

Hope

November 28, 2021



Advent is a time of great joy and preparation as we await the coming of the Christ Child. Each Sunday in Advent a candle is lit on our Advent Wreath to mark the passing of time as we await His birth.

Families, couples or singles are invited to light the candle on our parish wreath during the weekend liturgies of Advent. We will need someone for the 4:30, 9:00 and 11:00 Mass on each of the four weeks of Advent.

Sign-up sheets are available in the Ushers Room. Please volunteer to be a part of this beautiful tradition of Lighting the Advent Wreath.

This years dates are November 27 and 28, December 4 and 5, 11 and 12, and 18 and 19.

Check your calendars and sign up today before the slots fill up. Thank you.

Mass Times

Tuesday and Friday
8:30 am

Wednesday
12 noon

Saturday
4:30 pm

Sunday
9:00 am and 11:00 am

Confessions will be heard every Saturday at 3:30 pm



Advent

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This N That by Deacon Skip

Of all the major holidays, I think Thanksgiving is my favorite. There is nothing wrong with Christmas, but the obvious concentration is on presents. Easter is about candy. Fourth of July is a nice way to spend a summer day. Thanksgiving is about family.

Thanksgiving to me is full of mixed emotion. My wife was born on Thanksgiving. She literally announced her imminent arrival when her family sat down for Thanksgiving dinner. Kathy was born on November 26, but no matter on what date Thanksgiving fell, whoever hosted Thanksgiving dinner that year always remembered to have a birthday cake on hand.

On the other hand, my mother died on Thanksgiving morning a whole lot of years ago. She died from the complications of a massive heart attack she suffered a few days earlier. Ironically, she suffered the heart attack while riding in the family car to a funeral home for a rosary service for her uncle Martin, my great-uncle.

To double the irony, her doctor tried to convince her to have heart surgery to correct a defective valve. She declined out of worry that she would not survive the surgery and leave my brother Christopher, the last in line, to be raised by my father alone. She died, leaving my Dad to raise Christopher on his own.

For the record, my Dad did okay. Christopher finished high school and joined the Air Force. After the Air Force he went back to school and earned a degree in engineering. He went to work for East Jordan Iron Works. He married a young woman named Heidi from East Jordan. He lives with Heidi and their son Alex on the outskirts of town. Last year he was named Father of the Year by the local community. I'm guessing my father did just fine.

Someone asked how I got the red mark on the top of my head. I had a close encounter of the wrong kind with a tree branch in the nature preserve. I was following one of the more primitive trails, and it led through a thicket of trees. I had to duck down to get through, but I didn't duck quite far enough.

Hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving. Don't forget the Food Pantry.

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Germack orders will be available for pick-up on December 4th and 5th in the Father Prus Hall.

Scripture Readings for the Week of November 28, 2021

Sunday, November 28, 2021

First Sunday of Advent

Jer 33:14-16; Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14;
1 Thes 3:12—4:2; Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

Monday, November 29, 2021

Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7,
8-9; Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday, November 30, 2021

Feast of Saint Andrew, Apostle

Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11;
Mt 4:18-22

Wednesday, December 1, 2021

Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6;
Mt 15:29-37

Thursday, December 2, 2021

Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21,
25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday, December 3, 2021

Memorial of Saint Francis Xavier, Priest

Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14;
Mt 9:27-31

Saturday, December 4, 2021

Saint John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-2, 3-4,
5-6; Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

Sunday, December 5, 2021

Second Sunday of Advent

Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6;
Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6



Ministries Center
(734) 425-9771



As always, we need dish soap and laundry soap, and now that the weather is colder, Kleenex. Thank you for your continued support.

The food pantry is open Thursdays from 10 am-12pm in the Ministries Building. If you would like to receive items from the food pantry, please call (734) 425-9771.

First Friday, December 3rd

Eucharistic Adoration

and

Rosary



following the 8:30 a.m. Mass

There will be a one-hour Eucharistic Adoration along with the recitation of the Rosary

Friday, December 3rd, following the 8:30 a.m. Mass

THE TRANSFORMATIONAL POWER OF BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

Wednesdays 1-3 pm
St. Mary's Wayne—Holy Family Hall
Beginning December 1, 2021

It's time for listening to God's word for seeing what it meant then and now.

We will read and discuss the upcoming Sunday readings.

What do you hear as you listen to these verses?

How does it pertain to your life today?

Any questions, please contact:
Kathie Carpentri
734-377-1413

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Mission Statement

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."

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Maintenance

Rob Walker

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Worship Schedule		December 4 & 5, 2021	
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	ISABELLA POWELL	STEPHANIE GALDES	JOEY MCKISSICK
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST	BOB PAUL DEBBIE SMITT FRANK TOFIL	GLORY MCGAHAN JOAN PALMER PATRICIA RYAN	EVIE BURGESS DAVID MESZAROS SALLIE QUINN
LECTORS	FRANK TOFIL	GEORGETTE KATTULA	MIKE WELDON
SACRISTAN	CAROL STEC	IRENE PATTOCK	LAURIE ELCHSTEDT
MASS INTENTIONS	MARK STANDARD MADELINE GEBAUER +DEBORAH FERRELL	+KRZYSZTOF DYLEGOWSKI +ANGEL DOMINIC NOONAN and DAVE CAIN +KENNETH LAMAR	+MONTE HACKMAN +STEVE KREMPASKY +DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE STANKE FAMILY

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.

Weekday Masses

November 29—December 3, 2021

Tuesday, November 30

8:30 am.....CHURCH

+GIUSEPPE & DOMENICA CONSANI

Wednesday, December 1

12:00 pm.....CHURCH

PARISHIONERS OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

Friday, December 3

8:30 am.....CHURCH

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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...

Akwaegbu, Kingsley Ejike	Cowart, Diane	Kietur, Deanna	Newman, Theresa	Skorupa, Peter
Altizer, Brynn	Daughtery, Jeff	Koslosky, Alphonse	Niemczewski, Gordon & Carol	Smitt, Deb
Armstrong, Sean	DeGrande, Colleen	Kusluski, Walter	Nizich, Jeff	Sokol, Dennis J.
Arsenault, Cathy	DeGrande, Sam	Larry, Bruce	O'Halloran, Alice	Stacherski, Ann
Arsenault, Fran	Dzendzel, Mary Ann	Levoir, Lorraine	Palucki, Rachel	Staudacher, Jason
Asini, Eloho	Esson, Pat	Ludtke, Linda	Pardo, Charel	Summet, Fred
Asini, Margaret	Farr, Viola	Luther, Brian	Parker, Sharon	Szura, Samantha
Bargardi, Carl	Gau, Sandy	Lynn, William	Pastula, Shirley	Tetreau, Audrey
Bargardi, Frances	Grant, Donald	Maddix, Erin	Perreira, Dennis	Thomas, Michael
Bartlett, Carol	Greener, Ronnie	Malek, Thomas	Persondek, Cristina	Tomasi, Jack
Baumgardner, Patty	Greener, Rosie	Malish, Rosemary	Pietszak, Carol	Vaughn, Kelly
Bedard, Judy	Hagedon, Gail	Malone, Della	Pociask, Wally	Wood, Virginia
Boyak, Carolyn	Hagedon, Marie	Marchand, Susan	Pryce, Mary Ann	Woodward, Todd
Burke, Larry	Hamm, Jo	Marsh, Bob	Radford, Magdalen (Maggie)	Wysocki, Ken
Burrell, Fred	Hayes, Jacqueline	Mathison, Bonnie	Rawlings, Therese	Zonca, Barbara
Burris, Nikita	Henry, Bernadine	Mathison, Jackie	Robertson, Michael	Mike Z.
Burris Family	Herlihy, Patrick	Mayfield, Sally	Rockman, Annette	Ziolkowski, Norm
Carol and Ronnie	Hrlic, Charlene	McGrath, Jim	Rodgers, Hiedi	
Cepko Family	Hrlic, Charles	Maddix, Erin	Romanowski, Ronald	
Chicila, Pam	Humphrey, Dawn	Merritt, Dan	Saenz, Carlos	
Christopoulos, Ellen, Jim	Jones, Marie	Miklousich, Lena	Sanregret, Anna	
	Kathan, Joann	Mirabatur, Timmy	Schmidt, Joseph	
	Kathan, Tom	Needham, Jim	Serafini, Loretta	

Pray for the First Saturday Memorial Association from July 2021-June 30, 2022

Deceased members of the Ajlouny & Blaty families	In Loving Memory of Audrey Mocadlo
In Loving Memory of Charles Batherson	In Memory of Jerry Moynahan
Loving Memory of Thomas Bencic	Deceased members of the Musolino & Wilson Families
Loving Memory of Aunt Loretta Brandt	Angel Dr. Dominic J. Noonan
Loving Memory of Sgt. Bryan Burgess	Deceased members of Pattock & Stuecken families
In Loving Memory of Walter and Mary Burdis	In loving memory of Anthony and Rosemary Pawlak
Deceased and Live Members of Butka & Wojtkowiak Families	Angel Danny P. Pepera
Loving Memory of Coach Dave Cain	My loving wife of 66 years, Mary J. Pepera
Special Intention DAK	In Loving Memory of Joseph Potter
Loving Memory of Robert E. Derda	In Memory of Richard and Eleanore Reed
In Loving Memory of Henry and Joan Dudek	Kathy Rodgers
In Loving Memory of Gorny & Kusnir Families	In Memory of Bill and Mae Rose
Loving Memory of Jessie & Chester Gugala	Deceased Members of the Szuba & Balawajder Family
Kapanke-Omilian Families	Deceased Members of the Ulivi & Preville Family
Deceased Members of the Kattula Family	Loving Memory of Sherwood & Carolyn Webber
Loving Memory of Ronald R. Kendra	In Loving Memory of Anne Wilson
Deceased members of the Krempasky & Norris family	Loving Memory of William E. Wilson
In Memory of Reynold J. Mirabatur Sr.	

Pray for those Serving in the Military

Ainsworth, Amber	Dempsey, Joseph	McCarville, William E.	Sheko, Destiny
Ainsworth, Sgt. Raymond	DiCicco, Bill	McGahan, Wade	Smith, David
Angelovic, Adrian	Dwyer, Tyler	McGaw, Douglas	Smitt, David
Angelovic, George	Ellsworth, Justin	Meadows, Erin	Spiczka, Cathy
Ardinger, Stephanie	Fisher, Bob	Moody, Samantha	Spiczka, Greg
Baumgardner, AJ	Gentilia, Anthony	Murray, Daniel	Sparrow, Justin
Becker, Justin	Goudeseune, Russell	Nguyen, Staff Sgt. Truong	Spohr, Raymond
Bregand, David	Kashou, Christopher	Ohannesian, Brandon	Squires, Derek
Brozek, Timothy	Laichalk, Robert	Pastula, Michael Thomas	Szerszen, Michael
Campbell, Mary	Logan, Jonathon	Persondek, Michael	Tesarz, Ian Michael
Canfield, Chaz	Logan, Sean Patrick	Porcaro, Jeff	Waldo, Michael
Chokr, Jamel	Logan, Jeff	Preba, Danny	Webb, Brian
Cinka, Jonathan	Masiarak, Luke	Rosa, Brian J.	Wiertella, Jonathan
Coatsworth, Michael	McHale, Sgt. Shawn	Rosa, Douglas J.	Witt, Christopher
Comment, Scott		Rousseau, Philip	

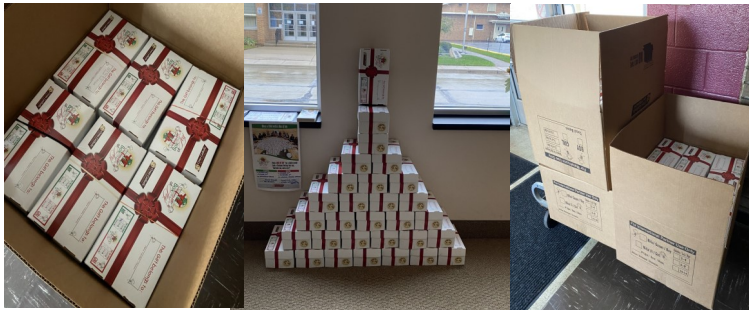


Missy Taylor

Director of Religious Formation & Coordinator of Youth Ministry

ROSARY ALTAR SODALITY NEWS

A Reminder to the ladies of the Rosary Altar Sodality. We will gather together for Mass on Sunday, December 5th at 9am. We will then come together for our Christmas Dinner on Tuesday, December 7th at 6pm in the Father Prus Hall. We are looking forward to praying together, and sharing a meal together as we celebrate the upcoming holidays!!



Events Calendar

Monday, November 29

6:00PM Formation Classes

Sunday, December 5

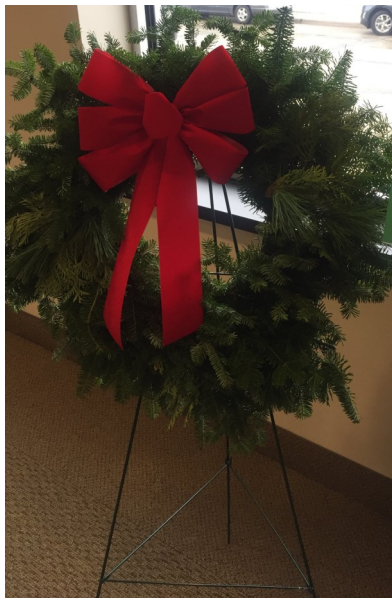
10AM-2:00PM Wreath Pick Up

Monday, December 6

6:00PM Formation Classes

THANKS TO THE GENEROSITY OF OUR RELIGIOUS FORMATION FAMILIES AND OUR WONDERFUL PARISH, WE WERE ABLE TO SEND 79 BOXES OF JOY FOR KIDS!!

HOLIDAY GREENS SALE!



LAST CALL! Fresh wreaths and beautiful centerpieces for your holiday decorating needs. These products are fresh, and handmade with all Michigan-grown products. To order, simply return this coupon to church or the parish office no later than November 29, 2021 with payment by cash or check to "St. Thomas the Apostle." Your products will be ready for pick up at the Parish Center Garage on Sunday, December 5th, from 10am-2pm. If you are planning to use your wreath at the cemetery, do not forget the stand. **You will have to purchase your required tag at the cemetery itself.** If you have any questions, please call Missy at (734)425-5550. This is a parishioner owned and operated company. Proceeds benefit youth events within our parish. Thank you kindly for your support!



Name _____

Phone _____

Item	Price	Qty
Wreath	\$20	
Easel Stand	\$5	
Centerpiece	\$25	