

Third Sunday of LENT

March 8, 2026



The Israelites are grumbling again. What is their problem? No matter what God does for them, they are never satisfied. A nation out of a childless couple? Check. A land for a race of wanderers to call their own? No problem. Rescue from famine into the abundance of Egypt? You got it. Rescue from Egypt when a good deal goes sour? Sure thing. A sea parted when helpful, and restored to its vigor just in time? Absolutely. A divine law to guide them? God is on it. The divine presence indwelling in their community? God is happy to come along for the ride.

Still they grumble. These ungrateful people sound so much like....ourselves. Now it's water; next it's bread; later it's meat. I realize that bread and water are basic things and life is a dicey proposition without them for long. The people have a right to be concerned. You and I would be first in line to wait if our own supply were uncertain. It's just that this nation in this particular generation ought to know better than to doubt that they are provided for. God has just proven a cosmic interest in their fate. God has taken more than mere interest: The Lord has taken up residence in the Tent of Presence and is right on board day after day. All they have to do is ask: Give us this day our daily bread, and it is done. Don't they know that?

Thirteen hundred years later, Jesus teaches that prayer to his disciples, who evidently still don't know that daily bread is one of God's routine commitments. It is there for the asking. Yet we don't ask. We choose to grumble.

What are we looking for this Lent? To get closer to God? To stop a bad habit or practice a virtue? To lose a few pounds? We have to be serious about our goal. We can't get closer to God. He is in us and all around us. Getting closer to God's will might be a better goal because that alignment is often very far off. If we find ourselves complaining that Lent is not working, that the magic feeling is not there this year, then maybe the answer is to practice a new consciousness. Seek the presence of God in every person you meet and every place you go. Keep searching with your eyes, your mind, your heart. If we practice believing what we profess - that God is in our midst - we may encounter Jesus at the well ourselves.

God love you, Fr. Larry

Don't let bad people stop you from being a good person.



Penance Services March 25th

No Penance Service at St. Thomas
1 PM St. Richard
7 PM St. Mary Cause of Joy

Palm Sunday March 29th

4:00 PM Mass Saturday
9:00 AM and 11:00 AM Mass Sunday

Holy Thursday April 2nd

No Mass at St. Thomas

Good Friday April 3rd

No 9:00 AM Mass
12:00 PM Divine Mercy
12:30 PM Rosary
1:00 PM Stations of the Cross
1:30 PM The Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday April 4th

Food Blessing at 11:00 AM in Church
Easter Vigil Mass at 8:00 PM
(No confessions or 4:00 PM Mass)

EASTER SUNDAY April 5th

9:00 AM and 11:00 AM Mass

Stations of the Cross Fridays during Lent

3:00 PM & 7:00 PM

Fish Fry

Fridays during Lent (February 20th-April 3rd)

4:30—7:00 PM

(or until we run out!)

Perpetual Help Devotion

Every Tuesday after 9:00 AM Mass

Eucharistic Adoration (one hour)

First Friday of Each Month
after 9:00 AM Mass

St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church

SCAN TO DONATE

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This N That by Deacon Skip

Lent is a period of sacrifice that honors the sacrifices that Jesus made for us. In a symbolic way, we honor that sacrifice by giving up something during Lent. For those who have not settled on something to sacrifice, consider a sacrifice of time—come to church during the week.

I fully recognize the demands of a work schedule and the challenge of raising kids, but for those who can attend, we have Mass every Tuesday and Friday at 9 A.M. and every Wednesday at noon. We celebrate stations of the cross every Friday at 3 P.M. and 7 P.M. For those feeling super energetic, there is an ongoing need for volunteers at the Fish Fry. There is a sign-up sheet in the gathering area of the church. There will be plenty of church opportunities in Holy Week.

Thank you to all the people who have asked about the health of my sister Cathy. The latest word I've gotten is that she is recuperating slowly from her surgery. Not all the surgical incisions have healed completely yet. Once they heal completely, she will undergo a round of radiation therapy. I've come to learn that all of my sisters have been treated for uterine problems. I can only suspect that some family gene has been passed along.

Don't forget SVDP.



Wow! We're Really Cookin' Now!

Our "World-Famous Fish Fry" has been cookin' up some delicious dinners so let's keep it going!

Thanks for signing up to work the Fish each week; I've seen some new faces and I want to say "Welcome" to the fun times!

Thank you for supporting the awesome parish of St. Thomas the Apostle! It has been so nice seeing you enjoying dinner with family and friends.

Our parishioners have gone above and beyond when baking for our Bake Sale! I'm impressed every week with the delicious goodies that are donated! Thank you so much!

Fr. Larry has become an expert at working the Bake Sale! Thank-you Father for a great job showing your love & support for our parish. Please take a minute to stop by to say "Hi" and pick out a dessert to enjoy after (or before) dinner.

We appreciate all of you!!

God Bless!

See you Friday!
Jill Kolpacke



Scripture Readings for the Week of March 8, 2026

Sunday, March 8, 2026

Third Sunday of Lent

Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Rm 5:1-2, 5-8;
Jn 4:5-42 or Jn 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

Monday, March 9, 2026

2 Kings 5:1-15ab; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4; Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday, March 10, 2026

Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9;
Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday, March 11, 2026

Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19

Thursday, March 12, 2026

Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Lk 11:14-23

Friday, March 13, 2026

Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14
and 17; Mk 12:28-34

Saturday, March 14, 2026

Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab; Lk 18:9-14

Sunday, March 15, 2026

Fourth Sunday of Lent

1 Sam 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a, Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6;
Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41 or Jn 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38



LENTEN HOUR OF REFLECTION



Bring Your Family, Friends, and Neighbors as We Pray,
Sing, and Reflect on Our Lenten Journey.

SUNDAY

MAR | 15 | 3 PM

Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Chapel
Felician Sisters
36800 Schoolcraft
Livonia, MI 48150

Accessible parking and entrance
along the side of the chapel

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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



We will NOT be accepting food donations until further notice.

Future CSA Campaign Start Dates

The 2026 Campaign will begin May 5, 2026 and end December 31, 2026.

The 2026 online giving began February 18, 2026 at GiveCSA.org.

The 2027 Campaign will begin February 1, 2027 and end December 31, 2027.

Most gifts are made within the first few weeks of our CSA Campaign and having this begin close to Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent, has proven to be an optimal time to reach our goals before the end of the campaign year. Keeping CSA within the calendar year will also ensure donors that give later in the year through their IRA distributions can easily support within that same year as well.

2026 Campaign Goals have not been given as of yet.

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Thurs. March 12 & 26, 9:00 am – Men's Only Breakfast
Thurs. Jan 8 & 22, 9:00 am, Steve's Family Restaurant 15800 Middlebelt Rd. Livonia. Call Event Host Marcel at 313-510-0638 to RSVP.

Thur. March 12, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. - Euchre in the Afternoon at Westland Bowl 5940 Wayne Rd, Westland. Note Day & Place: 2nd Thursday of the Month at Westland Bowl. \$3 covers overhead & prizes. Bring Snacks/drinks. Call Event Host Linda 734-721-2908 by March 9.

Fri. March 13 4:00 p.m. – Fish Fry Dinner with great French Fries!! St. Mary Catholic Church 34530 Michigan Ave., Wayne

Sun. March 15, 11:30 a.m. – Celebrate Mass at Sacred Heart Byzantine Church 29125 Six Mile, Livonia. This is a Catholic Church that is in full communion with the Pope. Brunch after at Steve's Family Dining 15800 Middlebelt Rd. Livonia. Call Event Host Tom 586-216-1454 by March 10.

Wed. March 18 5:00-9:00 p.m. - Polish Dinner at The Polish Legion of the American Veterans Hall (PLAV) 25222 Warren, Dearborn Hgts. (east of Beech Daly, west of Telegraph). Cost \$22. Call Host Carol 313-562-3080 by March 12 (minimum 50 people)

Easter Basket Raffle

THE THIRD ANNUAL EASTER BASKET RAFFLE IS ALMOST HERE!

Tickets are available at the Fish Fry every Friday during Lent.

We have baskets for babies, men and women, boys and girls and even cats and dogs! Something for everyone.

The drawing will be held the weekend of Palm Sunday.

Hope to see you there!



Worship Schedule		March 14 & 15, 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	JERRY KOWALCZYK	JOHN GALDES	ADAEZE ENWERE CHIAMAKA ENWERE
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST	DIANE PROUTY TONY SIVAKO FRANK TOFIL VIKKI WOROSZ	DAN LOBB TEDDY LUTHER JESSICA PIETKA EILEEN POHL	DENISE BIELSKI EVIE BURGESS LAURA GREEN TAYLOR GREEN
LECTORS	JEFF GORMAN	GEORGETTE KATTULA	MIKE WELDON
SACRISTAN	CAROL STEC	ANN MYLES	SALLIE QUINN
MASS INTENTIONS	+ JOSEPH OLKOWSKI + RONALD THOMAS + GEORGE MEIER	+ MARK ROY + BILL RUBY + MADELINE & LEONARD OLSZEWSKI JOAN & KENT PALMER	+ CHARLES VARKOLY + MARYBETH GAGIN FOR A GREATER RESPECT FOR LIFE

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.

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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.

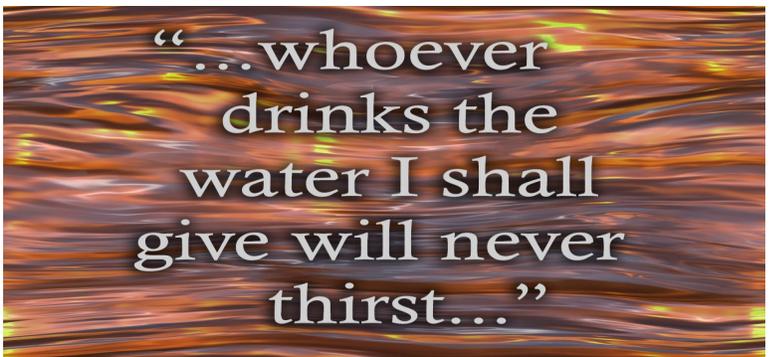


Weekday Masses
 March 9-13, 2026

Tuesday, March 10
9:00 am
 PARISHIONERS OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

Wednesday, March 11
12:00 PM
 PARISHIONERS OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

Friday, March 13
9:00 am
 + KATHY VANSTREAIN
 + JULIEN LANDRUM



Please Pray For...

Alaska, Shirley	Cielma, Genevieve	Feiler, Alex Horne	Murawski, Veronica	Sutherland, Eleanor
Batherson, Barbara	Cislo, Dan	Fichtner, Leanne	O'Connell, Evan	Swiercz, Bobbie
Baumgardner, Patty	Cole, Jean	Filak, Julianna	Oliverio, Jr., Robert	Tennent, Joan
Berger, Ron	Cole, Regina	Fornasiero, Joseph	Palmer, Joan	Tsaprazis, Pete
Beuer, Donna	D'Angelo, Rebecca	Gentilia, Judy	Palmer, Kent	Turcotte, Joshua
Block, Karen	Dacus, Shirley	Gozowsky, David	Pastula, Shirley	Walker, Ian
Boyak, Carolyn	Daugherty, Kenny	Hagen, Jenifer	Prokop, Bob	Whitfield, James
Bringold, Bonnie	Decaminada, Mona	Harte, John	Prosser, Cindy	Wielechowski, Kenneth
Burgess, Evie	DeGrande, Colleen	Hubbard, Carl	Rintala, Genevieve	Wildauer, Mark
Burke, Larry	Dempsey, Sgt Joseph	Kapanke, Dolores	Romanek, Virginia (Pat)	Zarzycki, Stanley
Burris, Nikita and Family	Dempsey, Michele	Kathan, Thomas	Ruby, Nancy	
Calley, Julie	Dewey, Thomas	LeVoir, Lorraine	Sanak, Francene	
Canini, Ricky	Dial, Philip	LeVoir, Sherry	Sanregret, John	
Carpenter, Mike	Durkin Jr., Gerald Lee	Lobb, Cindy	Smith, Mary	
Chichila, Pam	Duval, Chuck	Lowe, Jannette	Smith, Deb	
Chop, Nancy Grabel	Dzendzel, Mary Ann	Lowe, Jonathan	Smith, Patricia	
	Eichstedt, Laurie	Malish, Rosemary	Soine, Dianna	
	Eves, Debbie	Mathison, Bonnie	Stites, Keith	

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 Kwilos & Stecker Families
Living & Deceased Members of Barnes & Digregio Families	Deceased Members of LaMar and Dryja Families
Deceased & live members of the Batherson Family	The Malish and Porembiak Families
In Memory of Bruce Birmingham	In Loving Memory of Margaret Mirabitur
Loving Memory of Aunt Loretta Brandt	In Loving Memory of Reynold Mirabitur Sr.
Deceased and Live Members of Butka & Wojtkowiak families	In Loving Memory of Audrey Mocadlo
In Loving Memory of Walter & Mary Burdis	Loving Memory of Jerry Moynahan
Loving Memory of Sgt. Bryan K. Burgess	Living & Deceased Members of Mroz & Rutkowski Families
Loving Memory of Coach Dave Cain	Angel Dr. Dominic J. Noonan
Deceased Members of Cielma and Niwa Families	In Loving Memory of Ben and Phyllis Ornatowski
In Loving Memory of Tommy Cockrum	Deceased members of Paddock & Stuecken families
Deceased Members of the Darnell Family	Angel Danny P. Pepera
Living & Deceased Members of Dooley & Firestone Families	My loving wife of 66 years, Mary J. Pepera
Living & Deceased Members of Duncan & Williams Families	For the Prouty Family
Living & Deceased Members of Gizowski & Sovel Families	Living & Deceased Members of Rand & Vasquez Families
Loving Memory of Gorny and Kushnir Families	In loving memory of Frances J. Read
In Memory of Donald Grant	In Memory of Richard and Eleanore Reed
Loving Memory of Jessie & Chester Gugala	Memory of Kathy Rodgers
In Loving Memory of Bob and Ann Hoelscher	In Loving Memory of Edward and Helen Romanowski
In Loving Memory of Robert S. Hoffman	In Loving Memory of Mark Roy
In Loving Memory of Eugene Josphe Hynek	In Loving Memory of Thomas and Barbara Stempniak
My Wife Joanne Who I Love and Miss Very Much	Deceased Members of the Sturm & Preba Families
Kapanke-Omilian Family	Deceased Members of the Szuba & Balawajder Families
Deceased Members of the Kattula Family	Martin A. Tofil
Living & Deceased Members of Keiller & Marciniac Families	In Loving Memory of Edwin L. Wendrick

Pray for those Serving in the Military

Ainsworth, Staff Sgt. Raymond	DiCicco, Bill	McCarville, William E.	Smith, David
Angelovic, Adrian	Dwyer, Tyler	McGahan, Wade	Smith, Sgt. Leven
Angelovic, George	Ellsworth, Justin	McGaw, Douglas	Smitt, David
Ardinger, Stephanie	Fisher, Bob	Meadows, Erin	Spiczka, Cathy
Baumgardner, AJ	Gentilia, Anthony	Moody, Samantha	Spiczka, Greg
Becker, Justin	Hunter, Cassidy	Murray, Daniel	Sparrow, Justin
Bregand, David	Julien, Nick	Nguyen, Staff Sgt. Truong	Spohr, Raymond
Brozek, Timothy	Kapelanski, Isaac	Ohannesian, Brandon	Squires, Zachary
Burris, Peter	Kashou, Christopher	Pastula, Michael Thomas	Szerszen, Michael
Campbell, Mary	Laichalk, Robert	Porcaro, Jeff	Waldo, Michael
Canfield, Chaz	Logan, Jonathon	Preba, Danny	Waldon, Nathan
Chokr, Jamel	Logan, Sean Patrick	Rosa, Brian J.	Webb, Brian
Cinka, Jonathan	Logan, Jeff	Rosa, Douglas J.	Wiertella, Jonathan
Coatsworth, Michael	Lowe, Jonathan	Rousseau, Philip	Witt, Christopher
Comment, Scott	Masiarak, Luke	Sheko, Destiny	



Missy Taylor

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

FAITH FORMATION

We were so blessed to be able to welcome two new children into the Catholic faith with their baptisms at our recent Family Mass on Monday, February 23rd. May God bless you both as you walk this faith journey. Thank you for sharing this with your fellow students, friends, and parish family!



After the baptism, we were able to head over to the Activities Center to enjoy some yummy food, some wonderful fellowship and some great fun with our Lenten Bingo activity. We had fun crossing off the Lenten symbols while learning a little bit more about Lent, Holy Week and Easter. I think a GREAT TIME was had by all!!



Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst.

JOHN 4:13-14

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