

October 26, 2025

*The prayer of the lowly pierces the clouds;
it does not rest until it reaches its goal,
nor will it withdraw till the Most High responds.*

— Sirach 35:17–18a

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Today's answer is provided by Catholic Answers' Jimmy Akin.

What can/can't be done on Sunday?

The only hard and fast rule is go to Mass—either on Sunday itself or on the evening of the preceding day.

Beyond the obligation to attend Mass, there is no list of specific do's and don'ts. There used to be such a list back when 95% of society did physical labor, but that isn't the case today. So stop thinking in terms of a list of specific things you can do and specific things you can't do. There is no such list now. The law adapts to your circumstances.

What you want to do is pursue the goals of the day, so you want to "abstain from those works and affairs which hinder the worship to be rendered to God, the joy proper to the Lord's Day, or the suitable relaxation of mind and body."

To that end, it would likely be a good idea for you to do something different on Sunday, something you don't normally do. You want to do things you enjoy, so as to bring you more joy on the Lord's Day. Try doing things on Sunday that you don't normally get a chance to do and that you'd look forward to doing.

You should also fulfill human needs, including your own, those of your family, and those of others—including the less fortunate and including giving your business to those who need to work on Sundays.

These same principles apply not just on Sundays but on other holy days of obligation, even if we have to work on them. It's just that we're often members of the group that needs to work on these days. Just apply the principles as best you can in the circumstances.

For further answers to your Catholic questions, visit Catholic.com

Ministries Center/SVdp (734) 425-9771



The pantry needs help with our ongoing service to the community. We are most in need of cans of fruit, mixed vegetables, corn, carrots, potatoes, dry spaghetti, bags plain rice, oatmeal, pancake mix, syrup, toilet paper, and paper towels.

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

Scripture Readings for the Week of October 26, 2025

Sunday, October 26, 2025

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sir 35:12-14; 16-18; Ps 34:2-3, 17-18, 19, 23;
2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18; Lk 18:9-14

Monday, October 27, 2025

Rom 8: 12-17; Ps 68:2 and 4, 6-7ab, 20-21;
Lk 13: 10-17

Tuesday, October 28, 2025

Feast of Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles

Eph 2: 19-22; Ps 19:2-3, 4-5; Lk 6:12-16

Wednesday, October 29, 2025

Rom 8:26-30; Ps 13:4-5, 6; Lk 13:22-30

Thursday, October 30, 2025

Rom 8:31b-39; Ps 109:21-22, 26-27, 30-31;
Lk 13:31-35

Friday, October 31, 2025

Rom 9:1-5; Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20; Lk 14:1-6

Saturday, November 1, 2025

Solemnity of All Saints

Rv 7: 2-4, 9-14; Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6;
1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a

Sunday, November 2, 2025

The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls)

Wis 3:1-9; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Rom 5:5-11 or
Rom 6:3-9; Jn 6:37-40

**A FINAL ACT OF LOVE:
Gather Them Home**

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2025 | 10:00 AM
Mass immediately followed by procession and committal service at Holy Sepulchre
Mass: Church of the Divine Child 1055 North Silvery Lane, Dearborn, Michigan 48128
Committal Service: Holy Sepulchre Cemetery 25800 W. 10 Mile Road, Southfield, MI 48033
**FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO RESERVE A SPOT
FOR YOUR LOVED ONE PLEASE CALL (248) 350-1900**

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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

Mercy In Action—2025

St. Richard 50+ Club:

Continuing until the end of October we are collecting socks for the Homeless. To date, we have collected 1,139 pairs of socks. Please use bins found in the entrances to your church. God Bless and Thank You for your donations.



RIDE the BUS from Detroit or Downriver

\$30 Adult \$20 FREE Youth



Thursday, NOVEMBER 6th

10:00 AM - Pre-Rally Concert

11:00 AM - RALLY

12:00 PM - MARCH

At the State Capitol in Lansing
Ride the Bus and avoid parking hassles!



Charter Buses Departing from:

- St. Mary Catholic Church, Rockwood
- First Presbyterian, 2799 West Rd, Trenton
- Our Lady of the Scapular, Wyandotte
- Holy Redeemer, 1721 Junction Ave., Detroit
- New Hope Assembly Church, 14000 Racho, Taylor
- Levagood Park, near Divine Child, Dearborn

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Worship Schedule		November 1 & 2 , 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	MICHELLE KORIE JOSEPH KORIE
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LECTORS	FRANK TOFIL	NANCY DRYJA	VICTORIA APOLZAN
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MASS INTENTIONS	+ CHESTER GUGALA + JESSIE GUGALA + VICTOR LUECKENHOFF + ROSE PIEKNIK + BEN & JULIA KOTLARZ GIRRARD ZALNO + KAPANKE & OMILIAN FAMILY + ROSE PIEKNIK + TYLER BAKER SUZY YATES CATHLEEN MOTT	+ MICHAEL SINIARSKI + EDMUND & MARY SINIARSKI + MARY ANNE JAMES + MATTHEW & ANN NAJMOWICZ + DENNIS PATTOCK + ROSE PIEKNIK + FABIAN & MARIA CAMPOS	+ DELPHIN & MARIE DEMPSEY + ROBERT DAVIS ANTHONY & DAUPHINAIS FAMILIES + DOLORES DOWD + JIM DALY + DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE STANKE FAMILY

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

October 27-31, 2025

Tuesday, October 28

9:00 am.....CHURCH

+ DENNIS PATTOCK

+ JIM DALY

Wednesday, October 29

12:00 PM.....CHURCH

+ CARLO & EZIO BENEDETTINI

+ ALVA COLETTA

Friday, October 31

9:00 am.....CHURCH

+ CARLO & EZIO BENEDETTINI

+ JIM DALY

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
Cole, Jean

Cole, Regina
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
Dzendzel, Mary Ann
Eichstedt, Laurie
Eves, Debbie
Feiler, Alex Horne
Fichtner, Leanne
Filak, Julianna

Fornasiero, Joseph
Gentilia, Judy
Gozowsky, David
Hagen, Jennifer
Harte, John
Hubbard, Carl
Jachym, Patricia
Kapanke, Dolores
Kathan, Joann
Kathan, Thomas
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
Ruby, Nancy
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
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



ANNUAL RAKE 'N RUN



We will be out raking leaves in our annual Rake 'n Run on Sunday, November 9th from 1-4pm. We will meet in the Religious Formation building at 12:30pm for some yummy snacks to build up some energy to head out for some hard work! We are rewarded with pizza and pop after all the work is done. Please let me know if you are in need of assistance with the beautiful foliage that has found its way to the ground. Our team of young people will be happy to help. If you are a young person or family who would like to be part of the clean up crew, please let me know and I'll add you to the list of volunteers. Lots of hands = light work!! **WE ARE ASKING FOR THE PARISH'S HELP WITH DONATIONS OF LAWN BAGS.** Last year we bundled up well over 60 bags of leaves at the homes we cleaned. Thanks in advance for your generosity!!



MIDDLE SCHOOLERS SAVE THE DATE!!!! Friday, November 7th

We will again be packaging meals for the less fortunate on Friday, November 7th from 6-8pm at Sacred Heart Parish in Dearborn. Our goal is to surpass the 10,000 meals that we packaged last year.

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Permission slips are in the Gathering Space and available in my office. They are due back on November 3rd. Please call with any questions.

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