Thanksgiving dinners with my family and friends have always been wonderful celebrations. What better way to give thanks than by sharing a meal with those you love.

When people gather on Thanksgiving, we continue a long tradition that goes back to Plymouth Colony. It honors the courage dedication of men, women and children who faced overwhelming difficulties in this new land.

I hope we can be as thankful as the first pilgrims who had no great abundance of food, shelter, or clothing. Our reasons for giving thanks differ from those of early settlers in this country. We do not have to look far beyond our homes for reminders that we are indeed a gifted people. We take so much for granted and do not appreciate it until we lose it. Nothing in life should be received as if we deserve it.

Gratitude means loving all life as a gift. As long as we are resentful about things we wish had not happened, about relationships we wish had turned out differently, about mistakes we wish we had not made, part of our heart remains hardened.

There are times when we feel discouraged and our hearts may even close. During those times it is good to count our blessings. Each of us has much to be grateful for everyday of our lives.

This week we take pause to give thanks and praise for all the blessings we enjoy all year long and so often take for granted. May you and all your loved ones enjoy the blessings of Thanksgiving Day and express that gratitude everyday of the year.

Count your blessings!
Happy Thanksgiving Day

Please join us for Mass on Thanksgiving Day at 8:30 am!
This is a sort of wistful time of year for me. Kathy’s birthday was November 26 and is fast approaching. She literally was born on Thanksgiving Day, and every few years we would observe both thanksgiving and her birthday at the same time. Literally, as soon as the family sat down for Thanksgiving dinner that year, she announced her imminent arrival. Instead of pumpkin pie, her mother had Kathy that year.

I remember after Kathy was buried, I would make the trip up to Holy Sepulcher to visit her grave and it seemed like every time I showed up it would rain or snow. I could leave Westland in perfectly fine weather and by the time I got there the weather would be bad. It was like I was being told to find something better to do with my time. Then, without a lot of fanfare, the weather has turned good when I go. Now it’s like I’m being told thanks for coming. I think the turning point came one Sunday afternoon in the fall. I went to put the vigil candle at her grave and four deer came walking through in a group. Four deer do not constitute a herd, but they stopped when they got near and nodded my way. Either I’m harmless to animals, or I was being sent a message. So, let’s remember all our departed loved ones wherever they may lie at rest.

We have a lot of parish events coming up in the near future. Keep tuned to the bulletin and the announcements. This can be one busy parish. Feel free to jump in to all the activity.

Our Knights of Columbus Council, Immaculate Conception, is looking for new members. The Knights are dedicated to supporting the work of the parish and is an ideal activity for any man looking for a way to participate in parish life beyond weekend Mass. Give it some thought.

**ADVENT WREATH**

With the anticipation of the Birth of our Lord, parishioners are invited to sign up to assist in the lighting of the Advent Wreath at the beginning of each Mass. If your family would like to participate in the lighting of the Advent Wreath, please tell Father Larry.
Sacraments

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**
Saturday: 3:00 P.M. or by appointment by calling the parish office.

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**
Infant Baptisms are held on the second Sunday of each month. Please contact the parish office to make arrangements at least one month prior to the desired date of Baptism. At least one parent must be a practicing Catholic (that is attending Mass each weekend) and must be a member of St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Community for at least 3 months prior to the request. A baptism class is required.

**SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE**
Couples seeking to be married at St. Thomas the Apostle Parish should contact the parish priest at least seven months prior to the desired date of marriage. Both members of the party must be free to marry, at least one must be baptized Catholic and a registered member of the St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Community. Only the parish priest may confirm a date for a wedding at St. Thomas the Apostle Parish.

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK**
Please call the Parish Office to request this Sacrament. You do not need to wait until the person is actively dying to call.

**FUNERALS**
Arrangements are made in conjunction with the funeral home. Eulogies must be given at the funeral home or at the funeral luncheon; no eulogies at the funeral Mass, please. Memorial Masses are scheduled Monday-Friday normally.

**EXPOSITION OF BLESSED SACRAMENT**
First Thursday of each month from 5:00-7:00 p.m. concluding with Mass at 7:00 p.m. September through May

Ministries Center
by
Cindy Portis
(734) 425-9771

**TURKEY FEATHERS**
Your generous donations of over 1,508 pounds of food for the Thanksgiving and Christmas food baskets was overwhelming. The feathers may be light the return was over the top. Thank you so much for your donations.

**FOOD PANTRY**
The food pantry is in need of Kleenex, paper towel and toothbrushes. We give each client when they come in a paper bag with Kleenex, paper towel, toilet paper and paper napkins. These are items they cannot buy with a bridge card. Personal hygiene products are another item not allowed with a bridge card. Imagine yourself getting ready in your bathroom each day without the items you use: Toothpaste, toothbrush, hair brush, comb. These are just a few items to imagine. Shaving items, bath soap, hand soap, lotion, deodorant or shampoo.

**THANKSGIVING DAY MASS**
Join us Thanksgiving day for Mass in the morning at 8:30 to offer prayers of gratitude to God for all you have in your life. Take home a blessed loaf of bread from Mass that morning to share with your family. A loaf of bread from the Lord’s table to your family table. Blessings abound when shared with each other.

**WISH TREE** —will be up on Thanksgiving Day with tags supporting the following:
- Garden City school families
- Parish and Religious formation families

Wish Tree delivery with food baskets will take place on Saturday, December 21st from 8:30 until 11:30 am. The families that are recipients of the Thanksgiving Baskets and Wish Tree tags are names that we receive from Garden City schools, our own Parish and Religious Formation office. Last year we had over 526 tags for children on this list. We also had tags to support homeless shelters that ask for support.

Movie gift certificates and bowling certificates in the amount of $20 will also be collected. These are given to each family when they pick up their Wish Tree items. Many families have children over the age of 16 that do not get put on the Wish Tree. Gift certificates for a family to enjoy a matinee movie or bowling give them a chance to do something together with all of their children. Each year that we have done this, tears of joy and gratitude for a family outing are expressed by those who receive them.

**WINTER COATS AND SLEEPING BAGS**
We will also be collecting gently used sleeping bags and winter coats of all sizes from Children’s to Adult. These will be given to outreach centers in Detroit to help those who find themselves displaced from their homes or on the streets. Gently worn winter boots, hats and gloves are also accepted. They can just be placed in the gathering space by the wish tree. May God bless you abundantly for all you do to help those in our community.

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November 24, 2019
This Week In Our Parish

Monday, November 25, 2019
6:00 pm Religious Education (CR)

Tuesday, November 26, 2019
8:00 pm AA (POB)

Wednesday, November 27, 2019
9:00 am Blanket Ministry (M)
9:00 am Breakfast w/Bible (PO)
1:00 pm Divine Mercy Group (POC)
6:30 pm Women’s Bible Study (PO)
7:00 pm Boy Scouts (CR)

Thursday, November 28, 2019 HAPPY THANKSGIVING

Friday, November 29, 2019
OFFICE CLOSED

Saturday, November 30, 2019
9:00 am Polish Dance/Pierogi Making (AC)
1:00 pm Wedding (C)
3:00 pm Confession (C)
5:30 pm K of C Coffee and Donuts (FPH)

Sunday, December 1, 2019
9:00 am Mass/Sodality Sunday (C)
10:00 am K of C Coffee and Donuts (FPH)
10:00 am RCIA (C/PO)
11:00 am K of C Corporate Communion (C)
12:00 pm K of C Rosary (C)
6:00 pm Holy Hour (C)
7:00 pm Taizé Prayer (C)

AC = Activity Center
C = Church
CR = Classroom in School
FPH = Fr. Prus Hall
KLAB = Keyboard Lab
M = Ministry Building
PL = Parking Lot
PO = Parish Office Meeting
POB = Parish Office Basement
POC = Parish Office Chapel

Weekend Collection
November 16 & 17, 2019

Envelope Contributions .............................................. $7,613.00
Loose Contributions .................................................. $1,016.16
Total Sunday Offertory ............................................. $8,629.16
Budgeted Per Week .................................................. $10,404.00
+-The Budgeted Amount ........................................... -$1,774.84
Total # of Envelope ................................................ 303
Average Envelope Contribution ................................ $28.48

Special Collections
All Saints ................................................................. $10.00
Christmas Flowers ................................................... $1,474.00
Catholic Charities/SE Michigan ................................ $961.00
Utility ................................................................. $58.00
TOTAL................................................................. $2,503.00

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

Readings for the Week of
Sunday, November 24, 2019
Solemnity of Our Lord
Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
2 Sm 5:1-3; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5
Col 1:12-20
Lk 23:35-43

Monday, November 25, 2019
Saint Catherine of Alexandria
Virgin and Martyr
Dn 1:1-6, 8-20; Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56
Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday, November 26, 2019
Dn 2:31-45; Dn 3:57, 58, 59, 60, 61
Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday, November 27, 2019
Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28
Dn 3:62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67
Lk 21:12-19

Thursday, November 28, 2019
Thanksgiving
Dn 6:12-28; Dn 3:68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74
Lk 21:20-28
Proper Mass in Thanksgiving to God
Sir 50:22-24; Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9, 10-11
1 Cor 1:3-9
Lk 17:11-19

Friday, November 29, 2019
Dn 7:2-14; Dn 3:75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81
Lk 21:29-33

Saturday, November 30, 2019
Feast of Saint Andrew, Apostle
Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11
Mt 4:18-22

Sunday, December 1, 2019
First Sunday of Advent
Lk 5:1-5; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9
Rom 13:11-14
Mt 24:37-44

Bulletin Editor
cborsh@thomastheapostle.org
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.
### Worship Schedule

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### Weekday Masses

**November 25—29, 2019**

- **Monday, November 25**
  - 8:30 am - CHAPEL
  - +GIUSEPPE & NORINA BENEDETTINI

- **Tuesday, November 26**
  - 8:30 am - CHURCH
  - +BERNICE KURZYNSKI

- **Wednesday, November 27**
  - 8:30 am - CHAPEL COMMUNION SERVICE

- **Thursday, November 28**
  - THANKSGIVING DAY
  - 8:30 am - CHURCH
  - +DANNY PEPERA
  - +MARY PEPERA
  - +LORETTA BRANDT
  - +DR. DOMINICK NOONAN
  - +FRED KRAWCHUK, III

- **Friday, November 29**
  - 8:30 am - CHAPEL
  - +GIUSEPPE & NORINA BENEDETTINI

### Sanctuary Candle

**For the week of November 24–30, 2019**

**Gerald Moynahan**

A very **HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to our Pastor, Fr. Larry Zurawski, who celebrates his birthday on Thanksgiving Day!
St. Paul of the Cross Passionist Retreat Center Presents
ADVENT EVENING OF REFLECTION
Wednesday, December 11
6:00 - 8:30 pm
$35 per person
Early Registration Discount
$30 if paid by Nov. 27
Individuals, couples and groups are welcome
register online at stpaulretreat.org
OR call (313)286-2800.

CSA DONATIONS

CSA Donations are being accepted through the mail, collection basket, or dropping off at the parish office.

378 pledges totaling $75,269.88
payments totaling $60,019.88 as of September 30, 2019

St. Thomas the Apostle CSA Goal is $79,123.00.
Your participation is necessary to make this a success.
Thank you and God bless you!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!
Germack is coming to St. Thomas the weekend of December 7 & 8 after all masses. This is a great time to support the music ministry and satisfy your sweet tooth.

PARISH DIRECTORY UPDATES
We would like to update our parish directory to include new families to our parish as well as anyone who missed the previous opportunities to be photographed in years past. Each family photographed will receive a free 8 x 10 photograph and an updated copy of the parish directory. We need a minimum of 25 families to schedule a photo day. Please call Missy for more info. (734)425-5550

TAIZE’ PRAYER

Taize' Worship and the Season of Advent
It is a time to rest in God, to let the words listened to and sung penetrate one’s being.

— Brother John, Taize' monk

www.StThomasTheApostle.org

Be a part of our family album
PORTRAIT SIGN-UP
Please Pray For...

Ainsworth, Karen
Ainsworth, Ron
Akwaegbu, Kingsley Eijke
Altizer, Brynn
Arsenault, Cathy
Arsenault, Fran
Asini, Eloho
Asini, Margaret
Bartlett, Carol
Boyak, Carolyn
Bufallini, Rose
Burdis, Cathy
Burke, Larry
Burrell, Fred
Burris, Nikita
Burris Family
Chicila, Pam
Cripps, Mike
Cunningham, John
Daughtery, Jeff
DeGrande, Colleen
DeGrande, Sam
DiVitto, Rita
Farr, Viola
Ham, Jo
Hayes, Jacqueline
Healy, Phil
Henry, Bernadine
Herlihy, Patrick
Hrlic, Betty
In, Mary
Jones, Marie
Koslosky, Alphonse
Kowalczyk, Al
Kusluski, Walter
Levoir, Lorraine
Malish, Rosemary
Malone, Deila
Marchand, Susan
Mathison, Bonnie
Mathison, Jackie
Mayfield, Sally
McGrath, Jim
Miklousich, Lena
Mirabitur, Timmy
Mocadlo, Audrey
Mocadlo, Jim Sr.
Mocadlo, Jimmy
Murray, Colleen
Nantz, Janice
Newman, Theresa
Niemczewski, Gordon
Parker, Sharon
Pastula, Shirley
Pepera, Liz
Persondek, Cristin
Pietzak, Carol
Pryce, Mary Ann
Rawlings, Therese
Robertson, Michael
Rodgers, Hiedi
Rollins, Joan
Romanowski, Ronald
Rose, Mae
Saenz, Carlos
Sanregret, Anna
Santieu, John, Jr.
Shankin, JoAnne
Skorupa, Peter
Smith, Helen
Staudacher, Jason
Sukowski, Dee
Sukowski, Karen
Szura, Samantha
Thomas, Michael
Tomas, Jack
Vaughn, Kelly
Wysocki, Ken
Zonca, Barbara
Ziolkowski, Norm

Deceased members of the Ajlouny & Blaty family
In loving memory of Charles Batherson
In loving memory of Thomas Bencic
Loving memory of Aunt Loretta Brandt
In loving memory of Walter and Mary Burdis
In loving memory of Sgt. Bryan Burgess
Dec. & Liv. members of the Butka & Wojtkowiak family
Loving memory of coach Dave Cain
In loving memory of Raymond and Virginia Carozza
Liv & Dec. friends & family of Tommy & Barbara Cockrum
William, Gloria, & Billy Cozzaglio
In loving memory of Robert E. Derda
In loving memory of Michael Dicker
Loving memory of Jessie & Chester Gugala
In loving memory of Bob & Ann Hoelscher
Special Intention of D.A.K.
Deceased Members of Kapanke-Omilian Family

Pray for the First Saturday Memorial Association from July 2019 - June 30, 2020

Deceased members of the Katula family
In loving memory of Al Kolpacke
Loving memory of Gomy and Kushnir family
Malish-Porembiak family
In memory of Madeline Frank & Michael Mangold
Loving memory of Jerry Moynahan
Angel Dr. Dominic J. Noonan
Deceased members of the Patock & Stuecken families
Angel Danny P. Pepera
My loving wife of 66 years, Mary J. Pepera
In loving memory of Joseph Potter
Richard & Eleanor Reed
In loving memory of Kathy Rodgers
Loving memory of Sherwood & Carolyn Webber
Loving memory of Bill Wilson
In loving memory of Mary Zarzycki
In loving memory of Fred Zonca

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
Gentilla, Anthony
Griglio, Matthew
Laichalk, Robert
Logan, Sean Patrick
Masiarak, Luke
McCarville, William E.
McGaw, Douglas
Miller, Maj. David C.
Moody, Samantha
Nguyen, Staff Sgt. Truong
Pastula, Michael Thomas
Parcaro, Jeff
Rosa, Brian J.
Rousseau, Philip
Smith, David
Spiczka, Cathy
Sparrow, Justin
Spohr, Raymond
Steenburg, Patrick
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
Squires, Derek
Szerszen, Michael
Waldo, Michael
Wiertella, Jonathan
Yount, Alex

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RELIGIOUS FORMATION
What a splendid job our seventh grade students did with proclaiming His word at Mass last Saturday. We might be small in number, but we are mighty in voice as you saw those four very nervous young men and women take to the ambo. Please make sure you offer them compliments when you see them at Mass. I think we’ll hear “I’d love to do this again” with the help of some confidence building praise from our parish family.

LAS POSADAS
This year, our high schoolers have a chance to “travel” as Mary and Joseph did looking for a place to stay. The fun begins Saturday, Dec. 14 with 4:30 Mass. We’ll have appetizers and ice breakers in the Activity Center and move over to St. Mary Cause of our Joy in Westland where we have a Mexican feast, and we finish at St. Genevieve/Maurice with desserts and we package baskets for refugees in our community. Always a great night!! Please spread the details to ALL kids in grades 9-12. More details and permission slips are available in the Gathering Space of the church.

It’s that time of year! We are looking for young talented actors, actresses, singers and entertainers for our upcoming Christmas pageant. There are parts for EVERYONE! We would also welcome the talents of adult stage directors, costume designers and musical choreographers. Our pageant will be held on Christmas Eve at the 4:00PM Children’s Mass. We are looking to begin preparations in the next two weeks. Please consider sharing your God-given talents and gifts to help tell the story of our Lord’s birth in Bethlehem. Our team ALWAYS has a good time!

HAVE YOU THOUGHT ABOUT SERVING AT THE ALTAR?
We will be holding an Altar Server Training for those interested from Grade 4 through adult. It involves a once per month commitment of service. It truly is a special honor to assist the priest during Mass as we celebrate the gift of our Lord Jesus given to us in the Eucharist. Please contact Missy to be added to the list for the upcoming training.
The Feast of Christ the King

Jesus answered, "You are right in saying I am a king. In fact, for this reason I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth." John 18:37 (NIV)

Based on John 18:33-37

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**Word Search:**

**Letters:**


**Words:**

- **IDEA**
- **TESTIFY**
- **FACT**
- **SAYING**
- **PLACE**
- **KINGDOM**
- **PEOPLE**
- **PALACE**
- **RIGHT**
- **TRUTH**
- **REASON**
- **PRIEST**
- **WORLD**
- **ARREST**
- **BORN**
- **KING**
- **SERVANTS**
- **LISTENS**
- **FIGHT**
- **EVERYONE**
We, as St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Parish, recognize that we are the Body of Christ. Our purpose is to honor God and grow as one in Jesus Christ. Under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we strive to serve others through Christian Service, Prayer and Worship, Education and Evangelization. We keep within our hearts and minds the statement of faith and conviction of our patron St. Thomas the Apostle, “My Lord and my God.”

**Mission Statement**

**PARISH ORGANIZATIONS**

**Alhambra**
John Krause (734) 765-7161
Frank Tofil

**Knights of Columbus #4513**
Grand Knight ……..Dennis Karczynski
(734) 425-1807

**M & M’s(Mature & Modern)**
President ……………….Ted Maloney
(734)231-7879
Treasurer …………………..Dolly Dowd
(734)467-5467

**Rosary Altar Sodality**
President……………… Missy Taylor
(734) 425-5550

**OFFICE HOURS**
Monday-Thursday ….. 9:00 am-5:00 pm
Friday ……………………… 9:00 am-5:00 pm
Saturday ………………… 9:00 am-3:00 pm
Sunday ……………………… 10:00 am-2:00 pm
(Office is closed daily from 12:00 pm–12:30 pm for lunch.)

**SACRAMENTS**

**MASS TIMES**
Saturday (Vigil)………………… 4:30 pm
Sunday ………………………. 9:00 am & 11:00 am

**Daily Mass**
Monday & Thursday …..8:30 am (Church)
Tuesday & Friday …….8:30 am (Church)

**Communion Service**
Wednesday …………………8:30 am (Church)

**Reconciliation is Celebrated**
On Saturday at 3:00 pm or by appointment

**Eucharistic Adoration**
First Thursday of the Month
October through May
5:00 pm-7:00 pm In the Chapel followed by Mass & Healing prayer