



August 3, 2025

This is
MY BELOVED SON
with Whom I am well pleased



This weekend, I ask you to give a warm welcome to Father David Buersmeyer who will be at all the Masses this weekend. I will be away on vacation for the weekend with some friends.

This past week the relic of St. Thomas the Apostle was returned to the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament in Detroit. They were gracious to let us borrow it for the whole month of July in honor of his feast day on July 3. Many parishioners were happy to have a first-class relic of our patron in the church. During the past few weeks, parishioners took advantage of extra time to pray and reflect. The holy card that was available is a nice remembrance of our patron saint that can be a keepsake for many years to come.

On the lighter side.....

We have all learned to live with "voice mail" as a necessary part of modern life. Have you wondered, "What if God decided to install voice mail?" Imagine praying and hearing this:

Thank you for calling My Father's House. Please select one of the following options:

- Press 1 for Requests
- Press 2 for Thanksgiving
- Press 3 for Complaints
- Press 4 for All Other Inquiries

What if God used the familiar excuse..."I'm sorry, all of our lines are busy. All our angels are helping other sinners right now. However, your prayer is important to us and will be answered in the order it was received, so please stay on the line."

Can you imagine getting these kinds of responses when you call God in prayer? If you would like to speak to:

- Gabriel — Press 1
- For Michael — Press 2
- For Raphael — Press 3
- If you would like to hear a King David Psalm while you are holding — Press 4
- If you would like to hear Mary's Magnificat while you are holding — Press 5
- Your patience will be recorded and rewarded.
- To find out if a loved one has been assigned to Heaven — Press 6, enter his or her social security number, then press the pound key. (If you get a negative response, try area code 666.)

Our computers show that you have already prayed once today. Please hang up and try again tomorrow. This office is closed for the weekend to observe a religious holiday. Please pray again Monday after 9:30am. If you need emergency assistance when this office is closed, contact your local pastor.

If you would like to hear this message again, please press 1 followed by the pound sign,

Be thankful that God doesn't have voice mail and always listens when we pray!

St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church

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Today's answer is provided by Catholic Answers' Father C.C. Martindale:

Why are there candles all around the Church?

First, in the part of the church for the altar and clergy, you will always see a sanctuary candle burning near; either hanging from the roof, or standing on a small column, or fixed to the wall. This is the light that you can hardly help noticing when you come into a Catholic church, and it tells you that our Lord is not only remembered in our churches, but actually present.

Next, you will see two candles on our altars and sometimes more. On the high altar you will see six big ones, as well as the two smaller ones at either end.

In very early Christian days, when people were savagely treated for being Christians, and even killed by the Roman government, they used to take refuge underground in catacombs. Of course, they needed lights down there to see with, and that is how the custom first grew up of having lamps, and then candles, on altars or around them. But even in those days they liked to use lamps for decoration and so candles are placed on our altars, and at times because they look bright and attractive. You will also see them around statues and may watch people coming into the church, buying a candle and then lighting it, praying a little, and going away leaving it alight.

When Catholics light a candle and leave it burning before an altar or the statue of a saint, what they mean is that though they have to go away and do their job, or just to their proper amusements or rest, they do not mean because of that to forget God or his goodness or the help that they need from him.

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 3, 2025

Sunday, August 3, 2025

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23; Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17;
Col 3:1-5, 9-11; Lk 12:13-21**

Monday, August 4, 2025

Memorial of Saint John Vianney, Priest

**Nm 11:4b-15; Ps 81:12-13, 14-15, 16-17;
Mt 14:13-21**

Tuesday, August 5, 2025

**Nm 12:1-13; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 6cd-7, 12-13;
Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14**

Wednesday, August 6, 2025

Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord

**Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9; 2 Pt 1:16-19;
Lk 9:28b-36**

Thursday, August 7, 2025

Nm 20: 1-13; Ps 95: 1-2, 6-7, 8-9, Mt 16:13-23

Friday, August 8, 2025

**Dt 4:32-40; Ps 77:12-13, 14-15, 16 and 21;
Mt 16:24-28**

Saturday, August 9, 2025

**Dt 6: 4-13; Ps 18: 2-3a, 3bc-4, 47 and 51;
Mt 17:14-20**

Sunday, August 10, 2025

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Wis 18:6-9; Ps 33:1, 12, 18-19, 20-22;
Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 or Heb 11:1-2, 8-12; Lk 12:32-48
or Lk 12:35-40**



JOIN US FOR THE

**MUSIC MINISTRY
BAKE SALE**

after all masses on August 2nd & 3rd
in the Fr. Prus Hall



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



The Knights of Columbus will be having a Golf Outing on August 25, 2025 at Willow Springs. All information and registration forms are located on the Knights table in the vestibule.

NEEDED!



Festival time is fast approaching and we would love your help to make the GAME TENT and SUCKER PULL even more successful. We would appreciate any donations of **NEW games, toys, dolls, and stuffed animals**. This is a great opportunity to pick up those clearance items as summer winds down! If you have a large quantity of donations, we would gladly come and pick them up.

The more donations we can get, the less we need to buy. You can drop them off at the Parish Center or call Kathy at 734-776-2739.

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Festival Game Tent team

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.



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Worship Schedule		August 9 & 10, 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	JOHN GALDES	ADAEZE ENWERE CHIAMAKA ENWERE
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST	CANDY HENRY FRANK TOFIL VIKKI WOROSZ	TEDDY LUTHER GLORY MCGAHAN JOAN PALMER	EVIE BURGESS SALLIE QUINN MISSY TAYLOR
LECTORS	LINDA LUDTKE	NANCY DRYJA	STEVE KOVALESKI
SACRISTAN	BOB PROKOP	CECILIA NESBITT	LAURIE EICHSTEDT
MASS INTENTIONS	+ DANNY PEPERA + BARBARA STEMPNIAK + LEONCIO LOPEZ ANN VITALE ON HER 100TH BIRTHDAY	+ MARK ROY + TIMOTHY RESOVSKY + LEONCIO LOPEZ + DENNIS PATTOCK JANEY & STANLEY ERLINGIS ON THEIR 40TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY	+ EDWARD & CECILIA SURMACZ

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.

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 4-8, 2025

Tuesday, August 5

9:00 am.....CHURCH

+ LEONCIO LOPEZ

Wednesday, August 6

12:00 PM.....CHURCH

+ LEONCIO LOPEZ

Friday, August 8

9:00 am.....CHURCH

+ LEONCIO LOPEZ



Please Pray For...

Alaska, Shirley
Batherson, Barbara
Baumgardner, Patty
Berger, Ron
Block, Karen
Boyak, Carolyn
Bringold, Bonnie
Burgess, Evie
Burke-Misencar, Jennifer
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
Fornasiero, Joseph
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
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
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
Deceased Members of the Kattula Family
Living & Deceased Members of Keiller & Marciniec 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

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

Saint Anne

Saint Anne is Mary's mom. That means that she is Jesus' grandma! Say a special prayer for your grandparents today.

Mary is the little girl in this picture. Color her clothing blue.



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Immaculate Conception Council 4513 Catholic High School Scholarship Program

Knights of Columbus Council 4513 has established a scholarship fund for those St. Thomas the Apostle parish members enrolled in a Catholic high school. To apply, students must first complete an application. These can be found in the Gathering Space at church, in the Parish Office, or one can be requested at gk4513@mikofc.org.

The second part requires the student to compose a 250 to 500 word essay explaining why a Catholic High School education is important to a person of faith in the world today. It can either be handwritten (must be legible) or completed on a computer. Essays must be submitted to the parish office no later than August 10th.

The final part will be an interview with standardized questions later in August. You will be contacted to schedule that interview.

Festival Boutique Needs Hand-Crafted Items!

This year, the ladies of the Rosary Altar Sodality will be hosting our FALL FAMILY FESTIVAL Boutique. Although there is great creative talent among our ladies, **WE NEED YOUR HELP!** If you knit, crochet, make jewelry, diamond dot art, wreaths, paintings, floral arrangements, dog sweaters, baskets or any other creative craft, we are asking if you'd be so kind to please donate one of your creations for our boutique. Crafts can be dropped off in the large basket in the Gathering Space of the church or at the parish office. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

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