



## THE HOLY FAMILY OF

# *Jesus, Mary & Joseph*

December 28, 2025



*The child  
grew and  
became strong,  
filled with  
wisdom; and  
the favor  
of God  
was upon him.*

*Luke 2:40*



Sometimes the Lord demands great trust in us, requiring that we accept a fact of our lives without explanation or justification. So it was that when the Lord came to Joseph he came with an explanation that required great trust.

The question that Joseph asked was a delicate one: "How did my wife become pregnant?" Joseph knew Mary was with child but not how or why. He did not know what to do. There was no one to turn to for advice so he turned to God in prayer.

God responded in a dream. He told Joseph that the child was the result of divine action. Joseph was a man of great faith and accepted Jesus as the Son of God.

One thing he did know: he loved Mary deeply. He did not understand what was going on, but his love for her led him to trust her. It was a love and trust like that between any two human beings who truly love each other. They do not always understand what is going on or what will happen to them in the future, but they know that their love for each other and their faith in God will get them through.

Joseph was always a man of deep trust. At Christmas he finally did find a place for Jesus to be born. Then he took a long trip to save the baby from the envious and wicked King Herod. After living for several years as an alien in a foreign land, he returned with his family to Nazareth. There he supported Mary and Jesus by the skill and sweat of his carpentry. Joseph worked, loved his family and listened carefully for the will of God in the midst of the ordinary events of his daily life.

Joseph preaches a powerful sermon by his simple life. He was not God like his foster son. He was not "full of grace" like his wife. He was just an ordinary human being getting through a life he did not always understand. He lived a simple life loving deeply Mary and Jesus, believing that everything would work out for the best. He lived a life of love and trust and this got him through the many days of his life that had questions without answers.

It is a lesson that we should remember when we, like St. Joseph, face our own days without answers. St. Joseph is not only a great role model and a powerful intercessor for us during Advent but all year long.



*The Parish Office will close at 12 noon on Wednesday, January 31st  
and will re-open on Monday, January 5th at 9 am.*

**St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church**

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## This N That by Deacon Skip

By the time this bulletin goes into church circulation, December 27 will have come and gone. Kathy and I were married on December 27. This year would have been anniversary number 51. I had vague plans of putting together a big blow out for number 50, but things did not go that way. She passed away at 42 years and change of married life. She died in the spring of 2017, but I actually lost her a number of years earlier to Parkinson's Disease and dementia. Ironically, I got the phone call that she had died while I was standing in the parish office.

I extend my sympathy to all widows and widowers. I will not say I know how you feel. I can't. Every married relationship is completely unique. Your feelings are completely your own. But, I still have my hand on your shoulder.

Christmas came and went. Our family had its usual good time. It's definitely interesting to see the kids grow older. Christmas takes on a new perspective when some of the "kids" are in their 20s. Legos are definitely no longer an option as a present under the tree.

Don't forget the food pantry; don't forget SVDP.

### 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 fruit, grape or strawberry jelly, cans mixed vegetables, carrots, soup, beef stew, chili, pancake mix, syrup, dish soap, toilet paper, and paper towels.

If you would like to receive items from the pantry, please call (734) 425-9771.

### Widowed Friends

**Sun. Jan. 4, 2:00 PM** – Start the New Year at our Holiday Pot-Luck Mass at Resurrection Parish 48755 Warren Rd. Canton. Complimentary main dishes are provided; just favorite pot-luck sides are needed!! Call Tom to RSVP and to offer a side dish to pass. 586-216-1454.

**Mon. Jan. 5, 12 Noon – 4:00 PM** – Double-Deck Pinochle at Carol's House. \$3.00 covers prizes and snacks. Bring your own drinks. Call Event Host Carol 313-562-3080 by Jan 2.

**Tues. Jan 6, 10:00 AM** – First Tuesday of the Month Club Breakfast, The Senate Coney Island & Restaurant 34359 Plymouth Rd. (at Stark Rd.) Livonia. Call Event Host Tom 586-216-1454 by Jan. 2.

## Scripture Readings for the Week of December 28, 2025

### Sunday, December 28, 2025

#### Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14; Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5; Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

### Monday, December 29, 2025

1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35

### Tuesday, December 30, 2025

1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-8a; 8b-9, 10; Lk 2:36-40

### Wednesday, December 31, 2025

1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13; Jn 1:1-18

### Thursday, January 1, 2026

#### Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Num 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

### Friday, January 2, 2026

#### Memorial of Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church

1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Jn 1:19-28

### Saturday, January 3, 2026

1 Jn 2:29-3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6; Jn 1:29-34

### Sunday, January 4, 2026

#### The Epiphany of the Lord

Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13; Mt 2:1-12

## Romans

*The Gospel of Salvation*

### The study of St. Paul's Letter to Romans: *The Gospel of Salvation*

#### First session:

#### In-person:

- St. Mary – Sunday, Jan 4 at 12:40 pm
- St. Richard – Tuesday, Jan 6 at 10 am
- St. Thomas the Apostle – Wednesday, Jan 7 at 10 am

#### Online sessions (Teams):

- Sunday, Jan 4 at 6 pm
- Thursday, Jan 8 at 6:30 pm

**Workbook costs: \$30**

*St. Paul's Letter to Romans: The Gospel of Salvation* has been a focal point for reflection, conversion, and controversy from the very beginning. It is an **eight-week Bible study** we are offering to help you understand the challenging passages on faith, the works of the law, and justification.

Participants will meet weekly to watch an engaging video presentation by Dr. Andrew Swafford and Jeff Cavins, followed by group discussion and fellowship.

For more information, please contact **Paul Zdzienkowski** at 586-666-4029 or by email at

[pastoralassociate@stmarywayne.org](mailto:pastoralassociate@stmarywayne.org).

We hope you can join us!

**Please scan the QR code to register.**

Here's the link to your Signup  
<https://smsr.flocknote.com/signup/237318>





## 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

<b>Monday</b>	9:00 am	St. Mary, Wayne
	12:00 pm	St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy, Westland (followed by Eucharistic Adoration)
<b>Tuesday</b>	9:00 am	St. Thomas the Apostle, Garden City
	9:00 am	St. Richard, Westland
<b>Wednesday</b>	12:00 pm	St. Thomas the Apostle, Garden City
<b>Thursday</b>	9:00 am	St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy, Westland
<b>Friday</b>	9:00 am	St. Thomas the Apostle, Garden City
	9:00 am	St. Mary, Wayne
<b>Saturday</b>	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
<b>Sunday</b>	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)

<b>Tuesday</b>		St. Richard, Westland (after 9 am Mass)
<b>Saturday</b>	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



Please bring your own jingles bells to mass during the Christmas season to use during the Christmas Gloria.

#### **Holiday Masses**

##### **Mary, Mother of God Masses**

December 31 at 4:00 PM

January 1 at 10:00 AM

##### **Epiphany Masses**

January 3 at 4:00 PM

January 4 at 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM

## Parish Staff & Services

### **Pastor**

Rev. Lawrence Zurawski  
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### **Deacon**

Rev. Mr. Leon Rodgers

### **Administrative Office**

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**Secretary/Bulletin Editor...**Sandy Mulcahy  
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**Admin. Assistant...**Kathy Zarzycki-Main  
**Mission Support Director...**Jim Birney

### **Faith Formation**

#### **Youth Ministry Office**

(734)-425-5550

**Director.....**Missy Taylor

### **Christian Service/Food Pantry/St. Vincent de Paul**

(734) 425-9771

### **Music Ministry**

(734) 427-1533

**Music Minister.....**Paul Shafer

### **Maintenance**

Rob Walker

### **MINISTRIES AT MASS**

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Missy Taylor ..... (734) 425-5550

#### **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**

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Bob Prokop .....(734) 756-5767

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John Krause.....(734) 425-9771

### **PARISH ORGANIZATIONS**

#### **Alhambra**

John Krause (734) 425-9771

Frank Tofil

#### **Knights of Columbus #4513**

Grand Knight..... John Galdes

#### **Rosary Altar Sodality**

President..... Missy Taylor  
(734) 425-5550

Worship Schedule		January 3 & 4, 2026	
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	JULIA HEDRICK NOAH HEDRICK	STEPHANIE GALDES	DAVID GERSTENBRAND ANDREW GERSTENBRAND
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST	DENNIS LAZORKA DIANE PROUTY TONY SIVAKO VIKKI WOROSZ	TEDDY LUTHER JOAN PALMER JESSICA PIETKA ANN M. ZIMMERMAN	LAURIE EICHSTEDT MAGDALENE MARTINDALE JOHN SANREGRET JOE SMITH
LECTORS	FRANK TOFIL	DAN LOBB	STEVE KOVALESKI
SACRISTAN	CAROL STEC	MARGARITA LOPEZ	SALLIE QUINN
MASS INTENTIONS	GERRARD ZALNO 1ST SATURDAY MEMORIAL MEMBERS + ANN KRAKOWSKI	PARISHIONERS OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE	+ LISA HERNANDEZ

*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](http://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

**[Sandy.Mulcahy@thomastheapostle.org](mailto:Sandy.Mulcahy@thomastheapostle.org)**

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

December 29, 2025-January 2, 2026

#### Tuesday, December 30

9:00 am

PARISHIONERS OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

#### Wednesday, December 31

4:00 PM

+ ROSE & BILL SAID

#### Thursday, January 1

10:00 AM

+ DONNA DARNELL

#### Friday, January 2

9:00 am

PARISHIONERS OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE



## Please Pray For...

Alaska, Shirley  
Batherson, Barbara  
Baumgardner, Patty  
Berger, Ron  
Beuer, Donna  
Block, Karen  
Boyak, Carolyn  
Bringold, Bonnie  
Burgess, Evie  
Burke, Larry  
Burris, Nikita and Family  
Calley, Julie  
Canini, Ricky  
Carpenter, Mike  
Cepko, Michael  
Chichila, Pam

Chop, Nancy Grabel  
Cielma, Genevieve  
Cislo, Dan  
Cole, Jean  
Cole, Regina  
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  
Dzendzel, Mary Ann  
Eichstedt, Laurie

Eves, Debbie  
Feiler, Alex Horne  
Fichtner, Leanne  
Filak, Julianna  
Fornasiero, Joseph  
Gentilia, Judy  
Gozowsky, David  
Hagen, Jenifer  
Harte, John  
Hubbard, Carl  
Kapanke, Dolores  
Kathan, Joann  
Kathan, Thomas  
LeVair, Lorraine  
LeVair, Sherry  
Lobb, Cindy  
Lobb, Jeri  
Lowe, Jonathan

Malish, Rosemary  
Murawski, Veronica  
O'Connell, Evan  
Oliverio, Jr., Robert  
Pastula, Shirley  
Prosser, Cindy  
Romanek, Virginia (Pat)  
Ruby, Nancy  
Sanak, Francene  
Sanregret, John  
Smith, Mary  
Smitt, Deb  
Smith, Patricia  
Soine, Dianna  
Stites, Keith  
Sutherland, Eleanor  
Swiercz, Bobbie  
Tennent, Joan

Tsaprazis, Pete  
Turcotte, Joshua  
Walker, Ian  
Whitfield, James  
Wielechowski, Kenneth  
Wildauer, Mark  
Zarzycki, Stanley

Prayer list requests can be made only with the knowledge and permission of the person being added. To add, keep a person on the prayer list, or to remove a name, please call the parish office.

## Pray for the First Saturday Memorial Association from July 2025-June 30, 2026

Deceased Members of Ajlouny & Blaty Families  
Living & Deceased Members of Barnes & Digregio Families  
Deceased & live members of the Batherson Family  
In Memory of Bruce Birmingham  
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  
Deceased Members of Cielma and Niwa Families  
In Loving Memory of Tommy Cockrum  
Deceased Members of the Darnell Family  
Living & Deceased Members of Dooley & Firestone Families  
Living & Deceased Members of Duncan & Williams Families  
Living & Deceased Members of Gizowski & Sovel Families  
Loving Memory of Gorny and Kushnir Families  
In Memory of Donald Grant  
Loving Memory of Jessie & Chester Gugala  
In Loving Memory of Bob and Ann Hoelscher  
In Loving Memory of Robert S. Hoffman  
In Loving Memory of Eugene Joseph Hynek  
My Wife Joanne Who I Love and Miss Very Much  
Kapanke-Omilian Family  
Deceased Members of the Kattula Family  
Living & Deceased Members of Keiller & Marciniak Families

Living & Deceased Members of Kwilos & Stecker Families  
Deceased Members of LaMar and Dryja Families  
The Malish and Porembiak Families  
In Loving Memory of Margaret Mirabitor  
In Loving Memory of Reynold Mirabitor Sr.  
In Loving Memory of Audrey Mocadlo  
Loving Memory of Jerry Moynahan  
Living & Deceased Members of Mroz & Rutkowski Families  
Angel Dr. Dominic J. Noonan  
In Loving Memory of Ben and Phyllis Ornatowski  
Deceased members of Pattock & Stuecken families  
Angel Danny P. Pepera  
My loving wife of 66 years, Mary J. Pepera  
For the Prouty Family  
Living & Deceased Members of Rand & Vasquez Families  
In loving memory of Frances J. Read  
In Memory of Richard and Eleanore Reed  
Memory of Kathy Rodgers  
In Loving Memory of Edward and Helen Romanowski  
In Loving Memory of Mark Roy  
In Loving Memory of Thomas and Barbara Stempniak  
Deceased Members of the Sturm & Preba Families  
Deceased Members of the Szuba & Balawajder Families  
Martin A. Tofil  
In Loving Memory of Edwin L. Wendrick

## Pray for those Serving in the Military

Ainsworth, Sgt. Raymond  
Angelovic, Adrian  
Angelovic, George  
Arndinger, 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

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





Missy Taylor

Director of Faith Formation / Coordinator of Youth and Young Adult Ministry

## FAITH FORMATION



I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and yours the very best in the New Year. I pray that Mary, Mother of our Blessed Savior, will continue to hear our prayers and intercede for us. May 2026 be a year of peace, prosperity and a renewed opportunity for us to show His love with o u r

service to others, especially those most in need.

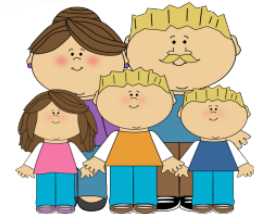
**MAY GOD BLESS YOU ALL IN THE  
NEW YEAR!!**



## The Feast of The Holy Family



We celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family on the Sunday after Christmas.



The reason for this feast day is to honor the Holy Family. We look at the Holy Family as a model for all Christian families to follow.

## CALENDAR UPDATES

Please check out our upcoming month for several important dates in Religious Formation:

**Monday, Dec. 29** NO CLASSES

**Monday, Jan. 5** Formation classes resume  
@6:00PM

**Monday, Jan. 12** Formation classes AND First  
Eucharist Parent Meeting in Rm.2

**Monday, Jan. 19** NO CLASSES, MLK Day

**Monday, Jan. 26** **MAGIC CARPET THEATER**  
held at St. Mary Wayne  
6pm



## ROSARY ALTAR SODALITY Super Bowl 2026 Square Fundraiser

Find us selling the squares in the  
Father Prus Hall after all masses from  
January 4-25  
(Sheets can be picked up  
Jan.31/Feb.1)

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