

# Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 31, 2025



## DIOCESAN PRESBYTERAL JUBILEE

### *2025 jubilarians*

#### 60+ YEAR ANNIVERSARY

Rev. Julian Chmura  
Rev. Arnold D'Achille  
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Rev. Lawrence Kaiser  
Rev. Thomas Lumpkin  
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Rev. John Phalen  
Rev. Stephen Reckker  
Rev. Joseph Romano  
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Rev. Michael Quaine  
Rev. Michael Woroniewicz  
Rev. Lawrence Zurawski

#### 30 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

Msgr. Michael Hrydziusko  
Msgr. Todd Lajiness  
Rev. Robert McCabe  
Rev. John J. Mech  
Rev. Gregory Tokarski

#### 25 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

Rev. William Herman  
Rev. Dariusz Strzalkowski

"For everyone  
who exalts  
himself will be  
humbled, but the  
one who humbles  
himself will  
be exalted."

Luke 14:11



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### *On the lighter side.....*

Chocolate is vital for our survival. Dinosaurs didn't have chocolate,  
and look what happened to them!

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## This N That

Today's answer is provided by Catholic Answers' Joe Heschmeyer.

### Why is prayer so important?

In prayer, we do not just come before "a judge who is God of all" (Heb. 12:23), like a terrified defendant before a mighty court. Instead, we come as beloved children to a merciful father, a father who chases after us even when we have wandered off (Luke 15:20; Matt. 18:12). And God responds to our prayers as any loving father would respond to the requests of his children.

It's true that God already knows what we want and need. In fact, before giving us the Lord's Prayer, Jesus actually makes sure to point out that "your Father knows what you need before you ask him" (Matt. 6:8). But it's still good for us to ask.

To put it simply, God isn't our genie. He's our Father. That's what Jesus teaches us about prayer. It's not an insignificant detail that when Jesus tells us to "pray then like this," he gives us a prayer that begins "Our Father . . ." (Matt. 6:9).

We constantly want to pray as petitioners, or workers, or bystanders: treating God as a force of nature (and a force that cannot be reckoned with!), or else as a senile grandfather, an ATM, or a genie: someone or something merely to be feared or manipulated.

But God is constantly trying to teach us that he's our Father and that we're his children. God wants us to try to make sense of his plans, to ask questions, even to make suggestions or raise objections. It's a sign that we're interested in what he's doing and that we care about the family business.

We know that prayer works because God promises that it does. Jesus promises that "whatever you ask in prayer, you will receive, if you have faith" (Matt. 21:22).

For further answers to your Catholic questions, visit [Catholic.com](http://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, pinto/black or other beans, diced tomatoes, spaghetti sauce, bags/box mix potatoes, grape or strawberry jelly, pancake mix, syrup, and paper towels.

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

## Scripture Readings for the Week of August 31, 2025

**Sunday, August 31, 2025**

**Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29; Ps 68:4-5, 6-7, 10-11;  
Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a; Lk 14:1, 7-14

**Monday, September 1, 2025**

1 Thes 4:13-18; Ps 96:1 and 3, 4-5, 11-12, 13;  
Lk 4:16-30

**Tuesday, September 2, 2025**

1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Lk 4:31-37

**Wednesday, September 3, 2025**

**Memorial of Saint Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church**

Col 1: 1-8; Ps 52: 10, 11; Lk 4:38-44

**Thursday, September 4, 2025**

**Memorial of Saint Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**

Col 1:9-14; Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6; Lk 5:1-11

**Friday, September 5, 2025**

Col 1:15-20; Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5; Lk 5:33-39

**Saturday, September 6, 2025**

Col 1:21-23; Ps 54:3-4, 6 and 8; Lk 6:1-5

**Sunday, September 7, 2025**

**Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Wis 9:13-18b; Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17;  
Phlm 9-10, 12-17; Lk 14:25-33

Please email digital parish event photos to [kzmain@thomastheapostle.org](mailto:kzmain@thomastheapostle.org) by September 1, 2025. They can be from previous years, especially the festival. They are needed for the Nankin Family of Parishes Photo Directory.



**Festival Volunteer sign ups will take place next weekend after all Masses.**

### Festival Bake Sale

Our parish festival is quickly approaching and the bake sale is in need of baked goods. Cookies, cupcakes, breads, brownies, cakes, and pies are big sellers. Packaging cookies in a baggie (2 large or 3 small per bag) would be helpful, but not necessary. Feel free to drop off donations beginning at 3pm on Friday, September 12th in the Activity Center. Thank you in advance for your generous contributions!





**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 12:00 pm	St. Mary, Wayne St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy, Westland (followed by Eucharistic Adoration)
<b>Tuesday</b>	9:00 am 9:00 am	St. Thomas the Apostle, Garden City 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 9:00 am	St. Thomas the Apostle, Garden City St. Mary, Wayne
<b>Saturday</b>	4:00 pm 4:00 pm 5:30 pm	St. Thomas the Apostle, Garden City St. Mary, Wayne St. Mary Cause of Our Joy, Westland
<b>Sunday</b>	8:30 am 9:00 am  10:00 am 11:00 am  11:30 am 2:00 pm	St. Mary, Wayne St. Thomas the Apostle, Garden City St. Mary Cause of Our Joy, Westland St. Richard, Westland St. Thomas the Apostle, Garden City St. Mary Cause of Our Joy, Westland St. Mary, Wayne St. Mary, Wayne (SPANISH)

**Confessions** (also by appointment)

<b>Tuesday</b>		<i>St. Richard, Westland (after 9 am Mass)</i>
<b>Saturday</b>	3:00 pm	<i>St. Thomas the Apostle, Garden City</i>
	3:00 pm	<i>St. Mary, Wayne</i>
	6:30 pm	<i>St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy, Westland</i>

## Perpetual Help Devotion

Every Tuesday after 9:00 AM Mass

## Eucharistic Adoration (one hour)

First Friday of Each Month after 9:00 AM Mass

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## Greetings Nankin Family!

My name is Jim Birney, and I'm your new Mission Support Director (MSD). I live in Brighton with my wife Chris (of 37 years) and the last of our 6 children. I was born and raised Catholic and celebrated all my Sacraments at Our Lady



Queen of Martyrs School/Parish in Beverly Hills, MI, where I also taught Science/Math for 2 years. So despite my current living location, my roots are in the Archdioceses.

In the big picture, my job is to help keep Fr. Sean and Fr. Larry from 'capsizing' (a wink to Fr. Sean's Merchant Marine days), but in essence my role could be best described as Business Operations Manager. I'll work to maximize our Family's resources and build operational efficiency within our Parishes. My office will be at St. Mary's-Wayne, but I will be spending time at all 4 Parishes.

I look forward to supporting the Nankin Family and hope to meet many of you in the coming days.

Peace!

## 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.



## Mercy In Action—2025

St. Richard 50+ Club:

Once again, beginning in September and continuing until the end of October we are collecting socks for the Homeless. Each week we will update the Family how the count is doing. Please use Bins found in the entrances to your church. God Bless and Thank You for your donations.



Worship Schedule		September 6 & 7, 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	JOHN GALDES	MICHELLE KORIE JOSEPH KORIE
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST	CORDELIA CHUKWUDI JEANNE PYONK VIKKI WOROSZ	GLORY MCGAHAN JOAN PALMER PATRICIA RYAN	EVIE BURGESS SALLIE QUINN MISSY TAYLOR
LECTORS	FRANK TOFIL	NANCY DRYJA	VICTORIA APOLZAN
SACRISTAN	CAROL STEC	MARGARITA LOPEZ	LAURIE EICHSTEDT
MASS INTENTIONS	+ MURIEL & DEBORAH FERRELL + MARILYN MEIER + BEN & JULIA KOTLARZ + MONTE HACKMAN + GIRRARD ZALNO 1ST SATURDAY MEMORIAL MEMBERS	+ ROBERT SOMARIVA	+ JOHN & AGNES HETTLER + TOM MOLESKI

### 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

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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.

*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.

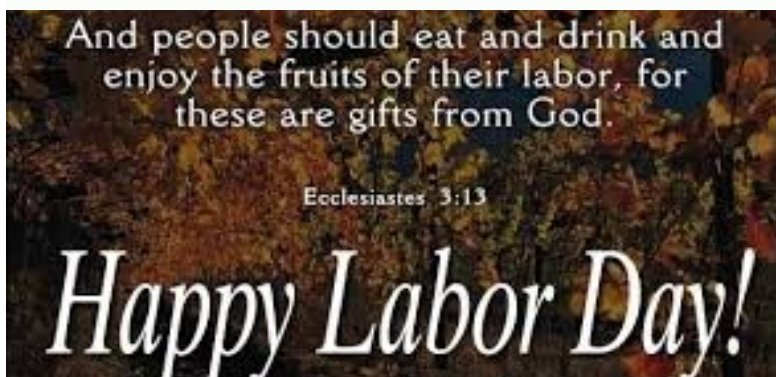


Weekday Masses  
September 1-5, 2025

**Tuesday, September 2**  
**9:00 am.....CHURCH**  
+ BARBARA HASTIE  
CHARLES & CATHLEEN MOTT

**Wednesday, September 3**  
**12:00 PM.....CHURCH**  
FERNANDO ZANABRIA

**Friday, September 5**  
**9:00 am.....CHURCH**  
+ DENNIS PATTOCK





## Please Pray For...

Alaska, Shirley  
Batherson, Barbara  
Baumgardner, Patty  
Berger, Ron  
Block, Karen  
Boyak, Carolyn  
Bringold, Bonnie  
Burgess, Evie  
Burke, Larry  
Burris, Nikita and Family  
Calley, Julie  
Carpenter, Mike  
Cepko Family  
Chop, Nancy Grabel  
Cislo, Dan  
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  
Filak, Julianna  
Fornasiero, Joseph  
Gentilia, Judy  
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  
Lopez, Patricia  
Lowe, Jonathan  
Malish, Rosemary  
Murawski, Veronica  
O'Connell, Evan  
Oliverio, Jr., Robert  
Paczas, Karen

Pastula, Shirley  
Prosser, Cindy  
Roffi, Herman  
Sanak, Francene  
Sanregret, John  
Smith, Mary  
Smitt, Deb  
Smith, Patricia  
Soine, Dianna  
Stites, Keith

Sutherland, Eleanor  
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. 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 2025-June 30, 2026

Deceased Members of Ajlouny & Blyat 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  
Artinger, 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



Missy Taylor

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

## FAITH FORMATION



We are just FIVE weeks away from the beginning of our Faith Formation year! Classes for our young people in Grades K-8 will begin on Monday, September 29th. We welcome back our returning students and hope to see many new faces this year. We offer a class for students who have had no prior catechesis and would like to catch up! Every family's needs are different and we are more than happy to work with you on your children's faith journey! Registration forms are available in the church and online. There are **many discounts** available: **HALF OFF** discounts for families who refer NEW families to our program and discounts for families who volunteer their time in our program on Monday evenings. Please call with any questions, I'd love to work with your family!

## Saint Monica & Saint Augustine

Saint Monica was married to a Roman pagan who didn't believe in Jesus. Her son, Saint Augustine, also didn't believe in God. Saint

Monica prayed and served others throughout her life, and eventually, her role modeling helped Saint Augustine become a Christian. Saint Augustine became a great teacher and wrote a book that people still read today to learn about faith.



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Fun facts about our faith like this are found each week in the **Catholic Kids Bulletin**. Please be sure to pick up a copy of in the Gathering Space of the church. Share it with the children in your life.

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