

# Third Sunday of LENT

March 23, 2025



As we begin the 3rd week of Lent, we may need a word of encouragement with our resolutions. We may even be looking for something more or different to do. Here are some suggestions.

**GIVE IT UP FOR LENT** - Giving up something we like during Lent can be a reminder of the importance of God in our lives. Every time we refrain from eating candy, watching television, drinking alcohol or doing something else we enjoy, we have an opportunity to express our desire to love and draw near to God.

**A ROSARY-A-DAY IN LENT** - A simple but powerful practice is praying the rosary. In its prayers and mysteries, the rosary fosters contemplation on the life of Christ. It only takes about twenty minutes a day.

**CHANGE THE STATION** - The Stations of the Cross can be prayed with a group or privately—even at home. As the Stations remind us of the harsh reality Jesus endured for us, they increase our compassion for those who suffer today.

**BE RECONCILED TO GOD** - As Lent encourages us to take an honest look at our lives as Christians, it is a perfect time to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. It not only helps us face the truth, it assures us that God, through the Church, grants us healing forgiveness.

**GIVE THANKS** - We may not think of Lent as a time of thanksgiving, but think about it: God became human in order to make it possible for us to share in His own divine life. In this holy season, Christians gather with the whole Church to take seriously and celebrate that great gift. Who wouldn't be grateful?

We are almost half way through Lent. A special word of gratitude to all of our wonderful volunteers who work the Fish Fry and all the hungry people who come to support us.

Join us for the Stations of the Cross, Wednesday Mass at noon or one of the many Lenten opportunities we have here at St. Thomas the Apostle!



We need **SERVERS** at our World Famous Fish Fry. Sign up sheets are in the gathering area of the church.



## **Penance Services** **Monday, April 7th (Religious Ed Families)**

6:00 PM St. Thomas the Apostle

## **Tuesday, April 8th**

7 PM St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy

## **Wednesday, April 9th**

1 PM St. Richard, Westland

## **Palm Sunday**

### **April 13th**

4:00 PM Mass Saturday

9:00 AM and 11:00 AM Mass Sunday

## **Holy Thursday**

### **April 17th**

7:00 PM Mass

Followed by **ADORATION**

## **Good Friday**

### **April 18th**

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 19th**

**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 20th**

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**

**(March 7th-April 18th)**

**4:30—7:00 PM**

(or until we run out!)

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TO DONATE



## St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church

31530 Beechwood Garden City MI 48135  
(734) 427-1533 Thomastheapostle.org



## This N That by Deacon Skip

Deconstruction continues on the Wayne Road bridge. I am not able to get terribly close to the work because of the heavy equipment in use. Over the weekend when no crew is on site I was able to maneuver to the edge of what used to be the bridge. The contractor essentially built a roof over the bridge then knocked the bridge down on to the roof. During the week, crews moved the broken concrete up to Wayne Road and built a significant pile of rock.

As a reminder, Wayne is closed northbound at Holliday Park. I am not exaggerating about this: I walked down to the mailbox nearby during the week, and a couple flagged me down. They had missed the road closed signs and found themselves driving in a continuous loop around the co-op. I gave them directions on how to get out and reach Plymouth Road.

Thanks to all who have asked me. My Dad is showing signs of improvement. However, he is 102, blind, and deaf. The nursing home staff is working on those issues.


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

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




The pantry needs help with our ongoing weekly service to the community. We are most in need of canned potatoes, diced tomatoes, peas, carrots, spaghetti sauce, pancake mix, syrup, dish soap, laundry soap, shampoo. Thank you. Any and all donations are always appreciated!

The food pantry is open every Thursday from 10am-12pm in the Ministries Building. If you would like to receive items from the pantry, please call (734) 425-9771.



We are looking for a new chairperson to take over the Thanksgiving food boxes and Christmas Wish Tree. We will help you learn! Please contact Vikki at (734) 776-8133 for more information.

**We have reached our goal!** Thank you for all of your CSA contributions for 2024. Any contribution to CSA for 2024 will now go directly back to the parish. So far, we have received a check back for \$1,625.00, which was through the end of January 2025. More to come! April 15, 2025 is the last date we are able to accept contributions to 2024.



**CSA**  
CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

## Scripture Readings for the Week of March 23, 2025

### Sunday, March 23, 2025

#### Third Sunday of Lent

Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15; Ps 103: 1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11;  
1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12; Lk 13:1-9  
*Scrutiny Readings:* 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 24, 2025

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

### Tuesday, March 25, 2025

#### Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord

Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11;  
Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38

### Wednesday, March 26, 2025

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

### Thursday, March 27, 2025

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

### Friday, March 28, 2025

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

### Saturday, March 29, 2025

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

### Sunday, March 30, 2025

#### Fourth Sunday of Lent

Jos 5:9a, 10-12; Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; 2 Cor 5:17-21;  
Lk 15:1-3, 11-32  
*Scrutiny Readings:* 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



NPM Detroit Presents...



## JOURNEY WITH THE SAINTS

3PM - 4PM  
SUNDAY  
MARCH 30  
2025



Prayer and reflection with first class relics of Christ's apostles  
Jubilee Year of Hope 2025  
Use plaza to enter through the north doors

Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament  
9844 Woodward Ave. Detroit, MI 48202  
For questions, contact npmdetroit@gmail.com

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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

<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

# Taize Common Creation

A MUSICAL NIGHT OF  
COMMUNIAL PRAYER  
AND WORSHIP



MARCH 27TH, 7:00 PM  
APRIL 4TH, 7:00 PM BEFORE STATIONS  
AT ST. MARY CAUSE OF OUR JOY



### It's FISH FRY Time Again!

#### St. Thomas the Apostle Parish

31530 Beechwood - Garden City  
(Near Ford Rd. & Merriman)

734.427.1533

St. Thomas the Apostle is hosting their "WORLD FAMOUS FISH FRY" beginning Friday March 7th, and every Friday thru April 18th in the ACTIVITIES BUILDING from 4:30pm - 7:00pm (maybe earlier if we run out!)

#### Join us for

GREAT DINNERS, FAMILY, FRIENDS, and DESSERTS!

We are always looking for volunteers to help!

#### MENU

Beer Battered Haddock Dinner w/ Fries or Mashed, Coleslaw, & Roll \$13.50

Baked Haddock Dinner w/Fries or Mashed, Coleslaw, & Roll-\$13.50

Combo Dinner: Fish, Shrimp, Fries or Mashed, Coleslaw, & Roll-\$13.50

Shrimp Dinner w/Fries or Mashed, Coleslaw, & Roll - \$14.50

Cheese Pizza w/ applesauce - \$4.50 Cheese Sticks w/sauce - \$5.50

Macaroni & Cheese - \$4.00 Pop & Water - \$1.25

ALL Dine-In dinners include coffee, tea, or milk at no extra charge

Carry-Out dinners available

Sorry, we do not accept credit cards

Prices subject to change without notice

## START SAVING YOUR TREASURES!

We are bringing back the annual parish garage sale due to the success of the sale in 2024. The sale will be held June 5-7, 2025 in the Activities Center. Donation drop offs will be May 19-31. We will NOT be accepting clothing, magazines, large household appliances, infant carriers, computers or TVs older than 3 years, LPs and VHS tapes.

For questions or more information, please contact Donna at (734) 771-0775.



## ATTENTION CRAFTERS!

Get ready for the 1st Annual Parish Craft Sale. This will be held on October 18, 2025 in the Activities Center. Crafters will be able to rent a table(s) to sell their merchandise. More information will be forthcoming. Please contact Donna with any questions at (734) 771-0775.



Worship Schedule		March 29 & 30, 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	ISABELLA POWELL	JOHN GALDES	DAVID GERSTENBRAND ANDREW GERSTENBRAND CHUKWUMA NDUKWE
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST	CORDELIA CHUKWUDI CANDY HENRY VIKKI WOROSZ	TEDDY LUTHER GLORY MCGAHAN JOAN PALMER	DENISE BIELSKI JOHN SANREGRET JOE SMITH
LECTORS	JEANNE PYONK	GEORGETTE KATTULA	MIKE WELDON
SACRISTAN	CAROL STEC	GLORY MCGAHAN	SALLIE QUINN
MASS INTENTIONS	+ HENRY BALLARD + JUNE CARBAJAL-CHRISTOPHER	PARISHIONERS OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE	PARISHIONERS OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

*Offertory collection is reported monthly.*

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

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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 24-28, 2025

### Tuesday, March 25

9:00 am.....CHURCH

CHARLES, MARIA AND BABY VIVIANA

### Wednesday, March 26

12:00 PM.....CHURCH

+ ROSE PIEKNIK

### Friday, March 28

9:00 am.....CHURCH

+ HENRY BALLARD



## Please Pray For...

Alaska, Shirley  
Batherson, Barbara  
Baumgardner, Patty  
Block, Karen  
Boyak, Carolyn  
Bringold, Bonnie  
Burgess, Evie  
Burke-Misenar, Jennifer  
Burke, Larry  
Burris, Nikita and Family  
Calley, Julie  
Carpenter, Mike  
Cepko Family  
Chop, Nancy Grabel  
Cockrum, Tommy  
D'Angelo, Rebecca  
Dacus, Shirley  
Daugherty, Kenny

Decaminada, Mona  
DeGrande, Colleen  
Dempsey, Sgt Joseph  
Dempsey, Michele  
Dewey, Thomas  
Dial, Philip  
Durkin Jr., Gerald Lee  
Eichstedt, Laurie  
Feiler, Alex Horne  
Fichtner, Leanne  
Fornasiero, Joseph  
Gozowsky, David  
Hagen, Jenifer  
Harte, John  
Hubbard, Carl  
Kapanke, Dolores  
Kathan, Joann  
Kathan, Thomas  
Keesee, Cheryl  
LeVoir, Lorraine

LeVoir, Sherry  
Lobb, Cindy  
Lobb, Jeri  
Lowe, Jonathan  
Malish, Rosemary  
Murawski, Veronica  
O'Connell, Evan  
Pastula, Shirley  
Prosser, Cindy  
Roffi, Herman  
Sanak, Francene  
Sanregret, John  
Smith, Mary  
Smitt, Deb  
Smith, Patricia  
Soine, Dianna  
Sommariva, Bob  
Stempniak, Barbara  
Stites, Keith  
Sutherland, Eleanor

Tsaprazis, Pete  
Turcotte, Joshua  
Walker, Ian  
Whitfield, Cathy  
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 2024-June 30, 2025

Deceased Members of Ajlouny & Blaty Families  
Deceased & Live Members of The Batherson Family  
Loving Memory of Thomas Bencic  
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  
Loving Memory of Gorny & Kushnir Families  
In Memory of Donald Grant  
Loving Memory of Jessie & Chester Gugala  
In Loving Memory of Robert & Ann Hoelscher  
In Loving Memory of My Wife Joanne Whom I Will Always Miss  
Kapanke-Omilian Family  
Deceased Members of the Kattula Family  
Deceased Members of LaMar and Dryja Families  
The Malish and Porembiak Families

In Loving Memory for Reynold Mirabatur Sr.  
In Loving Memory of Audrey Mocadlo  
Loving Memory of Jerry Moynahan  
Angel Dr. Dominic J. Noonan  
In Loving Memory of Ben and Phyllis Ornatowski  
Deceased members of Pattock & Stuecken families  
In loving memory of Anthony and Rosemary Pawlak  
Angel Danny P. Pepera  
My loving wife of 66 years, Mary J. Pepera  
Prouty Family  
In loving memory of Frances J. Read  
In Memory of Richard and Eleanore Reed  
Memory of Kathy Rodgers  
In Loving Memory of Thomas Stempniak  
Deceased Members of the Sturm & Preba Families  
Deceased Members of the Szuba & Balawajder Families  
In Loving Memory of Edwin L. Wendrick

## Pray for those Serving in the Military

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

Another great job by our third grade Faith Formation Students as they prepared and participated in our Children's Mass last Sunday. I think we have some future Lectors budding in our program!! ❤️



**REMINDER: There are NO CLASSES tomorrow, Monday, March 24th due to Spring Break!!**



**St. Thomas the Apostle  
and  
Right to Life - LIFESPAN**

are co-hosting the

**36<sup>th</sup> Annual LIFESPAN Baby Shower**

benefitting

**Wee Care**

**March 10-31, 2025**



*Please consider donating to support  
mothers and their newborns.*

**Donated items for the Baby Shower  
can be brought to the Church**

### Gift Suggestions:

Lightweight Sleepers  
(3-6-9 mos.)  
Short Sleeve Onesies  
(0-3 mos.)  
Crib Sheets  
Burp Cloths & Bibs  
Receiving Blankets



*Please make any checks payable to:  
**LIFESPAN-Wee Care***

A small group of our middle school children worked alongside 70 other students from neighboring parishes on a sunny Saturday morning to package Easter Baskets for Redford Interfaith Relief Project. Together, we were able to assemble 225 baskets, each accompanied by a handmade Easter card to insure that Easter is magical for those young people who would otherwise go without. Many hands certainly helped to make light work! GOD IS GOOD!! ALL THE TIME!!



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