Third Sunday of 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.

<u>A ROSARY-A-DAY IN LENT</u> - 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.

<u>CHANGE THE STATION</u> - 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!)

SCAN TO DONATE



St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church

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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 apply contributions to 2024.

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

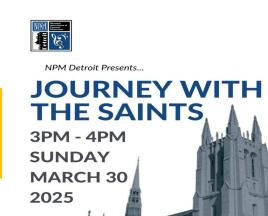
Saturday, March 29, 2025

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



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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

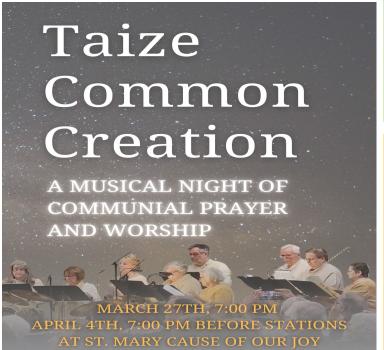
Monday	9:00 am 12:00 pm	St. Mary, Wayne St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy, Westland (followed by Eucharistic Adoration)		
Tuesday	9:00 am 9:00 am	St. Thomas the Apostle. Garden City St. Richard, Westland		
Wednesday 12:00 pm		St. Thomas the Apostle, Garden City		
Thursday	9:00 am	St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy, Westland		
Friday	9:00 am 9:00 am	St. Thomas the Apostle, Garden City St. Mary, Wayne		
Saturday	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		
Sunday	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)				
Tuesday		St. Richard, Westland (after 9 am Mass)		
Saturday	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





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

 ${\it C}{\it ombo\ Dinner:\ Fish,\ Shrimp,\ Fries\ or\ Mashed,\ \it C}{\it oleslaw,\ \&\ Roll-\$13.50}$

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 **Churd** 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.

3rd Sunday of Lent March 23, 2025

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.

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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Weekday Masses March 24-28, 2025

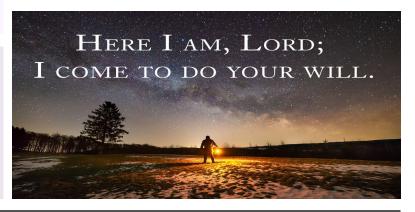
Tuesday, March 25

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 Buris, 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 Lobb, Jeri 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 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

Tsaprazis, Pete Turcotte, Joshua Walker, Ian Whitfield, Cathy Wielechowski, Kenneth Wildauer, Mark

Prayer list requests can be made only with the knowledae

Zarzycki, Stanley

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

Sutherland, Eleanor

Stites, Keith

Deceased Members of Ailouny & 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 Lovina 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 Mirabitur 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 & Balawaider 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, Doualas 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, Grea Sparrow, Justin Spohr, Raymond Squires, Zachary Szerszen, Michael Waldo, Michael Waldon, Nathan Webb, Brian Wiertella, Jonathan

Witt, Christopher

3rd Sunday of Lent March 23, 2025

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

36th 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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