



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

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"The kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that will produce its fruit."

Matthew 21:43

October 4, 2020



Happy days are here again! It is Polish Day at St. Thomas the Apostle Parish!

We will have two Polka Masses this year at 9:00 am and 11:00 am. Music will be provided by the Misty Blues. Delicious Polish meals will be served in the Activities Building after both Masses with catering by Halina. Carry out meals will also be available. Social distancing will be observed inside the Activities Building. Please wear your mask for everyone's safety. See you there!

October is the month of the rosary. Let's all say the rosary during October—daily if possible. It is a beautiful and powerful form of prayer. It is also Respect for Life month. Let's show respect for all life at every stage—from womb to tomb. Did you know October is also Polish-American Heritage month? We are going to celebrate in style here at St. Thomas.

October 4 is the feast of St. Francis of Assisi. He is the patron saint of animals. He was the first person to create a live nativity scene and used it to preach about "the babe of Bethlehem." Francis was so overcome with emotion that he couldn't say "Jesus" as he talked about the first Christmas. Francis was also the one who created the response we say at the Stations of the Cross. "We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you, because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world." Let us walk in the footsteps of St. Francis of Assisi and imitate his joyful love and zeal. Let us share our gifts with each other in a spirit of simplicity, humility and sensitivity just as St. Francis did.

Prayer for my Pet

In your infinite wisdom, Lord God, when You created the Universe You blessed us with all living creatures. We especially thank You for giving us our pets who are our friends and who bring us so much joy in life. Their presence very often helps us get through trying times. Kindly bless my pet. May my pet continue giving me joy and remind me of Your power.

May we realize that as our pets trust us to take care of them, so we should trust You take care of us, and in taking care of them we share in Your love for all Your creatures. Enlighten our minds to preserve all endangered species so that we may continue to appreciate all of Your creations.

Grant this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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This N That by Deacon Skip

Well, I did it I walked the segment of the trail that runs through the nature preserve that I had not been able to manage up to now.

Not that it was easy. The nature preserve website warns that some of the trails are not fully developed. This was the case, actually, an understatement. Apparently, not many people hike the trail between Hix and Newburg. It is very overgrown and primitive in spots. On two occasions I literally had to blaze a trail for myself.

At one point I passed underneath some high tension wires. That in itself was no big deal but the fields that the towers ran through were overgrown with ragweed, thistles, and plants with very tiny burrs on them. I popped out on Newburg covered in burrs. Later that evening my eyes were so itchy I had to take an allergy pill. I suspect that came from the ragweed. The whole territory was swarming with mosquitoes. To get back to my car I did not retrace my steps. I chickened out, walked down to Warren, and followed Warren back to Hix and to my car.

The next challenge is to walk the whole length of the nature preserve in one big hike. The length of the trail itself is five miles and that does not bother me. What is of concern is that I live almost dead center from either end of the preserve. Walking to and from the trail could nearly double the route. Plus with the mosquitoes and the overgrowth in areas, this might be a project for after the fall freeze. Not only that, I'm losing daylight. That sun is setting earlier and earlier. This will take some planning.

Speaking of fall freeze, I will miss my butterfly bush. It was spectacular this summer. I did not see many butterflies, but I did have a multitude of bumble bees, which was a pleasant surprise.

A big shout out goes to our confirmation kids and our first communion kids. It was good to see the church crowded with people, especially younger ones.



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 October 4, 2020

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

Monday, October 5, 2020

Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest

Gal 1:6-12; Ps 111:1b-2, 7-8, 9 and 10c;
Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday, October 6, 2020

Saint Bruno, Priest; Blessed Marie Rose Durocher, Virgin

Gal 1:13-24; Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15;
Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday, October 7, 2020

Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary

Gal 2:1-2, 7-14; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Lk 11:1-4

Thursday, October 8, 2020

Gal 3:1-5; Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75;
Lk 11:5-13

Friday, October 9, 2020

Saint Denis, Bishop, and Companions, Martyrs; Saint John Leonardi, Priest

Gal 3:7-14; Ps 111:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6;
Lk 11:15-26

Saturday, October 10, 2020

Gal 3:22-29; Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7;
Lk 11:27-28

Sunday, October 11, 2020

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6;
Phil 4:12-14, 19-20; Mt 22:1-14 or
Mt 22:1-10

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For More Information, please contact Gail Esker, Director at (248) 255 - 9336
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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.



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I have been asked what the Knights of Columbus does. This is a great question. Our common bond is our devotion to the Catholic faith and our brotherhood in Christ. We have joined together to help one another become better Catholics, better husbands, better fathers. We place special emphasis on Charity, the first principle of the Knights of Columbus. At St. Thomas the Apostle we are here to contribute to the support of the church and clergy.

These are a couple of charities the Knights of Columbus have done recently: Contributed to the purchase of books and working with our Parish Champion, Ron Berger, Director of Religion, Missy Taylor, and Dynamic Catholic, whose mission is to re-energize the Catholic Church in America by developing world-class resources that inspire people to rediscover the genius of Catholicism. The books will be given out to our parish community free of charge. At our parish Garage Sale, the Knights took care of the food tent. Our Deputy Grand Knight, John Glades, and his family took care of the Car Show.

For the month of October, in the past we have been selling Turkey Raffle tickets. Due to the Covid-19, this year we will be asking for donations after all masses in October to purchase turkeys for the parish food pantry. Blue Knights of Columbus donation cans will be by all the entrances. For Columbus Day, Indigenous Peoples Day weekend, October 10th & 11th, after all masses we will have our Tootsie Roll Drive. All donations are given to the Penrickton Center for Blind Children. As parishioners of St. Thomas the Apostle you have been very supportive in all the events sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. We would like to thank you.



Flu Clinic - October 24th and 25th after all the Masses. Happy Fall!!!

Representatives from Rite Aid will be at St. Thomas the Apostle in the Fr. Prus Hall after all the Masses the weekend of October 24th and 25th administering flu shots. Masks and social distancing will be required for everyone's safety. The required Screening and Consent Form can be found in the Gathering Space of the Church. This form can be filled out ahead of time or on the day of the clinic.

Please Note: Rite Aid is also able to provide the pneumonia vaccine to those who are interested. You would receive this vaccination at the same time as the flu vaccination. If you would like this additional vaccination, please contact the parish office and leave your name so we can provide Rite Aid with a count. Thank you and we look forward to seeing you there.

Jeanne Pyonk, St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Nurse

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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Worship Schedule		October 10 & 11, 2020	
MINISTERS	SAT 4:30 PM	SUN 9:00 AM	SUN 11:00 AM
CELEBRANT	FATHER MANNY	FATHER LAWRENCE ZURAWSKI	FATHER LAWRENCE ZURAWSKI
ALTAR SERVERS	KATHY GENAW	DAVID ANDERSON	ALAYNA ZARZYCKI-EROH
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	CAROL STEC	BOB PROKOP	TEREZE AULA
MASS INTENTIONS	+BETTY HRLIC +EUGENE FRANCKOWIAK	+DOLORES SULKOWSKI +MARILYN LELEK	+WALTER MICHNO +THERESA TARASKAVAGE +JEFF AULA +JIM & EVELYN LANDRUM

Weekday Masses

October 5-9, 2020

Tuesday, October 5

8:30 am.....CHURCH

PARISHIONERS OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

Friday, October 9

8:30 am.....CHURCH

PARISHIONERS OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

Weekend Collection

September 26 & 27, 2020

Envelope contributions: \$4,764.00

Loose contributions: 479.00

Total Sunday Offertory \$5,243.00

Budgeted per week \$10,404.00

Below the budgeted amount **-5,161.00**

Total # of envelopes 163

Average envelope contribution \$32.17

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

Holy Day \$ 10.00

Utility \$ 69.00

TOTAL \$ 79.00

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...

Ainsworth, Karen	Chicila, Pam	Larry, Bruce	Niemczewski, Gordon	Szura, Samantha
Ainsworth, Ron	Cunningham, John	Levoir, Lorraine	Pardo, Charel	Tetreau, Audrey
Akwaegbu, Kingsley Ejike	Daughtery, Jeff	Luther, Brian	Parker, Sharon	Thomas, Michael
Altizer, Brynn	DeGrande, Colleen	Lynn, William	Pastula, Shirley	Tomasi, Jack
Arsenault, Cathy	DeGrande, Sam	Malish, Rosemary	Persondek, Cristina	Vaughn, Kelly
Arsenault, Fran	DiVitto, Rita	Malone, Della	Pietszak, Carol	Woodward, Todd
Asini, Eloho	Esson, Pat	Marchand, Susan	Pryce, Mary Ann	Wysocki, Ken
Asini, Margaret	Farr, Viola	Mathison, Bonnie	Radford, Magdalen	Zonca, Barbara
Bargardi, Carl	Galdes, Julie	Mathison, Jackie	(Maggie)	Ziolkowski, Norm
Bargardi, Frances	Gau, Sandy	Mayfield, Sally	Rawlings, Therese	
Bartlett, Carol	Hamm, Jo	McGrath, Jim	Robertson, Michael	
Boyak, Carolyn	Hayes, Jacqueline	Merritt, Dan	Rodgers, Hiedi	
Buflini, Rose	Henry, Bernadine	Miklousich, Lena	Romanowski, Ronald	
Burdish, Cathy	Herlihy, Patrick	Mirabitur, Timmy	Saenz, Carlos	
Burke, Larry	Humphrey, Dawn	Mocadlo, Audrey	Sanregret, Anna	
Burrell, Fred	Irwin, Mary	Mocadlo, Jim, Sr.	Serafini, Loreta	
Burris, Nikita	Jones, Marie	Mocadlo, Jimmy	Shankin, JoAnne	
Burris Family	Kietur, Deanna	Murray, Colleen	Skorupa, Peter	
Carol and Ronnie	Kleczynski, Richard	Nantz, Janice	Stacherski, Ann	
	Koslosky, Alphonse	Needham, Jim	Staudacher, Jason	
	Kuslusi, Walter	Newman, Theresa	Summet, Fred	

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

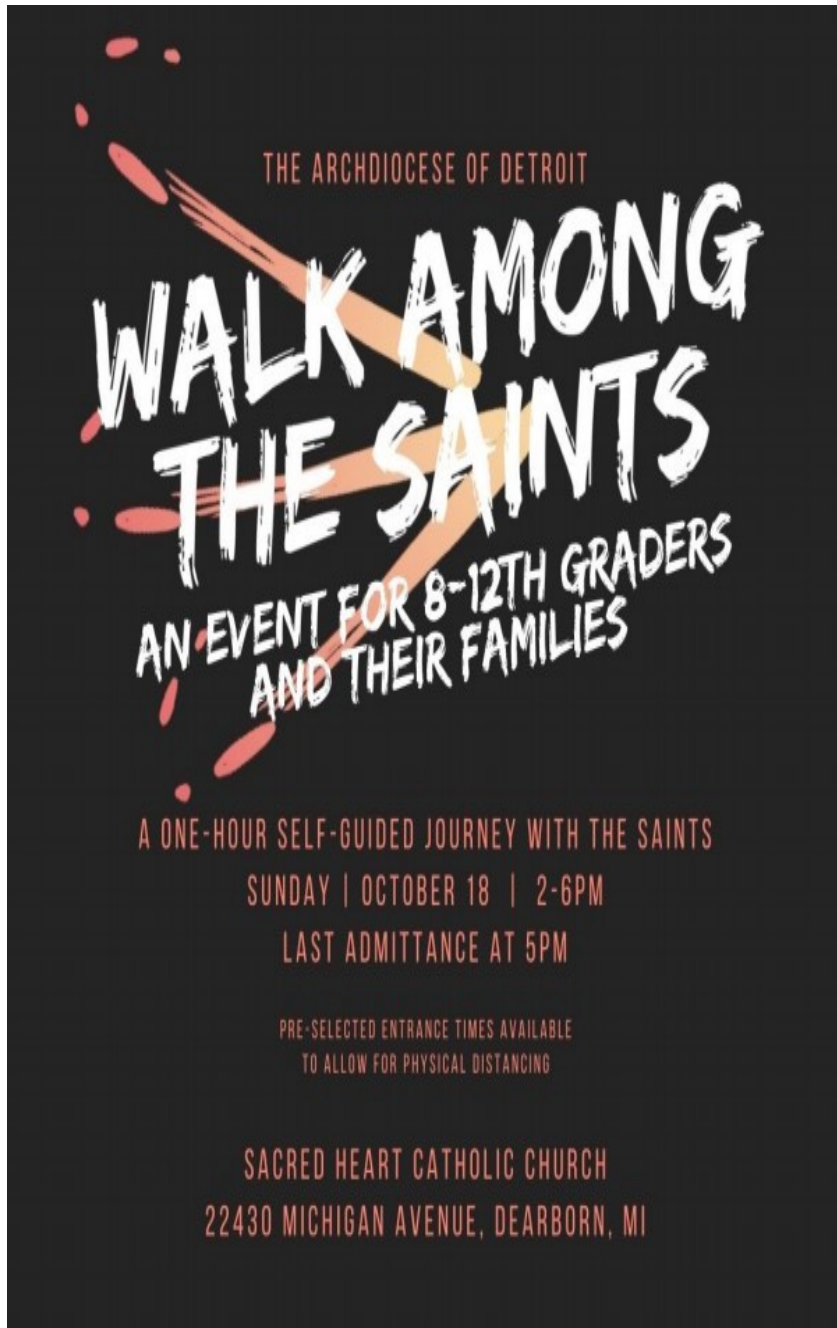
Ainsworth, Amber	Ainsworth, Raymond	McGaw, Douglas	Meadows, Erin
Angelovic, Adrian	Angelovic, George	Miller, Maj. David C.	Mondoux, Ian
Ardinger, Stephanie	Baumgardner, AJ	Moody, Samantha	Murray, Daniel
Becker, Justin	Bregand, David	Nguyen, Staff Sgt. Truong	Ohannesian, Brandon
Brozek, Timothy	Campbell, 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

JOIN US!!!

I currently have 6 spots held for a 3pm entry into this self-guided journey. Please let me know if you'd like to join us as I can hold additional spots. This event will happen RAIN or SHINE. For more info search WALK AMONG THE SAINTS at aod.org.



Congratulations

A great big congratulations to our young people who celebrated the wonderful gift of their First Eucharist on Saturday, September 26th! May you now take the opportunity to come to the feast often in seeking that special closeness with Him as you continue to walk along this journey of faith! **GOD BLESS YOU!**

Abigail Beaubien
Giannah Beccaccio
David Gerstenbrand
Ariana Gier
Julia Hedrick
Michaela Holdman
Mackenzie Jordan
Analísia Knox-Busby
Brahaun Knox-Busby
Lucas Lesperance
Andres Orozco
Emily McGinnis
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