna
Sommariva, Judy
Speier, Lily
Stites, Keith
Sutherland, Eleanor
Swiercz, Bobbie
Tennent, Joan
Tsaprazis, Pete
Turcotte, Joshua
Walker, Ian
Whitfield, James
Zarzycki, Stanley

Prayer list requests can be made only with the knowledge and permission of the person being added. To add or remove a name, please call the parish office.

Pray for the First Saturday Memorial Association from July 2026-June 30, 2027

All Souls in Purgatory & Return to Faith for my Children
Deceased Members of Ajlouny & Blaty Families
Living & Deceased Members of Barnes & Digregio Families
Loving Memory of Aunt Loretta Brandt
Living and Deceased Members of Butka & Wojtkowiak Families
In Loving Memory of Walter and Mary Burdis
Loving Memory of Sgt. Bryan K. Burgess
Loving Memory of Coach Dave Cain
Deceased Members of Cielma and Niwa Families
In Loving Memory of my husband Tommy Cockrum 1937-2025
Deceased Members of the Darnell Family
Living & Deceased Members of Dooley & Firestone Families
Living & Deceased Members of Duncan & Williams Families
Living & Deceased Members of Gizowski & Sovel Families
Living and Deceased Members of Gorny and Kushnir Families
In Memory of Donald Grant
Living & Deceased Members of Gregory & Warrick Families
Loving Memory of Jessie & Chester Gugala
In Loving Memory of Bob and Ann Hoelscher
Love Always from the Family of Eugene Joseph Hynek
My Wife Joanne Who I Love and Miss Very Much
Deceased Members of the Kattula Family
Living & Deceased Members of Keiller & Marciniec Families
For the Health of Barbara Kirby and Steve Kirby
Living & Deceased Members of Kwatera, Morone & McIntosh Families
Living & Deceased Members of Kwilos & Stecker Families
The Malish and Porembiak Families
Living and deceased members of Matthews & Zalno Families
In Loving Memory of Margaret Mirabitur
In Loving Memory of Reynold J. Mirabitur
In Loving Memory of Audrey Mocadlo
Loving Memory of Jerry Moynahan
Living & Deceased Members of Mroz & Rutkowski Families
Angel Dr. Dominic J. Noonan
Loving memory of the Dec'd Members of the Norris/Krempasky Family
In Loving Memory of Ben and Phyllis Ornatowski
In Loving Memory of Lawrence and Mary Jane Peltz
Angel Danny P. Pepera
My loving wife of 66 years, Mary J. Pepera
Living & Deceased Members of Rand & Vasquez Families
In Memory of Richard and Eleanore Reed
In Memory of Kathy Rodgers
In Loving Memory of Mark Roy
Living and Deceased Members of the Shroat/Marquis Families
In Loving Memory of Thomas and Barbara Stempniak
Deceased Members of the Sturm & Preba Families
Deceased Members of the Szuba & Balawajder Families
In Memory of Martin A. Tofil & Ania Swiergul-Tofil
In Memory of the Deceased Members of the Vitale/Rottero Families

Pray for those Serving in the Military

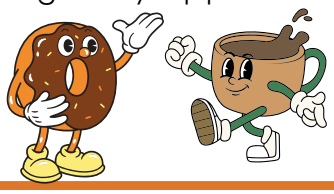
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Angelovic, Adrian
Ardinger, Stephanie
Baumgardner, AJ
Becker, Justin
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Campbell, Mary
Canfield, Chaz
Chokr Jamel
Cinka, Jonathan
Coatsworth, Michael
Comment, Scott
Czarnik, Zachary Andrew
Dwyer, Tyler
Ellsworth, Justin
Fisher, Bob
Gentilia, Anthony
Hunter, Cassidy
Julien, Sgt. Nick
Kapelanski, Isaac
Kashou, Christopher
Laichalk, Robert
Logan, Jonathan
Logan, Sean Patrick
Logan, Jeff
Lowe, Jonathan
Masiarak, Luke
McCarville, WIlliam E.
McGahan, Wade
McGaw, Douglas
Meadows, Erin
Moody, Samantha
Murray, Daniel
Nguyen, Staff Sgt. Truonq
Ohannesian, Brandon
Pastula, Michael Thomas
Porcaro, Jeff
Preba, Danny
Rosa, Brian J.
Rosa, Douglas J.
Rousseau, Philip
Sheko, Destiny
Smith, David
Smith, Sgt. Leven
Smitt, Davi
Spiczka, Cathy
Spiczka, Greg
Sparrow, Justin
Spohr, Raymong
Squires, Zachary
Szerszen, Michael
Waldo, Michael
Waldon, Nathan
Webb, Brian
Wiertella, Jonathan
Witt, Christopher



MISSY TAYLOR
Director of Faith Formation / Coordinator of Youth and Young Adult Ministry

FAITH FORMATION

Don't forget the **COFFEE/DONUTS fundraiser after ALL masses this weekend!** Our eighth grade Confirmation preparation group is looking forward to our upcoming retreat at Our Lady of the Fields being held next month; and your generosity will help to help defray the cost of that retreat to our families. Please come support the students and say hello to them as they serve! Please know that your kindness is greatly appreciated!





ANNUAL RAKE 'N RUN

We will be out raking leaves in our annual Rake 'n Run on Sunday, November 1st from noon-4pm. We will meet in the Religious Formation building at 11:30pm for some yummy snacks to build up some energy to head out for some hard work! We are rewarded with pizza and pop after all the work is done. Please let me know if you are in need of assistance with the beautiful foliage that has found its way to the ground. Our team of young people will be happy to help. If you are a young person or family who would like to be part of the clean up crew,please let me know and I'll add you to the list of volunteers. *Lots of hands = light work!!* Last year we bundled up well over 60 bags of leaves at the homes we cleaned. Thanks in advance for your generosity!!





CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD will be moving to the 9am Mass starting **NEXT WEEK**, November 1st. Please continue to join us for this wonderful way for our children to hear His message!

MIDDLE SCHOOLERS
SAVE THE DATE!!!!
Friday, November 13th

We will again be packaging meals for the less fortunate on Friday, November 13th from 6-8pm at Sacred Heart Parish in Dearborn. Our goal is to surpass the 10,000 meals that we packaged last year. Permission slips are in the Gathering Space and available in my office. They are due back on November 9th. Please call with any questions.

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