We gather for Mass on this Thanksgiving Day weekend. We have gathered with family and friends on Thursday to give thanks. On Friday, we ventured out early in the morning for the biggest shopping day of the year or we avoided malls completely. Today we begin a New Year on the Church calendar—the season of Advent. We prepare once again for the coming of Christ at Christmas and at the end of time. We ask, "Where has all the time gone?"

In December 1973, singer/songwriter Jim Croce’s, “Time in a Bottle,” topped the music charts and remained #1 for a few weeks into the new year. His memorable words were originally written for his son A.J., but they continue to speak to anyone who has loved another person and longed for more time with them: “If I could save time in a bottle, the first thing that I’d like to do is to save every day ‘til eternity passes away just to spend them with you. But, there never seems to be enough time to do the things you want to do once you find them. I’ve looked around enough to know that you’re the one I want to go through time with.”

Sadly, when Croce’s song achieved #1 status, his time had already run out. He had died three months earlier at the age of 30 in a plane crash. His words live on, however, to inspire and challenge our own outlook on time and the use we make of this good gift from God.

As we stand on the edge of this new liturgical year, with Croce’s song ringing in our ears, we look also to the Sacred Scriptures for food, for courage and for the impetus we need to take hold of God’s gift of this time, this day, this moment, however long or short it may be, and use it to make a difference in our own life and in the lives of those whose time we share.

The time is Advent and the clock is ticking. Christmas will be here before we know it. Let us use these weeks, these days and these moments to prepare for Emmanuel—God with us—and bring Him to the waiting world.

“Be prepared for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man shall Come.”

MT 24:37–44
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Now, I content myself with stringing miniature lights around the rose bushes and the Japanese maple out front of my unit in Holliday Park. It’s not nearly as dramatic, but my days of climbing a ladder onto the back side of the house so I could walk over the roof and hang icicle lights are definitely over.

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We could use a couple of more Eucharistic Ministers at the 11 A.M. Mass on Sunday. We have just enough on hand, but a few more would give us a cushion and a chance for some people to take a break. If you’re interested, call the office-427-1533-or corner me after Mass. It’s not hard, and we train.

Please do not dog-ear the pages in the hymnals to mark songs. For those who don’t know what dog-earring is: dog-earring is bending down the corner of the page of a book to serve as a book mark. Although this may be a quick way to mark the location of a hymn to be sung later, the practice will ultimately lead to the destruction of the book itself.

Rosary Altar Sodality News
Just a few reminders, our December meeting is this Tuesday, December 3rd, at 6:00 pm in the Father Prus Hall. We will be having our Christmas Party. If you have not RSVP’d please let Missy or myself know if you will be coming, we need to let the caterer know. We are collecting items for the People & Pet Food & Clothing Drive sponsored by Lucky Dog Luxury Daycare and Boarding. We handed out flyers at our last meeting. Please consider donating to this wonderful outreach program.

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**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.

**M & M’s**

Come join the M & M’s. A senior group which meets on the 2nd Thursday of the month at noon in the Fr. Prus Room (Resurrection Room) for Potluck and games. We meet again on the 4th Thursday of the month for a planned outing. Please check us out.

**Grief Support**

We meet the third Monday of every month at 1:00 p.m. in the Parish Office. We share coffee and fellowship; we support each other in overcoming loss. All are welcome to join us!

Call Mary Krempasky 734-927-7680 for more information!
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. Shaving items, bath soap, hand soap, lotion, deodorant or shampoo.

WISH TREE —went 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 were 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.
This Week In Our Parish

Monday, December 2, 2019
6:00 pm Religious Education (CR)

Tuesday, December 3, 2019
6:00 pm Rosary Altar Sodality (FPH)
8:00 pm AA (POB)

Wednesday, December 4, 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, December 5, 2019
4:30 pm Children’s Choir (FPH)
5:00 pm Adoration (POC)
7:00 pm Healing Mass (FPH/AC)

Friday, December 6, 2019
12:00 pm ALL PARISH OFFICES CLOSED

Saturday, December 7, 2019
9:00 am Germack Sale by Choir (FPH)
9:00 am Polish Dance/Pierogi Making (AC)
10:00 am Memorial Mass/luncheon (FPH/C)
3:00 pm Adult Choir (FPH)
3:00 pm Confession (C)

Sunday, December 8, 2019
8:00 am K of C State Degree Ceremony (AC)
8:30 am Children’s Choir (FPH)
9:00 am Germack Sale (C)
9:00 am Mass/Children’s Choir (C)
10:00 am RCIA (C/PO)
12:00 pm Baptism (C)

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

Weekend Collection
November 23 & 24, 2019
This information was not available at the time this bulletin went to print due to Thanksgiving Holiday deadlines.
Check the bulletin on December 8, 2019.

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

Monday, December 2, 2019
Is 4:2-6; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9
 Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday, December 3, 2019
Memorial of Saint Francis Xavier, Priest
Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17
Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday, December 4, 2019
Saint John Damascene
Priest and Doctor of the Church
Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6
 Mt 15:29-37

Thursday, December 5, 2019
Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a
 Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday, December 6, 2019
Saint Nicholas, Bishop
Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14
 Mt 9:27-31

Saturday, December 7, 2019
Memorial of Saint Ambrose
Bishop 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 8, 2019
Second Sunday of Advent
Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17
Rom 15:4-9
 Mt 3:1-12

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### Weekday Masses

**December 2—6, 2019**

- **Monday, December 2**
  - 8:30 am — CHAPEL
    - People of the Parish
- **Tuesday, December 3**
  - 8:30 am — CHURCH
    - People of the Parish
- **Wednesday, December 4**
  - 8:30 am — CHAPEL
    - COMMUNION SERVICE
- **Thursday, December 5**
  - 8:30 am — CHURCH
    - People of the Parish
- **Friday, December 6**
  - 8:30 am — CHURCH
    - People of the Parish
    - +DECEASED PRIESTS OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF DETROIT

### Congratulations

**BRANDEN EROH & KARLENE ZARYCKI**

*Married on November 30, 2019*

### Sanctuary Candle

**FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 1—7, 2019**

**Ed & Ann Derda**

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.
MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

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

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!

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.ThomastheApostle.org

Be a part of our family album
PORTRAIT SIGN-UP

St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church  Page 6  Garden City, Michigan
Deceased members of the Ajlouny & Blaty family
Deceased members Szuba-Balawajder 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

Ainsworth, Karen
Ainsworth, Ron
Akwaegbu, Kingsley Ejike
Alitzer, Brynn
Arsenault, Cathy
Arsenault, Fran
Asini, Eloho
Asini, Margaret
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Boyak, Carolyn
Bufallini, Rose
Burdis, Cathy
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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
Kowalczyk, Al
Kusluski, Walter
Levoir, Lorraine
Malish, Rosemary
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Thomas, Michael
Tomas, Jack
Vaughn, Kelly
Wysocki, Ken
Zonca, Barbara
Ziolekowski, Norm

Please Pray For... Please Pray For... Please Pray For... Please Pray For...

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

Pray for those Serving in the Military

Ainsworth, Amber
Angelovic, Adrian
Ardering, Stephanie
Becker, Justin
Brozek, Timothy
Canfield, Chaz
Cinka, Jonathan
Comment, Scott
DiCicco, Bill
Ellsworth, Justin
Gentilia, Anthony
Griglio, Matthew
Laichak, Robert
Logan, Sean Patrick
Masiarak, Luke
McCarrville, William E.
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McGaw, Douglas
Miller, Maj. David C.
Moody, Samantha
Nguyen, Staff Sgt. Truong
Pastula, Michael Thomas
Parcaro, Jeff
Rosa, Brian J.
Rousseau, Philip
Smith, David
Spicza, Cathy
Sparrow, Justin
Steenburg, Patrick
Tesarz, Ian Michael
Webb, Brian
Witt, Christopher
Meadows, Erin
Mondaux, Ian
Murray, Daniel
Ohannesian, Brandon
Personal, Michael
Preba, Danny
Rosa, Douglas J.
Sheko, Destiny
Smit, David
Spicza, Greg
Spohr, Raymond
Squires, Derek
Szerszen, Michael
Waldo, Michael
Wiertella, Jonathan
Yount, Alex
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. This is a FREE EVENT for all interested! 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!

Join Matthew Kelly, and the Dynamic Catholic team for BEST ADVENT EVER—a free email program that will help you enjoy a few minutes of peace and prayer each day during the hectic Holidays!

All you have to do to sign up is visit their website at https://dynamiccatholic.com/best-advent-ever

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.
Advent Crossword Puzzle

Across

1. Famous saint, who is associated with Christmas, whose feast is celebrated during Advent
4. Popular evergreen family devotion used during Advent (2 words)
6. Church holiday night after Advent
7. “Our _______ of Guadalupe,” Catholic feast falling during Advent
8. Jesus’ cousin who prepared the way for Jesus (3 words)
11. Title of Jesus, meaning “anointed one,” and the name of an oratorio by Handel
13. Church season immediately before Advent (2 words)
14. Title of Jesus meaning “master”
15. Pinkish color used during the third Sunday of Advent
16. “Christ _______,” Church holiday celebrated the Sunday before Advent (2 words)
17. Number of Sundays during the Advent season

Down

2. One of the major Old Testament prophets
3. Month when Advent usually begins
5. Liturgical color of the Advent season
8. Foster-father of Jesus
9. What the word “Advent” means
10. Advent Hymn: “O come, O come

11. Mother of Jesus
12. “The Immaculate _______,” Marian holiday that falls during the Advent season

Breakfast with Santa!

PANCAKE BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Sunday December 15th
After the 9:00 am & 11:00 am Masses
Cost - Free Will donation

The First Sunday of Advent
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December 1, 2019
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.”