

SOLEMNITY OF SAINTS PETER & PAUL

June 29, 2025



Happy Feast Day!
St. Thomas the Apostle
July 3

Surprisingly the expression "a Doubting Thomas" refers to an apostle who made one of the clearest professions of faith in Jesus in the whole Gospel.

Thomas was most likely a Galilean fisherman, like Peter, James, and John. Jesus called him, and he followed loyally. One day a messenger came to tell Jesus that his friend Lazarus was quite sick. Mary and Martha, the sisters of Lazarus, asked Jesus to come and cure their brother. The apostles knew this would be a dangerous trip for Jesus because he had many enemies in the area around Jerusalem. But Thomas said he would be very glad to go with Jesus and even to die with him.

On Easter Sunday evening, when the apostles reported that the risen Lord Jesus had appeared to them, Thomas could hardly believe them. He loved Jesus and wanted to see him again; he insisted that he would believe when he could put his finger into the wound in Jesus' side. He was referring to the wound that resulted when a soldier pierced Jesus' side with a spear while he was hung on the cross.

A week later Jesus appeared again to the apostles. This time Thomas was there. Jesus called him over and told him to put his finger into the wound. Thomas fell to his knees and said, "My Lord and my God!" Then Jesus said something that should give us great courage and trust. He said to Thomas, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe" (John 20:29).

We do not know for sure what happened to Thomas later on. Tradition says that he went to India and preached there. The Catholic people of India believe firmly that he is their special apostle and patron.

Many Catholics repeat Thomas's profession of faith, "My Lord and my God," during the eucharistic prayer when the priest holds up the consecrated bread.

STAY TUNED: Next week there will be some very exciting news about St. Thomas!

On the Lighter Side.....

A young boy entered a barber shop, and the barber whispered to his customer, "Watch this!"

The barber held out a dollar bill in one hand and two quarters in the other, and he asked the boy, "Which do you want, son?"

The boy took the quarters and left the dollar.

"What did I tell you?" said the barber. "That kid never learns!"

Later, the customer saw the same young boy coming out of the ice cream parlor and said, "Hey, son! Why did you take the two quarters instead of the dollar bill?"

The boy licked his cone and replied, "Because the day I take the dollar, the game's over!"

St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church

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The following are a few **Steps to a Good Mass**, (from Catholic Answers' Father Jerry Pokorsky)

1. Arrive on time.
2. Genuflect before entering the pew. (Sometimes the best an oldster with creaky bones can do is to bow respectfully.)
3. Maintain reverent silence and subdued speech. Upon entering a church, greeting family and friends with discretion is customary. We smile, say good morning under our breath, and so on. There is always room for such courtesies. But there is a problem when we hear a crescendo of chit-chatting, oblivious to the tabernacle and people praying.
4. Vocalize the responses in rhythm. During Mass, we vocalize a conversation with God. With every ritual, maintaining attention is difficult. So it helps when we correctly and humbly respond (e.g., "And with your spirit"). If our lips are closed when we're supposed to vocalize prayer, the silence indicates that our minds are probably distracted.
5. Listen attentively during the readings.
6. Think about the structure of the Mass. It takes a lifetime to understand the splendor of the Mass. We prepare for Holy Communion by confessing our sins, glorifying God, and listening to his word. We affirm our faith in the Creed, beg God for favors, and offer him bread and wine, the work of our hands. We enter into the re-presentation of the cross and the Resurrection, and we receive his body, blood, soul, and divinity. He blesses us and sends us into the world to continue his work of redemption.
7. Focus on the consecration. The consecration of the Mass is the central sacred event. The ringing of the bells wakes us from our slumber and reminds us to pay attention to our Lord's return, his real presence under the appearances of bread and wine, and his holy cross of sacrifice.

For additional information and answers to your Catholic questions, visit catholic.com

Ministries Center/SVdP (734) 425-9771



The pantry needs help with our ongoing service to the community. We are most in need of cans of soup, tuna, beef stew, chili, carrots, box mix potatoes, mixed fruit, apple sauce, dish soap, laundry soap, and brown paper grocery bags.

Pantry Volunteers needed! If you are available Thursday mornings from 10am-12pm, and are able to lift and pack items into grocery bags, please call Beverly at (313) 406-6642 with your name and callback number. Thanks! (If you would like to receive items from the pantry, please call (734) 425-9771.)

Scripture Readings for the Week of June 29, 2025

Sunday, June 29, 2025

The Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles

Vigil: Acts 3:1-10; Ps 19:2-3, 4-5; Gal 1:11-20;
Jn 21:15-19

Mass during the Day: Acts 12:1-11; Ps 34:2-3, 4-5,
6-7, 8-9; 2 Tim 4:6-8, 17-18; Mt 16:13-19

Monday, June 30, 2025

Memorial of the First Martyrs of the Church of Rome

Gen 18:16-33; Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 8-9, 10-11;
Mt 8:18-22;

Tuesday, July 1, 2025

Memorial of Saint Junipero Serra, Priest

Gn 19:15-29; Ps 26: 2-3, 9-10, 11-12; Mt 8: 23-27

Wednesday, July 2, 2025

Gn 21:5, 8-20a; Ps 34:7-8, 10-11, 12-13; Mt 8: 28-34

Thursday, July 3, 2025

Feast of Saint Thomas, Apostle

Eph 2:19-22; Ps 117: 1bc, 2; Jn 20: 24-29

Friday, July 4, 2025

Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24: 1-8, 62-67; Ps 106:1b-2,
3-4a, 4b-5; Mt 9: 9-13

Saturday, July 5, 2025

Memorial Anthony Mary Zaccaria, Priest and Saint Elizabeth of Portugal

Gn 27:1-5, 15-29; Ps 135:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6; Mt 9:14-17

Sunday, July 6, 2025

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 66: 10-14c; Ps 66: 1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20;
Gal 6: 14-18; Lk 10: 1-12, 17-20 or 10:1-9

FESTIVAL AD BOOK



We are now accepting business ads for the 2025 festival ad book. A full page is \$165, half page \$95, and quarter page is \$55. Please contact Matt Franckowiak, if interested, 734-261-8573. Patron ad sign ups will take place in the gathering area in Church on the weekends of July 12-13 and July 19-20. The cost for a patron ad is \$5 per line, 55 characters. All business and patron ads must be received by deadline August 1, 2025. Thank you for your support.

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 8:30 am St. Mary, Wayne
9:00 am St. Thomas the Apostle, Garden City
St. Mary Cause of Our Joy, Westland
10:00 am St. Richard, Westland
11:00 am St. Thomas the Apostle, Garden City
St. Mary Cause of Our Joy, Westland
11:30 am St. Mary, Wayne
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



Garage Sale

I want to thank everyone who helped with the garage sale, both parishioners and non-parishioners alike. As made known through Father Larry's announcement, the garage sale was a huge success. I look forward to more volunteers to make next year's event an even bigger success.

CELEBRATION OF BAPTISM

On Sunday,
June 22, 2025,
we welcomed

Elaina Veronica Medina

into the St. Thomas the Apostle
Church by the Sacrament of Holy
Baptism.



GriefShare



We understand that grief can be a challenging journey. We are pleased to announce the launch of a new GriefShare support group, a Christ-centered program designed to help you navigate your grief and find hope for the future. Our first session will begin at St. Mary's in Wayne on Friday, September 5th and continue for 13 consecutive weeks. More information and registration is available on St. Mary's website at www.stmarywayne.org or by calling (734) 721-8745.

ALL AROUND THE TOWN BASKETS!

Excitement is mounting as our festival will be here before we know it!! Once again, The All Around the Town Basket booth would appreciate donations of gifts to raffle off. All donations are greatly appreciated, but if you're not sure what to buy, here's a wish list of items we are hoping for this year:

- iPad
- Luggage Set
- Cooler
- Gas Grill
- Bikes
- Portable Generator
- Power Tools
- Vacuum
- Kitchen Appliances

Scratch off lottery tickets and gift cards to restaurants and stores are always a big hit. Cash donations come in handy too! Items can be dropped off at the Parish Center. Thank you for your continued support.



NEEDED!



Festival time is fast approaching and we would love your help to make the GAME TENT and SUCKER PULL even more successful. We would appreciate any donations of **NEW games, toys, dolls, and stuffed animals**. This is a great opportunity to pick up those clearance items as summer winds down! If you have a large quantity of donations, we would gladly come and pick them up.

The more donations we can get, the less we need to buy. You can drop them off at the Parish Center or call Kathy at 734-776-2739.

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Festival Game Tent team

Worship Schedule		July 5 & 6, 2025	
MINISTERS	SAT 4:00 PM	SUN 9:00 AM	SUN 11:00 AM
CELEBRANT	FATHER LAWRENCE ZURAWSKI	FATHER LAWRENCE ZURAWSKI	FATHER LAWRENCE ZURAWSKI
ALTAR SERVERS	JERRY KOWALCZYK	EZZIE YUCHASZ DIANA YUCHASZ	MICHELLE KORIE JOSEPH KORIE STEPHLIN IMEBUOGU DAVIS IMEBUOGU
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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.

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 8:00 a.m. During holidays, articles must be submitted two Mondays before issue. All articles and submissions are subject to approval and editing.



Weekday Masses
 June 30-July 4, 2025

Tuesday, July 1

9:00 am.....CHURCH
 + LUIGI & ROSINA CANDUCCI
 + PAWEL LIGENDZA

Wednesday, July 2

12:00 PM.....CHURCH
 CANCER PATIENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES

Friday, July 4

9:00 am.....CHURCH
 + LUIGI & ROSINA CANDUCCI



Please Pray For...

Alaska, Shirley
Batherson, Barbara
Baumgardner, Patty
Berger, Ron
Block, Karen
Boyak, Carolyn
Bringold, Bonnie
Burgess, Evie
Burke-Misenar, Jennifer
Burke, Larry
Burris, Nikita and Family
Calley, Julie
Carpenter, Mike
Cepko Family
Chop, Nancy Grabel
D'Angelo, Rebecca
Dacus, Shirley
Daugherty, Kenny

Decaminada, Mona
DeGrande, Colleen
Dempsey, Sgt Joseph
Dempsey, Michele
Dewey, Thomas
Dial, Philip
Durkin Jr., Gerald Lee
Duval, Chuck
Eichstedt, Laurie
Feiler, Alex Horne
Fichtner, Leanne
Fornasiero, Joseph
Gozowsky, David
Hagen, Jenifer
Harte, John
Hubbard, Carl
Jachym, Patricia
Kapanke, Dolores
Kathan, Joann
Kathan, Thomas

Kotrys, Marlene
LeVair, Lorraine
LeVair, Sherry
Lobb, Cindy
Lobb, Jeri
Lowe, Jonathan
Malish, Rosemary
Murawski, Veronica
O'Connell, Evan
Pastula, Shirley
Prosser, Cindy
Roffi, Herman
Sanak, Francene
Sanregret, John
Smith, Mary
Smitt, Deb
Smith, Patricia
Soine, Dianna
Sommariva, Bob
Stites, Keith

Sutherland, Eleanor
Tsaprazis, Pete
Turcotte, Joshua
Walker, Ian
Whitfield, Cathy
Wielechowski, Kenneth

Wildauer, Mark
Zarzycki, Stanley



Prayer list requests can be made only with the knowledge

and permission of the person being added. Please do not add anybody without their permission. To add, keep a person on the prayer list, or to remove a name, please call the parish office at (734) 427-1533. Thank you!

Pray for the First Saturday Memorial Association from July 2024-June 30, 2025

Deceased Members of Ajlouny & Blaty Families
Deceased & Live Members of The Batherson Family
Loving Memory of Thomas Bencic
Loving Memory of Aunt Loretta Brandt
Deceased and Live Members of Butka & Wojtkowiak families
In Loving Memory of Walter & Mary Burdis
Loving Memory of Sgt. Bryan K. Burgess
Loving Memory of Coach Dave Cain
Loving Memory of Gorny & Kushnir Families
In Memory of Donald Grant
Loving Memory of Jessie & Chester Gugala
In Loving Memory of Robert & Ann Hoelscher
In Loving Memory of My Wife Joanne Whom I Will Always Miss
Kapanke-Omilian Family
Deceased Members of the Kattula Family
Deceased Members of LaMar and Dryja Families
The Malish and Porembiak Families

In Loving Memory for Reynold Mirabatur Sr.
In Loving Memory of Audrey Mocadlo
Loving Memory of Jerry Moynahan
Angel Dr. Dominic J. Noonan
In Loving Memory of Ben and Phyllis Ornatowski
Deceased members of Pattock & Stuecken families
In loving memory of Anthony and Rosemary Pawlak
Angel Danny P. Pepera
My loving wife of 66 years, Mary J. Pepera
Prouty Family
In loving memory of Frances J. Read
In Memory of Richard and Eleanore Reed
Memory of Kathy Rodgers
In Loving Memory of Thomas Stempniak
Deceased Members of the Sturm & Preba Families
Deceased Members of the Szuba & Balawajder Families
In Loving Memory of Edwin L. Wendrick

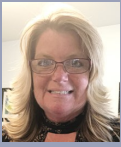
Pray for those Serving in the Military

Ainsworth, Sgt. Raymond
Angelovic, Adrian
Angelovic, George
Ardinger, Stephanie
Baumgardner, AJ
Becker, Justin
Bregand, David
Brozek, Timothy
Burris, Peter
Campbell, Mary
Canfield, Chaz
Chokr, Jamel
Cinka, Jonathan
Coatsworth, Michael
Comment, Scott

DiCicco, Bill
Dwyer, Tyler
Ellsworth, Justin
Fisher, Bob
Gentilia, Anthony
Hunter, Cassidy
Julien, Nick
Kapelanski, Isaac
Kashou, Christopher
Laichalk, Robert
Logan, Jonathon
Logan, Sean Patrick
Logan, Jeff
Lowe, Jonathan
Masiarak, Luke

McHale, Sgt. Shawn
McCarville, William E.
McGahan, Wade
McGaw, Douglas
Meadows, Erin
Moody, Samantha
Murray, Daniel
Nguyen, Staff Sgt. Truong
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, David
Spiczka, Cathy
Spiczka, Greg
Sparrow, Justin
Spohr, Raymond
Squires, Zachary
Szerszen, Michael
Waldo, Michael
Waldon, Nathan
Webb, Brian
Wiertella, Jonathan
Witt, Christopher



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FAITH FORMATION

Even though our Children's Liturgy of the Word meetings are on hiatus for the summer, please continue to check the Gathering Space for fun things to keep the kids talking about their faith during the summer! We always have the Catholic Kids Bulletins, and periodically I put some fun crafts that can help kids understand the message of our Scripture readings. Be sure to check it out!

Saint Charles Lwanga

Saint Charles Lwanga learned about God and taught others about Him. He protected boys who were told that they couldn't believe. He was martyred because he kept teaching about God.



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