

August 24, 2025



EMERGENCY COLLECTION FOR GAZA

Archbishop Weisenburger joins with his brother bishops across the United States in asking the faithful to be most generous in a critical collection for the people of Gaza sponsored by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.

We mourn the terrible sufferings of Christians and other innocent victims of violence in Gaza who are struggling to survive, to protect their children, and to live humanely in tragic circumstances. Pope Leo continues to call for a cease fire and for aid to enter the territory, noting with great sorrow that **"Gaza is starving."**

All funds from this special collection will be remitted to one of two charities:

- **Catholic Relief Services** who are on site and partnering with local Church entities to provide food, shelter, financial assistance, hygiene supplies, and trauma assistance; or
- **Catholic Near East Welfare Association** who are providing vital emergency humanitarian relief and medical care for the sick, malnourished, and wounded.

Your generosity is an opportunity to serve Christ Himself!

On the Lighter Side.....

The longest drum solo was 11 hours and 43 minutes long, performed by the child behind me on Delta Flight 936 from Los Angeles to Tokyo.

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

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St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church

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This N That by Deacon Skip

The parish recently received a directive from the Archdiocese that beginning with the first Sunday of Advent all parishes are to resume distribution of Holy Communion under both species. This is a fancy way of saying wine is coming back at Communion time starting in Advent.

To make this happen, we will need more Extraordinary Ministers. Give it some thought. This is a relatively easy job. The only requirements listed on the US Bishops website is that the person is a baptized, practicing Catholic.

We'll resume recruitment in earnest after the Parish Festival and will have a training session or two as we approach Advent. If the volunteer opportunity strikes your fancy call the office and leave your name and number, or stop and see Fr. Larry, Dan Lobb, or me.

Speaking of volunteers, the festival looms on our horizon. Fairly soon, the call will go out for volunteers. The parish needs you. It is the volunteers that make the Festival a success. The only requirement that I know of is that most people agree that you are still alive.

I checked the Wayne Road bridge. It looks like there has been some work to the gravel beds at the approaches of the bridge. There is a ways to go yet.

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 spaghetti sauce, cans of ravioli, spaghetti & meatballs, chili, bag or box mix potatoes, soup, black or other beans, pancake mix, syrup, grape or strawberry jelly, and dish soap.

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

Scripture Readings for the Week of August 24, 2025

Sunday, August 24, 2025

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 66:18-21; Ps 117:1, 2; Heb 12: 5-7, 11-13;
Lk 13:22-30

Monday, August 25, 2025

1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10; Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b;
Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday, August 26, 2025

1 Thes 2:1-8; Ps 139:1-3, 4-6; Mt 23:23-26

Wednesday, August 27, 2025

Memorial of Saint Monica

1 Thes 2:9-13; Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab;
Mt 23:27-32

Thursday, August 28, 2025

1 Thes 3:7-13; Ps 90:3-5a, 12-13, 14 and 17;
Mt 24:42-51

Friday, August 29, 2025

Memorial of the Passion of John the Baptist

1 Thes 4:1-8; Ps 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12;
Mk 6:17-29

Saturday, August 30, 2025

1 Thes 4:9-11, Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9; Mt 25:14-30

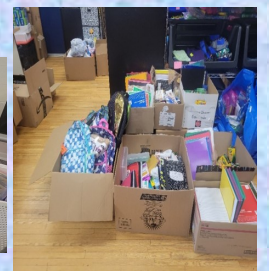
Sunday, August 31, 2025

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

Note from Wayne-Westland School District

The Wayne Westland School District wishes to thank the generous parishioners from the Nankin Family of Parishes—St. Mary in Wayne, St. Richard and St. Mary Cause of Our Joy in Westland, and St. Thomas the Apostle in Garden City—who donated school supplies. Your kindness greatly benefits our students. They appreciate your support and compassion. Thank you for caring!



Congratulations

St. Thomas the Apostle Parish
on their
Annual Parish Festival!

Register for Polish Dance and Language Classes -
NO Experience Necessary!



POLANIE Song and Dance Ensemble,

Polish Alliance Dancers, and General Pulaski Language School

**NOW ACCEPTING REGISTRATION FOR THE 2025-2026 YEAR
FROM NOW TO THE END OF SEPTEMBER 9/30/2025**

For more information and how to register:

Contact: Director, Natalia Jackson

(734)-674-7352 or email polaniedetroit96@gmail.com

Follow us on Facebook: POLANIE Song & Dance Ensemble - Detroit, Michigan
Follow us on Instagram: @polanie_detroit



May 1, 2025 - July 31, 2025

77 Households

Total Donations: \$173.92

**Please consider linking your Kroger
Rewards Card to St. Thomas the Apostle.**

Widowed Friends

Join Widowed Friends a peer support group hosting Friday's from September 5 to November 7 - Fall 9-Pin No-Tap Bowling League. Bowl 2 games each week \$9.00. All are welcome!!! Banquet and awards at end of season. Call Event Host Gerry to join a team 734-259-5024.

Coming in the Fall

- Lunch at Schoolcraft College Culinary School
- Dinner Theater at the DIO in Pinckney
- Mass at Old St. Patricks.

Grief Share Hope and Healing after a death of a loved one

When someone you loved dies, it can feel like you are alone. Few people understand how painful and isolating your grief can be. But you don't to suffer by yourself.

At Grief Share you'll find a safe comforting place where you can talk with others about your grief. You will find support, direction and guidance how to make it through.

Begins Sept 5th St. Mary's on Fridays
for 13 consecutive weeks.

More info & registration is available

www.stmarywayne.org

or call parish office to register

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.



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!



Worship Schedule		August 30 & 31, 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	JULIA HEDRICK NOAH HEDRICK	STEPHANIE GALDES	ADAEZE ENWERE CHIAMAKA ENWERE
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST	CORDELIA CHUKWUDI CANDY HENRY VIKKI WOROSZ	DAN LOBB TEDDY LUTHER JOAN PALMER	DENISE BIELSKI JOHN SANREGRET JOE SMITH
LECTORS	LINDA LUDTKE	TRACY CONYER	STEVE KOVALESKI
SACRISTAN	CAROL STEC	GLORY MCGAHAN	SALLIE QUINN
MASS INTENTIONS	+ JOSEPH MEIER + ROSE PIEKNIK + DONALD JACOB + BEN & JULIA KOTLARZ ROSSI FAMILY HAYES FAMILY FRAISER FAMILY + BARBARA STEMPNIAK + THOMAS STEMPNIAK + TOMMY STEMPNIAK + MARIAN LOOBY +DANNY MARDEROSIAN	BARBARA SONNENFELD + JOSEPH MAGGIONCALDA	+ DENNIS PATTOCK

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
August 25-29, 2025

Tuesday, August 26

9:00 am.....CHURCH
+ GENEVIEVE MICHALOWSKI

Wednesday, August 27

12:00 PM.....CHURCH
+ RICHARD KINNELLY
+ DOLORES BRIGHT

Friday, August 29

9:00 am.....CHURCH
+ WILLIAM & SOPHIE LAMAR
+MARY MURRAY

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.

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 & 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
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



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HELP YOUR
CHILDREN
MEET THEIR
**BEST
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FAITH FORMATION

Yes, we are already preparing for our new Faith Formation year! Classes for our young people in Grades K-8 will begin this fall 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!

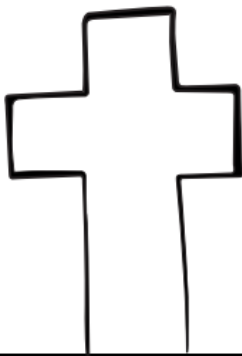


Jesus told His disciples that they should,
"Strive to enter through the narrow gate."

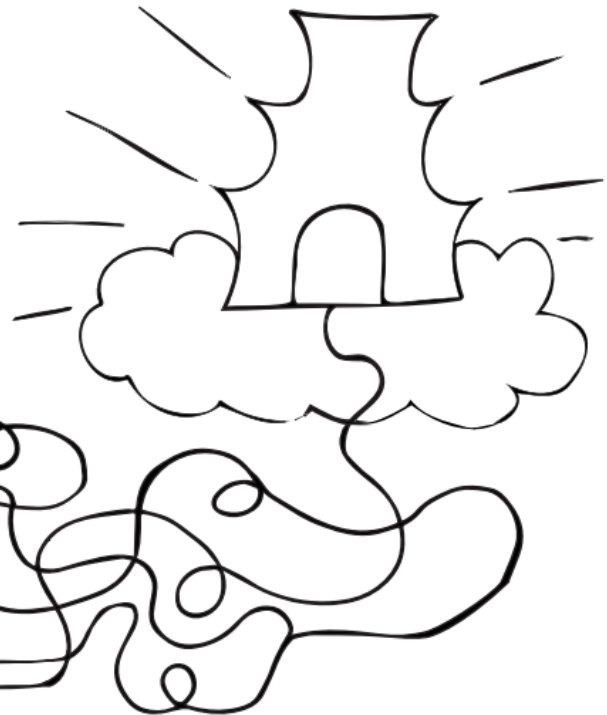
This means that God wants us to try to get closer to Him
by staying on God's path.

What are some things you can do
that will help you be closer to God?

Follow the paths from the cross to Heaven.
Which one leads to Heaven?



A
B
C
D



Jesus teaches that we must be strong in our
faith! How can you be strong in faith?

Year C: Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

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