



2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*Behold,  
the Lamb of God*  
January 18, 2026



Prayer for  
Archdiocesan Restructuring

Come, Holy Spirit.

Make your presence known  
as we restructure the parishes and ministries  
of our archdiocese.

Be our light on the path we walk together.

Help us hear your voice  
in the quiet of our own hearts,  
in the wisdom of others,  
and in the world around us.

We know you are with us  
in every step of the process.

Give us clarity, understanding, and direction.  
In all things, help us share the light of your love. Amen.

Ste. Anne, pray for us.

Blessed Solanus Casey, pray for us.

Mary, Mother of the Church, pray for us.

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## This N That by Deacon Skip

I lived through one of life's most dreaded experiences this past week. I had to call my cable company for help. My system had gone down. It took a couple of tries, but I finally managed to maneuver myself beyond computer lady and speak to a live human, who clearly was not born in the United States. It turned out that she was quite earnest in helping and tried a few solutions remotely over the computer, unfortunately without success. She lined me up with a visit from a tech rep. He tracked the problem down to another cable company working on a switching point. They damaged my connection. Took the rep 45 minutes, but I was back in business.

Took my outdoor Christmas lights down during Epiphany week. That's a two step process. First, I actually took the lights down, which was quite an acrobatic act for me. Then, I stretched out the cords on the living room rug overnight to let them dry out and warm up to room temperature. I put them away the next day and now all I have to do is wait for next Christmas.

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

### Ministries Center/SVDP (734) 425-9771



The pantry needs help with our ongoing service to the community. We are most in need of rice-a-roni, grape or strawberry jelly, peanut butter, canned carrots, soup, beef stew, chili, bar soap, dish soap, toothpaste & toothbrushes, and paper towels.

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

**Mid-life Singles (mid-30s to 50s):** Are you looking for a renewed sense of purpose & belonging? Register today for a life-changing REFLECT weekend retreat at the St. Francis Retreat Center, in DeWitt, MI (10 miles north of Lansing), on Jan 30-Feb 1, 2026. Take a chance and get involved... you won't regret it! Cost is \$240 for meals and a single room. Visit [www.ReflectRetreat.com](http://www.ReflectRetreat.com), e-mail [reflect.michigan@gmail.com](mailto:reflect.michigan@gmail.com), or call (586) 770-1772 for details.

## Scripture Readings for the Week of January 18, 2026

**Sunday, January 18, 2026**

**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Is 49:3, 5-6; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10; 1 Cor 1:1-3;  
Jn 1:29-34

**Monday, January 19, 2026**

1 Sm 15:16-23; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23;  
Mk 2:18-22

**Tuesday, January 20, 2026**

1 Sm 16:1-13; Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28; Mk 2:23-28

**Wednesday, January 21, 2026**

**Memorial of Saint Agnes, Virgin and Martyr**

1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10;  
Mk 3:1-6

**Thursday, January 22, 2026**

**Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children**

1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a,  
10b-11, 12-13; Mk 3:7-12

**Friday, January 23, 2026**

1 Sm 24:3-21; Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11; Mk 3:13-19

**Saturday, January 24, 2026**

**Memorial of Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**

2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-37; Ps 80:2-3, 5-7;  
Mk 3:20-31

**Sunday, January 25, 2026**

**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Is 8:23—9:3; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17;  
Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17



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

### 2025 Tax Statements

Tax statements are available for your 2025 contributions to St. Thomas the Apostle Parish. Please fill out the coupon below completely then either drop it in the collection basket, bring it to the Parish Center or mail it to us. Thank you.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_ ENVELOPE \_\_\_\_\_

# \_\_\_\_\_ # \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to receive my 2025 tax statement by:

EMAIL      US MAIL  
(please circle one)

## MUSIC NOTES

A big THANK YOU to our adult choir, children's choir, and instrumentalists for making this year's Advent/Christmas a memorable one. These groups are taking a break to recharge and get ready for the next liturgical season. Now is the time to put that New Year's resolution into practice and join us in worship and song here at St. Thomas the Apostle Church. Try on a group, you never know, it just might fit! Those who sing pray twice.

Rehearsals! Rehearsals! Rehearsals!

### Thursday, January 29

**Adult Choir**-The adult choir is open to 9th grade students- adults with a desire to sing and help lead the assembly in sung prayer. Rehearsals are Thursdays, 6:30-8:30pm, and a half hour before liturgies scheduled. The adult choir rotates at one mass per weekend, and special liturgies throughout the year. Please let us know you want to join.

### Beginning Thursday, January 29

**Children's Choir**- is open to all 2nd-8th grade students. Rehearsals are after school Thursdays, 4:30-5:30pm in the church and sing at one mass per month as scheduled. During the year, choristers learn music theory as well as information about the church year. Children's choir is scheduled to sing October through Easter. Following each choir rehearsal at 5pm, students are invited to stay for a 30 minute group keyboard lessons in the keyboard lab connected to the Activities Center as part of the choir experience. Choir with keyboard lab 4:30pm-5:30pm. Please call or email to sign up, there is a minimum number of students needed to have this group.

**Cantors**-The Cantor program is for soloists who want to help lead the assembly and encourage active participation in sung prayer. Extra rehearsals are as scheduled.

**Instrumentalists**- Any instrumentalist with a desire to participate in worship, please contact the music office. Rehearsals are as scheduled.

**Instrumental Ensemble**- A group of instrumentalists that lend their talents to worship every couple of months. Rehearsals are as scheduled.

**Resurrection Choir**-This chorus is open to all parishioners who wish to sing for funeral or memorial liturgies for those buried from the St. Thomas community. Rehearsals are one half hour before the liturgy begins. Please call and add your name to the list.

If you have any questions, or would like to join, or for more information, please call the Music Office: 734 427-1533 or email: PShafer@thomastheapostle.org.  
Paul Shafer  
Minister of Music

Worship Schedule		January 24 & 25, 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	MICHELLE KORIE JOSEPH KORIE
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST	KATHY ANDRUS CANDY HENRY GERI MORRISSEY FRANK TOFIL	GLORY MCGAHAN CECILIA NESBITT CHRISTOPHER PELTZ ANN M. ZIMMERMAN	RUTH EBBITT LAURIE EICHSTEDT MAGDALENE MARTINDALE RITA PATE
LECTORS	LINDA LUTKE	TOM WILHELM	STEVE KOVALESKI
SACRISTAN	BOB PROKOP	CECILIA NESBITT	LAURIE EICHSTEDT
MASS INTENTIONS	+ MURIEL & DEBORAH FERRELL	+ SOPHIE & WILLIAM LAMAR + BRENDAN DAGLE + MARIE COSTANZA RANDAZZO + MARIA PALACIOS	+ BRIAN DEMPSEY

*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*  
January 19-23, 2026

**Tuesday, January 20**

**9:00 am**

+ DAVID BUTKA

**Wednesday, January 21**

**12:00 PM**

RONALD READ

**Friday, January 23**

**9:00 am**

+ EVELYN LANDRUM

### CELEBRATION OF BAPTISM

On Sunday,  
January 11, 2026  
we welcomed



**Emmanuel Ahimaobi Onyeonula**

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

## 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 Family  
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  
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 Josphe 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  
Ardingner, 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

Our youngest students learned all about the Epiphany and the journey of the Magi as they followed the star that led them to the baby Jesus. Our wise children from St. Thomas the Apostle first created their own crowns, then went on their journey, searching for the star that would lead them to the baby Jesus. If you look closely in the background, they found an illuminated star above a basket that housed our reminder of Jesus, a little Lamb of God. How fortuitous that in today's gospel, John the Baptist refers to Jesus as the Lamb of God! What a great lesson that I hope they will remember and treasure forever!



## CALENDAR UPDATES

**Please check out our upcoming important dates in Faith Formation:**

- Monday, Jan. 19** NO CLASSES, MLK Day  
**Monday, Jan. 26** **MAGIC CARPET THEATER**  
held at St. Mary Wayne  
6pm  
**Monday, Feb. 2** Faith Formation at 6pm  
**Sunday, Feb. 8** Children's Mass at 11am  
6th grade  
**Monday, Feb. 9** Faith Formation at 6pm  
**Monday, Feb. 16** NO CLASSES—Midwinter  
Break



## 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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