

23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*Whatever you bind on earth
shall be bound in heaven*

MATTHEW 18:18

September 6, 2026



Dear St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Festival Supporter!

Are you feeling lucky? Well, I am And excited too!

This year, our Parish Family Festival will take place on September 18, 19 and 20th. For over 60 years, our festival has become Garden City's best end of summer event. People return every year from near and far. They return because our festival is fun and has something for everyone. Our parishioners love to be part of the excitement and always meet new friends.

The biggest way to make the festival successful is the GRAND RAFFLE. We are again asking you to sell \$60.00 worth of tickets. We are giving 30 tickets to each family. The tickets are \$2.00 each. If you can buy/sell more than 30 tickets, we encourage you to for more chances to win. Each ticket is still only \$2.00.

The prizes this year are the same as last year, once again!

Grand Prize	\$5,000.00
and	\$ 100.00 to the seller of the winning ticket!
2nd Prize	\$1,000.00
3rd and 4th Prize	\$ 500.00 each

Join me in leading the way to make Festival 2026, the best ever. Let's all come together as we sell or buy our tickets, work in the booths, and bring our families, friends, and neighbors to join us.

I'm feeling lucky and very excited! I hope you are too! Thank you for your support and Good Luck! Have an awesome time and God bless you and your loved ones!

St. Thomas the Apostle
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FESTIVAL BLACKJACK TOURNAMENT

THURSDAY SEPT 17TH
7:00PM

ACTIVITIES BUILDING GYM
31530 BEECHWOOD GARDEN CITY

BEVERAGES AVAILABLE

(734) 427-1533

pshafer@thomastheapostle.org

\$55 BUY IN

St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church

SCAN TO DONATE

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





This N That by Deacon Skip

It's official. The kids have gone back to school. While I was out on an early walk on opening day, I passed a group of them standing on a local street corner, waiting for the school bus. Instead of talking with one another about how they spent their summers, they were all focused on their individual cell phones, tapping out messages.

I told the story to my sister down in Georgia. She told me about how she and my brother-in-law were out for supper when a family of four walked in and took the table next to them. Every family member was glued to their individual cell phone for the entire meal. They barely spoke a word to each other during the whole meal, each one totally engrossed in the message in front of them. Somehow, that does not qualify as a family night out.

Sometimes technology takes over and controls us, It should be the other way around.

Despite the lack of rain, this summer has turned out to be one of the best for flowers. Not only that, I have a second bloom on my tomato plants. With a little luck and no hungry critters, I should have Roma tomatoes with my supper before long.

Don't forget SVDP

Scripture Readings for the Week of September 6, 2026

Sunday	Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time Ez 33:7-9; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Rom 13:8-10; Mt 18:15-20
Monday	1 Cor 5:1-8; Ps 5:5-6, 7, 12; Lk 6:6-11
Tuesday	Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mt 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13:6ab, 6c; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or Mt 1:18-23
Wednesday	Memorial of Saint Peter Claver, Priest 1 Cor 7:25-31; Ps 45:11-12, 14-15, 16-17; Lk 6:20-26
Thursday	1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13; Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 23-24; Lk 6:27-38
Friday	1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27; Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6, 12; Lk 6:39-42
Saturday	1 Cor 10:14-22; Ps 116:12-13, 17-18; Lk 6:43-49
Sunday	Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Sir 27:30-28:7; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12; Rom 14:7-9; Mt 18:21-35

PRESENTATION by BISHOP MONFORTON

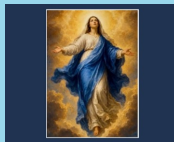
The parishioners of the Nankin Family of Parishes, are invited to attend a presentation on "The Blessed Mother" by Bishop Monforton. The event will take place on Thursday, September 10, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. at St. Richard Church.

Refreshments and fellowship will follow in the social hall. A free will offering will be collected that evening and donated to St. Mary's Food Depot which serves the local community.

If you plan to come, please contact St. Richard's Parish Office at (734) 729-2240 and leave a message letting us know how many will attend.

We look forward to seeing you there!

St. Richard's Parish Council



CELEBRATION OF BAPTISM



On Sunday,
August 3, 2026,
we welcomed

Olivia Grace Catton

into the St. Thomas the Apostle Church by the
Sacrament of Holy Baptism.



May 1, 2026 - July 31, 2026

76 Households

Total Donations: \$163.91

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

St. Richard 50+ Club Mercy in Action

The 50+ Club at St. Richard Parish will again be collecting socks for the poor during the months of September and October.



We will have bins on the entrance tables. Thank you in advance for your donations of gently used or new socks.



BE A FESTIVAL HERO!!

Sign-up to volunteer online using the QR code.

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

FESTIVAL BOTTLE OF CHEER BOOTH

We are once again accepting bottles of liquor and wine for the "Bottle of Cheer" Booth at the parish office. Thank you to everyone who has donated in the past.



FESTIVAL VOLUNTEERS AND ITEMS STILL NEEDED!



AROUND THE TOWN RAFFLE

iPad, Galaxy Tablet, Airpods, Galaxy Buds, Halo Smart Rings, Power Tools, Grill, Bikes, Sporting Event Tickets. Scratch off lottery tickets and gift cards to restaurants. Cash. Please drop off at the Parish Office.

BAKE SALE



Calling All Bakers!!

The Festival Bake Sale is in need of donations of baked goods! Donations may be dropped off in the gym the weekend of the Festival in the Bake Sale section. Homemade Cookies, Brownies, Cupcakes, Breads and Pies are big sellers. We do not have access to refrigeration. It would be much appreciated if cookies and brownies could be packaged to sell for \$1 per bag (usually 2 cookies or 1 brownie per bag). Donations not packaged are still greatly appreciated. Any questions? Please contact Jeanne at 734-564-2803.

JEWELRY BOOTH

Gently used jewelry. Place in the decorated box in the back of the church or drop off at the Parish Office.

SUCKER PULL

NEW games, toys, dolls, and stuffed animals for prizes. Please drop items off at the Parish Office or call Kathy at 734-776-2739 for pick up.

VOLUNTEERS

Please call the Parish Office at (734) 427-1533.

As always, thank you in advance for your generosity and continued support.

If you are unable to sell some or all of your raffle tickets, please return them.

Worship Schedule		September 12 & 13, 2026	
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	ADAEZE ENWERE CHIAMAKA ENWERE EKENE ENWERE	AVAANN EICHSTEDT ANDREW GERSTENBRAND DAVID GERSTENBRAND
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST	CANDY HENRY DENNIS LAZORKA GERI MORRISSEY FRANK TOFIL	DAN LOBB CECILIA NESBITT JESSICA PIETKA EILEEN POHL	LAURIE EICHSTEDT MAGDALENE MARTINDALE GAIL NABOZNY JOHN SANREGRET
LECTORS	JEFF GORMAN	DAN LOBB	STEVE KOVALESKI
SACRISTAN	CAROL STEC	CECILIA NESBITT	SALLY QUINN
MASS INTENTIONS	+ MARGIE CYRBOK + LLOYD WOROSZ + JAMES TAUBE + JOE RICHARD ORTIZ	+ EUGENE FRANCKOWIAK + PETER, MARY & AGNES KATTULA	+ ERNIE & AUDREY MAJESTIC + TOM MOLESKI + RONALD RICE

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.

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.



Weekday Masses
September 7-11, 2026

Tuesday, September 8
9:00 AM
+ ELEVYN LANDRUM

Wednesday, September 9
12:00 PM

PARISHIONERS OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

Friday, September 11
9:00 AM

PARISHIONERS OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE



Please Pray For...

Alaska, Shirley
Anderson, Helen
Bassett, Jaclyn
Baumgardner, Patty
Benninger, Barbara
Berger, Ron
Beuer, Donna
Blasik, Ann
Block, Karen
Boyak, Carolyn
Bringold, Bonnie
Bryant, Linda
Burgess, Evie
Burris, Nikita and Family
Calley, Julie
Carpenter, Mike
Cervantes, Vicki

Chichila, Pam
Chop, Nancy Grabel
Cielma, Genevieve
Cislo, Dan
Cole, Jean
Cole, Regina
D'Angelo, Rebecca
Dacus, Shirley
Daugherty, Kenny
DeGrande, Colleen
Dempsey, Sgt Joseph
Dewey, Thomas
Dial, Philip
Durkin Jr., Gerald Lee
Duval, Chuck
Dzendzel, Mary Ann
Eichstedt, Laurie
Eroh, Kade
Eves, Debbie

Feiler, Alex Horne
Fichtner, Leanne
Filak, Julianna
Fornasiero, Joseph
Gackiewicz, Jo Ann
Gentilia, Judy
Ghamlouche, Bellamy
Gozowsky, David
Hagen, Jennifer
Harte, John
Hubbard, Carl
Kapanke, Dolores
Kirby, Barbara
Kirby, Steve
LeVoor, Lorraine
LeVoor, Sherry
Linn, Cathy
Lobb, Cindy
Lowe, Jannette

Lowe, Jonathan
Malish, Rosemary
Markey, Ken
Matfin, Kathy
Mathison, Bonnie
Murawski, Veronica
O'Connell, Evan
Palmer, Joan
Palmer, Kent
Pastula, Shirley
Pattenaude, Eric
Prokop, Bob
Prosser, Cindy
Romanek, Virginia (Pat)
Sanak, Francene
Sanregret, John
Smith, Mary
Smitt, Deb
Smith, Patricia

Soine, Dianna
Speier, Lily
Stites, Keith
Sutherland, Eleanor
Swiercz, Bobbie
Tennent, Joan
Tsaprazis, Pete
Turcotte, Joshua
Walker, Ian
Whitfield, James
Zarzycki, Stanley

Prayer list requests can be made only with the knowledge and permission of the person being added. To add, keep a person on the prayer list, or to remove a name, please call the parish office.

Pray for the First Saturday Memorial Association from July 2026-June 30, 2027

All Souls in Purgatory & Return to Faith for my Children
Deceased Members of Ajlouny & Blaty Families
Living & Deceased Members of Barnes & Digregio Families
Loving Memory of Aunt Loretta Brandt
Living and Deceased Members of Butka & Wojtkowiak families
In Loving Memory of Walter and 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 my husband Tommy Cockrum 1937-2025
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
Living and Deceased Members of Gorny and Kushnir Families
In Memory of Donald Grant
Living & Deceased Members of Gregory & Warrick Families
Loving Memory of Jessie & Chester Gugala
Love Always from the Family of Eugene Joseph Hynek
My Wife Joanne Who I Love and Miss Very Much
Deceased Members of the Kattula Family
Living & Deceased Members of Keiller & Marciniak Families
For the Health of Barbara Kirby and Steve Kirby
Living & Deceased Members of Kwatera, Morone & McIntosh Families

Living & Deceased Members of Kwilos & Stecker Families
The Malish and Porembiak Families
Living and deceased members of Matthews & Zalno Families
In Loving Memory of Margaret Mirabitur
In Loving Memory of Reynold J. Mirabitur
In Loving Memory of Audrey Mocadlo
Loving Memory of Jerry Moynahan
Living & Deceased Members of Mroz & Rutkowski Families
Angel Dr. Dominic J. Noonan
Loving memory of the Dec'd Members of the Norris/Krempasky Family
In Loving Memory of Ben and Phyllis Ornatowski
In Loving Memory of Lawrence and Mary Jane Peltz
Angel Danny P. Pepera
My loving wife of 66 years, Mary J. Pepera
Living & Deceased Members of Rand & Vasquez Families
In Memory of Richard and Eleanor Reed
In Memory of Kathy Rodgers
In Loving Memory of Mark Roy
Living and Deceased Members of the Shroat/Marquis Families
In Loving Memory of Thomas and Barbara Stempniak
Deceased Members of the Sturm & Preba Families
Deceased Members of the Szuba & Balawajder Families
In Memory of Martin A. Tofil & Ania Swiergul-Tofil
In Memory of the Deceased Members of the Vitale/Rottero Families

Pray for those Serving in the Military

Ainsworth, Staff Sgt. Raymond
Angelovic, Adrian
Angelovic, George
Ardingier, Stephanie
Baumgardner, AJ
Becker, Justin
Bregand, David
Brozek, Timothy
Burris, Peter
Campbell, Mary
Canfield, Chaz
Chokr, Jamel
Cinka, Jonathan
Coatsworth, Michael
Comment, Scott

Dwyer, Tyler
Ellsworth, Justin
Fisher, Bob
Gentilia, Anthony
Hunter, Cassidy
Julien, Sgt. Nick
Kapelanski, Isaac
Kashou, Christopher
Laichalk, Robert
Logan, Jonathon
Logan, Sean Patrick
Logan, Jeff
Lowe, Jonathan
Masiarak, Luke

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

Can you believe that we are only FOUR weeks away from the beginning of our new Faith Formation year? Classes for our young people in Grades K-8 will begin this fall on Monday, September 28th. 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!



A great big THANK YOU to all of the wonderful volunteers in our parish who joined our workshop and have taken the necessary steps to become compliant with the mandates of the Archdiocese of Detroit. It is only with your help that we can join together to insure a SAFE ENVIRONMENT for all who come here.

May God bless you for what you do in His name!

If you are unfamiliar with the requirements and still need to complete the training, please read below:

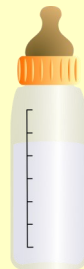
The Archdiocese of Detroit, in compliance with the USCCB Charter for Protection of Youth and Young People, **requires any and all parish volunteers to complete VIRTUS Protecting God's Children training and maintain a current background check, regardless of whether they are interfacing with children or vulnerable adults.**

We are asking those at St. Thomas the Apostle who volunteer or minister in any capacity, who are essentially the eyes and the ears of our parish, to help us in this effort to insure that our parish is a safe place for all who visit. Call me for more information.



FAITH FORMATION

We are **COLLECTING BABY BOTTLES** for a special project when our Faith Formation year kicks off next month. Please find the baskets in the Gathering Space where you can donate clean, used baby bottles or NEW baby bottles. We will accept donations through September 27th. Thank you in advance!



In Matthew 18:15-20, Jesus teaches us how to solve problems and make peace when someone hurts our feelings. Forgiving others and saying sorry aren't easy, but what Jesus ask us to do.



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